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VERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Monday Night—
 The city council will meet in regular session tomorrow night.

Will Teach Here—
 Miss Esther Sundquist will open a class in violin instruction this winter at \$1.00 an hour.

County Court—
 At the session of the county court yesterday it was ordered that James Casey be allowed \$1 a day for looking after the rock crushers and other county property.

Declarations Filed—
 Declaration of intention to become a citizen was filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday by Robert James Jackson, native of England, and by Aleksandri Parkaniemi, native of Finland.

License To Marry—
 License to marry was issued to John P. Martindale of Portland and Edna Johnson of Astoria; and to Christ Jacobson and Anna Jensen of Astoria; and to John Laine and Anna Janso, of Astoria.

His Wife Very Ill—
 Upon a telegraphic summons from his wife in San Francisco, who is alarmingly ill, William Ebert, of this city, left on last evening's Portland express, for the Bay City. He feared Mrs. Ebert would not survive until he reached her bedside.

Called Home Suddenly—
 Mrs. Georgie Rose, who has been here for some months as the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. O. Sutton, has returned to her home in Pendleton, upon a sad and sudden summons to attend the bedside of her aged mother who is very ill. Mrs. Sutton may follow her sister in a few days.

Miss Saunders' Funeral—
 The funeral of the late Miss Clara Saunders will take place at 8 o'clock this morning from the family home at the corner of Twelfth and Exchange streets, Rev. William S. Gilbert, pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Interment will follow at Greenwood cemetery.

Married At Church—
 At the Betanija Lutheran church last night, Christ Jacobsen and Miss Anna Jensen were married by the Rev. Gudbrand Blessum, pastor of the church. There were present only a few intimate friends and relatives of the bride and groom. The young couple will make their home in Astoria.

A Co-Fraternal Stag Party—
 On Friday evening last Astoria Lodge No. 6, Knights of Pythias, of this city, gave one of their thoroughly enjoyable stag parties, at their handsome quarters in the Pythian building, and had as their especially guests, about 75 of the Foresters. With such numbers and such a combination, no doubt is entertained of the entertainment; it was up to the best standard known, and none who were there is ever likely to forget it.

Ladies To Meet—
 A meeting of the ladies who are interested in the women's department of the Athletic Club is called for Monday night, in the rooms of the Athletic Club. It is desired that as many of the ladies be present as is possible. Already about 40 have been in their initiation fees and first month's dues, thus evincing their determination to take part in the activities of the organization.

Arrested At Rainier—
 A telegram was received by the police department yesterday afternoon announcing that Thurman Peck, who is wanted by the Astoria police, is under arrest at Rainier. Peck is accused of having stolen an iron casting, valued at about \$30, from the Pacific Iron Works and of having sold it to a junk dealer. Peck used to work in one of the local bathhouses. He will be brought back by the marshal of Rainier.

On To The Nehalem—
 Harry Bell, of Portland, the young man who created so much interest in motor boating here a year ago, when he brought down the "Rochester" from the metropolis to try things out with the local flyers, arrived here yesterday, en route to Nehalem, whether he goes to set up a new sash and door factory, having just disposed of a similar interest at Portland. He will leave out on Monday, if the day is propitious, in a 36-foot launch of his own.

Cathlamet Girl Better—
 Last night it was stated that Madeline Longtine, the Cathlamet girl who is ill at St. Mary's hospital, is improving and her condition now is very promising. The whole matter has attracted much attention at Cathlamet, and the prosecuting attorney from there has procured a written statement from the girl, in which she is said to have told the story from beginning to end. From reports that reach this city, politics are now playing a part in the episode in Cathlamet and no little bitterness is engendered.

Sewn With Wire—
 Because the compound fracture of the bones of his leg would not heal, Oscar Tarppa, a logger, who has been at St. Mary's hospital for a month or more, yesterday submitted to a peculiar operation. A silver wire was inserted and the two ends of the shattered bone brought together. The operation consisted of sewing the ends together with the wire. Dr. Forsstrom was in charge of the case. It is said that the sewing of splintered bones together with silver wire is not uncommon, and there is every hope now that Tarppa will soon recover.

Hot Drinks
 Coffee and Chocolate.


Bids Are Opened—
 In the office of the city auditor yesterday afternoon bids for the improvement of the alley upon which the street car tracks run between 38th and 42nd streets were opened and inspected by the streets committee of the common council. There were three bids. The estimate made of the probable cost of the improvement by Mr. Fer, the city engineer, was \$3480. The bid of A. G. Palmberg was for \$2797; that of Birch & Jacobson was for \$3050; and that of L. Lebeck for \$3295. The committee will recommend that the bid of Mr. Palmberg be accepted. By a glance at the figures it will be seen that the Palmberg bid was a little over \$680 under the city engineer's estimate. This improvement is made necessary by the fact that the piles and other foundation of the old improvement were badly decayed and had become dangerous.

