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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Is Improving—
Frederick Larson, who attempted suicide on Saturday last by shooting himself, is improving in his condition, at the hospital, and his chances of improving are greatly enhanced.

Filed First Papers—
Einar Hanson, a native of Norway, and Waino Fred Lund, of Finland, declared their intentions to become American citizens yesterday, in the county clerk's office.

Dress Uniforms—
The new dress uniforms of First Company were distributed to the members on Sunday afternoon and the boys will make a natty appearance in them at the regular inspection on Wednesday night at which a full attendance is expected.

Buried Sunday—
The body of Ed Mattes, who was drowned at Deep River last week was buried from Pohl's undertaking parlors on Sunday afternoon. The Alaska Fisherman's Union, of which he was a member, took charge of the arrangements which were successfully carried out. The interment was at Greenwood.

Still Young And Hearty—
Mayor Herman Wise was 46 years of age yesterday and was receiving cordial congratulations on all sides from those who were next to the anniversary fact. The fact that it fell on the Day of Atonement in the Hebrew calendar did not seem to make any difference to His Honor nor to those who showered him with good wishes.

One Hundred Already—
The special committee of the A. A. A. has met with splendid success in its quest for lady memberships in the association, 100 being all ready to join and having been duly listed, with more to hear from. The list bears the names of some of the leading women of the city and is a matter of sincere congratulation to the directorate and officers.

Gone For Pheasants—
It will behoove the Chinese pheasants, of Yamhill county to "lay low." A jolly party consisting of L. E. Howes, Chester Fox, Dr. Vaughn and C. W. Halderman left on Sunday for McMinnville, on a trip of extermination of these game and toothsome birds. They left on the launch Skinch and will no doubt have a glorious time.

Death From Typhoid—
The many friends of A. Wall, in Astoria and Gray's River of which latter place he was a resident, will be pained to learn of his death on Sunday. He died in this city of typhoid fever from which he had suffered for

some time. He was 21 years of age and had lived in Gray's River a number of years, and his funeral will be held from the home of his parents at that place.

Have a Kick Coming—
The congested condition of the morning train from Seaside yesterday was at the bottom of an alround kick from a number of the passengers, who claim that during court term here, and at other seasons of interest, at least two coaches should be put on the run. It is understood that this matter will be placed before Superintendent John McGuire, formally, at an early day.


Got a Scare—
The regular fire drill on the steamer Miller took place as usual, yesterday, and for a time there was extreme nervousness exhibited by the passengers abroad. All arrangements were made by them for a hasty debarkation, which happily was not necessary, and life preservers which had been hurriedly donned were removed and everything went along smoothly for the balance of the trip. It was a good effective drill.

A Complete Success—
The ladies of the Astoria Public Library Association did exceedingly well with their public tea, held at the elegant store rooms of the Astoria Furniture Company, on Saturday last, and there will be a generous list of new books accruing from the patronage conferred upon them. They are desirous of thanking all who contributed to this success, in any manner, especially the above named company, and take this means of signifying their appreciations.

Astoria's October Plays—
Manager Frank Hanlin, of the Astoria opera house, announces the following excellent run of plays as due at his house during the present month, to-wit: Saturday, 10th, Richard & Pringle's Minstrels; Sunday, 11th, "Four Corners of the Earth"; Sunday, 18th, "Rocky Mountain Express"; Wednesday, 21st, "A Poor Reaction"; Sunday, 25th, "Money-moaners"; Thursday, 29th, Jefferson Boys in "The Rivals." A pretty fine showing for the month.

Theatrical Troubles—
There is trouble regarding the possession of the Hager Theatre which has resulted in a replevin suit being brought by E. M. Baker, the owner

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of the building, against Fred Fritz, of Portland, and A. B. Hager of this city asking possession of the building and furniture and a judgment for \$500 damages for loss through such possession being withheld. The defendants furnished a bond in the sum of \$6000 and will continue in possession pending the outcome of the suit.

Murder Trial At Cathlamet—
The trial of Michael Campbell, charged with the murder of John McClellan, at Deep River, will commence tomorrow at Cathlamet. A great deal of interest is being taken in the case and there no doubt will be a large attendance at the trial. From the array of counsel for the defense a stubborn fight for the defendant will most likely put up. Attorney Dan J. Malarkey of Portland, J. Welch of South Bend and J. C. McCue of this city will represent the accused man and several witnesses from Astoria have been subpoenaed.

