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Cheap At \$10—

According to a deed placed on record yesterday the property known as the Tongue Point Lumber Company has sold all its right, title and interest therein to the Hammond Lumber Company for a consideration of \$10.

Meet Tonight—

Directors of the new athletic club will meet tonight with Captain Abercrombie, president of the organization, for the purpose of arranging matters in relation to the organization. The building is expected to be in readiness within a short time.

Will Return Saturday—

Miss Emma Warren, superintendent of county schools, with her friend, Miss T. C. Amos, of Portland, is at the Glenn Warren cottage at Cannon Beach for the week, and will be at her office in the court house on Saturday next.

To Repeat: Regatta Scenes—

Photographer Herbert Carter caught some very fine films during the Regatta events, such as the tub fleet, the greased pole adventures, the grand street parades, etc., and these he is developing for reproduction at the Hager at an early day.

Two Businesses Merged—

Two well known retail meat houses have merged into a new deal in that line in this city, the Frank L. Smith Meat Company, of Portland, having bought up the butcher shops of Messrs. Werthes Brothers and Esa Pouutu, and made them branches of their Portland house.

Out, And Nearly Well—

Robert Patrick Breamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bremner, who was badly hurt some weeks ago at his father's logging camp, was out and around town during the last hours of the Regatta and is practically well again, though he still has a bit of mending to do.

"O. K." Attached—

The "O. K." chop house, a little restaurant on Twelfth street, was attached yesterday by the sheriff, on a bill of \$82.50 held by Werther Bros., butchers, against the proprietor, H. Hhanasirdes. The proprietor is said to have left town Saturday night and the sheriff is in possession of the place.

Big Finnish Picnic—

There was a big and happy picnic of the Finnish citizens on Sunday last out on Smith's Point, which was thoroughly enjoyed by every adult and baby present. These fellow citizens always manage to have the jolliest outings imaginable, and music is one of the prominent factors in these

pleasant engagements.

Illustrated Lecture—

An illustrated lecture on the life of Christ will be given in the Swedish Lutheran Church on Franklin avenue, Uppertown, at 8 o'clock sharp. It is especially arranged for the Sunday schools, but there will be a chance for all those of the older people who wish, to attend, as long as the capacity of the house permits. Admission free.

Full Report At Early Day—

Assistant Secretary James Wallace stated yesterday that the Regatta affairs of this season had been disposed of with but very little friction or complaint, measured by the preceding years, and that it was, in all ways the pleasantest business session of the sort he had known. The full report of the Regatta committee will probably be made public within the week.

Delightful Change To Come—

There will be a delightful change in the scheme of public entertainment offered on Sunday and Monday evenings next, by the coming of the Grace Cameron Opera Company; from which some fine music and cheerful comedy will be rendered and for which the city is in very receptive shape. It is said their presentation of Dollie Dimples is peculiarly charming and interesting.

Four Bids Submitted—

Four bids have been submitted by contractors for the proposed street improvement on Exchange street, Tenth to Eleventh, and they were to have been opened by the committee on streets of the Common Council last Saturday afternoon. The regatta, however, intervened with this as it did with many other matters, and it is probable the bids will be opened today or tomorrow.

Bound For Europe—

From the looks of things around the A. & C. offices yesterday, there is to be an early exodus of Norwegians and Austrians from this section, to their old homes over in Europe for visiting purposes. Twenty of these citizens were there yesterday taking in all the special information Mr. McShatko had to offer in this behalf, but just how many closed for passage hence, could not be ascertained.

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Goes To Seaside—

Editor R. M. Watson of the Seaside Signal, was in the city yesterday on business matters, among which may be included the closing of negotiations for the purchase of the Astoria Herald newspaper plant, which Mr. Watson will move at once to Seaside and use in amplifying the Signal plant at that place. Thus disappears, from this field, an element of quasi-public interest, that for years was an admitted agency in the civic life of Astoria and Clatsop county.

Will Be Remembered—

Mayor Wise and his Regatta committee are a unit in commending Chairman C. J. Trenchard, of the Regatta committee on music, for the happy results of his work in this direction. Not in many years have the people been so well supplied, and pleased, in this behalf, as during the festival season just closed. Judge Trenchard's work has set a pace that will have to be adhered to in the future or there will be all manner of complaint filed. The 1908 music was splendid, all of it.

Home Materials—

It is likely that all structural materials used in the new Pacific States headquarter building and central station on Exchange street, will be of Astoria manufacture. The company has ordered its brick from the Astoria Clay Products Company and the local mills will supply all the lumber therein. The brick are already made, and are drying, preparatory to delivery on or about the 10th instant. Messrs. Ferguson & Houston will begin the foundation pile-driving tomorrow if possible.

Found Dead—

Victor Labren, who has been employed about the Tiberg saloon at Bond and Eighth streets, was found dead Sunday afternoon. He had been drinking heavily and this was evidently the cause of his death. He was dressed and lying on his bed when discovered by the proprietor. The coroner, Mr. Gilbaugh, was notified and after an investigation it was decided that no inquest was necessary. The decedent had lived in Astoria for many years and for a long time engaged in fishing. He was a native of Finland and unmarried.