Will Entertain Visitors—
 Secretary Thomas Grant of the Washington Chamber of Commerce has written to the Astoria Chamber of Commerce saying that the Washington organization is arranging to accommodate the members of other Chambers of Commerce all over the country who may wish to visit Washington during the approaching inaugural ceremonies. If any members of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce desire to make a trip to Washington during the inaugural ceremonies March 4th next, Secretary Grant writes that he will be more than pleased to know of their coming that his organization may show them any hospitality and attentions possible. Secretary Whyte of the local organization would be glad to forward any names of Astorians to Secretary Grant who may wish to be accommodated.

Against The Bulkhead—
 It is announced that the local Socialist paper, the Toveri, is against the seawall proposition, and at the same time is opposed to all of the proposed amendments to the charter. Much interest is being manifested in the election in Uniontown, where there are quite a few Socialists, and while at first it was stated that they as a rule were not taking any interest in the election, it is now said that many of them will vote. That they will have an influence in deciding the contest between Mr. Karinen and Mr. Carney for the council seems to be admitted.

Registration—
 Several men appeared at the office of the city auditor while the registration books were open and wished to have their names put down who had not had their first papers the requisite one year. One man had only had his first papers a few days when he wished to register. Yesterday it was ascertained that one man who was not qualified to vote had, by inadvertance, registered. It also was said that many of the Socialists of Uniontown were not taking enough interest in the election to vote, but nevertheless quite a few of them registered.

Bishop Scadding Here—
 Bishop Scadding of the Episcopal church arrived in Astoria yesterday at noon, and last night participated in the services at Grace church. Many of the communicants of the church were present and found great pleasure in the services and the address of the bishop. He made a short address, in a familiar, conversational tone, dealing with the subject laid down for the last night of the special week of prayer. This morning at 9 o'clock the bishop will hold services at Holy Innocent's chapel, and at 11 o'clock at Grace church. At 4 o'clock he will be present at the junior auxiliary, and in the evening will hold services at Seaside. The visit of Bishop Scadding is a notable event, and is so looked upon by the communicants of the church in Astoria. During his stay in Astoria Bishop Scadding is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brenham Van Dusen.

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 one 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,
 Health Officer, Clatsop County, Ore.

Sale and Social.
 Charity Lodge No. 53, Degree of Honor, will give a social and sale of fancy articles Saturday afternoon and evening. Refreshments will be served.

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TAXES AND MILLAGE FOR PAST 12 YEARS

SHOWING THAT REPUBLICAN BASES IN BOTH MATTERS NEVER BEEN DUPLICATED

Just to amuse and interest the thinking voters of Astoria on the eve of the municipal election, the Astorian is offering another group of comparative figures, which, like all others employed in this same behalf, do no honor to the pledges or perspicuity of the Citizens' administrations, and give no assurance of improvement in the (impossible) event of their re-election to civic trust here.

The figures run from the year 1896, the last year of Republican dominance, to the present year of (dis)grace, and show conclusively how "true" and "helpful" and "patriotic" this body of rulers has been to the trust confided to them. They speak for the taxes and the millage of the years and prove, that since the Republicans laid down the reins of government, the low rate of tax and assessment they stood for, have never once been duplicated nor even touched; but, on the contrary, have exceeded those bases, by leaps and bounds, year by year:

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REALTY TRANSFERS

Theo. Kruse Catering Co. to H. J. Fisher, lots 27, 31 and 32, block 3, second addition to Gearhart Park; \$500.
 Adda L. Wright to Mrs. Jennie Sweet, lot 7, in block 8, McClure's Grove; \$300.
 Wm. C. Barker to James T. Stoddard, south half of NE. 1-4 and NW. 1-4 of S. 32, and SW. 1-4 of SE. 1-4 of S. 29, T. S. N. R. 6; \$10.
 Seva B. Stewart and wife to James T. Stoddard, N. 1-2 of NW. 1-4 of S. 26 and lots 1 and 8 of S. 27, T. 6 N., R. 7 W.; \$10.
 Mary E. Macauley and husband to C. C. Clarke, lot 8, block 2, Pine Grove; \$400.

