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Doctor Is Back—
Dr. Henderson, who has been out of the city for the past several days, arrived home last night.

Looking Fine—
Uncle Charley Wright and Jack Anderson, of the Occident, returned from Collin's Springs last night. They both looking fine, the trip having had a beneficial effect. They have been absent three weeks.

Broke His Nose—
"Ole" Nelson, one of the boys on the High School football eleven, had his nose broken a day or two ago, while engaged in a practice game.

To Southern District—
Deputy Collector of Customs F. J. Parker and Customs Inspector Hadley, left on Tuesday night for the southern customs district and will probably be gone about 10 days.

Back In Harness Soon—
Tiny Arrigoni has returned from Portland where he spent part of his vacation and will return to his old position with Chemical No. 1 on Sunday.

To Water Consumers—
Today and tomorrow will be the last days on which to pay water rates and avoid the penalty of 25 cents that is charged every delinquent.

The Dorcas Society—
The Dorcas Society of the First Lutheran Church will give a Necktie Social at the parlors of the church this Friday evening. All cordially invited.

Berry Crop Good—
Ben Worsley, of Svenson, was in the city yesterday. He reports that he has had a good season which is just closing. He will make his last shipments this week and is well satisfied with the results of this year.

Body Shipped—
The body of Sid Wong, a former Chinese resident of Ilwaco, was shipped to Portland on the Lurline last night. The cause of death is given as heart trouble, and the body was consigned to Geo Sing of Portland.

Marriage Licenses—
License to marry was issued yesterday in the office of the county clerk to Jack Jun and Selma Simonson; and to Arthur B. Elton and Florence I. Goddard; and to Otto Lundquist and Mrs. Lisa Hill.

A New Shingle Mill—
A party of people from Gray's River were in Astoria yesterday making arrangements for a new shingle mill on Seal River in connection with Frank Evanson. The new mill will be put in operation as soon as possible.

Has Improved Fast—
Frederick Larsen, the man who shot himself in the breast last Saturday afternoon, is improving very rapidly at St. Mary's hospital and yesterday he was up and walking around. He is pronounced out of danger.

Lumber Falls on Him—
A man by the name of Polizos, an employee at the Hammond Mills, was severely injured yesterday by a pile of lumber falling on him. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital for treatment. His injuries are presumed not to be dangerous.

Wharf Improvements—
Contractor Lebeck's gang of men were at work yesterday driving piles, replacing several that have rotted away. On completion of this work he will construct a sidewalk to the Callender dock, after which he will drive a beacon at McGregor's Mill.

Off For Peru—
Bert Wilson, who is well known in Astoria, and who has been spending a few days visiting friends in this city, leaves today for Aberdeen where he will join his vessel which will soon sail for Callao, Peru. "Bert" has just returned from a trip to Arica, Chili, and was glad to be able to shake the hands of his many friends here.

Over County Roads—
Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Frye of the county court went out over some of the county roads yesterday for a general inspection of the new work. The court will not hold a session today, it is announced. The various claims have been ordered paid. Judge Trenchard was not present at the session yesterday.

Preparing a Home—
W. A. Mack, the water bailiff who has been designated to take charge of this river territory, has been busy the past few days getting his household goods down from his former home in Portland. Mrs. Mack is already here. Since the restraining order that permits fishing on both sides of the river Mr. Mack has not been overly busy.

Elk Creek Road—
Will Warren, who has been at Elk Creek is again in Astoria. In conversation with a reporter of the Astorian, yesterday, he stated that satisfactory progress is being made on the Elk Creek road and that rock

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has been placed on that part of the road between Seaside and the summit. About 1000 feet in addition towards Elk Creek has also been finished and it is thought that three weeks of good weather will see the road finished.

Poor Dog Is Dead—
The neighborhood quarrel up on Sixth street over the dog owned by Thomas Nelson should now come to an end, for the dog is dead. Yesterday it was announced that Mr. Nelson had the dog killed. It passed away to a peaceful death by the use of chloroform. Neighbors alleged that the dog was vicious and had bitten several persons. Mr. Nelson, however, denied this and alleged that the dog was quite peaceful, and had never attacked anyone unless first provoked and angered.

Will Adjourn Monday—
The term of the circuit court will be adjourned next Monday, October 12, when Judge McBride will go to St. Helen's for a session of court there. The court will be opened for some suits in equity on December 14 in Astoria again. In the case of W. E. Dement vs. M. J. Kinney, et. al., a decree foreclosing a mortgage was entered yesterday. The case of John Hahn vs. the Astoria National Bank was set for trial on December 16. The case of R. L. Durham et. al. vs. M. J. Kinney was set for trial next Monday. In the case of Samuel Elmore vs. Elizabeth Bakka et. al., an order was made appointing Karl Knobloch guardian ad litem.

