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BRIEF TALES OF THE TOWN

Has a Fire Engine—

Warreton has a new chemical and hand fire engine. Heretofore there was virtually no fire protection there save of the primitive kind.

Auto Accident—

While coming down the Eighth-street hill with his automobile Sunday, P. A. Stokes had an accident. One of the wheels came off. No one was hurt and the mishap was not a serious one, and yesterday the machine was taken to a shop for repairs.

Federal Contract Let—

The contract for the painting to be done upon the federal building was let yesterday by the custom authorities, to the Eastern Painting & Decorating Company, of this city, at the sum of \$398. The outside cornice and woodwork is to be in dark green, and the woodwork on the inside of the ground floor, in light green.

An Interesting Visitor—

As a guest at the home of W. E. Tallant, Mr. Henry Mattlage of New York, a member of the firm of C. H. Mattlage & Company, of that city, is enjoying his first visit to Astoria, arriving here on the Spencer yesterday. He is a representative of one of the heaviest buyers of the product of the river and will investigate the processes at length and leisure.

Still They Come—

A new Nickelodeon will open its doors in the building just east of the Badollet grocery, on Commercial street, in the course of a few days. It has not developed who the proprietor is, but it is said the affair will be up-to-date in all particulars and add another cheerful element to the Regatta entertainments, and continue right along thereafter.

Dies In Uppertown—

Mrs. Augusta Wilhelmina Hansen, wife of Severin Hansen, died at the residence in Uppertown yesterday morning. She was afflicted with lung trouble. She was 36 years of age and a native of Sweden. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Norwegian M. E. Church and interment will be in Greenwood cemetery. The funeral will be at 2 o'clock.

A Painful Wrench—

State Senator W. T. Scholfield is laid up at his home with a badly disarranged knee-cap, having received a bad fall while out hunting on the north shore with his father on Saturday last. His knee cap was thrown out of place and the Senator suffered intensely before he got it back and

reached first aid here at home. He will be laid up for several days, a fact his many friends will regret.

Headquarters Opened—

Regatta headquarters were opened yesterday morning on the east side of Eleventh street, midway on the block, and Assistant Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, James T. Wallace, will preside over the brief destiny of the establishment, and do it rightly, as he always does business. The rooms are pleasant and will be in constant demand from this on, to the close of the festival.

Fine Ranch Sold—

For the sum of \$17,000, the Hugh McCormick ranch of 160 acres, in the Young's River country, is reported to have been sold yesterday to parties whose names could not be ascertained, but who, it is said, will run the place as a first-class dairy proposition. There are 130 acres of diked land on the ranch, the balance being unimproved. Mr. F. K. Johnson is given as authority for the sale, and he generally knows whereof he speaks.

Under The Wheels—

Last evening one of the A. E. cars ran over and killed the fine Boston terrier dog of Dave McCroskey, much to the owner's unhappiness. The dog is a well known animal about town and had almost as many friends as his master. It was one of those unfortunate accidents to which the dog contributed his share by rolling over the track, and is greatly deplored by the motorman as well as those more nearly concerned.

About Clatsop Millionaires—

Says the Seaside Signal: "The editor has been perusing Polk's Astoria Directory, and he almost fainted upon discovering that there is not a millionaire in the whole of Clatsop county; that the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad is the only taxpayer that pays taxes on more than \$100,000, being assessed at \$352,080, and the Blodgett Co., which is assessed at a little over \$105,000. The poverty of

some—of a number—of Clatsop county's reputed millionaires, as shown by assessment is distressing.

Motoring On River—

This is a magnificent season of the Columbia and a number of owners of motor boats are making the best of it, in the way of extended trips up the noble river and its tributaries. Captain Archie Cann, of the pilot service, with his family, will depart this morning for a trip to the metropolis, and on Sunday last Mr. Buffum, with his little son, left up in the launch Mamie, for a trip on the Columbia and the Willamette, as far as Albany. He will be joined at Portland by friends who will ascend the Willamette with him.

Volunteer Firemen—

There was a pleasant meeting in the office of Judge Trenchard yesterday of the members of the old volunteer fire brigade of this city, with a view of centralizing the people and interests standing for the old days and service; and to this end a temporary organization was effected, with Judge Trenchard at the head of it, and Fire Chief C. E. Foster in the secretary's place. The idea is to round up all available members of the ancient force and take the rightful place they are entitled to in the grand shore parade of the regatta.

Preparing To Resume—

A Mr. Trainor, adjuster for the insurance companies interested in the recent Dunbar fire, arrived in this city on Sunday morning, to adjust the losses incident here, but one glance at the store, stock and conditions, as left by the flames and smoke and water, was all he needed to reach an almost instant adjustment covering the entire range of risks taken, and so the full insurance will be promptly paid. Mr. Dunbar is getting in readiness to open his fire-sale and to restore the place to its original shape, for the prosecution of the new, and it is hoped, flourishing business.