PERSONAL MENTION

M. Zimmerman of Portland was a business visitor here yesterday and was registered at the Parker House.
 T. Redmon of Seaside spent the day in Astoria yesterday.
 Mrs. Lou Moody and sister were in the city yesterday, and guests at the Occident.
 W. H. Goodal of San Francisco was one among the hundreds of tourists noted in the city yesterday.
 Captain and Mrs. Percy Willis Willis were in the city yesterday, from Fort Columbia.
 J. G. Merriman, of St. Louis, was here yesterday on matters of business and was domiciled at the Merwyn.
 G. F. Longstaff, of Montreal, spent the day here yesterday, and was quartered at the Northern.
 H. D. Stanton of the Rogue River country was touring this city yesterday and went to the metropolis on the evening train.
 H. T. Munson of The Dalles, was a sojourner in Astoria's midst yesterday and left for home on the evening express.
 R. E. Gladwill, of Tacoma, was in Astoria yesterday on a business quest.
 C. G. Parkinson, of Walls Walla, spent a few hours here yesterday on a business tour of the city, and went down to the coast on the evening train.
 T. S. Hutchins, of Knappa, was in the city yesterday.

Astoria H. F. B. T.—
 At a meeting of the Astoria High School's football team held at Coach Abercrombie's residence Saturday evening, Laurence Upshur was elected captain of the '09 football team and Laurence Rogers was elected manager. A. W. Wright was also elected assistant manager. Light refreshments were served and the boys spent a very enjoyable evening.

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

1 MORE FREE DAY!

Between Dec. 1st and Dec. 31st 1908

The last Free day was Nov. 19, 1908. All Wise customers holding sale checks for that date, will please present them and get their money back.

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ARRESTED BECAUSE OF THREAT TO KILL

EMPLOYEE OF KELLY LOGGING CAMP ACCUSED OF GETTING AXE AND GUN

At the instance of D. L. Kelly, of the Kelly logging camp near Clifton, a warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of one of the men of the camp who is charged with having threatened to kill his employer. The warrant ran against John Doe, but the mans name is A. Stahn, apparently.
 In response to a call for assistance, the sheriff and one of his deputies went to Clifton Friday night and arrested Stahn, and brought him back to Astoria yesterday. He was locked up in the county jail and later the warrant was served on him on the felony charge.
 According to the story of the matter in the office of the district attorney yesterday, Kelly had some trouble with the man, who either quit or was discharged and immediately demanded his wages. Seizing an axe he is accused of having threatened to chop his employer's head off. Later it is said, he procured a rifle and threatened to shoot him.

Handles Much Money—
 During the months of October and November, and in December to date, City Treasurer Dealey has paid out \$22,744.95 on warrants on the general fund and on street improvements. This sum constitutes the whole amount paid out during that time, including interest. Yesterday Mr. Dealey issued a call for \$1200 on the Sixth street improvement.

"THE DEVIL" TONIGHT.

Going to "The Devil" seems to be the proper thing to do tonight. The Ervin Blunkall Company with its combination of star picked players promises to give a pleasant shock to society in general, and the theatre patrons in particular, of this good City of Astoria. Seats are selling with rapidity and everyone seems bent on having a look in at the peculiar peripatetic peregrination of this Magestic King Mephisto. We are promised a refined, subtle, persuasive personage in one of his better moments, in this play of the Devil, which character will be artistically taken by Mr. Ervin Blunkall, pleasantly supported by his fine company.

Fresh Meat.
 Spare ribs, pork tenderloin, and other meats fresh daily at Braden's new meat market. See ad, page 4.

Norwegian-Danish.
 Morning worship at 11 a. m. and evening at 7:30; Sunday school at 10 a. m. Scandinavians are cordially invited. O. T. Field, pastor.

Church Services Today.

First Methodist.
 Themes for today: 11 a. m., "Satisfied"; 7:30 p. m., "The Fall of a Swift Politician." All politicians are cordially invited to attend. Specially good music at both services. All seats are free. Strangers cordially welcomed. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

Memorial Lutheran.
 Sunday school at 10 a. m. There will be no morning service owing to the pastor's absence at Chinook. Evening service at 7:30. Services held in the Congregational church, corner Tenth and Exchange streets. All are cordially invited to worship with us. Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor.

Presbyterian.
 Morning worship, 11 a. m., "At the Receiver"; Sabbath school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; evening worship, 7:30, "The Best Investment." Miss Reba Hobson, choir director. Solo in the evening by Mrs. Harry Flavel. Male chorus. All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.

Annual Sale.
 The Ladies of the Alderbrook Presbyterian church will give their annual sale on Thursday, December 10, in the church parlors.

Notice B. P. O. E. Elks.
 All members of Astoria Lodge No. 180, B. P. O. Elks and visiting brothers 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 2:30 p.m. THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

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 Smith's pure kettle-rendered Lard, 5-lb. paid, 65c.
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 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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