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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

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

Declaration Filed—
Declaration of intention to become a citizen was filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday by Oskar Justen, native of Finland.

Inquest Held—
Coroner Gilbaugh held an inquest over the body of Thomas Paulson, the logger who was drowned in the Necanicum river, yesterday morning, and a verdict of accidental death was returned. The body will be sent to Goble for interment.

In Probate—
Anna Sofia Svenson, widow of Peter E. Svenson, yesterday applied for letters of administration on the estate of her husband. She was appointed administratrix. The real estate is valued at about \$2750, and there is very little personal estate. There are five children, minors, and Paul Stangeland was appointed guardian of them.

Company Formed—
Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday in the office of the county clerk of Albert Dunbar & Company, to go into the drygoods and general merchandise business. There are three incorporators, Albert Dunbar, M. S. Dunbar and G. W. Lousberry with a capital stock of \$4000 divided into 80 shares of \$50 each.

Must Register—
If your name is not on the registration books by Friday afternoon of this week you will not be able to vote at the coming city election. Everyone must register. Only three more days. Tonight and tomorrow night the city auditor will keep his office open between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock for those who can't come in the day time.

Certificates of Approval—
Certificates of approval of the improvements on three streets were filed yesterday; on Third street, Commercial to Astor, E. A. Gerding, contractor, contract price, \$1230; on Grand avenue, Sixth to 5th, E. A. Gerding, contractor, contract price, \$2453; Irving avenue, Ninth to Eighth, Chris Larsen, contractor, contract price, \$517.

No Telephone Communicates.
At this day and age of improvements it is a rare occurrence to find any place of interest or importance that does not have telephone communication with the outside world, but there is one place that has not yet been "connected up." Go to the Astoria Theatre and hear the comic opera "Pinafore," next Thursday and Friday evenings and "Jimmie" Johnson will tell you all about it.

Hold City Responsible—
A communication was filed in the office of the city auditor yesterday by the Foard & Stokes Co. calling attention to the fact that the Foard & Stokes hall on Exchange street is being affected by the Irving slide and stating that the city would be held responsible for all damages resulting therefrom. The communication states that the slide threatens to wreck the building. If the various property owners whose property is being affected by the slide brings the litigation that they have threatened the city will surely have a lot of suits to defend.

Franchise Expires Friday—
Notice has been sent the officers of the Oregon Coast Railway Company that the time in which they must accept the electric car franchise over certain streets in the city expires Friday of this week. The sum of \$1000 must also be deposited by that time if the franchise is accepted. It is said that the company will let the franchise go by the board, as the company does not wish to tie up the \$1000 at the present time, and at a later date, when the rights of way to Seaside have all been secured, it is proposed to again ask the council to pass the franchise ordinance.

Two Good Suggestions—
A well known Astorian has handed in the following practical suggestions for removing stumps, and they are passed along for the good they may do for those interested enough to try them out: "One method is as follows: In the fall of the year bore a 1-inch hole, 18 inches deep, into the centre of the stump and put in an ounce of saltpetre, filling up with water, and plugging the hole up. In the spring take out the plug, put in half a gill of kerosene and set fire to it. It will burn the stump out to its farthest roots. Another plan: In the fall, with an inch auger, bore a hole in the centre of stump, 10 inches deep, and put into it one-half pound of oil of vitriol, and cork the hole up very tight. In the spring the whole stump and roots will be found so rotten that they can be easily eradicated."

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.

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Young Girl Better

Madelaine Longtine, the young Cathlamet girl who is at St. Mary's hospital, was in excellent condition yesterday and last night, according to the physician in charge of the case. While her case was deemed critical at first it is now said that there seems very little probability of a fatal termination of the matter. Reports from Cathlamet indicate that the town is very much excited over the whole episode, and much of the population has fallen into two camps, the one taking one side and the other the opposite. It begins to appear that the true facts of the whole shocking matter may not yet have come to light. That Dr. Peacock has friends who believe in him seems to be indicated by the developments, while more than one Astoria physician expressed profound disbelief of the anesthetic side of the story.

The Zephyrus

The first number of the third volume of the Zephyrus, the Astoria High School publication, was issued yesterday, and as usual is filled with bright and interesting things pertaining to the High School. The stories, the athletic section, the notes and the quips and jokes (and no school or college publication is ever complete without its quips and jokes) are all good; typographically, the little magazine is clean and attractive, and in every way the Zephyrus is a publication that its editors can be proud of. Other numbers will be issued monthly for the remainder of the school year. Following is the staff of the paper: Editor-in-chief, Florence Foster; associate editor, Fanny Gregory; business manager, William Utzinger; assistant editors: Alice Reed, Maude Ross; department editors—School notes, Seabury Short; alumni, Hattie Kopp; athletics, Kenneth Parker; exchange, Wilma Young; advertising, Lloyd Van Dusen; subscriptions, Alex Barry. Class editors—Senior, Annette Stinson; junior, Lena Pastabend.

PERSONAL MENTION

Charles J. Eckerlund departed for Portland and Carson Springs on Tuesday morning last.

S. M. Gallagher was a passenger for Portland on the 8:20 express yesterday morning.

E. L. Cronkite and wife took the morning train for the metropolis yesterday.

S. G. Williams, editor of the Skamokawa Eagle, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

D. C. Butler, sheriff-elect of Wahkiakum county, Washington, was in the city yesterday on matters of business.

George Cashel, of Svensen, spent the day in this city yesterday on a business quest.

Dr. Jay Tuttle has returned from a business trip over into the Puget Sound country.

Charles A. Davis, of Denver, was in the city yesterday, and quartered at the Hotel Occident.

Fred D. Rice was among the big crowd of visitors noted on these streets yesterday.

