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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Returned Home
 Dr. F. J. Friedrich, who has been away on a vacation of several weeks, has returned. From Astoria he went to Chicago, thence to New Orleans and thence down into old Mexico, coming home by way of Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Hard On Voters
 For all the men who work in factories and mills it may prove a somewhat difficult thing to vote today, unless their employers grant them time off or close down early so that they may get to the polls before 6 o'clock.

Citizenship
 Andrew Fors yesterday made application in the office of the county clerk for his first papers. Johanna Plekkola, a woman, also made the same application, not for the purpose of being able to vote—for women can't vote in this state—but evidently to permit her to take up land.

Another Little Citizen
 Another little Astorian was born yesterday morning at 2 o'clock, to Mr. and Mrs. John Considine at their Eighteenth street home. Mother and babe are both flourishing nicely and Mr. Considine is doing as well as could be expected under the happy circumstances.

Saloons to Close
 The state law provides that at all elections like the one today the saloons must be closed. Chief of Police Oberg has sent out word that the law will be strictly enforced today while the polls are open. At the primary a month ago the law was not enforced, though the saloons kept their front doors shut and were a little bit careful about not being too open in their disregard of the law.

Death of Mrs. R. A. Brodie
 The following, taken from yesterday's Portland Oregonian, will tell a mournful tale to many an Astorian, who knew and warmly admired the deceased lady: "Brodie—in this city, December 6, Myrtle Bilhn Brodie, beloved wife of Robert A. Brodie, aged 27 years. Funeral from Holman's chapel Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Friends invited. Interment in River View Cemetery."

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

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.

Married at Home
 A. M. Canessa and Miss Nell Davies were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pardee, in Upper Astoria. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William Seymour Short, rector of Grace Church, in the presence of the relatives and a number of friends. Miss Grace Davies acted as bride's maid, and Tom Davies as best man.

Athletic Club
 The directors of the Athletic Club have decided to set the initiation fee for boys at only \$1, and their monthly dues at 50 cents, instead of \$2.50 for the fee and 75 cents for the dues, as was at first suggested. This very low price for the boys should permit almost any lad in town becoming a member of the association. It has also been decided that the ladies annex shall be granted the full day on Thursday.

Leathers' Will
 The will of the late Richard M. Leathers was admitted to probate yesterday by Judge Trenchard. The application for the probate of the will stated that the probate value of the estate is \$9000, though this perhaps is not meant to be an accurate appraisal. The will gives the property to the widow, Mrs. Anna Leathers, and to their child, Mrs. Leathers is named as executrix. The will was duly proven and letters of testamentary were issued to Mrs. Leathers as executrix.

Up From Seaside
 Editor F. M. Watson, of the Signal, was up from Seaside yesterday, and as usual, had a mighty cheerful word for the snug little city under the frowning Tillamook Head. Mr. Watson says that there is a lot of building going on down there, some 12 or 15 houses being now underway, including the box factory. Four of the homes going up at present will cost over \$4000 each. He also reports that the schools of Seaside are in flourishing condition, with 300 likely youngsters in attendance and six able teachers in active and compensating service.

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

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Hot Drinks
 Coffee and Chocolate.



New Officers Elected
 The Ladies of the Grand Army, of this city, have elected the following named officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. C. W. Lamar; treasurer, Miss Mary Dealey; chaplain, Mrs. W. P. Shaw; senior vice, Mrs. N. C. Brenstedt; junior vice, Mrs. Thurston; conductor, Mrs. A. A. Douglas; assistant conductor, Mrs. Lena Cole; guard, Mrs. Mary A. Kinsey; assistant guard, Mrs. Whitbeck; secretary, W. P. Shaw; with Miss Mary Dealey as patriotic instructor. A delightful time was had at the session.

Athletic Club Dance
 At a recent meeting of the directors of the Athletic Club it was decided to give a dance in the hall on the night of December 21, just a few days before Christmas. The dance will be free, and a general invitation will be extended to the public, as it is desired to have everyone see the Athletic Club's fine new quarters. By that time the place will be nearly furnished and fitted out with its gymnastic apparatus. The directors at their meeting also paid a number of bills.

