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### VERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

**Is Quite Ill—**  
John A. Montgomery is quite sick, apparently with lung fever.

**License to Marry—**  
License to marry was issued yesterday by the county clerk to Kalle Ervasti and Lyyti Lahtinen.

**Assembly Ball—**  
The first assembly ball of the season was held in the Athletic Club hall last night.

**For Public Building—**  
Senator Fulton has introduced a bill in the Senate asking for an appropriation of \$500,000 for a public building in the city of Astoria.

**Seaside Levy—**  
The city of Seaside yesterday filed with Mr. Clinton, the county clerk, its levy for the coming year. The rate set was three mills.

**Doctors Meet—**  
At a meeting of the Astoria Medical Association held Friday night Dr. Pilkington was elected president for the coming year and Dr. Clara W. Reames, secretary.

**Mayor Signs—**  
Mayor Wise yesterday signed the ordinances passed at the last meeting of the council and also much of the warrants as had been prepared. Probably all of the warrants will be signed some time today.

**Water Commission—**  
The regular meeting of the water commission will be held this evening, but it is said to be probable that very little business of much importance will be carried out as the new commission will soon take over the affairs of this department. There will be several changes in the commission.

**Seiners Meet—**  
At the seiners' and trappers' meeting at Chinook Tuesday strong resolutions were passed declaring for a longer closed season in the spring; for a 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 at all hatcheries.

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used freely. The result of the balloting shows as follows: For Mayor—Polwarth 49, Gorman 30. For Councilmen—Butler 79, Wise 59, Nassa 52, Burke 50, Birnie 44, White 33, Hanigan 28, Cooper 27, Doumit 27. The first five are therefore chosen. For Treasurer—C. H. Warren 79. The election board consisted of Lu Fitcha, E. S. Ackerman, Theo. Nassa and Enoch Elde, and their work was conducted ably and in an expeditious manner.

**The Stahn Hearing—**  
The preliminary hearing before Justice Goodman of Henry Stahn occupied most of the afternoon yesterday and a number of witnesses were heard. Stahn's testimony tended to show that he was only defending himself when he procured a gun. He is charged with having threatened to kill D. L. Kelly of Clifton, but Stahn testified that Kelly had first struck him and knocked him down. Attorney Eakin defended Stahn, and he remarked that the prosecuting witness should have been made the defendant in the case. At the conclusion of the hearing Justice Goodman said he would withhold decision until this morning. The prosecution was conducted by the assistant prosecuting attorney, Mr. Brownell.

**Four Fine Films—**  
Saturday's exhibit at the "Grand" promises to be one of the finest of the season. There will be four especially fine films unrolled there, entitled "Money Mad," "The Awful Baby," "A Sinner," and the "Dummies on a Spree," than which nothing more amusing and interesting has been shown there this year.

**Died At Stella—**  
Word was received in this city yesterday from Dr. McLeod, of Stella, of the death, at that place on Thursday, of Mr. William Gorman, the brother of Hon. Michael Gorman, mayor of Cathlamet. The deceased was in his 49th year and highly respected throughout the valley and state. Interment will take place today, at Stella, after the arrival of the morning train hence to Portland.

**A Finger-Nail Substitute—**  
Just as an illustration of the queer expedients that may be resorted to these days to make good when some supposed essential is missing, a well known lady in this city, who delights in music and possesses one of the best phonographs in the city, the other day found herself out of "pointers" and having a specially beautiful record on the machine, was momentarily non-plussed what to do to achieve the hearing of it, when it occurred to her to try her finger-nail in the delicate grooves of the plate. She started the machine and placing the edge of her nail in the initial line there until it was wound out, getting the full benefit, in a subduel way, of every note in the splendid production. It was an eye-opening in the gentle art of phonography that was quickly appreciated; but, it may be said, in passing, that process will soon reduce a record to nullity if it is followed up with any persistence.

**Words of Appreciation—**  
The Astorian has received various words of commendation for its course during the municipal election. The Astorian should be highly commended," said G. C. Flavel last evening in conversation with a representative of the paper, "for its strong and clean campaign, especially as against the seawall amendment. I would like you to know that I appreciate it, and there are many others who also do. The Astorian fought a good fight for good government and for the taxpayer, and perhaps many will realize it all the more now that the smoke of the battle has cleared away. Certainly the property holders realize it. Had the seawall amendment carried I am afraid really values would have been seriously affected." Mr. Flavel, as every one knows, is perhaps the heaviest holder of waterfront property, especially, of anyone in Astoria.

### Fresh Meat.

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**Beaten And Robbed—**  
S. T. Parks, connected with the sewing machine agency on Tenth street, was cruelly beaten and robbed by highwaymen while walking from Ft. Columbia to Chinook last Wednesday evening. He was struck over the head and side of the face with some heavy budgeon and knocked insensible. He was on the road between the two places and remembers nothing of the episode other than that he dimly recalls having been struck a terrible blow. When he partially regained consciousness he staggered along the road toward Chinook and finally reached there. He had been robbed of \$120. Yesterday morning he came over to this city. While his condition is said not to be serious, nevertheless the wound is an ugly one. It was on this same night that the saloon at Chinook was robbed of \$1500, perhaps by the same persons who attacked Parks.

