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TERSE TALK OF THE TOWN

For Appendicitis—

Cecilia Ackerman, the young girl who has been ill with appendicitis, was operated upon yesterday at St. Mary's hospital, and her recovery is looked for very soon.

Mrs. Hatch Better—

Mrs. V. E. Hatch, who has been seriously ill with appendicitis, was reported to be past the danger point yesterday, and her recovery is now looked for rapidly.

Money Paid Out—

City Treasurer Dealey has paid out the sum of \$1100 in the past few days on street improvements, and has taken in about the same amount during the same time.

Big Toe Cut Off—

William Stanke, of Skamokawa, a logger in the Bernard & Bernard camp, had one of his feet badly crushed a day or two ago, and yesterday the big toe was cut off at St. Mary's hospital.

File Acceptances—

Quite a number of the nominees of the two parties have already filed their acceptances, and it is presumed that practically all of the acceptances will be in very shortly. No refusals are expected.

Going To Chicago—

Dr. Francis J. Friedrich, the dentist, will start for Chicago tomorrow, to be gone several weeks. This is Dr. Friedrich's deferred summer vacation, which he is taking a little late in the season.

Under The Weather—

Mr. Kearney, superintendent of streets, has been feeling "under the weather" for the past two weeks, and has been compelled to spend one or more days at home. He is not well yet, though out and attending to his duties.

On Thursday, The 19th—

The Ladies' Guild of Holy Innocents' Chapel will hold their annual sale on Thursday, the 19th instant, in the basement of the chapel, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and extending into the evening. The sale will comprise aprons, fancy articles and home cooking, and refreshments will be served.

The Mayor Spoke—

By an inadvertence in yesterday's account of the Flag Presentation to the First Company, Coast Artillery, at the Athletic Auditorium, mention was not made of Mayor Wise's address to the young soldiers. The mayor never fails to make the proper impression in his public utterances and this formed no exception to the rule.

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ALAS, NO ONE THOUGHT OF "ARGUMENTS"

ONE CHANCE FOR SPENDING TAXPAYERS' MONEY HAS BEEN REFRAINED FROM

Taxpayers who may think they are hardly used because they are called upon to pay \$350 for preparing a "pet amendment" to the charter and \$33 additional for circulating a petition may thank their lucky stars that one other means of drawing money out of their pockets has been overlooked, or passed by.

There is a freak clause in the Astoria initiative measure. It provides that "arguments" may be submitted for or against any initiative matter that is placed before the people.

For example, if those who favor the "seawall" measure wanted to prepare an argument in its favor, they could have done so, and it would be published, and a copy of the argument sent to each and every voter in the city. Estimated cost—say \$500 or \$1000.

Already the city printing bill for this election will amount to enough to buy a poor man a house and lot. Proposed charter amendments come high.

But the unlimited possibilities of the "arguments" are almost enough to make one weep, or smile. Such a chance to spend the taxpayers' money.

Yet it must be said to the credit of the men back of the "seawall" proposition, and to the "men who have the publication of the city printing, and to all those who take delight in making "arguments"—to be published at the taxpayers' expense—that no advantage was taken of this generous provision.

Of course they must have known of this generous freedom, and refrained from using it only because of the desire to save the taxpayer an additional burden.

Luckily the time for submitting such arguments is almost past.

Warrants Deferred—

Investigation showed that the necessary preliminary notices had not been served upon the one or more men who are keeping their children out of school in defiance of the law, and therefore it was not possible to issue the warrants yesterday. The notices in writing will be served, and if ignored then the arrests will be made at once.

In Pamphlet Form—

City Auditor Anderson has caused the four proposed charter amendments to be published in pamphlet form, and every legal voter in the city will be sent one of these by mail. The law provides this. Instead of having each of the four amendments published separately it seemed best to have them all placed together, both as a matter of economy and for convenience. The pamphlet is gotten out in fairly good shape and doubtless many voters will avail themselves of the opportunity to study the amendments over.

St. Mary's Library—

The Library Association of St. Mary's church is making plans to have the lecture of the Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, on the night of November 23, more than an ordinary success. Father O'Hara has a wide reputation as a fine orator and a man of exceptional parts, and his lecture on "The Aims and Ends of Education" should prove of much interest. There will be a musical program in addition. The library already has about 425 volumes, and such funds as the association may secure will be used in extending it.

Prospering Nicely—

Word was received in this city yesterday from Lawrence Fritz, now in Eureka, Utah, where he is running a successful moving picture house and doing finely. He has a warm spot for old Astoria and wishes he was back here. He says that on federal election night he took the returns, by telephone, from Salt Lake City, 50 miles away, and played them up on the most conspicuous wall in the town, much to the edification of an eager populace. He sent his kindest regards to all his old friends in Astoria.

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FINANCES READY FOR ELECTRIC LINE

THIS ASSURANCE IS NOW GIVEN LOCAL MEN BY THE PROMOTER OF PROJECT.

According to one of the leading officials of the Oregon Coast Railway Company, the subsidiary organization formed in connection with the proposed electric line to Seaside, F. L. Evans represents that he now stands prepared to finance the project. He was hired to promote the enterprise, and the officials of the holding company are now given to understand that the money to build the line is ready and waiting, and will be forthcoming just as soon as the rights of way are secured.

