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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

On Portland Visit—
Mrs. W. T. Eaken and daughter Bessie have gone to Portland for a visit of a few days.

Odd Fellows—
Clatsop Encampment, I. O. O. F., will give a social in Odd Fellows hall this evening, and there will be refreshments and a good program. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are invited.

Ladies' Guild—
The Ladies' Guild of Grace church will hold a tea and sale of articles at the home of Mrs. Brenham Van Dusen on Saturday afternoon. Music will be a feature of the occasion and a delightful time is anticipated.

"The Devil" Is Coming—
Manager Frank Hanlin is pleased to announce that the definite date for the appearance of the famous play "The Devil" is now known, for Astoria, and it will occupy the boards at the opera house on Sunday, December 6th; which is good news for every play-lover and theatre-goer in this city.

More Opera Coming—
Prof. Martin E. Robinson is making full preparation for the grand production of the dainty opera "H. M. S. Pinafore," on Thursday and Friday, December 3rd and 4th, next. There will be 50 singers and a brilliant cast and the pretty story will be told in song in a fashion that will surely please the audiences that will greet it.

An Early Call—
When the steamer Homer arrived down from Portland yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, a hurry call was despatched for Dr. A. A. Finch, to attend Captain Burroughs, who had the misfortune to slice off the end of one of his fingers along with the nail, on the way down the river. The doctor soon made the hand comfortable, and the mariner went on to sea and San Francisco.

Football Superiority—
According to several of the football experts who observed the game yesterday between the Uppertown and Astoria High School elevens, it seems to be pretty generally conceded that the High School is about one touchdown better than their rivals. This was the expressed opinion of at least three men who profess to know the fine points of the game.

Attention Odd Fellows and Rebekahs
Clatsop Encampment No. 68, I. O. O. F., will give a social on this Friday evening at Odd Fellows. Good program and refreshments. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs invited.
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The Bakeronian—

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Heard From—

A report was received late last night that the German training ship Herzogin Cecilie had arrived at Point Los Angeles yesterday. This is the vessel that remained outside to receive orders but owing to the storm put out to sea and from this report it can be seen that she is safe in port.

Train Late—

The down train due here at 9:50 last night did not reach the depot until after midnight. The delay was caused by the breaking of some part of the engine of the up-train at a point near Clatskanie. Repairs were made and the up-train proceeded to Portland clearing the track for the Astoria train.

Laid Away To Rest—

All that was mortal of Astoria's well known and respected citizen Richard Marshall Leathers was attended by fraters and friends and kinsmen yesterday morning in the funeral obsequies, which took place at 8:30 o'clock at St. Mary's, Rev. Father Waters officiating. Considering the early hour, there was a goodly crowd of friends out to show their respect for the dead, and the living of his household, together with a number of the Elks. His bier was borne by Messrs. Prael, Johnson, Van Tuyl, Crosby, Fox and Carney, as pallbearers; and the body was buried in the B. P. O. E. grounds at Greenwood.

Thanksgiving Day—

Thanksgiving day was very generally observed in Astoria and for virtually everybody in the city the occasion was a happy holiday. With all of the stores and other business places closed the town wore a Sunday-like appearance, though the streets were crowded much of the day. Fortunately the weather was perfect, clear and crisp, and with the sunshine bathing the land and sea. After the rains of the past week or more the clear weather seemed doubly welcome. The services at the several churches that observed the day were well attended, and in many a home there was much good cheer and tables laden with the good things of the second. For the turkey, of course, the occasion was more or less of a sad one, and the goose, too, will have tears shed for him by his few surviving relatives. It is said that many of the foreign-born population take very kindly to the distinctively American day of general Thanksgiving, though of course other nations do have days somewhat similar in meaning. But the genuine old Puritan Yankees in Astoria will readily recall, perhaps, the difference between a Thanksgiving day of these times and of this section of the country and "back east" in New England. There the day has perhaps more of genuine meaning than elsewhere in the country and is more generally observed.

PERSONAL MENTION

Tim Boyle, of Raymond, was in the city yesterday, and was domiciled at the Merwyn.

B. K. Loeb, of New York, spent the day here yesterday, and matters of business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Walters, of New York, were domiciled here yesterday for a few hours.

A. O. Stafford, of Portland, was registered at the Merwyn, yesterday.

R. A. Bingham came down from the metropolis yesterday and spent the day here on a business quest.

Mrs. M. A. Settlement, of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

V. Nemen, of Portland, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

V. A. Erickson, of Quincy, Oregon, was in the city yesterday and housed at the Hotel Occident.

Mrs. W. S. Kinney is moving into her apartments at the Kinney brick.

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UNVARNISHED TALE OF ASTORIA HERALD

ITS FINANCING AND SPONSORS AND HISTORY DURING ITS LATER YEARS.