B. R. Burnham, of Chicago, spent the day in Astoria yesterday, and was domiciled at the Merwyn.

J. E. Everett, of Spokane, was doing business on the streets of Astoria yesterday, leaving up for the metropolis on last evening's train.

J. T. Schumaker, of Detroit, was among the host of drummers doing business in this city yesterday.

H. W. Smithson, of Los Angeles, spent several hours here yesterday on matters of business. He is a well known lawyer of the city of the Angels.

O. B. Baren, of Pendleton, was busy here yesterday, in the interests of the house he represents in the shoe line.

His Female Relatives.

Everybody is more or less interested in their female relatives, but few people have as many sisters and cousins and aunts as Sir Joseph Porter when he went aboard to inspect the good ship "Pinafore." They are a very unique feature of the comic opera "Pinafore," which will be given at the Astoria Theatre, Thursday and Friday evenings, Dec. 3rd and 4th.

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MYSTERY OF THE RIVER AND NIGHT REVEALED

MAN WHO WAS SEEN TO FALL FROM 14TH ST. DOCK WAS E. M. DINDINGER.

At 10 minutes to 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the mystery enshrouding the death of the man who was seen, by Inspector Nello Johnson, to walk off the dock at the foot of Fourteenth street about 9 o'clock on Monday night, was revealed with terrible certainty, when Otto Skibbe, with a pike-pole, dragged to the surface, practically from the very spot where the accident happened, the mortal remains of E. Milton Dindinger, one of the best known barbers in this city and a man with many friends, but who was, most unhappily, addicted to the lavish use of liquor.

Mr. Skibbe had not been at work on this sad quest but a few moments when his search was rewarded by the finding of the body, which was subsequently turned over to Coroner J. A. Gilbaugh, who will decide today upon the necessity for an inquest.

The presumption is that Mr. Dindinger, who had been drinking heavily for sometime past, had wandered to the waterfront and in his blind and almost helpless condition grew confused in the lights and shadows that interweave at that point, and walked to his death in the river unconsciously. That it was sheer accident is accounted for upon the hypothesis that the dead man had made no morbid declarations of late and was, in excellent humor when last seen alive by his friends, and by the further fact that there is no known reason why he should have taken his life deliberately. At all events this is the construction those who know him best put upon the dreadful affair and which is widely accepted by everyone who has discussed the matter at length.

Mr. Dindinger was a native of Pennsylvania (where, his parents now dwell in the old family home at Alleghany City), and was 43 years of age. He had been a barber working for the past three years at the shop of Lee Cadonau, at Bond and Twelfth streets and being, at that time, secretary of the local Barbers' Union. He was the father of two bright children, a son, Ralph, and a daughter, Miss Vera, both of whom are now in Seattle, with their mother, from whom the father has long been separated, his unhappy predilection for drink having sundered the couple. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Hyde, of Marshfield, Oregon, and two brothers, dwelling at that city, all of whom have been apprised of the tragedy, and from whom word of direction is expected today in the sad premise.

One rather startling circumstance is found in the history made by this accident, and that is, that the daughter of Mr. Dindinger, Miss Vera, who is well and happily known in this community, was yesterday morning wedded, in Seattle, at the home of her mother, to Mr. Louis Franciscovitch, of this city, a popular young man, and a nephew of Martin Franciscovitch, the well known merchant, and the happy young people are due to arrive here on the noon train tomorrow, to make this their future home.

The funeral of Mr. Dindinger will be arranged for as soon as his kinsmen have been heard from and in the meantime his colleagues of the Union will take all steps necessary, in conjunction with Coroner Gilbaugh, to meet the exigencies of the moment in accord with the sad demands upon them; and the arrangements made will be duly published in these columns tomorrow.

The news of Mr. Dindinger's death rapidly over the city and was received with sincere regret on all sides, for he had many friends who appreciated him for certain sterling qualities which no habit might disparage nor mitigate, and for these he is most kindly and honorably remembered.

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MEANEST HOLD UP ON THE OREGON RECORDS

HOW QUARRY WATCHMAN AT FISHER'S LANDING WAS HELD UP MODAY NIGHT

Captain Charlie Jordan, pilot on the jetty tug Samson, tells of one of the meanest hold-ups on record, which occurred on Monday night last, at the rock quarry at Fisher's Landing, above Vancouver. The victim was a night watchman for the company operating the quarry and a very poor, hard-working man and a good one, withal. The watchman occupied a boat-house moored alongside the quarry, at a point where the walls of the river-bank rise precipitately for feet. The robber, or robbers, made a line fast to a boulder on the upper bank, and slide down the rope in the dead of night, falling upon the unconscious watchman and beating him unmercifully and robbing him of the only money he had in the world, the residue of his last month's pay, \$30, in coin. They then climbed back to the road on the bank pulling the rope up behind them and disappeared in the gloom of the night.

The watchman was found the next morning in a critical condition, and his recovery is a matter of doubt, and even at best, will be a matter of many weeks.

Funeral Notice.

The funeral of Laura, wife of Charles Johnson, will take place on Wednesday, December 2, at 2 o'clock p. m. from the family residence, 326 Eighth street. Friends are invited. Interment in Greenwood cemetery.

Muscular Pains Cured.

"During the summer of 1903 I was trouble with muscular pains in the instep of my foot," says Mr. S. Pedlar, of Toronto, Ont. "At times it was so painful I could hardly walk. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was recommended to me, so I tried it and was completely cured by one small bottle. I have since recommended it to several of my friends, all of whom speak highly of it." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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Roasts of Mutton and Lamb, 16c, 12c, 15c.
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Beef for boiling, stewing, braising and pot pie, 5c.
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