The rights of way have not been secured as yet. This essential matter had been let go until the last moment, and then it was found there was a vast amount of work to do in the way of preparing descriptions of property for the deeds and in securing the consent from property holders. It is expected that a few property owners may not be overly ready to grant rights of way, but no serious trouble is anticipated in winning them over. The line means so much to the whole section of country through which it will run that a mere right of way seems but a bagatelle in comparison with the rewards to be reaped.

With the assurance given the men of the holding company that the finances to build the road have been arranged for the work of securing the rights of way will be eagerly advanced.

Funeral Saturday—

The funeral of Mrs. Bertha Ballagh will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from Grace Episcopal church. Interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Annual Meeting of Club—4

The stockholders and members of the Irving Club of this city will meet tonight for the purpose of electing their directors and the new officers for the ensuing year, and it is desired that all interest shall be on hand, as they undoubtedly will.

Finds Thinks O. K.—

State Factory Inspector Charles Gram says that his tour of the State in the interest he serves, the Oregon Labor Commission, develops the cheerful fact that the legal requirements imposed by law are being met with in good spirit everywhere, and that the adverse conditions which have existed throughout the State, are being adjusted rapidly and satisfactorily, and the code being recognized and observed with wide and cordial fidelity. He goes to Seaside today, and will leave up tonight for the capital.

Bank Officials—

As indicated in yesterday's Astorian, the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Scandinavian-American Bank, of this city, resulted in the re-election of the directors and officers of that fine institution, to wit: Directors: Gust Holmes, H. W. Coe, C. F. Hendrickson, Aug. Danielson, John Mattson, Erick Mammula, C. G. Palmberg, J. M. Anderson, and Andrew Young. The officers re-chosen being: President, Gust Holmes; vice-president, C. G. Palmberg; and Cashier, J. M. Anderson. After its first year of business the bank finds its business on the up-grade, and its deposits over \$100,000. Mr. Hendrickson returned to the metropolis on yesterday morning's express, well pleased with the fine showing made for the year of the bank's existence.

More Politics—

Senator Fulton is in Portland conferring with members of the state legislature and various politicians in relation to the Statement No. 1 pledges to elect Chamberlain to the federal senate. Strong efforts are now being made to get some of those who made the pledge to break it, on the ground that the whole matter was a trick worked by the Democrats and that Chamberlain's selection would not be the choice of a great majority of the people. Within the past few days an organized movement to break down the pledges given by some of the state legislators has come to the surface and probably there will be much activity along this line from now on. Some profess to think it would be silly for the Republicans to elect Chamberlain. The question is not expected to trouble the Clatsop delegation very much.

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SHALLOWNESS OF CERTAIN CLAIMS MADE

GLIMPSE OF TRUE INWARDNESS OF SMITH'S CHALLENGE FOR MAYORALTY

The following communication speaks for itself, and needs no treatment at the hands of the Morning Astorian. It was written by one who knows:

"Astoria, Or., Nov. 12, 1930.

"Editor Astorian:—

"The claim is being made for Mr. Smith's candidacy for the mayoralty of the city that his record shows him to be a progressive man, and an earnest worker for street improvements, etc. I was not but Mr. Smith wants to take the responsibility of having inaugurated and carried through some of those improvements, well and good. It is, also, being claimed that through his ability and painsaking efforts, during his incumbency of the office of city attorney, the city was prevented from incurring any losses on street assessments.

"It is yet too early to determine whether the city will suffer any losses of street assessments under ordinances prepared by Mr. Smith, as city attorney. I am informed that there is at least one suit pending regarding the validity of some of those assessments. However, whether or not the city loses anything on assessments, the improvements of some of the streets—notably Franklin avenue and other streets connecting therewith, in Adair's Astoria, has resulted in the practical confiscation of considerable property along the lines, and has been of no benefit to the city. It is predicted by some that the improvement of Irving avenue will result in the same way.

"It is hardly fair for Mr. Smith to claim, or for his friends to claim for him, the credit for the city not having lost anything from street assessments during the last few years. Legislation, notably the law allowing payments to be made of assessments on the installment plan and the law allowing re-assessments to be made in cases where the first assessment shall prove invalid, have

prevented losses from that source.

"Mr. Smith's progressiveness, as a public servant, has been demonstrated mostly at the expense of others. It is not a difficult matter, when one is once in power, to tax the people and their property and expend it on public improvements.

"Opposed to Mr. Smith for the mayoralty is Mr. Elmore. What is his record? Is he or is he not a progressive man? Let us look into his record. He has invested large sums of his own money in enterprises in our city, in such manner as to create large pay-rolls in the city. He built a large salmon packing establishment here which employed large numbers of workmen and distributed large sums of money in our community. He is now at the head of one of the largest salmon packing establishments on the coast, having headquarters here and making this its distributing point and principal office for the disbursement of its moneys. He is the principal owner and the manager of salmon packing plants along the entire Oregon coast, making Astoria their principal office, and he is the principal owner of a transportation line, owning and operating boats to coast ports of Oregon, with this as its head

office. It is largely due to his careful and business-like management that these industries and enterprises have prospered, and if he is elected to the mayoralty of our city it is our belief that he will give the city the benefit of his business knowledge and training, and that the growth of our city will not be retarded, but will be augmented along rational lines, on business principles. "G."

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