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#### Filed Declaration—

Peter Erikson, native of Sweden, filed declaration to become a citizen in the office of the county clerk yesterday.

#### Marriage Licenses—

Licenses to marry was issued in the office of the county clerk yesterday to John D. Veharatos and Miss Rose Earl Whalen; and to Hugo Henry Hellgren and Miss Hilma Juliana Carlson.

#### Home To Eureka—

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Young, of Eureka, who have been in the city for some weeks past, in pursuit of certain business interests, and who have enjoyed the visit very much, will leave out for their California home on the steamship Geo. W. Elder this morning.

#### Register! Register!!—

It will be well for all citizens who did not register for the last city election to remember that it is very essential that they do so for the coming municipal election. If you are not sure whether you did, or not, go and see, anyway! The books open on the 20th instant.

#### Reported Improving—

The pleasant report was given out yesterday that the condition of R. M. Leathers, who has been dangerously ill for some weeks past, is steadily, though slowly, improving, and that the indications yesterday afternoon were quite the brightest for many days past.

#### Finishes Official Trip—

Miss Emma C. Warren, county superintendent of schools, has returned from an official trip out into the heart of the county, where she inspected the public school at Vesper which is under the capable control of Miss Anna Jurma. Miss Warren reports the school in a flourishing condition.

#### Pleasant Time Tonight—

At tonight's session of the Gateway Rebekah lodge that fraternity will act as host to its sister lodges from Ilwaco and Hammond and a thoroughly enjoyable time is looked for. Refreshments will be served and all things done to cement the fraternal bonds in which all are working for the good of humanity.

#### H. G. Van Dusen Appointed—

The Board of Directors of the Oregon Coast Railway Company, the holding or subsidiary company for the stockholders of the Astoria, Seaside & Tillamook Railway Company, of this city, has appointed H. G. Van Dusen its agent to secure the rights-of-way for the line, and that gentleman went to work on his assignment yesterday. Tomorrow, it is

## PETITION WASN'T MADE OUT PROPERLY

CITY AUDITOR AGAIN CALLS ATTENTION TO PLAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LAW.

One of the initiative petitions recently filed with Judge Anderson, the city auditor, will probably have to be turned back to the men who secured the signatures, for the reason that the petition was not prepared in the manner demanded by the municipal law covering the matter.

The law states clearly just how such petitions shall be prepared. There shall not be more than 20 names on each sheet. Each signer shall give his name, address, including street and number, and shall give his voting precinct. Other minor details are called for. In the petition filed with the auditor these matters were not all given; for example, none of the voting precincts were stated at all. It was also not stated that the signers were residents of this city and state. While it may be true that these provisions are directory and not mandatory, and might be so held by the courts, nevertheless it seems to be only inviting trouble in not living up to the plain provisions of the law.

After consultation with the city attorney yesterday, Judge Anderson made up his mind that it would not be safe to proceed with the publication of the petition as filed with him. The city auditor is probably justified in refusing to go ahead with the publication of a petition that appears on its face to be faulty especially when it is remembered that the law requires that a printed copy of each and every petition must be sent by mail to every elector in the city. The mere publication of one of the petitions, with all the names and detailed addresses, and the cost of mailing, will probably cost from \$400 to \$800, and therefore it would appear as if the auditor should take care in seeing that the petitions filed with him are properly made out. Otherwise their faulty construction would probably only invite litigation.

The city will have some pretty big bills to pay by reason of the petitions. The scawall, or bulk-head matter, alone is going to cost a pretty penny.

#### Work Is Completed—

The force of men that has been employed by the Water Commission in making extensions and repairs out Svenson way is expected in today, all of the work having been completed as planned. For the past few days the men have been working on the pipe line road between Worsley's and Carlson's. The summer's work included the laying of about 400 feet of pipe line to bring water from Fat Buck Creek into Bear Creek, thereby increasing the flow about 300,000 gallons a day. A full supply has not been received from the Cedar Creek district, also, because of the loss by seepage on the way. The ground is very porous there. To avoid this loss by seepage a new dam was built and vitrified pipe laid through the grounds where the loss was greatest.

#### After Health Data—

The State Board of Health has sent a list of questions to this city to be answered, chiefly referring to the water supply and its purity. Questions were asked as to the source of the supply. Astoria considers her water supply to be of the very best, not excelled anywhere in the state. The water comes from small mountain streams and is as pure and wholesome as any water can be in a natural state. Questions were also asked as to the methods of controlling the supply, how inspected, and the like. Also the proportion of people in the city who do not use city water, but have independent springs or wells of their own. Mr. Lounsbury, clerk of the Water Commission, to whom these questions were referred, was not able to answer this last one definitely, as there is no means of exactly ascertaining the number of persons who do not use the city water. The amount of typhoid fever in the city was a detail also asked.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Devereaux of Eugene were quartered at the Occident yesterday and there were pleasant suspicions that the young people were here on their honeymoon, but they left on the evening express for Portland before the reporters could verify the matter.

J. J. Richardson, a well known contractor of Portland, was in the city on business yesterday, and had a pleasant word to say for conditions and people in Astoria.

Captain E. V. Pendleton left up for Portland yesterday morning on the A. & C. express.

H. B. Parker will return from the Carson Springs tomorrow and settle down at home for the winter season.

#### Wed At Parsonage—

At the parsonage of the First Lutheran Church at 8 o'clock last night, the Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist united in marriage Hugo Henry Hellgren and Miss Helmi Juliana Carlson. Both are of this city.

### REALTY TRANSFERS

Walter C. Smith and wife to Ethel A. Will, lot 1, block 25, and lot 1, block 7, in the Plaza; and lot 6, block 89, Warrenton Park; \$550.

#### Ladies' Aid—

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Lutheran Church will give their semi-annual sale and social in the church parlor Saturday evening of this week. All are cordially invited.

#### Married Last Night—

Edward S. Sickerly and Miss Christine Setterland, both of Portland, were married last night by the Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist, of the First Lutheran church. The wedding was held at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Peter Bergeson, at 1819 Commercial street, in the presence of immediate friends and relatives of the bridal couple. The bride was beautifully attired. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served. Today the happy couple will go to their home in Portland.

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