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TERSE TALKS OF THE TOWN

Mr. Stangeland Returns—
 Councilman Stangeland, who has been out of town much of the time for the past several weeks, is back again and will stay until after the election.

License To Marry—
 A license to marry was issued at the office of the county clerk yesterday to Anthony M. Carnessa and Nell Florence Davies, of Astoria. Mr. Carnessa is from Vallejo, Cal.

Trial On Friday—
 Thurman Peck, who was arrested in Rainier and brought back to Astoria on a charge of having stolen an iron casting from the Pacific Iron Works, was arraigned yesterday before Justice Goodman and his trial set for Friday.

"Call of the Wild"—
 The manager of the popular "Bakeronian" announces that he has obtained the beautiful and realistic film of the "Call of the Wild," which was so warmly received at the Grand, last week, and it will be on exhibition at the Bakeronian until further orders. It is one of the finest films ever brought to this city.

For Threats To Kill—
 Henry Stahn, of Clifton, was arraigned before Justice Goodman yesterday on a charge of having made threats to kill D. L. Kelly, of the Kelly logging camp, by whom Stahn was employed. The hearing was set for 2 o'clock this afternoon, when Stahn and Kelly will both have their witnesses present.

Arrested At Elk Creek—
 Sheriff Pomeroy returned Sunday night from Elk Creek, where he had gone after a man who was accused of breaking into several cottages and stolen a quantity of clothing. He arrested Charles Dyer, a stranger, who says he recently came from California. Dyer will be prosecuted.

Civil Service Exam—
 On January 6th, next, there will be a civil service examination held at the Custom House, for the positions of clerk, day inspector and deputy collector, in that branch of government employ. Applications must be filed on or before the 2nd day of January in this relation.

The Fourth, And a Boy—
 The home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Birch, at Twelfth and Jerome avenue, was made glad on Sunday afternoon last at 2:30 o'clock, by the safe arrival of a handsome, hearty boy baby, the fourth of his generation, and the pleasure of the episode is amplified by the excellent progress being made by his mother and himself.

For Police Commissioner—Chas. W. Barr, Citizens' nominee.

Vote for No. 18 X. A. S. Wentjar for Superintendent of streets.

County Roads—
 The three members of the county court have made several trips of investigation out on the county roads recently, and they had planned to leave yesterday for a tour in the eastern part of the county. The rainy weather, however, stopped their trip for the time being. Much money has been spent on the roads during the past year, and it is also said that a fine showing has been made for the amount expended.

Wedded On Sunday—
 At 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon last, Rev. John Waters, rector of St. Mary's Catholic church performed the ceremony which united the lives and fortunes of Miss Edna Johnson, of this city, and Mr. John P. Martindale, of Portland. The pretty bride has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Crawford for some weeks. They departed on the Sunday evening express for Portland and San Francisco, on a honeymoon trip.

Ladies' Annex A. A. A.—
 There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the members of the Ladies' Annex of the Astoria Amateur Athletic Association last evening at the association building and much preparatory business disposed of, chief of which was the election of Mrs. Herman P. Prael and permanent chairman of the Annex, and of Miss Nellie Utzinger, as permanent secretary thereof. A full meeting is called for on Thursday night next, at that place, and it is particularly desired that all ladies holding application cards shall be in evidence at that time. There is business of large importance to be discussed and discharged at that time.

Noted Singer May Come—
 L. L. Wisdom, of Portland, one of the contributing Elks in last Sunday's fine program here under the auspices of that order, yesterday started a subscription in behalf of the appearance here, in January, of Geo. P. Walker, an American member of the Royal Opera troupe, at Berlin and one of the great basso-profundos of the present day. Mr. Wisdom was quite enthusiastic over the reception accorded him yesterday, and it is quite likely the proposition will mature successfully.

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

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Hot Drinks
 Coffee and Chocolate.

Hoeflers

Died At Chinook—
 The sad news reached this city yesterday morning of the death, at St. Vincent's hospital, at Portland, on Sunday last, of Mrs. Christina Bertha Hanson, of Chinook, Wash., the beloved wife of Nicolai Hanson, in her 40th year. The remains will be brought to Chinook on the steamer Hassalo this morning and the funeral will take place at the Evangelical Lutheran church there at high noon today. Mrs. Hanson left a husband and two children to mourn her, and a multitude of warm friends to sorrow for the loss of one whom they honored and loved.