Judges and Clerks
 The same judges and clerks will act at the polls today as at the primary a month ago, though in case any of them fail to show up or are disqualified for any reason appointments will be made to fill the vacancies. It is probable that the polls will be watched pretty closely today to see that all goes smoothly. Voters who have not registered cannot vote; unless a certain oath be taken before the judges by the one who wishes to vote, and certain affidavits must also be filed by at least six voters in support of the applicant. The polling places are the same as at the primary. The police yesterday put up the booths and made other necessary arrangements for the voting. The polls will be open from 9 to 6 o'clock.

The Seiners and Trappers
 There was an important session of the Seiners' & Trappers' Association held at Chinook yesterday, according to Hon. J. R. Burke, who arrived in the city from there yesterday afternoon. There were about 50 members present and Mr. Burke, as president, had the chair, while Secretary William Dickson, had charge of the records. Strong resolutions were passed declaring for a longer closed season in the spring; for Sunday closing; for drawing a "dead line" on the Columbia bar; recommending that all fish commissioners and hatchery superintendents be put under civil service rules; and that the states provide for rearing ponds at all hatcheries. Mr. Burke also announced that the forthcoming meeting of the fishing interests called for next Friday, at Portland which had been called to meet at the Imperial Hotel, has been changed to the Hotel Cornelius in that city, and that all delegates and visitors were to govern themselves accordingly.

Clouds of Smoke
 No matter who is elected today for the council it is probable that some effort will be made to institute one certain change in the workings of the council chamber. This change refers to smoking in the council rooms during sessions. Much complaint, both open and covert, has been made in regard to this, and yet no one member of the council or other city official has yet worked up sufficient moral courage to try to call a halt. At every session of the council the room soon becomes filled with a blue haze. The ventilation is always miserably poor. Usually it is too hot for some. What with the smoke and the heat councilmen get nervous, and squirm about and sweat to get through. Visitors make sudden dashes for the doors. Those who don't care very much to smoke pull out cigars in self-defense. Nearly all the members of the council smoke. The two newspaper men who usually are at the sessions smoke vile pipes. Probably nearly every member of the council would in his secret heart feel glad if some one would introduce a resolution asking that smoking be stopped during the session.

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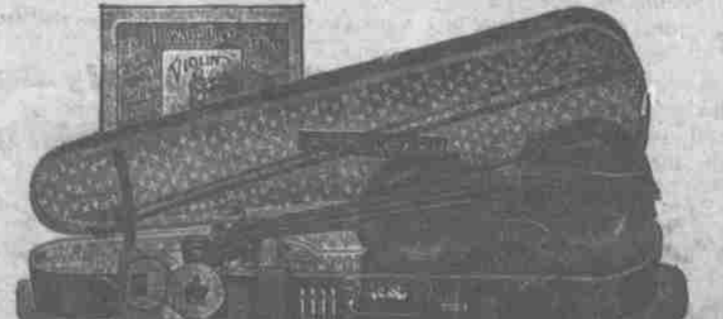
Electric Car Line
 At the meeting of the common council Monday night a communication was read from the Oregon Coast Railway Company, by its vice-president, Norris Staples, stating why the company was not in a position at this time to accept the franchise granted the company over certain of the city streets, and for its failure to deposit \$1000 as a guarantee of intention to construct the line. As soon as all the rights of way are secured and the financial backing obtained the company will then ask for the franchise again. The communication filed with the council asked that the right of accepting the present franchise be extended until next spring, but inasmuch as it had already expired by limitation the council did not see its way clear to grant an extension. Much difficulty is being experienced in securing the rights of way from Astoria to Seaside, though all the principal property owners declare they are willing to give the rights of way upon certain conditions that they believe fit their individual cases. The delay is very unfortunate, as it is understood that the necessary financial backing is ready.

