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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

On Ten-Day Leave—
 Eugene Bussing, driver of Chemical No. 1, will leave the department today on a ten-day leave of absence, being relieved by Harry Foster for that period.

Jetty Officials To Portland—
 Major McIndoe, at the head of the government jetty work at the mouth of the river, with his chief assistant, Gerald Bagnall, went to the metropolis yesterday morning on the 8:20 express.

Repairing Dolphins—
 The Ferguson & Houston pile-driver went below yesterday to begin the work of repairing the dolphins and the government dock, recently injured by the big Benson sea raft that got adrift there a few weeks ago.

A Breakfast Blaze—
 An alarm of fire was turned in yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, the call coming from a small home out on Smith's Point, being answered by Hose Nos. 1 and 2, and the combination wagon; but the fire had been subdued before the apparatus could make the long and difficult run.

Foundation Work Begun—
 The work of driving the piling for the foundations of the new Pacific States telephone headquarters was begun yesterday by Ferguson & Houston, on Exchange street, and nothing will be allowed to impede work of construction that can by any business expediency be avoided.

Put Into Retirement—
 Once again the big Regatta grandstand has been knocked down and put into retirement for a period of one year. It was an excellent idea, that of building that necessary and useful adjunct in sections easily bestowed and certainly saved, the rule making for economy and convenience.

Retail As Well—
 The well known cigar house of Gus Schoenbaechler is being moved from the old stand on Commercial street to the more commodious quarters recently occupied by "Jap" Morrison, on Eleventh street back of Whitman's book-store. Mr. Schoenbaechler intends to develop his industry to retail proportions as well as wholesale, and make the business count at both ends; and his custom will follow him wherever he goes.

Placed Under Bonds—
 Guy E. Turpin, the complaining witness in the case of George Thompson, recently arrested on a charge of stealing a suit case and several suits of clothes from Turpin, was yesterday placed under bonds of \$150 to appear as a witness in the case when it is


tendance was good again last night and the men seem to continue to take a keen interest in the work. It is said that the constant drilling will prove an excellent thing for many of the men who work in stores or at other inside work, and who thus get very little physical exercise. Lee Cadoneau and others are still working for the formation of a second company and the outlook is thought to be very promising.

Black Hand Letters—
 The receipt of the "black hand" letters by the three proprietors of boarding houses in Uniontown has naturally caused much excitement in that part of the city. Every stranger is naturally being closely watched and many of the residents there have suddenly bloomed out as amateur detectives. Yet apparently nothing of a definite nature has been ascertained, though in the minds of some suspicion points in one certain direction very strongly. Inspection of the letters, which are written in Finnish, shows one fact with indubitable clearness. They were written by a man who received his education in the public schools of this country, for every line shows most clearly the "vertical handwriting" which has been taught in the public schools for the past ten or fifteen years. This vertical handwriting is peculiar to the public schools of this country, with but few minor exceptions, and once learned it is hardly possible to disguise its influence on the chirography of any individual.

County Court—
 At the session of the county court yesterday it was voted to allow the sum of \$400 for the Clatsop county exhibit at the state fair in Salem, and a warrant for this amount will be drawn in favor of C. S. Dow, who will have charge of the display. The court spent a long and busy day in discussing many matters, mostly in relation to the county roads, and among other things it was voted to grant Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guillaume the sum of \$75, in full settlement of a claim for damages arising out of the fact that they had to fence the road running through their lands.

The petition of the Multnomah Box Company for permission to cross the county road for logging purposes was granted. Proposition of Alex Akren to build a water tank at the Young's Bay bridge for \$50 was accepted, and he was instructed to start the work at once. A communication from Mrs. W. S. Kenny in relation to a road through her place was placed on file. R. Barth was allowed \$100 for rock that is to be taken from his property near the Klatskanine Falls.

His Funeral Today—
 The full name of "Old Van," who was found dead in his bed Tuesday night, was ascertained yesterday when Norris Staples brought to light an old check which he had given to him half a dozen years ago and upon which was endorsed the name of W. C. Vandenbergh. It is definitely known that he had been a soldier in the civil war and therefore the Cushing Post, G. A. R., will take charge of the burial, which will be today, at 8 o'clock this morning from the Gilbaugh chapel. Interment will be in the G. A. R. plot in Ocean View cemetery. An inquest was held last evening upon the death of the old man and a verdict was returned in accordance with the finding of Dr. Fulton that death was caused by apoplexy. But beyond the fact that the name of the decedent has been definitely ascertained little information has been gained of his identity and life. His signature on the check would indicate that it was written by a man of some education. He was of a quiet and reserved nature and seldom talked of himself. It is said that quite a number of years ago Norris Staples let him have \$80 with which he was going to Portland to make final arrangements for a pension, but the besetting weakness of many of his class arose in him and he spent the money in drink. The pension might have lightened the burdens of his old age, but all chances for it were lost when he threw the money away in a few days' debauch.

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PROSPECT INTERESTING FOR ASTORIANS

RAILWAY ACTIVITIES IN CLATSOP AND TILLAMOOK COUNTIES.

In conversation yesterday with a well known citizen of Clatsop county, who is well versed in the railway situation as it is at present, and likely to develop hereabout, he gave out the following cheerful word anent the recent reports:
 "The immediate resumption of construction on the Tillamook road, by the Harriman forces, means an early occupation by Harriman of his recent purchase of waterfront terminal property at Astoria; and this, in turn, means a marked business access in city and county.
 "The Tillamook road forks, in the Nehalem valley, with the main line running direct to this city and the branch line going southwest to Tillamook bay and city; this being the express language employed in the text of the company's franchise; and which lands potency and terminal significance to the Astoria end of the project.
 "It is expected, also, that James J. Hill will take up, at once, the extension of the Astoria & Columbia River line from Seaside to Tillamook and it is not likely that Mr. Harriman will be permitted to reach Tillamook first. Officials of both systems have been over their respective territories very recently; and the conclusion is a safe and pertinent one, that there is to be a quick and gamey scramble for the cream of one of the best and greatest of the undeveloped sections of all Oregon, and such a contest by such forces as are aligned in this instance cannot but re-act fortunately and even richly upon Astoria, the terminal of the roads at interest."

PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. Mr. Oslund and Professor Alexis, who were in Astoria in attendance upon the Lutheran conference, started on their return journey to Spokane yesterday.
 Hon. H. B. Parker went to Seaside yesterday to get ready for his annual outing at the Oregon State Fair at Salem, a proposition he never fails to attend and keep in touch with.
 Captain P. H. Phisterer, U. S. A., who has been stationed at Fort Columbia for the past year, departed yesterday for his new assignment in the East, going via Utica, N. Y., where Mrs. Phisterer, who preceded him last month, is now awaiting him, at her old home.
 Fritz Sovey will soon depart for Vancouver, B. C., to engage in business for himself, and has a host of Astoria friends who will wish him all manner of success.
 T. R. "Dick" Davies is another Astorian to be taken with the Southern

RESIGNATION TENDERED BY MR. LOUNSBERRY

POPULAR AND EFFICIENT CLERK OF WATER COMMISSION MAY LEAVE POST.

George W. Lounsberry, for the past several years the popular and very efficient clerk of the water commission, has tendered his resignation, and it is probable that it will be acted upon at the meeting of the commission on Friday night.
 Mr. Lounsberry was reluctant to talk of the matter yesterday, but it is known that the resignation is in the hands of the commission, and some action will have to be taken. The place is said to have become a difficult one of recent years, involving no little labor, and it is understood that Mr. Lounsberry wishes to take up something that won't prove such a strain on his health. It is said to be a possibility, however, that some arrangement may be made to lighten the burdens, perhaps by allowing some assistance. The many friends of Mr. Lounsberry will regret to hear of his intended resignation.
 Perhaps there is no other public position in Astoria that requires "the right man in the right place" more than this one does. The clerk of the commission is in constant contact with the public, as men, women and even little children come to pay their water rates, and this, with the clerical work, makes the position no light one.

Oregon fruit fever, he having left yesterday to look up some special interests he holds in that section and behalf.

Chief Deputy A. Y. Anderson, of the Customs office, will leave this morning for a 30-day vacation, and his functions in that important department of governmental work will be carried out by Inspector C. H. Haddix.

SMUGGLED GOODS UP.

Opera Coats and Princess Gowns To Be Sold At Auction In New York.
 NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—At auction sales which will take place today and on Friday, in United States Marshal Henkel's office, a number of costly head and lace opera coats and princess gowns made by Worth, LaFoire, Reverdot, Paquin, and other well known French dressmakers, will be sold.
 These articles were smuggled into the country by A. F. Montague on the liners Torraire and LaProvence. Montague was recently convicted in the United States court for violating the criminal law and sentenced to a short term of imprisonment in the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island. The smuggled goods were forfeited to the government as a result of Montague's conviction. The goods to be auctioned off today are catalogued as worth \$3,325.

BIG SIGN PAINTED ON HIGH SCHOOL ROOF

MISCHIEVOUS SCHOOL BOYS HAVE PAINTED CHARACTER "O 8" IN GREAT FIGURES

THE 1908 class of the Astoria High School has made its mark. On the roof on the east side of the High School building has been painted the characters "O 8" in letters that may be seen from all over the heights to the eastward. Just when this was done is not known to the school authorities are hoping that the time the great sign was noticed was last Monday morning. Possibly it was done Saturday or Sunday night. Judging from the appearance of the characters as seen from the street, they were put on with paint, as hardly anything else would leave them so clear cut and plain. Some of the school authorities are hoping that the material used was nothing but chalk, so that the whole thing will wash away when the rains come; but this hope is apt to be a vain one. From the surrounding heights the letters look as big as this:
 O 8

A year ago the 1907 class painted their "O 7" on the roof, and it stayed on until the roof was painted over at the instance of the board. It is probable the school authorities will have to order that the new sign be painted over, and if not the presence of the great sign there during the winter would undoubtedly be a source of much glee to the ones who placed it there and to all the members of the class of 1908. The letters are perhaps eight or ten feet long, and are formed with much precision and skill.

HALLEY'S COMET COMING.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—Astronomers at the Yerkes observatory in Williams Bay, Wis., began preparations last night to record the first observations of the re-appearance of Halley's comet. This comet appears once in 76 years and according to the figures it ought to come in sight some time during September or October. "There is a chance," said Director Frost of the observatory, "that we may pick it up this Fall. It will be faint at first, but brilliant later. It has been under observation for seven centuries.
 "It is an erratic comet, and it may not be seen at all this year. We are preparing to photograph it. A committee of astronomers was appointed at Put-in-Bay last month to consider plans for observing the comet continuously during its two hours appearance near the earth.

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Shoulder Roast Lamb.....	10c	Sliced Ham.....	25c
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Lamb.....	12½c	Boiled Ham.....	25c
Hindquarters Spring Lamb.....	15c	Sliced boiled Ham.....	30c
Leg of Spring Lamb.....	15c	Dry Salt Pork.....	12½c
Spring Lamb Loin Chops.....	15c	Pickled Pork.....	12½c
Spring Lamb Rib Chops.....	15c		
Frontquarters of Spring Lamb.....	12½c		
Very fine Beef Loin Steak.....	12½c		