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TERSE TALKS OF THE TOWN

Goes To Portland—

Rev. P. J. O. Cornell leaves this morning for Portland, where he will take the place of Rev. Rydquist at the dedicating services of a new Lutheran church.

Store Keep Open—

Announcement was made last night that all the retail stores will keep open each night next week until 8 o'clock. This applies particularly to the clothing and shoe stores, and the grocers may not do so.

Senator McGowan Here—

Senator McGowan was in Astoria yesterday and reports that their pack of salmon this year will be slightly in excess over that of last year. He also expects a good run of fish after the season closes, which will be a good thing for the hatcheries and should assure a good lot of fish for a future season.

Dead At Hospital—

Eugene P. Brock, one of the pioneer steamboat men of the Columbia river, died at St. Mary's hospital Thursday afternoon, after a long illness. He was born in Clackamas county in 1854 and leaves a wife and three children in California, besides brothers and sisters. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from Pohl's undertaking parlors, with interment in Greenwood.

The Sign of Progress—

President F. L. Evans, of the Astoria, Tillamook & Seaside Electric Railway Company, has just received some thousands of the new pins, or buttons, indicative of that local enterprise, which he is distributing to any and all who desire them. They are pretty and significant, and bear upon their face the representation of the an up-to-date electric car, with the style and title of the company around the edge, in black, the button body being of ivory white.

Pleasant River Trip—

W. E. Buffum returned to this city last evening on the launch "Mamie" upon which he has just concluded a delightful river trip to Portland and Oregon City. He says the heat in both cities, for the past three days, was almost unbearable, and that the charm of Astoria's cool and refreshing air was never so apparent as when he struck them in rounding down to the city from Tongue Point yesterday afternoon.

Is Convalescent—

George Clark, the expert accountant has just arrived in from Pacific county and looks much better than his friends expected to see him, after the reported indisposition from which

he suffered over at South Bend; in fact he does not look as though he had been sick at all, though one can never tell the effects of excellent nursing, in some cases. He returns to the northshore today, and on Monday next will go to Seattle to some experting.

Bid Not Accepted—

An adjourned meeting of the water commission was held last night for the purpose of receiving and opening bids on the job of filling in the ravine on the north side of the reservoir. Not less than 5000 cubic yards are required. Only one bid was received, from W. A. Goodin, at 35 cents the cubic yard. No action was taken, and the bid was laid on the table. A committee was appointed to look into the matter. All members were present at the session last night.

A Positive Danger—

Yesterday morning Eugene Bussing, driver for Chemical No. 1, of the fire department, was exercising his team on Grand avenue, and as he approached the intersection of Tenth where the heavy excavations are under way in the opening of the latter thoroughfare, an explosion occurred that threw rocks and dirt into the air for a hundred feet, and landed back over a wide radius. One rock seven inches in diameter fell within four feet of his team's heads, and he raced them out of further peril in double-quick time. There was no lookout or no warning, no chance to escape; and it is time the proper authorities were taking the matter in hand and providing for the safety of citizen at such points.

Declined The Nickel—

Charles H. Haddix had occasion to board a Commercial street car yesterday morning and got on at the front platform. As he passed through the car to the rear (being in his uniform as a customs inspector) a passenger handed him a nickel, which overture Charlie turned down promptly and started on. Reaching the rear platform he gazed abstracted at the "roaring traffic" of the streets as it swept by, and had forgotten all about the passenger and his nickel, when suddenly the man again appear and

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tendered his fare, which Haddix again, and peremptorily refused; whereupon, the passenger swung off from the step saying something about "a d— funny car line whose conductors refused to take a man's fare!"

His Quarters Enlarged—

"Reggie," the Regatta seal, that has caused so much interest for the past two days at the Eleventh street headquarters, has been treated to a fine big galvanized iron vat in which to sport around, and he would be comparatively happy if the incorrigible small boy of the city who would leave him alone for five consecutive minutes at a time. Otherwise he will die of nervous prostration within the next 48 hours. He is a handsome and interesting little beast and when he has become accustomed to the noise and confusion and personal attention surrounding him, will make an ideal pet, provided he lives through the uproar.

Machinery Works Admirably—

Yesterday the machinery of the Astoria Clay Products Company, the new brick factors, was started running in a commercial and business sense. Ever aton of the big and heavy mechanism worded to the complete satisfaction of Mr. Ogan, the manager and his men, as well as to that of the directors, several of whom were present at the launching of the business. The product is as fine, and hard, and true in shape as anything of the sort on the American market and the company and the city are to be congratulated upon the excellence of the first day's work and its results, and the hope is abroad that no day of its existence may prove less pleasing to all concerned, in every respect, than yesterday.

