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Had a Back Set— Frederick Larsen, the man who shot himself in the left breast a week or two ago, is getting along nicely at the hospital. On Sunday he received a back set, but is apparently getting over it rapidly.

Is Getting Better— James McDonough, of Altoona, who was taken to St. Mary's hospital several days ago with pneumonia, is getting along as well as could be expected and his condition is said to be not at all alarming.

Another Petition Out— A petition was placed in circulation yesterday for Councilman Robinson, who thus apparently announces his wishes to run again for a place in the Common Council. Gust Holmes, who has a petition out for the water commission, will run for the eight-year term.

Laying Temporary Walk— Until the trustees of the Henry Weinhard Estate shall be ready to lay their final walks of concrete about the new hotel to be erected here in the Spring, they have ordered the construction of a temporary walk in front of the site on Twelfth street and it will be of great convenience.

Petitions Out— Nominating petitions were placed in circulation yesterday for Dr. W. C. Logan as a candidate for the common council from the second ward for the four-year term, and for James F. Kearney as a candidate for street superintendent on the republican ticket.

Wires And Wireless— Astoria is again in full possession of her wire communication with the outside world, including North Head, all wires having been restored to duty yesterday; and we still have the United Wireless on Smith's Point, that no sort of a gale may interfere with.

En Route Home— Editor W. T. Gilbert of the Aberdeen World, debarked from the steamer Cascades here yesterday, coming up from San Francisco en route to his home and business on the upper coast. He is a bright and interesting young newspaper man and is putting out a paper that is a credit to his city and himself. Mr. Gilbert took the evening train for the metropolis.

Warrenton Whispers— Dr. B. Owens-Adair has left for a protracted visit with friends at Empire City.—Mr. and Mrs. William Dodge, of Pasadena, California, are visiting at the home of Mrs. P. C. Warren, the sister of Mrs. Dodge.—Last evening a reception was tendered to Rev. A. A. Heist, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Barnhart. Mr. Heist is pastor of the M. E. congregation at Warrenton.

The Gottenberg System— The main object of W. L. Rebb's recent visit to this city was to investigate the chance of establishing the Gottenberg system of handling the saloon business of Astoria, and of ascertaining the sentiment of her citizens in this behalf. The doctrine and plan is, for the city to lease out the saloon rights of the entire city to a company, under specific conditions as to scope and character of the saloons it will maintain always keeping in view the welfare of the city and

the business, upon stated sums of compensation each year. It has worked admirably in many places its chief and best quality is the exact regulation and restriction it imposes upon the members of its organization. It will be set forth in full in the course of a few days, if Mr. Rebb shall find it acceptable to the people here.

Back From Sound— John Fox, of the Astoria Iron Works, returned last night from a trip up on the Sound. He has been gone about two weeks. Mr. Fox says that business up there in his line is somewhat depressed.

Registration by Precincts— City Auditor Anderson last evening stated that the registration yesterday totalled 128, and by precincts was as follows: Precinct 1, 3; precinct 2, 9; precinct 3, 14; precinct 4, 35; precinct 5, 37; precinct 6, 20; precinct 7, 10.

Ready For Boring— A meeting of the directors of the Clatsop Fuel & Oil Company was held in the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, when the oil situation was considered at length. Two outsiders who are interested in the local oil outlook were also in the conference. It is said that all is in readiness for the commencement of the boring of wells and that actual work may be expected to start very soon.

An Official Quest— W. F. McGregor, collector of the port and representing the customs service here, and President W. T. Scholfield, representing the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, left yesterday on an official visit to their duck-preserves up the river beyond Goble. They did not announce their call to the inhabitants of that remote region, and intend to take them by surprise. What the results are to be are a bit problematical.

A Still Alarm— A still alarm was turned into the fire department early yesterday morning, the call coming from Parker's woodyard in the west end of the city, and was occasioned by a wire on the wood-sawing machinery becoming short-circuited. Chemical No. 1 was on the spot quickly and quenched the blaze, while No. 1 hose was on the spot to render what service might be required of it. No particular damage was wrought.