Rock On Street—
 Under the direction of Mr. Kearney, the superintendent of streets, Bond street, from Fifth to Ninth, is being covered with a layer of crushed rock. The layer does not extend the full width, but is principally toward the center where it is most required. Bond street never had a very high crown and the convexity of the surface was soon worn flat by the traffic. Recently it has been a mass of soft mud. Superintendent Kearney estimates that the cost for the crushed rock will be approximately \$30 a block. The rock placed on Franklin avenue, Eleventh to Twelfth, has been rolled and the street now wears quite a presentable appearance.

"The Devil"—
 The long anticipated appearance of "The Devil" at the Astoria opera house on Sunday evening last was the signal for an assemblage there of a big and eager audience. The house was comfortably packed, and the play was closely watched for all it promised. That it was startling in some of its suggestiveness, goes without saying, but it still remains a patent fact that its extraordinary candor was softened by some very clever acting on the part of Mr. Blunkall and his gifted group of players. The raw modernity of the play is its strongest claim to popularity, and its scathing presentation of the bad and ultra bad in society unfolds a lesson that may do some good. Mr. Blunkall, despite his physical antithesis to the lean, long and sardonic "devil" of trained imagination, was conscientious in every line of his work and was well and conformably supported by Miss Howard, Mr. Conway, and the Misses Sterling and Kearnes, the former of these two fast named ladies rather easily capturing the honors of the night. Miss Howard's work, as the wife, sacrificed to the duplicity of the "devil," was true and steadfast to her lines and the spirit of the part and gave an interesting portrayal of a very difficult role. On the whole the play was well received and left a strong impression behind it, that may be somewhat qualified upon a second witnessing of it, and in its favor.

ILWACO

H. H. Tinker, of Long Beach, who returned recently from the east, was in Ilwaco Thursday, shaking hands with his old friends.

Miss Betta Oleson, returned to her home in Portland the latter part of the week after a weeks visit with Miss Elenore Williams.

J. W. Seaborg returned Thursday from South Bend where he has been serving on the grand jury for the past two weeks.

W. P. Rowe made a flying business trip to Astoria the latter part of the week, going and returning the same day.

A. L. Gile of Chinook was in Ilwaco for a short time Thursday.

L. D. Williams and wife returned recently from South Bend, where Mr. Williams acted as clerk of the grand jury, during which time Mrs. Williams visited her numerous friends in that city.

Mrs. Abraham Tullila and two of her children are at present visitors to Astoria.

Benjamin Wise, returned Friday from Glendale Oregon, where he has spent the past month, with his brother Max Wise.

Geo. L. Colwell of Astoria, was in

Chance To Buy Presents.
 Sale of fancy work, dolls, doll clothes, cushions, home-made candy, etc., commencing at 4 p. m. today and continuing this evening at Elmore chapel, West Bond street, for the benefit of the West Astoria Sunday school.

We carry
Gunthers Dairy Milk Chocolates
 50c PER POUND
 Sold in any quantity from five cents up.
ALEX TAGG
 483 Commercial St., Astoria, Or.

MACHINIST'S UNION TO BUCK THE JAPS

EXPRESSION OF SENTIMENT MADE LOCALLY UPON AN ISSUE THAT INTERESTS

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Columbia Lodge No. 26, International Association of Machinists at the last regular meeting held in this city on Thursday evening, December 4, 1908, and is published by request:

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Columbia Lodge No. 26, International Association of Machinists do, hereby, indorse the action taken by the Astoria Central Labor Council in assuming the position they have regarding the importation of Japanese labor into this vicinity which position was clearly set forth to the public, in the letter written to the Chamber of Commerce, by a committee appointed by the said Labor Council, and published in the Morning Astorian in November, 1908.

"MACHINISTS' UNION"
 Ilwaco Friday, collecting water rents and disposing of other matters connected with the Holman Bros. business in this city.

Nelse Hughes a former resident of this city, has returned with his family and has purchased a blacksmith shop. There is plenty of work to be done and Ilwaco needs two good shops. Mr. Hughes is a good workman and it is needless to say that he

Mrs. J. W. Timmens and children of Stringtown were in Ilwaco Thursday doing some shopping.
 A very pleasant social dance was given Friday evening by the Life Saving Crew, at Fort Canby, which was attended by several Ilwaco people. The night being an ideal one for a boat ride, the launch Hulda I, was chartered leaving with the crowd about 7:30 and returning at about midnight. During the dance a dainty lunch was served, by some of the ladies. The people who attended expressed themselves as having had a delightful evening's enjoyment due to the efforts of Capt. Stuart and his crew, who have always endeavored, at all their dances to make the evening a pleasant one for all.

Mr. Ziegler of Astoria, Ore., arrived Saturday to scube a raft, for the Ilwaco Mill and Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Britt of Fort Canby, were visitors to Ilwaco Friday.