Amendment Not Likely—
For the past several weeks there has been an understanding that the charter amendment committee appointed by the city council would recommend an amendment providing for the carrying all of the city's moneys in one fund. This proposed amendment has aroused much curiosity, but it is now understood that such an amendment will not be proposed. The plan has been dropped. It is said. Apparently it was not understood, and in the minds of some was looked upon with suspicion. It is said that the matter was first broached inasmuch as such a plan would tend to simplify the city bookkeeping.

Have You a Cold?—
From Portland and from towns along the river come reports of much sickness—that is, of complaints of colds and grip and sneezes. So prevalent is the reign of colds that the matter is causing much comment, and every second man on the street seems ready to commence telling his tale of woe if the listener bends forward a sympathetic ear the least little bit. Some lay the whole trouble to the nice weather, and especially to the long season of dry weather. "Just wait until the rains come," say the old timers, "and then every one will chirp up." So pleasant has been the weather for weeks past that it seems somewhat harsh to blame it for the epidemic of colds, and that people have enjoyed it very much goes without saying. Because of the late spring there seems to be a general impression that the fine weather will continue far into the winter season.

Verdict For Plaintiff—
In the circuit court yesterday the case of Lester Nelson vs. C. C. Clarke was tried before a jury, with the result that a verdict was brought in last evening for the plaintiff. Nelson is a barkeeper and had been employed in Clarke's saloon at Seaside. He sued for wages, and it was admitted that \$60 was due him, but he claimed \$120, and in a previous trial in justice court before a jury this full sum was awarded to him. The jury yesterday, however, saw the matter in a different light and gave a verdict for \$67.50. The costs and disbursements were also assessed against the defendant. In charging the jury yesterday afternoon Judge McBride gave about as terse a charge as would be possible in any case. It was something to this effect: "If you believe the testimony of the plaintiff, gentlemen, you will return a verdict for him, and if you believe the testimony of the defendant, you will return a verdict for him." Attorney Howard M. Brownell was for the plaintiff and Attorney Frank Spittle for the defense.

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PUPILS MUST PAY SCHOOL TUITION
No Arrangement Made Whereby County Funds May Be Utilized for This Purpose.

Some little vexation and trouble has arisen over the question of the tuition to be paid by pupils from outside of the city school district who are attending the Astoria High School. Last year, under the initiative and referendum, a vote was taken by the electors of the county whereby authority was granted to the county court to construct a high school for the use of pupils of the county districts—and in particular, the farther authority was granted to the county court to make arrangement with the directors of the Astoria High School for the payment of "tuition" out of the county's general fund, in case no such High School building was erected. Of course the real intent of the measure was to permit the county court to make an arrangement with the directors of the Astoria schools, whereby outside or county pupils would be admitted under a tuition that would be paid out of the county's funds. Heretofore, of course, each pupil has had to pay his or her own tuition. Last year the tuition for High School pupils from outside of the district was \$20 each. The tuition for this year has not yet been stipulated by the school board. Inasmuch as it was very generally known that this initiative measure became a law, there seems to have been a general understanding throughout the county that for the future, including this year, all such tuition would be paid by the county court. Yet as a matter of fact the county court has failed or inadvertently neglected to make any arrangement with the Astoria school board, and thus none of the pupils from the county may take advantage of the measure adopted last spring. In other words, the law is not in operation; or, on the other hand, the county court may later decide to make some such an arrangement with the Astoria school board. Therefore pupils from the county districts who are now attending the local high school must pay tuition, out of their own pockets. The measure is not so much a law that arranges for a new plan of paying county tuition, as it is a law that permits the county court to make some arrangement. Perhaps it may even be doubted that the action is actually mandatory on the county court. Why the county court has not taken any action is not known, though it is understood that the question has simply been overlooked. If the county wishes to act, the first thing to be done is to make some suitable arrangement with the school board, whereby by mutual agreement the amount of the tuition would be agreed upon. Then the court would have to arrange for the proper levy in the taxes to pay for the tuitions.

Some have understood the law in a ludicrous manner. The county court has been asked by some people in the county if the railroad fares of their children are now to be paid. Some others have even asked if the board and lodging is not to be now paid by the county in every case where a county pupil comes to town. It is understood the Astoria school board is willing to make any suitable arrangement in the premises, but of course the whole question of acting upon the law is "up to" the county court.

PERSONAL MENTION

J. M. Willson and W. J. Shay of Willapa, Wash., are in the city. Mrs. Mamie Lynn and children of South Bend, are at the Occident. J. T. Healey, P. Herz and J. H. Cook of Portland are in Astoria. A. J. McCormick of San Francisco is visiting Astoria. A. M. Allen of St. Louis is in the city. J. H. McCullough and wife of New York, are registered at the Occident. J. D. Bevanus of Seattle arrived in the city yesterday. Traveling Representative Wallace, of the Chicago-Rock Island & Pacific is in the city on a business trip. Mrs. M. H. Fox is in Portland.

Chinook and Ilwaco.
The launch Hilda I. will leave on the tide, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, two round trips, for Chinook. Landing at Lurline dock for freight and passengers. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, for Ilwaco, with freight and passengers.
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