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**TERSE TALKS OF THE TOWN**

**At The Hospital—**

William Mattson is ill at St. Mary's hospital. He is afflicted with blood poisoning, but not in a very bad form.

**Declaration Filed—**

In the office of the county clerk yesterday Alfred Berthleson, native of Denmark, filed his intention of becoming a citizen.

**Made Its Levy—**

The town of New Astoria—Hammond—has made its levy for its own purposes, at three mills, and filed the same with the county court.

**Ladies Aid Society—**

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Memorial Lutheran Church will be entertained this afternoon by Mrs. P. F. Brix at her residence on Third street. Members and friends cordially invited.

**For School Levy—**

The school board has set the night of Tuesday, December 15, for the annual meeting of taxpayers to determine the special tax levy for the coming year. The meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce.

**Growing Steadily—**

There was a total of 91 registrations yesterday, and this brings the entire number up over the 1500 mark. If the registration keeps up at the same rate today and tomorrow as it did yesterday, the grand total may reach about 1700 and this will not be considered so very bad.

A small investment in Swinton will bring big returns.

**Will Build Tank—**

Peter P. Lettick, of San Francisco, superintendent of the tank construction department of the Union Oil Co., has arrived in the city and today will commence the construction of a second tank on the Union Company's property in this city. It will have a capacity of 5000 barrels.

**Up From Coos—**

Hon. Elijah Smith arrived in this city yesterday on the steamer Alliance, from Marshfield. He comes on a private business quest and will be here for several days. Mr. Smith says that everything down in Coos is going on with fair promise, and that the result of the national election has loosened up capital and energy in noticeable fashion all over that section. Mr. Smith is, as usual, a guest at the Occident.

**Notice To Voters.**

The voters of the City of Astoria, will take notice that I am a candidate, upon the Democratic ticket, for the office of Water Commissioner, from the Second Ward of said city, and for the two-year term.  
ISAAC BERGMAN.

**To Pay Bequests—**

In the matter of the estate of Dorlon Tryon, deceased, the probate court yesterday ordered that the executor pay the bequests mentioned in the will to the various devisees. The amounts are small and the legatees are as follows: Esther Carlson, Mrs. Hulda McCaullay, Alfred H. Cleveland, Charles B. Cleveland, Minnie E. Gragg. It was further ordered by Judge Trenchard that the final report of the executor be made on January 8.

**Will Settle In Clatsop—**

Clatsop county is better off for the coming of one of Coos county's excellent farmers to settle up here, in the person of George Tucker, who has been employed to manage Dr. B. Owens-Adair's farm over on the West Side. Mr. Tucker brings his entire family, and has the reputation of being one of the best practical farmers on the coast; and he is welcome to this neck of the woods.

**Many At Funeral—**

The funeral of Mrs. C. A. Johnson was held yesterday afternoon from the home on Eighth street and was attended by several hundred men and women, while the floral offerings were many and beautiful. As the hearse proceeded with the body to the waterfront at Eleventh street a large number of friends of the dead woman followed on foot. The steamer Washington took the funeral party to Greenwood. The services were conducted by the Rev. William Seymour Short, rector of Grace church, and members of the Degree of Honor, of which Mrs. Johnson was a member, attended in a body.

**Pretty Young Voters—**

In his candidacy for the mayoralty Mr. Smith has had a number of cards printed, with his name and candidacy announced thereon, and it seems that he must have hired someone to distribute them. At one of the public schools there was a large consignment of the cards left, and the children have been having lots of fun with them. Naturally the little folks take their cue from what they hear at home and some of the notations made upon the cards have been both humorous and apropos. Its looks as if its a sort of a joke on the Democrat-Citizens' candidate, and perhaps in the future he will see that his cards are placed in the hands of "grown-ups."

Find out all about Swinton.

**Hot Drinks**  
Coffee and Chocolate.



**Off For Sweden—**

Bound on a homing voyage that will last probably for the next three months, Peter Johnson, Herman and John North, all of this city, departed yesterday for their old home in Sweden.

**Free Day At Wise's—**

Yesterday morning a committee of citizens composed of Messrs. G. Wingate, Carl Knutson and Karl Knobloch, at the request of Herman Wise, opened the sealed letters containing the date of the "Free Day," in the second, half of the special sale being carried on by Mr. Wise, and found that the day was "November 19th," so that all holding purchase coupons from Wise's store bearing that date, may go there and get their purchase money refunded.

**Two Days More—**

There are only two days more in which to register, today and tomorrow. Last night Judge Anderson kept his office open so that those who were occupied in the day time might have a chance to get their names down on the books, and quite a goodly number appeared. Tonight, also, the office will be open from 7 to 9 o'clock for the purpose of registration, and tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock the books will be finally closed.

