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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

#### Forecaster In Town—

A tour of inspection of the various stations in this district is being made by Weather Forecaster E. A. Beals.

#### Declarations of Intention—

Ole Ness and Iver Vik, natives of Norway, yesterday declared their intentions of becoming American citizens.

#### Grand Jury In Session—

The grand jury was in session yesterday and had several matters under consideration. No report was made but it is probable that there may be one today.

#### For The Penitentiary—

Emil Janssen and Robert Casey, who were sentenced yesterday to terms of 18 months and two years, respectively, will be taken to the penitentiary tonight.

#### Has Returned—

Victor Donald, who is well and popularly known in Astoria as the late leading man of the Donald-Bell Stock Company has returned to this city and is singing illustrated songs acceptably at the Hager Theatre.

#### Will Meet Today—

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Memorial Lutheran Church will be entertained this afternoon (Thursday), by Mrs. Paulin Beck at her home on Irving avenue near Eighth street. Members and friends cordially invited.

#### W. C. T. U. Call—

The W. C. T. U. will meet as usual in their rooms in the Seamen's Home at 2:30 today. All members are earnestly requested to be present, business of importance also decision in regard to state conventions to be rendered.

#### One Deed Filed—

But one deed was filed for record in the county clerk's office yesterday, that of Otto J. Kramer to Chas. Wolf. The property transferred was fractions of lots in block 5, Railroad addition to Ocean Grove, the consideration being \$262.50.

#### Assignments For Clatsop Co.—

The following assignments for Clatsop county were made by the Oregon Methodist Conference, at Salem, yesterday: Astoria, C. C. Rarick; Seaside, R. E. Myers; Warrenton, A. A. Heist. No announcement of the assignment for Knappa has been made.

#### Approval Filed—

A certificate of approval of the improvement of Tenth street from south line of Irving avenue to the

north line of Kensington avenue was filed in the auditor's office yesterday. The contractors are Heckard Bros., the contract price being \$4000, a balance of \$1662.90 being still due.

#### Successful Young Man—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oberg are enjoying the visit of their son, Ernest Oberg, whose residence is in Portland. Mr. Oberg Jr. is general agent of the Pacific Publishing Co., of California with headquarters at Portland and has charge of a large force of men.

#### Home Again—

J. T. Ross and J. E. Higgins are back from a trip to Southern Oregon. The trip was a pleasant one. Their expectations of purchasing timber were not realized as the investment was not considered a good one. They found a large quantity of good timber but the difficulty of getting it to market is too great.

#### Can't Account For It—

Senator J. G. Megler, with Mrs. Megler, spent this day in this city yesterday, on matters of business and pleasure. Mr. Megler says that the run of fish up his way is practically nil, owing in a measure to the extreme muddiness of the river, a condition of affairs he cannot account for upon any known hypothesis.

#### Loot Located—

Two guns and over three dozen graphophone records, which were stolen from the residence of F. A. Fisher have been located. They were found in a pawnshop in Portland and Mr. Fisher left up on Tuesday night's train after his property. It is not known what clue, if any, the Portland authorities have as to the identity of the thief.

#### Interesting Fan Item—

E. M. Baker, who arrived in the city yesterday from Portland, informed a reporter of the Astorian yesterday evening that in a recent conversation he had had with President J. Cal Ewing, of the Pacific Coast League, that magnate had promised him that he would put Astoria on the regular schedule next season and give her a game a week, if those interested at this point would assume to pay

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a certain sum commensurate with the detail. This is a matter that may well be taken up by the base ballists of the City-by-the-Sea in time to close such a pleasing program in ample time.

#### Starts New Contract—

Captain J. A. Monroe, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Hazel Monroe, left up yesterday afternoon on the steamer R. Miller, for Rosedale Logging Company's camp two miles above Cathlamet, where he will drive spacious boom for that concern. His big piledriver is at Brookfield, and will join him at the site of the new contract.

#### Petition Before The People—

G. Wingate, one of the members of the Port of Astoria, was abroad yesterday with the initiative petition required to get that important measure before the people of this city, and he experienced no trouble whatever in getting signatures to the same. It requires about 200 names and these he will have in very short order; when the bill will be duly filed with Auditor Anderson.

#### Logging Accident—

An accident happened at Oak Point Tuesday afternoon in the Hammond Lumber Company's camp in which George Longway, a logger, was painfully injured. He fell from the trestle of the company's railroad and broke his leg and was internally injured. He is now in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, having been brought there Tuesday night. The full extent of his injuries is not known.

#### Philharmonic Rehearsal—

There was an excellent attendance last evening at Logan's Hall of the membership of the Astoria Philharmonic Society, when, under the leadership of Dr. Emil Enna, who arrived down from Portland yesterday, the first grand rehearsal of the doctor's beautiful and romantic opera, "The Mountain King," was gone over with splendid success. The rendering of this opera at the November concert will be one of the notable musical features of the present year.