Greeks Met Greeks—

According to the old poetical line the pith of war came when Greek joined Greek, but the popular version has it that the real trouble comes when Greek meets Greek. That's what happened in a saloon in the red-light district Saturday night, when a dozen of the Grecians met and joined issue on something that had its origin in too much strong drink. Various heads were broken by flying beer bottles and several received ugly slashes from knives. In justice court yesterday Alex Lucci denied that he had cut George Nicholas and several others with a knife, but they testified that he was one of the principals in the fracas and Judge Goodman fined him \$20. The fine was paid.

A Bit of Biography—

It is learned, through a well known steamer officer in the Columbia river service here, that Patrick Sullivan, the young fellow who made the high dive to his death from the main-topsail yard-arm of the British ship Donna Francesca on Thursday morning last (and whose true name is Frank Borgham), arrived in Portland last March from San Francisco, and at that time claimed to have people there and in Oakland, Cal. It is said he has "done time" at San Quentin, having been sent up from the Bay City, but for what offense has not been ascertained. The San Francisco police recognized his picture in the Portland rogues' gallery, and they claim that Sullivan had a wife and child in San Francisco, whom he deserted when he came into Oregon.

Entertained Finely—

Mr. and Mrs. G. Zeigler entertained the various members of the three singing societies that had participated in the Saengerfest at their home on Sunday, and the entertainment proved most delightful. The day itself was beautiful, after the clouds and gloom of the Regatta days, and all enjoyed themselves in a memorable

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way. There were present Dr. Enna, Miss Conyers, Miss Rogers, Miss Weber, and Mr. Roberts, the "stars" of the Saengerfest, and with them were the other sweet singers, and also, in the afternoon, Miss Wise, the Queen, several of her maids, and Admiral Shepherd. Mrs. Ziegler served a dainty luncheon for the guests, and after the concert in the afternoon Dr. Enna acted as host in entertaining the Queen and her maids. The local singers, the Norwegian society, serenaded the Queen and the others, too, and this added to the pleasure of the afternoon. Mr. Ziegler had arranged a throne for the Queen on the veranda, fitted out in white and blue, and adorned with greenery.

After The A. & C.—

A despatch from Salem last night states: "Stock rates on the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad between Portland and Astoria and Astoria and Warrenton and Seaside, which the Railroad Commission has reason to believe are excessive and unreasonable, in comparison to rates in effect on other railroads for equal distances, will probably be placed under investigation in the near future. Many complaints of excessive freight rates have been received by the Commission, and the latest came today from Secretary George W. Warren, of the Astoria National Bank, upon the stock rates. The A. & C. charges a straight rate of \$1.50 per head upon stock from Portland, and an arbitrary rate of 50 cents addition from Astoria to Warrenton and Seaside, and the commission finds that, if a comparison in rate of the O. R. & N., which is \$36.16 per 34-foot load, and of the Southern Pacific, which is \$29.22 per carload, the A. & C. rate, figured upon a carload basis of 22 head per 34-foot car, would amount to \$44 per carload. The commission will take the matter up with the traffic department of the A. & C."

Asks For Extension—

A. R. Foote, the contractor who has the work of making the improvements on West Commercial street, from Third street to the east line of the Hinman tract, yesterday filed with the city auditor a request for an extension of time to complete the contract. He stated that "unavoidable delays" will not permit him to finish the job in the time stipulated, though the communication does not tell what the delays are. It is said that Mr. Foote, the contractor, has purchased both the Mrs. Trullinger and the Mrs. Smith properties, which were both more or less affected by the grading being done, and it is his intention to raise them so that they will be on the grade. That Postmaster John Hahn will take up the gauge of contention intimated by the council in its desire to have his property assessed for the construction of a bulkhead, at the rear of his property, is said to be highly probable. Much complaint is being made by several over the whole job. Second street will be made virtually useless because of the steep grade. The lots on the north side of the cut, between Commercial and Bond, will lie mostly on an angle that, it is said by those interested, will practically spoil their properties.

Slides will also cause trouble, unless the present indications fail in their ostensible meaning.

Conference a Success—

The Columbia conference of Lutheran ministers closed one of its most successful conventions in its history Sunday evening at the First Lutheran church of this city. The conference has been in session since last Wednesday evening setting aside a part of Friday and a part of Saturday for sightseeing. The evening session were very largely attended and Sunday morning and evening the seating capacity of the church was taxed to the utmost. Sunday evening was the climax of the convention, the program being very interesting throughout. Addresses were delivered by Revs. H. A. W. Yung of Seattle and J. C. E. Oslund, of Spokane. The former spoke on the theme, "The Master Calls You," and the latter on, "The Master Needs You." Both were masterly, and were correspondingly appreciated. The English choir, assisted by Mr. Zeigler and Miss Esther Nyland as soloists, rendered several selections. The Swedish choir also rendered one number, and Miss Sundquist played two pieces on the violin. Most of the pastors left yesterday morning for their respective homes, some however going to Seaside for a few days. Last evening Rev. Oslund delivered one of his popular lectures at the First Lutheran Church to a large audience. Prof. Alexis gave a few humorous sketches from life thus assisting in making the evening's program very interesting.