**How Did Biggy Die?—**

Peter P. Lettick of San Francisco, who is in the city of the purpose of building an oil tank for the Union Oil Company, says there may be grave doubt that Chief of Police Biggy of San Francisco committed suicide by jumping into the bay from the launch. Mr. Lettick says he knew Chief Biggy well, and that not for a moment could he believe that he destroyed himself, and it is apparent from what he says that many others in the California city place little credence in the suicide theory. It may be even doubted that he was in the launch at the time it is said he was, according to some of the theories advanced.

**Cleaning Streets—**

Superintendent of Streets J. F. Kearney yesterday commenced a new plan of cleaning off some of the streets. Franklin avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth streets was covered with a thick layer of mud, and this was scraped up into piles by means of scrapers. The piles will be carted away. With the covering of loose mud taken off the street is left in pretty good shape, and the same plan will be worked on Bond street, and perhaps on Eighth street, also, providing there is enough dry weather to permit Eighth street to dry up a little. At present the Eighth street mud is simply a fluid mass, and scraping would probably do little if any good.

Swinton sells to those who know.

**County Court—**

At the session of the county court today the question of the tuition of pupils from the county who attend the Astoria High School will be considered. This matter has been explained in the Astorian several times; a recent law permits the county by means of taxation to pay the tuition of all county pupils who attend a high school in the county, and the county court and school board will now discuss the matter. At the meeting of the court yesterday James Jamieson, supervisor of road district No. 15 was authorized to secure 40 rods of puncheons for Red Bluff, and 80 rods of the puncheons for use on the Benecke creek road, all at \$1.50 per rod. The report of John Nelson, supervisor of No. 14 road, in relation to the bridge between Clatsop and Columbia counties was read and approved. The petition to divide road district No. 14 was laid over until the next meeting, the court having made a personal inspection of the territory and having made a suggestion of a solution of the matter.

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**Fresh Meat.**

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**Company Drill—**

Although the First Company had been formally notified that it might not be entirely safe to drill in the armory last night the members of the company looked the structure over and decided that if they could always be as safe as in the armory they would have no kick coming, and the drill went on merrily. The Irving slide does not seem to be affecting the building any more. The meeting last night was well attended and after a short drill the men went into company meeting. There are 79 in the organization now and it is announced that there is room for five more. In order to attend the state encampment next summer it is necessary for each individual member to have been a member of the organization at least six months before the state camp, and hence those who might like to enter would best do so at once. An annual inspection of the company has been ordered by Adjutant-General Finzer for the second week in January, and there will also be a regular quarterly inspection the last Wednesday of this month. All of the commissioned officers of the various companies in the state have been ordered to meet in Portland on December 28. It is stated that there are now 4000 men in the various coast artillery corps throughout the United States, and it is planned to increase this number to 18,000.

**PROPERLY REFERRED TO ONLY AUTHORITY**

**AN ASTORIAN REGRETFULLY PASSES UP A DIRECT AND LOGICAL INQUIRY.**

The Morning Astorian is just in receipt of the following pertinent inquiry, and confesses that it had quite forgotten the pending matters of charter amendment:  
"Astoria, Dec. 2, 1908.  
"Editor Astoria:  
"You state, this morning, in the Astorian, that the 10-mill levy proposed by the Council, will make, on present assessment, as large a tax as last year, nearly. How will it be added? That will make the city tax double what it was last year!"

"INQUIRER."  
The Astorian respectfully refers the thoughtful seeker after figures, to the elaborate exposition in yesterday evening's Budget, where it is proven to the complete satisfaction of the author of the Seawall bill and the meagre following behind that measure, that the \$500 propertyholder of Astoria will only pay about 17 cents a year for the glorious privilege of helping to build this vast strategical and commercial appendage to the municipal make-up. Perhaps in that absurd, and inspired, presentment of delirious figures, the anxious inquirer may find some clever twist that will serve his purpose; and in default, he may take the Astorian's word for it that the proposed 12-mill additional levies will not be made by the city of Astoria for some time to come, at least not by seven mills.