Hobson Here Thursday— Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson will speak in Logan Hall Thursday night in the interests of the Democratic nominee for president. For the past two years Mr. Hobson has been making innumerable speeches before Chautauqua assemblies and Y. M. C. A.'s, and invariably his whole argument has been a vigorous upholding of the Roosevelt policies for a great navy, especially on the Pacific, and for a navy to protect and retain the Philippines. These things Mr. Bryan has just as consistently opposed. How Mr. Hobson can gracefully make a straddle which permits him to now publicly come out

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as a spellbinder for the candidate whose policies he has been emphatically opposing isn't very clear. Nevertheless Mr. Hobson is a very interesting talker, especially when discussing questions pertaining to a greater navy, and doubtless Logan hall will be filled by a crowd who will be eager to see and hear the man who tried "to bottle up Cervera."

Helping Auditor— John Nordstrom is assisting City Auditor Anderson in the registration of voters. The work requires two men, and yesterday both were kept busy all day long.

Philharmonic Society— There will be a rehearsal of the Philharmonic Society in Logan hall this evening, commencing at 7:30, and members are urged to be present. It will be an important rehearsal, and several of the soloists will sing.

Declarations Filed— Four declarations of intention to become citizens were filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday. The men were Friedrich Ulrich, native of Germany; Julius Lubitzky, native of Germany; John Hjorten, native of Norway, and Andrew Lyster, native of Norway. John F. Thorburn, native of Canada, and Emelius Anderson, native of Denmark, applied for their full papers and their hearing was set for February 16.

For High School— Superintendent Clark of the city schools yesterday placed a set of the new International Encyclopedia in the High School. The set has been in his office since it was recently received. This encyclopedia is presumed to be perhaps the best of the numerous excellent ones on the market and should prove highly valuable to the pupils in their researches. It contains some 25 or 30 volumes.

Going To Eureka— P. L. Stangeland, member of the Common Council, is going to Eureka, Wash., the latter part of the week for the purpose of building a house there for Nick Weber. Mr. Stangeland is employed by the Columbia River Packers' Association to construct the building. Though going away just at the approach of the municipal campaign, Mr. Stangeland, who will run again for a seat in the council, expects to come home occasionally so that he at least can keep in touch with affairs here.

New Tank For Astoria— Manager Hiram Lieneweber, of the Standard Oil Company's plant and business in this city, has been apprised, from headquarters, of the intention of the company to immediately erect a large new tank for the storage of oil in this city, and on the site of the company's present holdings. Mr. Lieneweber does not say what the dimensions of the new tank are to be, but indicates that it will be big enough to meet the ever increasing business of the port and city.

Her Son Injured— Mrs. M. E. Potter received word yesterday that her son, Archie Messenger, formerly of this city but now living in Seattle, had met with a serious accident. While inspecting work of which he was foreman, he fell a distance of forty feet, striking on his head. For a day he lay unconscious, and it was feared death would result. Mrs. Potter leaves on this morning's express for the bedside of her son, and will remain until all danger is past. The physician in attendance fears inflammation of the brain. Mr. Messenger has, besides his mother, two sisters, Mrs. John Jeffers and Mrs. C. E. Graven, residing in this city, and one brother in Vancouver, Wash.

On a Flying Visit— Prof. W. D. Lyman, professor of history at Whitman College, at Walla Walla, Wash., a brother of the late, lamented Horace Lyman, well known in all this Oregon country spent the day in Astoria yesterday. Dr. Lyman is out in pursuit of material facts and views and historic addenda, to be devoted to the new and complete history he is compiling, for publication, early in the coming spring, of the great Columbia Basin. The work will soon be in the hands

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of its publishers, Geo. F. Putnam Sons, of New York and London, and will be the first work of its character and scope ever published upon the theme the Columbia River country, people, resources, and beauties. Professor Lyman has spent the past summer upon the upper reaches of the river, going as far north as Windemere Lake, in British Columbia, and has collected an immense array of valuable detail and scores of splendid pictures of the basin. He was here to gather like data, and returns to his Washington home this morning, in possession of much that he desired to complete the descriptive work as it applies to this end of the great waterway. The professor is an ardent champion of the "open river," and was a delegate to the recent great convention of the Rivers & Harbors Congress at Washington.