The following unvarnished, authentic tale of the Astoria-Herald and its proprietary sponsorship throughout its existence, is published in order to accentuate the statements made in these columns on Wednesday with reference to former City Attorney A. M. Smith's relation to and responsibility for certain things inseparable therefrom, and to indicate that much as he professes to despise the profession of journalism, he came mighty near posing at least as a neophyte in the business; and to remind him that printer's ink and a free press measure fairly up to the standards of his own profession, and that any derogation of either, depends largely on "whose ox is gored!"

"Astoria, Or., Nov. 26, 1908.

"Editor Astorian:—Apropos of an article published in the Astorian of Wednesday, in which the publisher took occasion to 'roast' with considerable tenability, A. M. Smith as 'sponsor and financier' of the late lamented Astoria Herald, permit me to give a brief history of the Herald. It was incorporated about 20 years ago by funds subscribed by prominent Republicans and for a long time advocated the principles of the G. O. P. Later the Citizens party came into power, and there being no newspaper published in the city with the temerity to advocate their cause, the Herald passed into the hands of the untried, with the same editor under a contract that the publisher was to have the net profits of the business in lieu of advocating the principles of the Citizens party. During the time it 'switched' several times and finally succumbed to the fate of many 'irresponsible journals' by reason of a mortgage.

and control of W. C. Curtis, now editor and manager of the Ketchikan Miner. From that it went into partnership with the Astoria Daily News and was christened the Astoria News-Herald under the management of Robert Gibson, B. P. Sovey and W. C. Curtis, with the understanding that it was to secure the city printing on a 'stand in' proposition. Owing to a misunderstanding with the members of the company, A. M. Smith, who held a mortgage on the Herald plant, foreclosed and the property was sold and bid in by him. After being out of commission three months, it became necessary to have a newspaper to support the coterie of politicians in control of the city government and Mr. C. J. Curtis took charge of the plant and republished the paper, under a lease from A. M. Smith, backed by three or four prominent Democrats, who gave their notes for the amount of the mortgage to secure Mr. Smith's claim.

"When the city printing contract was let about two years ago, I was foreman on the paper and an arrangement was entered into whereby the Herald was to be awarded the contract, conditioned that a daily paper was started. The plant was moved to the Carruthers building on Duane street and Gus Carruthers and C. J. Curtis established the Daily Herald. They received the city printing contract and ran the paper for about three months, when it was discovered that the funds were exhausted and the Daily Herald was discontinued.

"On the 12th day of April, 1907, the plant was leased by A. M. Smith to C. J. Curtis. Another lease for a cylinder press was also made between Mr. Curtis and Robert Carruthers, he having advanced about \$800 for the purchase of the press. What the agreement or understanding between the owners and the lessee were, aside from the political policy of the paper, I do not know, but it was supposed to be kept running for the city election of 1908.

"Being desirous of retiring from the newspaper business and continuing the practice of law, Mr. Curtis retired from the management of the paper and on September 1, 1908, Mr. A. M. Smith and Robert Carruthers sold the entire plant to R. M. Watson, of Seaside and it was moved to that town and was absorbed by the Seaside Signal. I have been informed, that when the plant was leased to Mr. Curtis, the city printing contract was assigned to Frank Spittle as trustee with the understanding that the Budget was to carry on the contract and pay Mr. Spittle 20 per cent of the amount received, 10 per cent of which was to be paid to Mr.

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Smith on his claim against the plant and 10 per cent to Mr. Carruthers for payment on the press.

"As to what arrangements were made about the policy of the paper I do not know, except that I was informed that the owners of the plant reserved the right to dictate its political policy, the lessees to have all the money derived from advertising and subscriptions. While I was foreman of the paper this was no secret and I do not believe I am violating any confidence in publishing the facts as I understood them. As I understand, Mr. Curtis had no interest in the paper aside from the business, and as to who controlled its policy I do not know, as that was a secret between the owners and the manager.

"The Herald plant cost originally about \$3500 and was all paid for by Mr. Curtis, but what Mr. Watson paid for it, I do not know but have been informed that it was in the neighborhood of \$1500, all of which money is secured to Mr. Smith and Mr. Carruthers, either by lease or mortgage. Mr. Smith's published statement in the Budget that his connection with the Herald was a purely business proposition, may be true but it savors somewhat of 'frenzied finance' interwoven with political ambition.

Splendid Concert Excursion—

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock there will leave this city for Skamokawa and Cathlamet, one of the most interesting excursions of the year, under the auspices of the Norwegian Singing Society. That fine body of singers accompanied and assisted by Miss Esther Sundquist, as violin soloist, will charter a steamer (probably one of the Babidge fleet) and will give the first of two splendid concerts, at Skamokawa, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, going thence to Cathlamet in

time to repeat the concert there in the evening and return home within reasonable hours. And the beauty of the program lies in the modest charge of 50 cents, which covers the round-trip and both concerts; surely the most reasonable charge ever made for such a generous deal. It cannot possibly fail of patronage under the circumstances of the exceptional talent indicated, the prime outing the trip affords, and the remarkable and modest price quoted, and the manifold pleasures it promises.

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