**PERSONAL MENTION**  
Dr. Emil Enna, the well known musical artist, was in the city yesterday on his regular visit to his large class of piano pupils here.  
A. Oppenheimer, of San Francisco, was in the city yesterday along with a hundred or more other business representatives on the road, and was quartered at the Occident.  
T. R. Beales, of Tillamook, spent the day in this city yesterday on matters of business.  
H. H. Schmidt, of Caswell, Oregon, was a business visitor in Astoria, yesterday.  
R. E. Shine, of Empire City, came in on the Alliance yesterday and was domiciled at the Occident.  
E. Hawkins and wife, of Ilwaco, were in the city yesterday visiting friends and shopping.  
J. Weberg, of Altoona, was noted

Dance and Piano Contest for Wise's Customers at Logan's Hall Dec. 30th. Piano number with each \$5 purchase.

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Prices

**HERMAN WISE**

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among the hosts of tourists in this city yesterday.

J. P. McCrea was a homing passenger on the steamer Alliance yesterday after nearly six weeks of pleasant sojourn in the Coos country. He came home in time to cast his vote for the Republican ticket at the city election. Mr. McCrea reports a splendid time and finds that country in flourishing condition generally.

C. B. Matthews, of St. Louis, was among the touring hundreds here yesterday, and was registered at the Merwyn.

T. E. Sinnott, of Milwaukee, spent the day here yesterday on a business quest in the hardware line.

D. B. Shannahan, of Oswego, N. Y., was noted on the streets yesterday. He is a drummer in the clothing business. He went back to the metropolis last evening.

T. Y. Shurtleff, of Spokane, was in the city yesterday on matters of business.

**"PINAFORE" TONIGHT.**

First Performance of This Popular Comic Opera Tonight.

Much interest in being taken in the production of this ever-popular comic opera which is to be presented at the Astoria theatre tonight and repeated tomorrow evening. For the past three weeks about 50 of the local singers have been engaged in its preparation, and last night's rehearsal found everyone well up in their lines and a chorus with as much swing and snap as is often seen in professional companies. The scenery has been especially prepared to represent the deck of the "Pinafore" and the costuming and stage setting will all go to make it a most enjoyable affair. The music of "Pinafore," written by Sir Arthur Sullivan is bright and catchy and this opera has enjoyed a longer consecutive run than any other composition ever written it being now on its fifteenth year by the original company as conducted by Sir Arthur Sullivan in the Savoy Theatre, London, England. The following is the cast of characters for the local production: Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B. ....

W. F. Gratke  
Captain Corcoran ..... V. A. Beharrel  
Ralph Rackstraw ..... J. I. Johnson  
Dick Deadeye ..... E. C. Judd  
Boatswain ..... J. Eldridge  
Boatswain's Mate ..... Dr. T. L. Ball  
Midshipmite ..... F. Gregory  
Sergeant of Marines ..... F. Spittle  
Josephine ..... Mrs. Harry Flavel  
Hebe ..... Miss Ella Thompson  
Little Buttercup ..... Miss Laurie McCann

**"THE DEVIL"**

Out of the common—something entirely different. Something that does not put you in mind of something else, or anything else. Such is the play called "The Devil" that Mr. Ervin J. Blunkall intends presenting to an Astoria audience next Sunday evening, December 6th. It will, at least, be a relief to see one play, at last, that will be entirely new. With such a reputed entertaining power, as all other critics have written this devil play, we feel sure that all Astoria theatre-goers will be anxious to make the best of the only occasion when they will be able to see this wonderful histrionic effort of a new genius, and pack the theatre to its utmost capacity. From New York to New Orleans, from drowsy Philadelphia to ever-awake San Francisco, from Los Angeles to rose bedecked Portland comes great reports, and most all theatre-goers in all these cities have gone to the Devil and liked it.



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**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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Head Cheese, 10c per pound.  
Roasts of Fine Oregon Pork, 10c, 12c.  
Delicious Roasts of Veal, 10c, 12c, 15c.  
Roasts of Mutton and Lamb, 10c, 12c, 15c.  
Prime Rib Roast Beef, 10c and 12c.  
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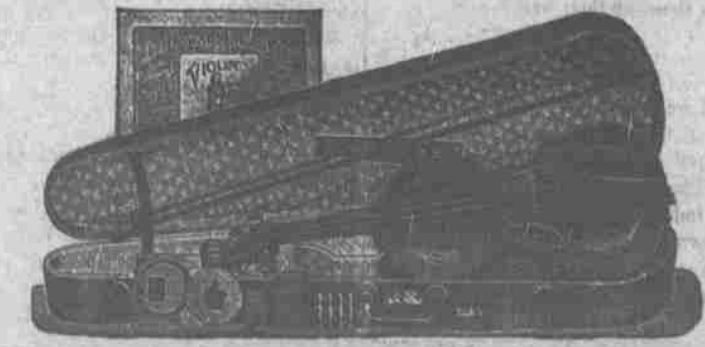
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