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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

County Court—The December term of the county court will convene tomorrow.

Declarations Filed—Declaration of intention to become citizens were filed yesterday by August Lindquist and Isak Tuominen, both natives of Finland.

Pay-Roll in Evidence—Uncle Sam's employes at the custom house and in that service were called upon to sign the pay-roll yesterday, much to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Eye To Business—Seaside Signal: "It is reported that wedding bells will soon clang again for our venerable friend McIntire. The Signal prints wedding cards in the highest style of the art. Don't forget us, Mac."

A Week of Prayer—A week of prayer which has been recommended by various Brotherhoods and men's societies throughout the world, will be observed at Grace church this week by daily morning and evening prayer at 9:00 and 7:30, with the litany Wednesday and Friday at 12 m.

On Special Duty—Capt. Moore, of the United States Engineering Corps, is now at the forts at the mouth of the Columbia, working upon the new system of fire control devised for the eradication of range fire at the great fire batteries, and is doing excellent work, with the assistance of a number of specially trained assistants.

New Factory Opens—The box factory of the Multnomah Trunk & Bag Company of Portland at Seaside is to open its doors today, it is said. The factory will manufacture necessary articles used by the company in its Portland store. S. E. Wrenn will be in charge.

Shipbuilding—Charles N. Hudson, of Trinidad, Colo., arrived in the city yesterday, having come here to confer with Richard Leathers and not until his arrival did he learn of Mr. Leathers' death. Mr. Hudson is interested in the question of boat building and had been in communication with persons here. He has a patent which he wishes to introduce, it is understood.

Funeral Notice—The members of Charity Lodge, No. 53, are requested to assemble at their hall on Wednesday, December 2nd, at 1:30 p. m., to attend the funeral of our late Sister Laura Johnson. Hannah Porter, C. of H.; W. C. A. Pohl, recorder.

Funeral Well Attended—The funeral of J. H. Dimond, who died at his temporary home at Tenth and Franklin, was held on Sunday and was well attended. The Masons had charge of the funeral services and many of the members of the order were present. The Rev. Gilbert conducted the funeral services. Interment was in Greenwood. Decedent formerly lived in Michigan and was a member of the Masonic lodge there.

Back To Astoria—W. R. McBeth, who has been up to Portland for several weeks, returned on last night's train. Fred Lenhart, who has also been there for about the same length of time, came back at the same time. J. H. Seymour was also a returning passenger, as also were Carl B. Franzen and Otto G. Morgan, the former a Portland visitor over Thanksgiving and the latter since Sunday morning.

Paulson's Body Found—The body of Thomas Paulson, who was drowned in the Necanicum river about two weeks ago, was found yesterday. Paulson was a logger and fell into the river while trying to cross on some logs. Though every effort had been made to find the body nothing was accomplished until yesterday. While his death was evidently purely accidental, Coroner Gilbaugh is expected to make a perfunctory investigation today. Paulson was a member of a hospital association, and his body will be taken to Goble for interment.

Registration—The registration books will close at 4 o'clock next Friday afternoon, and all those who have failed to register by that time will simply not be able to vote at the municipal election. There are only four days to register. City Auditor Anderson yesterday stated that he will keep his office open on both Wednesday and Thursday nights, from 7 to 9 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving registration. He does this to give those a chance who are occupied in the day time. Unless there is a big rush in the next few days the registration is likely to be comparatively small—perhaps not over 1600 and this is not even an average registration for a city the size of Astoria.

All expired coupons from Carter's Studio will be honored if presented before December 10, 1908.

Hot Drinks Coffee and Chocolate.