**Wedded In Chinook—**  
A very happy affair transpired at the lively little city of Chinook, on the north shore, on Thursday evening last, when, at the First Lutheran church in that place, the lives and destinies of Mr. Gustav Strand and Miss Victoria Svensen, both of that city, were united under the ritual of that faith, by Rev. G. A. Rydquist, the well known pastor of the Memorial Lutheran church of this city. The hour was 5 o'clock p. m., and the edifice was crowded to its very doors, many people coming in from the outlying territory to witness the union of the young people widely known in all that country. Beside the formal equipment of the chancel and altar the national emblems of America, Sweden and Norway were conspicuously draped at proper vantage, and the chancel rail was adorned with the same beautiful and suggestive colors the scheme telling, happily, of the tri-national love and obligation of the bright young people who were principals in the event. After the ritualistic ceremony, a splendid home supper was given the bride and groom at the home of Mrs. Carl Simmons, the sister of Mrs. Strand, to which a great host of guests did ample and righteous justice. The affair is of record, in Chinook as the most pronounced event of the kind ever chronicled there, in point of numbers and the perfection of the detailed appointments of the hour.

**Poll Taxes—**  
The announcement in the common council at its last meeting by Councilman Robinson that it would be well to instruct the city attorney to compel the county court to make an accounting for the poll taxes collected within the city limits apparently has not feazed the members of the county court. Judge Trenchard makes the retort courteous. "If the city will pay for the miles of county roads that we have improved and kept in repair within the city limits," he said, "perhaps we would be glad to turn the money over. But inasmuch as the law declares that poll taxes shall be rendered to the county court, and shall be applied by the county court in the district wherein they have been collected, it may be difficult to see what the city council is driving at. But if the law is ignored and the money turned over, would there be an assurance that the money would be spent for the purpose required by law, or would it be sunk into some other fund? Also would the council see that the proper amount of money

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be expended on the roads connecting with the county roads?" Judge Trenchard is apparently satisfied that the poll taxes are going right where they legally belong, and a casual reading of the law seems to bar him out.

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A. S. Philleo and wife of EA Philleo lot 5, block 3, The Plaza; \$225.

Richard Lemon and wife to Douglas Land & Trust Co., 14 lots in block 4, Clatsop Grove; \$10.

### ATHLETIC CLUB'S NEW COMMITTEES

PRESIDENT FULTON ANNOUNCES LIST OF GENTLEMEN ASKED TO SERVE.

G. C. Fulton, president of the Athletic Club Association, yesterday announced the list of the various committees that have been appointed by the board of directors. The committees have been formed with the utmost care, and a glance over the names will show that many well known gentlemen have been called upon to act in one capacity or other. The full list of committees is as follows:

Football manager: C. A. Abercrombie; baseball manager: Fred Wilson; committee on tennis: C. R. Higgins, chairman, M. W. Lounsbury, E. M. Cherry; committee on auditing: Olof Anderson (chairman), M. E. Master-son, Oswald Gustafson; indoor athletic committee: H. R. Hoeller (chairman), Edward Strumeyer, Toney Huss; committee on billiards and pool: Dr. A. W. Kinney (chairman), Dr. F. H. Vaughn, Edgar Gearhart; committee on baths: Fred Johnson (chairman), Dr. C. W. Barr, R. J. Pilkington, M. D.; entertainment committee: W. A. Eigner (chairman),

G. F. Judd, W. F. Gratke; grounds committee: A. V. Allen, Jr. (chairman), Lawrence Rogers, Melville Morton; handball committee: D. B. Allen (chairman), Wilson Sime, Thomas Corbett; general house committee: H. F. Prael (chairman), Fred Simington, C. M. Cellar.

It is planned to organize a football team, baseball team, and to have various other sports. The handball enthusiasts also will probably organize for matched games. The house committee, entertainment committee, and all the others show that the men on them have been carefully selected and probably much can be expected from them.

On the night of December 21, on Monday night, it is planned to have a dance and sociable time in the new club building, as a sort of housewarming. It will be free to all, and everyone is invited. There will be music and all will be made very welcome. It is hoped to make this opening event rather a notable one. The officers of the association, who have worked zealously of late, are G. C. Fulton, president; H. F. Prael, vice-president; H. M. S. Hawthorne, secretary; H. R. Hoeller, treasurer; and Fred Johnson, William Eigner and A. V. Allen, Jr., directors.

### "LITTLE JOHNNY JONES."

Our local theatre-going public will be regaled on next Sunday with the first performance in this city of last season's greatest musical success "Little Johnny Jones," which will be presented it is promised in this city



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with all the beautiful and realistic scenery, lighting effects and pretty and tasteful wardrobe which made its long runs in New York, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia last season notable and successful. "Little Johnny Jones" is a musical melodrama in three acts written by George M. Cohan, the author of several very successful musical plays. The company that will present "Little Johnny Jones" in this city is one of unusual excellence numbering fully 75 people with a chorus of 40. The music of "Little Johnny Jones" is said to be most catchy and attractive, and includes a number of song hits that have attained great vogue throughout the country. The most notable of these songs perhaps and those most familiar to our theatre-goers are the "Yankee Doodle Boy," "Give My Regards to Broadway," "Good Bye Flo," "Mlle. Fauchette," and "They're All My Friends." No musical piece was presented last season that scored a more emphatic success than "Little Johnny Jones." The interest manifested over the engagement in this city has been very marked since the announcement was first made that "Little Johnny Jones" was to be presented here. Therefore a crowded house is already assured.

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- 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
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