Filed Protest— In yesterday morning's mail Mayor Wise received a communication from John Riley remonstrating against the assessment on certain property. The remonstrance had evidently been intended for presentation to the council at its meeting Monday night, but was mailed too late to reach it in time. Mr. Riley states that he objects to the assessment of lot 3, block 55, Shively's, and states that he would like to know why it is so much higher than the assessment on lot 2 on the same side of the street and lot 3 on the opposite side of the street.

After Their Brides— Three fine, hearty young Finns yesterday purchased transportation at the Twelfth street offices of the A. & C. R. R. Co., for New York and Warsaw, Poland. They intend to leave New York on the Lusitana, on November 4th next, and are going back to Europe for their brides whom they will bring on to the homes they have established for them in old Astoria. They constituted as happy a group of young fellows as has been seen in this city for many a day. They departed on the evening express yesterday. Their names and ages are: John Hanson, 28 years; Sven Westemark, 24; and Edward Bejr, 28.

Has a "Tarrier" Now— The whole world seems to know of Dr. R. J. Pilkington's penchant for homely dogs; and all his marine friends are interested in keeping him stocked up with hideous animals, but all of unquestioned breed, of course. His latest acquisition is a Russian terrier, which, for hideousity lags "Chops" his Alaskan completely in the shade. The new dog is of dark blue, long and unkempt hair, bright dark eyes, and a natural born "scrapper." He is young, alert and ambitious and had a fight with every dog he met between the docks and

the doctor's home yesterday when he came ashore from the schooner W. S. Talbot, just in from the Aleutian Islands. He was presented to the doctor by Captain Knutson, of the Talbot. Luckily, the doctor gave Chops away to the master of the British ship Claverdon when she sailed from here not long ago, else there would be no peace on the block where Dr. Pilkington dwells.

Many Register— All day yesterday there was a steady stream of voters going into the city auditor's office for the registering for the coming primary and municipal election. It kept Judge Anderson and his assistant busy waiting on the men. Apparently there is already enough interest in the coming campaign to compel voters to register early. The registration books for the national election closed last evening, at the office of the county clerk. There was a rush there, too, yesterday, as many wished to register and had neglected to do so until the last minute. The registration books for the municipal election will remain open for a time longer and voters are urged to register as soon as possible.

County Court— At the meeting of the county court yesterday very little business of much importance was transacted. A petition for the opening of the Tillamook road was allowed and A. W. Duncan, Albert Johnson, and Gelo F. Parker, the county surveyor, were appointed viewers for the same, and were directed to meet at the Necanicum postoffice at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of November 10. The court

further recommended that George Stevens be employed to assist in securing the levels. The report of C. E. Linton, superintendent of road district No. 1, in relation to repairs to the Alder Creek bridge and in regard to the road to the railway shop was read and approved. A contract was entered into with the Kelly Lumber Company for 36,000 feet of lumber at \$12 per thousand delivered. The court also instructed the clerk, Mr. Clinton, to draw a warrant for the payment of \$423.29 to T. M. Blaisdell. The report of the experts who examined the books of the county clerk, treasurer, school superintendent, justice of the peace, and sheriff, and the clerk was instructed to draw a warrant for \$200 for payment of such services. A new typewriter was ordered for the sheriff's office. A telephone was also ordered for the office of the county school superintendent. The county judge was authorized to procure 200 planks for the road between the Lewis and Clark and Warrenton. Arrangements were also made for the repair of the road from the Walluski bridge to the highlands on the north. The clerk was instructed to notify Howell Lewis of district 17 that there is the sum of \$234 on hand and that he should apply same in improving the upper end of the road in his district.

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