Takes Charge Today—The Athletic club will take charge of their handsome new club house today, December 1, as their lease of the place runs from this date. That means that the Astoria Amateur Athletic Association is finally fully launched, and it is likely that the activities of the club will be in full swing within a very short time. All those who have made application for membership are urged to make payment of their initiatory fee and of the first month's dues, and those who do not make the necessary payments naturally will not be considered as members in good standing and entitled to the privileges of the club. J. M. S. Hawthorne is the secretary and all communications and dues should be made to him. In a manner the opening of this club should mean much to the young men of Astoria, for it will offer many advantages that now seem to be totally denied to many of them.

Rights of Way—Ben Ward is another of the heavy owners of property along the proposed route of the electric line to Seaside who states that he is quite willing to give the necessary right of way over his property. Mr. Ward, however, says that he objects conclusively to giving a deed for the strip, with right of reversion after a term of five years in case the conditions precedent have not been lived up to. Mr. Ward says he will give a right of way for 18 months any time it is asked for, and he deems this period amply long enough. Hence it would appear as if at least several of the big property holders—all those who have thus far been heard from—are willing to give the rights of way, though they apparently are not willing to grant for the five-year term, and at the same time one or more of them feel that they have a right to ask for certain minor changes in the route.

Death Follows Devotion—At the family home, yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, Mrs. Laura Johnson, wife of Charles A. Johnson, breathed her last, after an illness of 12 weeks from typhoid-pneumonia, which it is believed she contracted from the long and devoted nursing she bestowed upon her eldest son, who returned home from Alaska and was stricken with typhoid almost immediately he reached here. Everything that love and zealous care could prompt was done to save this excellent wife and faithful mother, but the dread disease, abetted by the run-down condition in which it found her, prevailed against all effort and she is most grievously mourned by her husband and children and a wide circle of friends in Astoria. She was but 37 years of age and has dwelt in this city since she came out from Stavanger, Norway, 20 years ago. She was the mother of six children, five surviving her, two sons and three daughters, Adolph, Oliver, Ruth, Emily and Violet, to whom, with their father, the happy conviction remains that the mother and wife knew only the benison of real friends, no soul who knew her ever entertaining any other feeling than that of love and kindly interest. Mrs. Johnson's funeral will take place from the family home, 326 Grand avenue, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, Rev. W. Seymour Short, rector of Grace Episcopal church, officiating. She has one sister in this city, Mrs. Nelson, and another in Portland, Mrs. Berg, with a brother, in Stavanger, Erick Bekke.

Dramatic Entertainment—The Idun Dramatic Club will give an entertainment at Idun Hall, Uppertown, tonight, commencing at 8:15 p. m. The plays "Rationelt Fjostell" and "El Hugvending" will be produced and no doubt with the good music that will attend them they will be highly enjoyable. Admission, adults 35 cents, children, 20 cents.

Special Offer—To the Ladies of Astoria: Mrs. Hawks, 519 Duane, proposes to furnish materials and make garments for \$25 to \$50, all suits from \$45 up, to be fully equipped with silk linings. For a limited time only. Place your order soon.

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LET CONTRACT TO PROP UP BUILDING

OWNERS OF FOARD & STOKES HALL APPREHENSIVE OVER THE IRVING SLIDE.

Martin Foard and Frank Stokes yesterday let a contract to Frederick Bros. to construct a new foundation for the Foard & Stokes hall on Exchange street, now used as the armory by the First Company. It is probable that the work will consist largely in strengthening the present foundations.

So seriously have the foundations been affected by the Irving slide, as explained in the Astorian of Sunday morning, that Mr. Foard became apprehensive that the structure might even fall if immediate steps were not taken to prevent. The building itself is strong and well built, of course, but the movement of the ground has caused the supporting piles to bend until several tiers are standing at an angle of perhaps 80 degrees. It also looks as if the ground at the rear of the building has been rising to an extent discernible to the naked eye. The theory advanced by Mr. Tee and another civil engineer who examined the structure is that earth from the top of the slide has been carried subterraneously out under the tide lands and a slight part of the bay, coming to the surface under the building.

One gentleman who has property in the locality states that this theory is incorrect in his opinion, but it appears plausible and is accepted by the owners of the building.

