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VERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Warrants Called—

City Treasurer Dealey yesterday issued a call for \$3000 in warrants on the general fund.

Insane Persons—

Sheriff Pomeroy went to Clifton last night after two persons who are reported to be insane.

Societies Meet—

The two literary societies of the Astoria High School met yesterday afternoon in their regular sessions.

Marriage License—

License to marry was issued yesterday in the office of the county clerk to Peter Hill and Hilja Lakti, both of Seaside.

Big Passenger List—

The Rose City carried 411 passengers on her trip down last night. She stopped off here for an hour or more. Among the passengers was G. A. Pritchard, a newspaperman who formerly worked in this city.

Down From Portland—

Dell B. Scully of Portland is in Astoria, having come down for the purpose of attending the Elks' memorial lodge tomorrow, instead of being on one of his usual business trips.

New Business House—

Jacob Edison, the contractor, has just closed a contract with Mrs. Victoria Airolo, for a modern Russian bath house to be erected on the east side of Tenth street near Duane. The building is to be two stories and fitted with all modern conveniences. Work will be commenced at once, and the lumber is on the ground. Mrs. Airolo will occupy the second floor as a home.

He Leaves Town—

A young man who gave his name as Brennen was arrested by Police Officer Linville Thursday night on a charge of being an idle and dissolute person, and in police court yesterday he was fined \$30 with the alternative of 15 days in jail. He asked permission to leave town and this was granted. Brennen has been in town only a week or so, and was one of the proprietors of the restaurant in a building on Astor street which has been under the surveillance of the police. Over a week ago one of the three proprietors was arrested on a similar charge and fined. It is stated that the restaurant may not be a bona fide place of entertainment, but may be only used as a blind for the purpose of showing that its numerous proprietors have some lawful occupation.

Annual Sale.

Annual sale of fancy articles, very suitable for Christmas gifts, by the Young Ladies' Society of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, Twentieth and Grand, Saturday evening, December 5th.

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New River Homes—

Harry Blanchard, the genial purser of the Lurline, says that the new homes springing up along the Columbia river banks are becoming conspicuous for their number and beauty, especially on the lower river; and mentions the completion of the sanctuary of William Hamilton, at Altoona; those of Guy Howell and John Kennedy, at Skamokawa, and of J. S. Bailey, at Cathlamet. They are all where Harry can see them and he has noted their progress day by day as he passed them, so he knows.

Salmon Rates Raised—

Notice has been served upon all the owners and shippers of salmon in the Northwest, including the Astoria pants, that the rate of salmon, hence to the Atlantic seaboard, will advance 10 cents per hundred on and after the first of January; that is, from 75 cents per hundred to 85 cents. And during the month of January all such rates, hence to Southeastern ports of the country, the rate will advance 10 cents per hundred, or from \$1 to \$1.10 and on February 1st, it will drop back to the present prevalent rate.

Looked Like Burglars—

When the fire occurred at the Tallant place on Grand avenue Thursday night the family were all away, listening to the opera of "Pinafore," and when they returned an hour later they found their house pretty well turned upside down. At least it bore evidence of having been entered by someone, and the first thought that came was of burglars. The police were called in, and things began to look pretty serious when young Mr. Tallant appeared and explained that there had been a slight fire on the roof and that the firemen had been there.

Will Represent The P. N. Co.—

F. P. Baumgartner, of Portland, has been in the city on matters of business in connection with the new run and schedule of the steamer Sue H. Elmore between Tillamook, Astoria and Portland, which is programmed for this trip of that steamer, now in Tillamook Bay. Mr. Baumgartner will represent the Pacific Navigation Company at the metropolis, when the Astoria liner enters upon her competitive engagement with the new Dunham steamer, the Argo, which is to come on the coast run sometime this month, or first of next. Mr. Baumgartner returned to the metropolis on last evening's train.

Is Raising Chickens—

W. L. Thornadyke, formerly editor of the weekly Leader, is now engaged in raising chickens in a place called Forest Depot, Virginia, according to a letter received by a friend here. Associated with him is F. A. Mason, formerly a watchmaker in the employ of the Seymour jewelry store. It is understood that Mr. Thornadyke does not intend to come back, as his eyes trouble him seriously, and it is reported that a new man is coming to take charge of the paper, which now is controlled by the politicians of the Citizens' ticket.