Franchise a Law Now—

The franchise granted to the Automatic Telephone Company by the common council became a law on Sunday, that being the twentieth day after the signing of the instrument by the Mayor. The city charter provides that a franchise does not become a law until after the expiration of 20 days from the time it is signed by the Mayor, this interregnum being permitted to give the people a chance to appeal to the initiative and referendum law should they so desire. The company, however, has not yet accepted the franchise, and it has only 10 more days in which to do so, and is not done within the next 10 days the franchise will by its terms lapse and become entirely void. Why the company has not accepted the franchise has not been stated, though of course the fact that it has not done so indicates nothing one way or the other, presumably. Meantime the Sunset Company is going ahead rapidly with its plans for rehabilitating its entire system. At Tillamook, according to the papers there, a plan is on foot to consolidate the two companies, the Pacific States having made an offer to sell out even before the other company had started to work. In Astoria, however, the Sunset people laughed at the mere idea of giving up the field, and their projected expenditure of approximately \$100,000 here shows what they think of this field. As far as is known the Automatic Company has not yet secured a list of subscribers or taken any other steps indicating immediate action on their part.

**CHARTER COMMISSION
HOLDS SESSION**

SEPTEMBER 10TH SET AS DATE
TO HEAR RAILROAD COM-
PANY'S DECISION.

The charter commission held a session last evening at the city hall. Councilmen Logan, Kaboth, Hansen, Linenweber, Robinson and Attorneys Abercrombie and Smits of the commission were present. George C. Flavel and Frank Patton as representative taxpayers, and Superintendent McGuire and Harrison Allen, of the law firm of Carey & Kerr, representatives of the A. & C. R. Co. attended the session. The bill as drafted was read over by sections and was generally discussed. Superintendent McGuire called attention to the fact that the measure contained no provision for removal or way of preferring charges against any of the commissioners to be selected. Mr. Allen in talking over the matter with the commission said: "The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad interests which I represent is not against any public enterprise that is feasible or economical but this bill seems to be a radical departure from any existing legislation and should receive careful consideration by the taxpayers and council before it is accepted, as it calls for an expenditure of a large amount of money and there is no limit to the amount that could be assessed against certain piece of property or the size of any district and that the acts of the commission were not reviewable by the courts." Mr. Allen further said he was not prepared to state whether his company would oppose it or not and asked for ten days' time that the matter could be fully considered by the company, and in accordance with above, September 10th at 8 p. m. was named for the company to announce their final decision.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Alfred A. Cleveland, Jr., to Sallie I. Cleveland, block 5, Clatsop Grove; also north 20 feet of south 75 feet of lots 1 and 2, block 133, Shivelys Astoria; also 10 acres on Young's River; \$750.
Frank B. Wilkinson and wife to Helene Berg, lot 9, Logan's subdivision of block 1, Clatsop Grove; \$600.
M. I. Grest and wife to Lloyd Dubois, lot 1, block 10, Hermosa Park; \$650.
Anna I. Copeland and husband to Henry A. Emken, lot 5, block 20, Hermosa Park; \$10.
M. S. Warren to Earl A. Fisher, lot 14, block 1, Tolovana Park; \$100.
Emma W. Trullinger and P. A. Trullinger to Lizzie Foote, lots 5 and 6, block 17, McClure's; \$2000.
Margaret E. Johnson to H. K. Johnson, tide lands in S. 23, T. 9, R. 6, 38 acres; \$1.

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Beef to bake.....	5c	VEAL	
Brisket Beef.....	5c	Veal for broth.....	6c
Plates of Beef.....	5c	Veal for stew.....	8c and 10c
Pot Pie Beef.....	5c	Roast Veal.....	10c
To cook en casserole.....	5c	Fancy cuts of Roast Veal.....	12½c
To spice and boil.....	5c	Veal Cutlets.....	12½c
Beef Hearts.....	5c	Extra choice Veal Cutlets.....	15c
Beef Liver.....	5c	Veal Sausage.....	12½c
Corned Beef.....	6c	SPRING LAMB	
Fancy cuts of Corned Beef.....	8c	Shoulder Roast Lamb.....	10c
Shorts Ribs of Beef.....	7c	Fancy cuts of Shoulder Roast	
Pot Roasts of Beef.....	7c and 8c	Lamb.....	12½c
Roast Beef.....	8c	Hindquarters Spring Lamb.....	15c
Shoulder Steak.....	8c	Leg of Spring Lamb.....	15c
Round Beef Steak.....	10c	Spring Lamb Loin Chops.....	15c
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		Frontquarters of Spring Lamb.....	12½c

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