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Filed Declaration—

Declaration of intention to become a citizen was filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday by Hemming Emil Laine, native of Finland.

Fire Alarms Alright—

Fire Chief Foster yesterday located the rupture in the fire alarm system of the city and repaired the break. The calls all come in normally and successfully now and he is happy, along with the rest of the boys.

Death At Deep River—

Mrs. J. P. Miller, residing at Onieda, on Deep River, died on October 12, being between 75 and 80 years of age. She was a native of Sweden. The funeral will be held today, with interment in the Gray's River cemetery.

Launch Sold—

A bill of sale was filed in the United States Custom House at this port yesterday whereby C. L. Doty, et al, of Portland, sold to the Doty Fishing Company, the gasoline launch "Hal," for the nominal sum of \$1.

Will Sing—

Miss Laura McCann, who has just returned from a two years' study of voice culture, in Chicago, will sing for the first time since her return to Astoria, at "The Trials of Mr. Flipper" at the Astoria Theatre next Friday night.

The Funeral Today—

John Nerveg, whose death occurred a day or two ago, will be buried this afternoon from Gilbaugh's chapel, where services will be held at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery, and the steamer Jordan has been engaged to take the funeral party there.

Off For Germany—

Carl Miller, of Olney, one of Clatsop's hardy young citizens, left yesterday for his old home in Germany, and will return during the holidays accompanied by his wife; and will then prosecute his life's work on the farm he has developed out in the best part of the county.

Office For Principal—

Orders have been given by the school board to partition off a portion of the hallway in the High School building for use as an office for the principal, Mr. Imel, and also as a recitation room for his classes. The room will be fairly good sized. A new roll top desk has also been ordered for Principal Imel.

Will Reside In Portland—

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Heilborn,

of this city, have decided to settle in the Oregon metropolis and will set up their new home there at once, Mr. Heilborn having accepted a pleasant position with Henry Jennings, the well known furniture man. There are many friends here who wish them a future of unqualified happiness and success.

Irving Avenue Slide—

Several of the houses on Scow Bay at the foot of the Irving avenue slide, are in bad shape because of the moving ground and the recent rains have made the matter worse. It seems probable that "something will happen" there before the heavy winter rains are over, though thus far the wet weather has not caused any marked movement in the big mass of moving ground.

Bad Marksmanship—

Otto Skibbe had occasion yesterday to break away an iron projection in the course of his work on the waterfront and used a sledge hammer to expedite the matter with; but as luck would have it, he made a bad shot at the object; struck his hand a smashing blow, wounding several fingers of his left hand, and probably breaking one of them; and now carries the hand in a comfortable sling and up out of harm's way.

Opens Law Office—

Gustaf A. Hempie, who recently came to Astoria from Chicago, has opened a law office in the Odd Fellows' building, next to the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Mr. Hempie was recently admitted to practice in this state by the Oregon supreme court. Already in the several months that he has been in this city, Mr. Hempie has made many friends and acquaintances who will wish him well in hanging out his shingle here.

Home To Nehalem—

J. C. Rierson, of the Nehalem country, who arrived here on Monday with his patient and friend, Mr. Cooper, of Portland, whom he saw safely off to Portland, leaves out this morning for his home on the southern border of the county. Mr. Rierson says that there has been a party of railroad men in his section for some weeks past, who have posed as cruisers and have made a fair stagger at the business, but who are believed to be the advance guard of the "Milwaukee" system of railways; and who are looking up a route from the

great timber belt of that country to the Astoria waterfront. Remarks they have let fall at moments when they were supposed to be safe from interpretation, have convinced many down that way that they are out for business and that it will develop at an early day with the "Milwaukee" brand on it.

Livville Matter—

Martin Ford, who has been out of the city for a week or more, is expected back some time today and it is expected that immediately upon his return a meeting of the police commissioners will be called to consider the charge against Patrolman Livville. There is a pretty political story back of the affair that events may make well worth the telling. Under the surface the matter is creating much interest both in police and political circles.

Took Pair of Shoes—

A man who gives his name as Thomas Moran, a logger, picked up a pair of shoes yesterday that were on display in front of a store, and calmly shoved them under his coat, it is alleged. Then he walked into a restaurant and called for a meal. But by chance a passerby had seen the action and notified the proprietor, who went into the restaurant and tapped Moran on the shoulder. The shoes fell to the floor and Moran was placed under arrest by the policeman on the beat.

Several Injured—

While passing over a trestle yesterday morning an engine used in hauling logs to the boom of the Seaside Lumber Company's mill was precipitated to the ground below by the breaking of a stringer on the trestle. It was reported here that the engineer, William Pennigar and H. C. Anderson, one of the trainmen were more or less injured. It is presumed, however, that no one was badly hurt inasmuch as none of them was brought to the hospital here for treatment.

Up To Standard—

The Western Union's popular representative here, C. W. Lamar, has just installed a new device for gauging weather conditions and which will materially assist him in perfecting the climatic record which he maintains as the local weather observer at Astoria. It is a dual thermometer, registering the maximum and minimum temperatures and marking each, the pointers employed in this behalf, remaining at the highest and lowest degrees of the 24 hours and thus making a composite record for each day. It is as simple as it is successful.