Putting on Gravel—

Under the direction of Superintendent Kearney of the street department, Franklin street between 11th and 12th, is being covered with crushed rock. This street has been covered with a thick layer of loose earth, which became a mass of mud during wet times and a mass of dust during dry periods. Superintendent Kearney tried the experiment of scraping this loose earth off with a scraper and it seemed to work well; and then he used hose and thoroughly washed off the surface. Now the rock is being placed on the street and after it is rolled in the block should be in good shape again.

To Whom It May Concern.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the year is nearing its close and there are a number of births and deaths still unreported to the county health officer for legal record. All such delinquents are requested to file the necessary certificates at once according to law, in order that the official health records of the county may be made up and closed on December 31st.
DR. NELLIE S. VERNON,
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School Football—

A football eleven from the eighth grade of the McClure school and a team from the Shively school will meet on the athletic grounds upon the heights at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and it promises to be a hot game. Neither of the teams has had much coaching or practice, but the football fever is rampant among the boys now and there will be no lack of energy and pluck. Harry Upshur is manager of the Shively eleven, and he says that the McClure team is probably the heavier. One of the Shively players will be Kee Brown, a Chinese boy, who will play right guard. Astoria Chinese boys are thoroughly Americanized, it seems, for recently one little fellow had the appendicitis and now another goes into the great college game.

The Speakership—

In the race for the speakership things seem to be shaping up in definite alignment, according to reports from the metropolis, and it is said that the plum will almost certainly fall to Attorney John C. McCue of Astoria or C. N. McArthur of Multnomah county. Mr. McCue said yesterday that he feels reasonably certain that the speakership will come to him, though of course he is not underestimating the strength of Mr. McArthur and the other seekers after the place. Naturally many considerations are entering into the matter, not the least being the fact that the legislature is to elect a United States senator, and Mr. McCue has taken the position that the Republicans should organize the House as such, without reference to the political questions that are now agitating many of the Republicans of the state. Mr. McCue's position in this respect seems to meet with favor.

A Beautiful Function—

Tomorrow afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, Astoria Lodge, No. 180, B. P. O. E., of this city will hold its annual lodge of sorrow for the dead of the fraternity with all the customary beauty and solemnity of its ritual and has sent out hundreds of invitations in this behalf. This manifestation will be of exceeding interest to all who shall be fortunate enough to be present as a number of notables are to contribute to the splendid program of the hour. Ex-Attorney-General Cicero M. Idleman, of Portland, will deliver the oration of the day, in itself a commanding feature of the entertainment; while the lodge orchestra will be fully in evidence in the musical scores. Miss Laurie McCann, of this city will be among the soloists, and Miss M. D. Schwab and Mr. Stuart MacGuire, of Portland, will be down to contribute some splendid numbers in that line. A number of fine numbers in chorus and orchestral work have been provided, under the leadership of Mrs. C. H. Abercrombie of this city, and Mr. J. Hutchins, of the metropolis. It will be among the finest of the long list of fine demonstrations made by this lodge in this relation during the years of its existence.

PERSONAL MENTION

J. W. Cook of Portland is in the city a guest at the Occident.

L. Rosenberg of the Bay City spent the day here yesterday on matters of private interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Lewin, of San Francisco, were noted among the crowd of tourists in this city yesterday.

Ex-County Commissioner William Larson was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday. He does not come often, but when he does he has a happy tale to tell of the continued improvement of that fine farm of his out on the Lewis & Clark.

Hon. Oswald West, of the Oregon Railway Commission, was a visitor in the city yesterday. He had nothing special to report and was evidently down on one of his customary social trips, anyway everybody was glad to see him.

George Hibbert, of the Chinook Absolver, was in the city long enough yesterday to register at the Occident.