His Eye Better—

J. G. Kelley, the Portland engineer in charge of the improvements at the improvements at Fat Buck creek, who injured one of his eyes a week or two ago, has written to the water commission stating that he expects to be back at the work sometime this week, and says the injury is becoming better. Good progress is being made on the work. The dam is nearly completed and the pipe line ditch is about half dug. The coping stones to be used for the walls around the little reservoir on Irving avenue arrived yesterday and are being taken out to the job.

Cleaning School Seats—

For several years the board of education has considered the matter of cleaning the seats in the several public schools, and yesterday a contract was made with a man who makes a business of doing that kind of work. It will cost about 25 cents each for the job there being about 1300 or 1400 seats in the schools. The man who takes the job agrees to have them come out of the cleaning process looking like new. He dips them into a solution prepared for the purpose. The seats get covered with ink stains, and with all sorts of other markings and stains incidental to their use by the little folks, and it becomes a virtual necessity to have them cleansed periodically.

Sunday At Opera House—

The Astoria Theatre was comfortably filled last Sunday night to witness "On The Frontier," as presented by a company called "The Claman Players." The performance was no better or worse than a number of other popular priced one-night stand attractions, that have visited Astoria, nevertheless the show seemed to please the audience, judging from the applause that greeted the closing of each act. The piece was of a lurid type of melo-drama, and presented many opportunities for gun play that so delights the hearts of the melo-dramatic performer. Still there were some pleasing features, especially the specialties between acts. The company will return to Astoria for the

ALASKA SALMON IS PRICED, 1908

FIGURES FIXED BY ALASKA PACKERS' ASSOCIATION, ON NORTHERN PRODUCT, GIVEN OUT HERE YESTERDAY.

The Morning Astorian was advised yesterday upon unimpeachable authority that the Alaska Packers' Association, of San Francisco, has fixed the prices for Alaska salmon for the current year, at the following standards:

Reds, \$1.15; Medium Reds, \$1.00; Pinks, 70 cents; Chubs, 70 cents.

With eight days to run the local packers are chary about giving out any definite figures on the several packs of the lower Columbia for the season, and are not likely to make any declarations until the close of the fishing next week.

It is admitted, practically, on all sides, that the Alaska pack is far ahead of the 1907, and the details are to be at hand very shortly, with the arrival in port of the steamer North Star, mail and advices from Nushagak.

Made For Portland—

A careful survey of the new passenger tariff of the Astoria & Columbia River Railway Company, kindly furnished by City Agent G. B. Johnson, of that company, indicates that the rates were made specifically in favor of Portland, and particularly those covering the 50 miles out of Astoria.

For instance, the Clatskanie citizen can go to the metropolis, 62 miles away, for \$1.45, or but 20 cents better than the 38-mile run to this city; the discrepancy is a bit plainer, for Portland, in the Ingles rate, which lands a man or woman there, 60 miles away, at \$1.40, while to come hither, 40 miles, the charge is \$1.30. The Quincy tariff is the only one that breaks even, as it is equal either way and yet not fair for the same rate covers the Portland run of eighteen miles greater distance. From Maygers, 44 miles from here, the rate is \$1.25, while for 56 miles Portlandward, it only costs \$1.45; and exactly the same specious ratio is followed on the Pyramid tariff, which to Portland, 53 miles away, is \$1.20, and to Astoria, 47 miles, it is \$1.50, the Rainier and Goble rates are made on the same identical basis as Maygers, without reference to distances at all. The whole thing being plainly inspired at, and for, Portland; and may be taken to account for the big passenger traffic on the river boats between here and Portland, of late.

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TUG OF WAR MEN GETTING READY

THIS PROMISES TO BE ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING FEATURES OF THE 1908 REGATTA.

In all directions it is apparent that the tug of war tournament will be one of the greatest features of the coming regatta. The enthusiasm aroused by the last tournament is being shown by the careful preparations being made by the different teams which, with one or two exceptions, will have the same captains as last year. Martin Franciscovich and Mr. Eigner, captains of the Austrian and American teams, respectively, captained these teams at the tournament during the last regatta the former defeating the latter by a close margin. Captain Eigner has strengthened his team to a great extent and has made a proposition to Captain Franciscovich to wager a \$50 suit of clothes

that his team will outpull the Austrians. The proposition was accepted and a written agreement signed and placed in the hands of Manager Planck who will hand it to Chief Gammal, the referee, at the opening of the tournament.

The other captains are equally enthusiastic and confident of the strength of their teams and the zeal with which the men are training is gratifying to them and assures some fine contests. Considerable anticipation is being indulged in as to the personnel of the different teams and much speculation as to the outcome. Before the date of the tournament the names of the members of the teams will be published so that all may know who will represent the various nations.

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