Their Tenth Anniversary—

On Monday evening last the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Callender of this city, was agog with pleasant excitement and interest on the score of its being the tenth anniversary of their happy married life. They were well remembered by their numerous friends on both banks of the Columbia, and were recipients of many suggestive and appropriate gifts of gleaming tinware; the majority bringing their remembrances to the home, and sharing the delightful hospitality of the donees, which, as everyone hereabout knows, was ample and hearty to the last degree.

Will Be Brought Here—

A gentleman just returned from a business trip to Tillamook City and bay, reports that the steamer Bandon that went ashore there about 10 days ago, has been hauled off the snag upon which she is reported to have struck, and is now being patched up preparatory to bringing her around here and on to Portland for dry-docking and full repair. Captain Genereaux, the well known salvor, is in charge of the work. She is a fine staunch ship 170 feet long, well engineered and a comparatively new boat, and has been running between San Francisco and the lower Oregon coast ports.

State Pilot Commission—

The absence of Judge F. J. Taylor of this city in St. Helen's yesterday, in attendance upon the Circuit Court, prevented a full session of the Oregon State Board of Pilots here yesterday. Commissioners Pendleton and Farrell were down from Portland but finding their confrere absent concluded to waive the meeting. There were no branches to issue.

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and the only matter of interest confronting the board was the resignation of Secretary Albert C. Ross, and the appointment of his successor; and this is allowed to go over since there are numerous applicants for the position and the two Commissioners did not feel like attempting it with Commissioner Taylor absent.

Marine Movements Yesterday—

There was but little doing along the Astoria waterfront yesterday owing to the inclement weather conditions and a pounding bar off the mouth of the Columbia. The steamer Shoshone arrived down from Portland, San Francisco bound, and is still in port.—The Diamond O came down with a cargo of oil from Portland for the Union Oil Company.—The steamer Harold Dollar was among the arrivals from California, and went on to the metropolis at once.—The steamship Geo. W. Elder came in from California at 7 o'clock and went up stream an hour later.—The steamer Homer entered port last night, and after discharging one hundred sacks of onions consigned to K. Osbourne, she too went on up the river to load lumber outward from Portland.

Wave-Sounds Heard—

There is a good deal going the rounds now-a-days about sound-waves and their effects and values; but there was a bit of change yesterday afternoon, when the interest of waterfront people was attuned to the wave-sounds that came up this harbor from the insistant old ocean. The long-drawn swish of the low-running swell that swung beneath the wharves and along the ship's sides anchored in the stream and berthed at the docks; the sudden and hardly observable volumes of water that surged under the placid surface of the bay and made no sound until they met the resisting shore; the oc-

casional white play of a comb out on the quiet stretch of water; the viscous lunge of the drifting wood beneath the wharfing all along the front; all telling of the thundering break of ocean water on the barrier down at the mouth of the Columbia, sent booming in from the turbulent Pacific for many a storm-marked mile. It was peculiarly noticeable on account of the perfect quietude that prevailed just before their arrival at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Brought In Safely—

Frank Horn, the husky young timber faller for Mr. Meserve of Gray's River, an account of whose hurt in the woods was published in these columns yesterday morning, arrived safely in the city yesterday morning and is now resting easily at St. Mary's hospital and under the skilled and careful treatment of his physician, Dr. Pilkington. He was not quite so badly hurt as at first supposed and will make it through in good shape. The miracle of his case lies in the escape he made from a killing, and the cheer of it in the spontaneous kindness of his fellows who made such generous and mighty effort to get him into touch with the agencies of healing and comfort. In the stout hands of a dozen of his fellow workmen, he was borne over one of the roughest and blindest trails of that section, stumbling, falling, slipping, in the dark and wet of the night; forcing the way through masses of tangled vines and all the impediments of a deep and half obliterated path, for a distance of 12 miles, where the wagon of a friendly farmer was used to cover the remaining three miles to the river; and from there he was made moderately comfortable on the steamer Wenona and brought to this city, after a long delay on the falling tide at the mouth of Gray's River. It is good to have such friends.

Initiative Petition—

It is stated that the efforts to prepare the proposition for submission to the voters at the coming municipal election to do away with the present elective police commission are well under way. An outline of a new measure which provides for the appointment of three commissioners by the Mayor has been carefully drafted. The object of the new plan is to place the responsibility upon the shoulders of the Mayor, who will be given the power of appointing and removing the police commissioners.

It is said that another measure will also be drafted, one to grant the Mayor a salary annually, of perhaps \$1000. All such petitions must be filed with the city auditor not later than the first Monday in November, which does not permit any too much time yet. Any such initiative petition must be signed by at least 200 legally qualified electors of the city, who had registered at the preceding general city election. The name, street and number, address and voting precinct of each elector must be given on the petition. Every separate sheet of the petition on which signatures are secured must have at the head thereof the "title and text" of the petition. It will not do to have the petition simply on the first sheet, and it is evident that great care must be taken in the preparation of such petitions. While there seems to be a crying need of certain changes in the present status of municipal laws, and while there has been much talk of making changes, yet because there is no one particularly interested in it, has been thus far done, for "what's everybody's business is nobody's business."

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