Saloons Must Close—
 Chief of Police Oberg stated last night that from 9 o'clock tomorrow morning until 6 o'clock in the evening every saloon in the city must be closed. According to Chief Oberg this will be strictly enforced in accordance with the law. It is during these hours that the polls will be open.

CARD OF THANKS.
 We, the undersigned, desire to express our heartfelt thanks to all friends who, in any manner, contributed to our convenience, comfort and peace during the last illness and death of our dear daughter and sister.

MRS. G. SAUNDERS, IRENE SAUNDERS, ORA SAUNDERS.

For Police Commissioner—Chas. W. Barr, Citizens' nominee.

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.

WOOD AND COAL

If you want a good load of fir cordwood, slabwood, boxwood, or coal, put in your basement at \$7, ring up Kelly, the wood and coal dealer, the man who keeps the prices down. Main 2191, barn: corner Twelfth and Duane.

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Vote for No. 18 X. A. S. Wentjar for Superintendent of streets.

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.

Suits Overcoats at Reduced Prices

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 Astoria's Reliable Clothier and Hatter

TAX LIST MAKES A FINE SHOWING

Sheriff Pomeroy yesterday completed the recapitulation of the 1907 tax roll and it is a remarkable showing as the delinquency is only \$69.71, whereas it is usually in the neighborhood of \$3000. The recapitulation is as follows:

RECAPITULATION.

Amount of total tax roll when received by sheriff	\$255,112.69
Amount of error on total tax roll	.01
Amount of error on total tax roll page 457	1.00
Total tax roll	\$255,113.70
Amount of penalty collected	786.78
Amount of sheriff's assessments	2477.18
Amount of over collection	107.45
Amount of costs received on before sale	24.15
Amount of penalty delinquent certificates	240.21
Amount interest on delinquent certificates	143.73

Total 1907 tax roll	\$256,663.20		
Paid Treasurer	3 per cent rebate	Errors	Total
County and state	\$ 87,806.32	\$2,308.02	\$ 90,649.47
County school	28,164.30	740.30	29,076.22
Court House	33,134.43	870.95	34,207.30
City of Astoria	33,759.04	890.98	34,971.68
City library	1,236.30	26.23	1,272.00
City Park	1,236.26	26.23	1,271.96
New Astoria	198.61	4.87	205.93
West Seaside	496.04	10.78	511.31
Penalty collected	831.75		831.75
Interest collected	338.97		338.97
Costs collected	24.15		24.15
School districts	36,239.28	909.72	37,505.04
Road districts	24,939.55	669.07	25,729.73
Total	\$248,404.96	\$6,457.15	\$1,731.38
Amount still delinquent			69.71
Grand total			\$256,663.20

Card of Thanks.
 Astoria, Or., Dec. 7, 1908.
 We desire to tender our heartfelt thanks to all kind friends and neighbors whose deeds of kindness and kindly ministrations in our loss of a faithful and dutiful wife and mother, and the many manifestations of sympathy extended to us in our bereavement, and especially to the members of the Degree of Honor, and assure them, that their kindness will ever be engraved on the tablets of memory and the many beautiful floral offerings presented assuage the grief of the afflicted and each and every friend, with kind offerings, will ever be held in grateful remembrance.
CHAS. A. JOHNSON AND CHILDREN.

Free All This Week.
 The Malleable, made in South Bend, is built of true and tried steel and enduring Malleable Iron. You could not burn it out or crack it if you tried. It burns perfectly and cooks good things as you want and when you want them. See it at the store of Foad & Stokes Hardware Company all this week. Delicious hot coffee and three-mhute biscuits free.

IT IS SAID THAT EVERYBODY IN ASTORIA EATS SMITH'S MEATS—WHY SHOULDN'T THEY AT THESE PRICES?

Smith's sugar-cured Oregon little Pig Hams, 16c per pound.
 Smith's sugar-cured Breakfast Bacon, 17c per pound.
 Smith's pure kettle-rendered Lard, 5-lb. paid, 65c.
 (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.
Frank L. Smith Meat Co.
"Fighting the Beef Trust"
 12th Street Bet. Bond and Commercial
 253 Taylor St. Uniontown
 We have no other shops but the two mentioned above.



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When you're among strangers or at any function undergoes the most exacting criticism, and your character to a large extent judged thereby. So it behooves you to wear only the best at all times both in fabric and fit. You can secure the very best of Shirts, Collars, Cuffs Etc., here at the lowest of cost commensurate with superior workmanship and fabric.

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