Coming To Astoria—
The Revd. Barr G. Lee, secretary of the board of missions of the diocese of Oregon will be in this city Wednesday and the rector of Grace church has provide a service in the church for Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when an address will be delivered by the diocesan secretary, concerning the work of the Episcopal church in the outlying districts of this state, its needs and opportunities, and an opportunity of meeting Mr. Lee will be had at the close of the service in the Sunday school room. It is earnestly hoped that every member of the church will be present and meet the secretary, 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Boyhood Friends Meet—
Ben R. Fister, whose home is in the State of Illinois, is in Astoria as the guest of L. O. Belland, the councilman from the Third ward. Mr. Fister and Mr. Belland were boys together in Norway, their old home near Stavanger, and for 26 years they had not seen each other. Naturally, both gentlemen were glad to meet again after all the years of separation. Mr. Fister is a contractor and builder and had occasion to come West, and as a part of his trip made it an especial point to come to Astoria to see Mr. Belland. Yesterday Mr. Belland showed his guest about the city and introduced him to friends, and more than that, is trying to prevail upon Mr. Fister to come to Astoria and settle down.

Until High Noon Today—
Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy announced last evening that the tax books would be kept open at his office today until the hour of high noon, for the payment of the second half of the taxes now due, owing to the necessity imposed upon him for making due entry of the taxes paid by mail, and until the morning mail is opened up and noted, which will take until that hour, those who have failed to ante may save themselves from the costly delinquency of failure to pay. It is not the best part of good citizenship to ignore the notices sent out by the Sheriff's office force on the 10th of last month to each and every taxpayer in the county, and wait until the last instant of the delinquency hour to pay up. The crush at that office was something vast yesterday and the sum collected was imposing, but has not yet been figured up.

The Circuit Court—
In the circuit court yesterday a decree of divorce was ordered in the case of C. R. O. Distler vs. Olive Distler. In the case of A. R. Kanaga vs. The Astoria Abstract & Title Co. the defendants were allowed 10 days additional time in which to answer and the same ruling was made in the case of A. R. Kanaga vs. A. S. Tee, et al. The following cases were also heard with results noted; Louise Weinhard et al. vs. Geo. Bartley, order confirming sale; Justina J. Ahala vs. Feijaini Ahala, default; C. C. C. Rosenberg vs. Isaac and Hilda Hansen, judgment; F. L. Darling vs. Millie Taylor, et al., motion for new trial argued; G. Wingate vs. Frank Patton, et al. defendants allowed until October 20th to answer. The case of A. A. Smith vs. M. J. Kinney is on trial and will be resumed this morning.

A Warrenton Freak—
A well known Astorian was in Warrenton on Sunday last and as he walked about that thriving center he

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saw a cow passing along one of the thoroughfares followed by a five-legged calf. The gentleman from Astoria looked long and hard at the freak and unconsciously counted up the several drinks he had had the night before. But to make sure he was on the right side of the danger-line, went out to the little beast and examined it closely. The fifth leg was attached to the loose skin of the animal's neck and swung about like a fluttering ribbon, useless as a fifth wheel, and its hoof was overstocked by one, with toes. It was following its mother placidly enough, and did not appear to realize what an extraordinary cowl it was. It finally passed into a farmer's barn and the wondering Astorian made notes of the discovery in his pocketbook in order to escape any undue accusations when he crossed the bay, homeward-bound.

Home-Coming Astorians—
Yesterday morning almost the first people to descend the gangway from the steamship Rose City were Hon. and Mrs. Isaac Bergman, who for the past month have been sojourning with friends at San Francisco. Both were well and very pleased to get home again. They report a delightful time in the Bay City, and neither were sea-sick, either way, though they tried hard to be. Mr. and Mrs. Bergman are just good enough Astorians to aver that with all the pleasure they fell heir to abroad, with all the charms that San Francisco had to offer in the way of endless hospitality and splendid entertainment, there is no place like little old Astoria.