O. M. King, of Warrenton, spent the afternoon in this city yesterday.

C. W. T. Koch, of Chicago, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

M. F. Singleton, of Chicago, was among the host of visitors here yesterday and was quartered at the Merwyn.

Sale and Social.
Charity Lodge No. 55, Degree of Honor, will give a social and sale of fancy articles Saturday afternoon and evening. Refreshments will be served.

Notice to Members.
Members of the Carpenters' Union! You are hereby notified to attend a meeting of the Union this evening on account of important business. By request of the President.

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

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Between Dec. 1st and Dec. 31st 1908

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ASTORIA WILL FIGHT IT TO LAST DITCH

BELLINGHAM SEEKS TO HAVE LIGHTHOUSE HEADQUARTERS TRANSFERRED.

There is news coming out from Bellingham that perhaps deserves special notice here and in Portland, and may, if it eventuates at all, require a sharp and decisive fight to maintain the rights and conditions threatened. It is to the effect that in answer to telegrams sent to Senator Piles by the Bellingham Chamber of Commerce, urging him to take up with the Lighthouse Board and the Secretary of the Interior the transfer of the headquarters of Lighthouse District No. 13 from Portland to Bellingham, a message was received from the Senator at Washington yesterday stating that he had already put in motion the agitation of a change and that some action would probably be taken in the near future.

The change is asked on the ground that of the 33 lighthouses and lightships in district 13 but few are near Portland, as most of them are located on the Alaska coast and Puget Sound. Bellingham claiming to be the central point in the district urges her claims for headquarters.

A desire on the part of local merchants to put in bids for the supplies sent out from district headquarters to the various light stations is behind the move for the transfer of the government office. By government regulation, the headquarters of a district is the shipping point for all supplies.

It will be expedient for the Astoria Chamber of Commerce to keep tabs on this move and counteract it in every possible way, siding with Portland in any fight that may be necessary to block the game of the Bellinghamites.

A Fine Horse.
Mr. H. H. Smith, representing A. C. Ruby & Co., of Portland, arrived in Astoria yesterday, bringing with him one of the finest 3-year-old German coach horses on the coast. This splendid specimen of horseflesh is kept at Sherman's livery stable where Mr. Smith will take great pleasure in showing him to anyone interested. The horse is for sale.

Wanted.
Wanted a young lady to bake biscuits and serve coffee during our Malleable Range demonstration. Inquire at store, Foard & Stokes Hardware Co.



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Notice B. P. O. E. Elks.
All members of Astoria Lodge No. 180, B. P. O. Elks and visiting brethren are requested to meet at the lodge-room Sunday afternoon, December 6th, at 2 o'clock, to march from there in a body to the opera house to attend the annual memorial services which commence at 3 p. m. THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

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(It's all pure Hog Lard; no beef drippings or other adulterations.)
Smith's Pure Pig Pork Sausage, 12c per pound.
Hamburg Steak, as pure as pure can be, 10c per pound.
Liver Sausage, 10c per pound.
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.
Beef for boiling, stewing, braising and pot pie, 5c.
Pot Roast Beef, 6c, 7c, 8c.
Come to Smith's and take your pick of any loin steak in the market, such as Sirloin, Tenderloin and Flat-bone, 10c per pound.
Your choice of several different brands of creamery Butter, 65c per square.
Fresh ranch eggs, 35c per dozen.

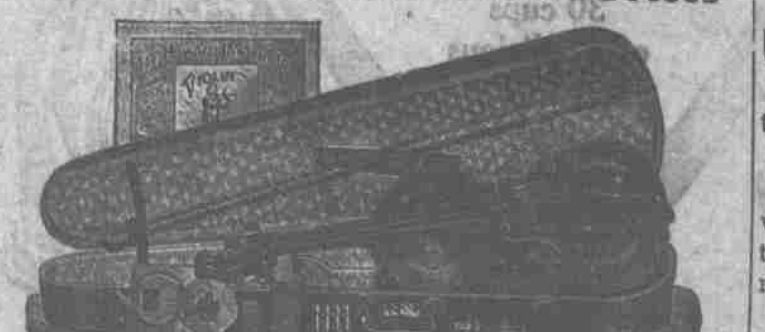
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