Frank Stokes came down from Portland yesterday for the purpose of looking the building over, and later in the day he and Mr. Foard let the contract.

Out around 35th street there is also serious trouble with the Irving improvement. For blocks along that portion of the city the Irving work seemed to have started a movement in the ground in direct proximity to the avenue. Henry Lumpus, whose house faces on Irving at 35th street, will be compelled to move his house, it is said. It is also stated that another property owner in that section will also have to move his house to save it. Such is the movement of the ground in that section that planks are doubling up. There has been much trouble with the water pipes, also. In answer to inquiries, Superintendent Johnson of the water department stated yesterday that the water pipes keep "buckling" up along at 34th and Harrison. While there had been a slight movement there heretofore, Mr. Johnson says it is three times as great now. It has been necessary to shorten the water pipe on 34th street two feet this fall. According to all who have knowledge of the conditions, all this trouble has been caused by the improvement of Irving avenue. Fortunately the trouble is purely local and in no case can extend over any wide area.

New Admiral Arrives—Astoria will be favored for the next few days by the presence of a new admiral, and that he is a jolly entertainer will be acknowledged by all who hear W. F. Gratke sing the role of Sir Joseph Porter, in the comic opera "Pinafore" at the Astoria Theatre, Thursday and Friday evenings, December 3 and 4.

To Cure a Cold in One Day—Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25 cents.

Card of Thanks—I take this method of expressing my gratitude and great appreciation to the kind friends and neighbors, and to the members of Temple Lodge, A. F. & A. M., for the many kindnesses, assistance and sympathy which they have so generously extended to me during the illness of my deceased husband. MRS. J. H. DIMOND.

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POLL TAX COLLECTOR'S DAY IS OVER

TERM EXPIRED YESTERDAY, THOUGH COUNTY COURT MAY EXTEND IT.

Dudley Blount, the official poll tax collector, yesterday appealed to Howard Brownell, the prosecuting attorney, for warrants for the arrest of four men who had both failed and refused to pay their poll tax. Mr. Brownell, not wanting to rush the men into trouble, called each of them up by phone and asked if they were willing to pay up—and notified them that in the event that the money was not forthcoming in instant it would be his plain duty to issue the warrants. Three of the four at once "got busy" and handed over the cash, while the fourth seemed to be in doubt.

If his \$3 is not forthcoming the warrant will be issued for his arrest. While yesterday was the last day of the time set for the collection of the poll taxes it is probable that Mr. Blount will ask the county court to extend the time for a week or more to the end that he may get in some more of the money that he has his eyes on. It is said that hardly one-third of the money has been gathered that should be, though it is also said that Mr. Blount has made a far better showing this year than has been made for a long time. Next year it is proposed to "get after" the delinquents in even a harder manner. Of course if the county court extends the time for a week or so there is still time for many of the delinquents to be seen, and it looks as if the collector is getting in a mood to ask for warrants against all those who don't pay up promptly.

Guilty of Counterfeiting. Passing counterfeit money is no worse than substituting some unknown worthless remedy for Foley's Honey and Tar, the great cough and cold remedy that cures the most obstinate coughs and heals the lungs.

FOOL PLAN FADES.

ITHACA, N. Y., Nov. 30.—The identity of the person who recently disturbed the Navy Department at Washington by starting a post card chain of contributors of stamps to be applied to a fund for building a \$16,000,000 battleship to be called the United States, has come to light in Ithaca. He is Early W. Cooper, a son of a manufacturer and inventor. Cooper said that he realized the impracticability of his plan.

A NOBLE PURPOSE.

ROME, Nov. 30.—The General Assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture closed yesterday with an address by Signor Titoni, the Italian foreign minister. He said that the meeting was the first session of the parliament of the world and that it affirmed the solidarity of nations, races, people and governments and had as its object the amelioration of the condition of mankind in its war upon the parasites of speculation.



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