Frank Patton has just come back from a week's outing in "old Marion," where with his friend, J. H. Walker, of Oregon City, he has been hunting pheasants for nearly a week, and he reports a delightful outing and the legal outing and the legal measure of game birds to the credit of his gun. He cannot say enough for the charming hospitality of the good people up that way.—Ex-Senator John H. Smith and his brother "Tone" are also back from their outing up the Willamette Valley and they are both ready to swear to the cleverness of the kindly denizens up there. The senator says they almost forgot the pheasants in the enjoyment of the constant overtures made them by their old friends up that way. There were three in the hunting party, all shooting over the same dog, and the rivalry begot a despatch in the shooting that was merciful in the extreme to the birds, as all three failed to compass the limit accorded by law to one person.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Columbia Harbor Land Co. to Orien Van Schoonover, lot 14, block 69, Warrenton Park; \$250.
Columbia Harbor Land Co. to Ashley B. Townsend, lot 13, block 69, Warrenton Park; \$250.
Elk Creek and Cannon Beach Land Co. to Daniel E. Bowman, lots 1 and 2, block 5, Elk Creek Park; \$120.
Adda L. Wright to Jennie Sweet, lot 7, block 8, Grimes Grove; bond for deed.
Catherine Case to Sarah F. Bartholomew, lot 4, block 39, Adair's; \$10.
J. P. Scathan to M. L. Barrett and Sydney Heyting, W. 1-2 of SW. 1-4, sec. 3 and NW. 1-4 of NW. 1-4 sec. 10, T. 5 N., R. 10 W.; \$6000.
Max Young to J. P. Scathan, NW. 1-4 of NW. 1-4 of sec. 10, T. 5 N., R. 10 W.; quit claim deed; \$1.
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WATER COMMISSION'S NEW POLICY OUT
WILL RENEW AND ADVANCE PIPE LINE—BIDS ON RESERVOIR ALL REJECTED.

The Astoria Water Commission has rejected all bids filed with it for the construction of the new 20,000,000-gallon reservoir, and that particular enterprise is in abeyance, while another has come to the front of equal, if not greater importance, that of rebuilding, in part, the water conduits from the source of supply, and perhaps, adding three miles more of pipe-line. There are, as present from 10 to 12 miles of pipe-line, two-thirds of which are of wooden casing, the other third being of metal, and the idea is to rebuild the system entirely of steel, and carry the pipe to a point above the present intake about three miles, whereby an additional supply of nearly a million gallons per day will be added to the city's water endowment.

These facts were gleaned yesterday from a prominent member of the Water Commission and are strictly in line with the present purposes of the board, since an order has been made and given to Engineer Kelly to perfect and present plans, specifications and estimates covering the whole proposed improvement, and bids will be called for in due course. According to this gentleman, the policy of perfecting the conduit is taken to supercede that of amending the storage, since to keep "the horse before the cart," it is essential to have something to store before accommodations are made for that end of the service. On the new line it is proposed to establish a gateway reservoir of say 100,000 gallons, which will be used to feed the high-service of the city and to hold in readiness for other emergencies as they may arise.

Both the big projects, conduit and reservoir, are peculiarly necessitous, and will have to be met without much more delay, as the present wooden sections of the pipe-line will not last more than two years, if they do that and the question of additional storage has been pertinent and necessary for sometime past. Engineer Kelly will go to work at once on the new calculations and make a detailed report at the earliest possible moment.

Another matter that is figuring in the varied and vexatious problems of the Water Commission is the fact that an amendment is to be submitted to the people at the December election whereby the public monies of the city are to be merged into one common fund, the general fund, and the board is naturally anxious to ascertain before it proceeds much farther with its work, whether the revenues of the water system are to be included in that wholesale fund and are to be amenable to the payment of all manner of civic obligations along with the contracted monies of the water office. It is a nice question, and the people may not weigh the situation quite as closely as the board does, and give the authority sought; which may, in the outcome, prove a very dangerous innovation.

PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. Linton, of Warrenton, was a business visitor in the city yesterday, having come over to confer with the Honorable County Court on the matter of roads in his district.

Ex-Representative J. V. Burns departed yesterday morning for a month's visit to his old home in Canada.

Mrs. Mary H. Leinenweber will go to Portland on this morning's express for a month's stay at the home of her son, Fred Leinenweber.

N. P. Sorenson, president of Portland Shingle & Lumber Company, was in the city yesterday on a business and pleasure trip, mostly business.

Miss Gertrude Upshur leaves this morning for Richmond, Virginia, where she will visit with kinsmen and friends for sometime to come.

R. D. Abernathy, of Spokane, was doing business in this city yesterday.

C. J. Martinson of Meridian, Conn., spent the day here yesterday, in the interests of the cigar house he represents.

H. T. Caron, of Walla Walla, was an interested tourist in this city and section yesterday having spent Sunday at the Clatsop beaches.

K. A. Savage, of Beloit, Wis., was in the city yesterday on matters of business.

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It is understood that the dramatic roster of the new Klimt & Gazzolo spectacular melodrama, "The Four Corners of the Earth," is certainly remarkable in point of numbers and artistic ability and of the play; it has features of interest for the popular and the most artistically exacting tastes as well. Over fourteen massive scenic mountains are presented and the plot takes the audience for a trip that is exciting, lengthy and interesting. En route many bits of bright comedy and catchy music acts as a relief to the more serious portions of the play. "The Four Corners of the Earth" is rather an innovation in melo-drama.

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