Thefts by Wholesale
 The trial of Thurman Peck, who is accused of having stolen a valuable casting from the Pacific Iron Works, was to have been held on yesterday, but it was postponed until Friday. Behind the arrest of Peck there lies another story. In justice court yesterday H. C. Harrison, of the Pacific Iron Works, stated that the company has been robbed of perhaps \$1000 worth of castings, brass pieces and pieces of machinery during the past year. Peck stole the castings for which he was arrested, according to his own admission made in open court, but strong efforts have been made to ascertain if he was not only one of a gang which has committed the wholesale deceptions. Peck however, denies all knowledge of the other thefts. It is said there really was not sufficient proof to have convicted Peck, but even after he had been informed that it was not requisite for him to make any admissions against himself he is said to have admitted his guilt. He had been drinking, it seems.

Experiments Fail
 Hector Desjardins and W. A. Potter, the two young men who have been making experiments with clays found in this neighborhood, have completed their tests. The result of their work has been far from satisfactory, and if their tests be taken as final they would indicate that it would only be a waste of time to spend any money in trying to do anything in a manufacturing way with the clay products of this locality. Two or three kilns were burned, and in each instance the local clays turned out very badly, according to the two gentlemen. In the last kiln various clays were burned—some English clay, some from the east, and some from this county. The foreign clays turned out very well indeed, while the local clay did not. This would appear to be conclusive, since all were burned at the same time. Yet at the same time it is well known that certain of the clays found in this county are sent to Portland by the barge load and are used there for tile and other purposes. The two gentlemen conducting the experiments here simply aver that the clays given them for experiments turned out as indicated. A woman who refused \$500 for a tract of land containing a vast amount of the clay like that used probably will be sorry to hear of the outcome of the experiments, as the land is otherwise comparatively worthless.

PERSONAL MENTION
 L. A. Loomis, of Ilwaco, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.
 C. W. F. Koch, the well known Chicago drummer, was in the city yesterday and quartered at the Occident.
 W. G. Zeigler of Portland was doing business in Astoria yesterday.
 M. Bredemeir of Portland was a visitor in the city yesterday, returning.

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NEXT SUNDAY.

Only the largest cities in America had an opportunity last season of witnessing "Little Johnny Jones," George M. Cohan's very successful musical melodrama. That the play



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will be presented in this city next Sunday at the Astoria theatre has interested our theatre-goers to such an extent that the demand for seats has been unusually large. "Little Johnny Jones" is promised as one of the most pretentious musical productions of the past dozen years and one of the most beautiful from a scenic standpoint on tour this season. It is in three acts and four scenes and will be presented here with the same massive and realistic scenery as seen for six months in New York last season and over four months in Chicago. The cast is a notable one, while the company numbers, with principals and chorus, 75 people.

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Annual Sale.

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

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- Lamb Loin Chops.....15c
- Shoulder Lamb Chops.....12c
- Whole Shoulders to Roast.....10c
- Frankfurt Sausages.....10c
- Bologna Sausages.....10c
- Blood Sausage.....10c
- Liver Sausage.....10c
- Head Cheese.....10c
- Ham Sausage.....15c
- Smith's Pig Pork Sausage.....12c
- Shoulder Roast Pork.....10c, 12c
- Whole Shoulder Roasts.....11c
- Shoulder Pork Chops.....12c
- Loin Pork Chops.....15c
- Loin Rib Roasts of Pork.....15c
- Pork Hocks.....8c
- Fresh Pig Feet.....5c
- Smith's Pure Lard in 5-lb. pails.....65c
- Sirloin Steaks.....10c
- Tenderloin Steaks.....10c
- Best Porterhouse Steaks.....12c, 15c
- "T" Bone Steaks.....12c, 15c
- Round Steak.....10c
- Best Pot Roasts.....7c, 8c
- Beef for Boiling.....5c, 6c
- Prime Rib Roast Beef.....10c, 12c
- Pickled Pork.....12c
- Dry Salt Pork.....12c
- Smith's Pig Hams.....16c
- Breakfast Bacon.....16c, 17c
- Fresh Eggs.....35c dozen

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