For Regatta Flagship—

The fine British ship Donna Francesco, now lying idle off the Tongue, has been placed at the service of the Astoria Regatta Committee, for use as a flagship for the festival days, if the committee will bear the expense of moving the Dona down from the Tongue and back again, a matter of, perhaps, \$40. This is a very distinct courtesy on the part of Captain Simon, and if it shall not be accepted by the committee (which is hardly likely to happen) his action will always be pleasantly remembered by the citizens of Astoria. She is a fine vessel, 290 feet long, and clean and trim, as a yacht, and the genial captain will dress her "to the Queen's taste" if so be she is used in this behalf.

Some Beautiful Dahlias—

In the windows of the Hoefler store are some dahlias so beautiful in color and delicate texture that they are worth while going to see. Especially to a lover of flowers will these dahlias seem of unusual interest. In every "old fashioned" flower garden over half the world will be found the hardy dahlias, but seldom are they really beautiful or delicate; rather are they valued for their hardy, showy, or perennial qualities, but these in the Hoefler windows, which may be as a sample of what may be done with the dahlia in Astoria, are as delicate in coloring and texture as a chrysanthemum. In fact, with their leaves curled to points, these dahlias look like chrysanthemums. They were grown by Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, according to the card in the window with the flowers.

In Their Uniforms—

The First Company, Coast Artillery, held their first drill with their full equipment last night, and the boys were enthusiastic and made a fine showing. Naturally they don't handle their rifles with all the precision and grace that a lot of old-timers would, but still they made a reasonably good showing for the first time, and practice will soon make them proficient in handling the guns. Attired in their khaki uniforms, with hats, belts, and bayonets worn in scabbards, and with the shining new rifles, the company made an appearance that was highly attractive. The accoutrement is remarkably fine. There is nothing cheap or shoddy about it, and everything is made with a style and finish that makes one of the wearers of the uniforms proud of

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GALA WEEK WILL HAVE A PLEASANT SOCIAL OPENING THURSDAY NIGHT

A reception to the Queen of the Regatta, Miss Hattie Wise, will be held on the opening night of the regatta in Logan's hall—that is, on next Thursday night, the 27th—and it promises to be an event of much importance in a social way. She will be assisted by her maids of honor, and it will be the duty of the admiral of the regatta and his staff, and of all visiting officials and of the people generally to pay court to the fair young Queen of 1908.

Resplendent in her robes of state the Queen will receive all, and this social opening of the week's entertainment should prove one of the most interesting and pleasant affairs of the entire gala occasion.

During the reception by the Queen, De Caprio's orchestra of 31 pieces will render a series of beautiful selections. At a meeting of the regatta committee last night the arrangements were gone over and perfected, and among other things it was decided that the Baby Show will be held on Friday afternoon, and the prizes will be of a highly unique nature and will be quite new and pleasing. It was also decided to have a reviewing stand at the court house, with the permission of the county authorities, and there the Queen, and all visiting officials and other celebrities, will sit in state and review the parade.

Several floats from other cities are promised. The prizes for the floats are fixed at \$60, \$40 and \$20. It is understood that the Japanese and Chinese of this city will be represented in the floats.

James H. O'Connell has been appointed Grand Marshall of the day parade.

The regatta committee has arranged for plenty of music, and there will be De Caprio's orchestra of 31 pieces, The Astoria Park band of 25 pieces, the Colonial Drum and Pipe Corps of Portland, and Arnold's band.

Water polo games have also been arranged for, to be played in front of the grandstand, and in the tugs of war there will be six competing teams, representing Finland, Sweden, Norway, Austria, Italy and America. The tugs of war will be held in Foard & Stokes' hall.

his appearance. Each man has three uniforms, but the khakis are for active drills and service. The rifles must be left in the armory, and this same rule applies to all the arms, but an exception was made in regard to the bayonets.

Marine Memoranda—

There was but little doing on the Astoria waterfront yesterday. The San Francisco tug Navigator and the oil barge Roderick Dhu came down the river and went to sea at 2:30 o'clock p. m.—At last reports the surveying tug McCracken, was up around Pillar Rock, proceeding with her river survey under the direction of the river pilots.—The steamship Geo. W. Elder went to sea. San Francisco bound, early yesterday morning, from the Callender docks.—The handsome tender Columbine arrived in from a ten-day cruise in the Coos Bay district, delivering supplies to the lighthouses en route.—The staunch little Della broke through the fogs off the coast and entered port yesterday morning early.—The British ship Ancaois arrived down on the lines of the Harvest Queen yesterday morning, and will go to sea today.—The State of California will sail from the O. R. & N. piers this afternoon at 4 o'clock, for the Bay City.—The Spencer came down yesterday 45 minutes late, owing to that much time given to releasing the N. P. ferry steamer Tacoma from a sand-spit, off Goble, yesterday morning.—The Lurline was doing business here as usual last evening, and went up to the metropolis with a rousing load of people and freight.

PERSONAL MENTION

Attorney A. M. Smith returned last night from a trip to Portland.
Rev. Father Waters returned last night from a trip to the metropolis.
Miss Maybelle Becker of Albany, is visiting with friends in this city till after the regatta.
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