#### Headed For Astoria—

The following well known Southern Pacific officials left Portland yesterday for a tour of inspection over the road and right-of-way of the new "Lytle" system, from Portland to the coast, and after going over the branch line running into Tillamook Bay, will come out over the main line up the Nehalem Valley to Astoria, the Pacific terminal of the road, to-wit, Messrs. R. B. Miller, E. E. Lytle and J. P. O'Brien. It is not known just when they will reach here, but not later than the 6th of October. The trip will be made by train, auto, and team.

#### Bids Due Tomorrow—

The call for bids uttered by the Astoria Water Commission for the construction of the new 20,000,000-gallon reservoir are to be opened tomorrow evening at the session of the water board at the city hall, and it is expected that there will be bids submitted from Astoria, Portland and Seattle in this behalf. There are those who aver that the estimated cost sent in by Engineer Kelly at \$103,000, is actually too low, and that the bidding is to range considerably above that figure in which event it is likely the Commission will pass the matter up for the present.

#### New Time Schedule—

Commencing next Sunday the new time table of the A. & C. R. R. Co. will be effective. The new schedule will be the same as that of last winter, the night train leaving Portland at 6 p. m. instead of at 5:30 at present, arriving here at 9:40 instead of 9:20, the time of arrival now. The Saturday night train will probably run through to Seaside but the dining cars will be taken off the trains. The company would continue the dining car service but as these cars are owned by the N. P. R. R. and leased to the A. & C. the latter company will relinquish them, the leases having expired.

#### New Lease Negotiated—

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the city for the purpose of negotiating a lease of the building and premises now occupied by the "Hagar" moving picture house, and it is expected that Mr. Hagar will relinquish the place on the first of November next. Mr. Simonton expects to put on an extended line of moving pictures, coupled with a vaudeville line, and operate on a circuit with Albany, Salem, Eugene, Walla Walla and Astoria. Mr. Hagar, however, avers that he holds a lease on the premises that will not cease until June next; and this proposition will have to be met before the new deal can be closed.

#### Drill Last Night—

The First Company, Coast Artillery, had a successful drill last night at their armory. The attendance was fair and those present showed the results of their past work and interest, by their improvement. On next Wednesday night there will be a regular inspection and a full attendance is expected. On Sunday, October 11th, target practice will begin and on that day and on each Sunday following a section of the company will have practice at the targets, making a full company practice for the month. The interest taken by the boys of the First is laudable and a fine precursor for the Second company which has already nearly enough applicants to permit of organization.

#### Did a Friendly Turn—

The Astorian has it upon excellent authority that Hugh McCormick has negotiated all the indebtedness pending against the machinery end of the business, as J. D. Magner stood for it, Mr. Magner being a warm personal friend of Mr. McCormick's. Just how far this intervention goes toward mitigating the troubles of the Pacific Coast Oil & Gas Company, cannot yet be determined. Those in near interest with the business wanted Mr. McCormick to take over the general management of the business, but this he declined to do as he did not care to commit himself to affairs with which he was unfamiliar in every way.

#### Committees Appointed—

The following committees have been appointed by President Scholfield of the Chamber of Commerce to secure the right of way for the proposed electric line to Seaside, the surveys having been completed, and to make the survey from Seaside to Tillamook via Cannon Beach. H. G. Van Dusen, W. E. Buffum, J. H. Whyte and F. L. Evans are appointed on the right of way committee, and E. Z. Ferguson, H. G. Van Dusen and Norris Staples on the committee for solicitation of funds. F. L. Evans is an advisory member of both committees. About \$1500 will be needed to complete the survey from Seaside to Cannon Beach which it is thought can be secured in the latter district.

#### They Got Out, Alright—

Capt. E. B. Parker, of the Hotel Parker, has a bunch of pigeons tamed to a point of familiarity that is very interesting, and they are frequently on exhibition down that way. Yesterday the captain, with both hands full of feed had seven or eight of them swarming all over him and scrapping for the fodder, when he gradually drew into the hotel office, the birds not knowing nor caring where he went so long as they got the feed. Once inside, however, they realized they had been inveigled into new quarters, and made hot dispersal, some of them finding the open doors, but three of them making an exit through the big glass window next to the door. The captain spent the afternoon putting in the new panes required, and the pigeons sat on the opposite eaves all the afternoon "cooing" jeers at him.

#### Express Means Express—

There is a good deal of warrant-

ed complaint about the lack of despatch employed by the Northern Express Company, as between this city and Portland lately. It is claimed that no effort is made to make the business what it stands for, the immediate handling of goods in swift transit, the handling that puts it above and beyond the freight system of the railways and justifies its claim to the express title. For instance, a package, a rush order, was picked up at Portland on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock p. m. for Astoria, and was not delivered in this city until 3 o'clock p. m. of yesterday; which for an important rush order is aggravatingly slow express service. If it takes 23 hours to deliver express matter on a two-train, 100-mile route, on a downtown delivery of two blocks, it is time to look for something a bit more modern and efficacious and patronize it.

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