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### VERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

**Circuit Court—**  
The circuit court will convene for a short term tomorrow, and there are several criminal matters that may arise.

**Make Its Levy—**  
Road district No. 16 has made its levy and filed same with the county clerk. The rate set is eight mills. This is known as the Blind Slough district.

**New Officers—**  
The officers of the Astoria Medical Association, elected at a meeting several nights ago, are as follows: Dr. Pilkington, president; Dr. Vernon, vice-president; Dr. Holt, treasurer; Dr. Reames, secretary.

**Closed Today—**  
The Astoria public library will be closed all day today. The furnace is to be cleaned and it is for this reason that the library will remain closed to the public.

**Stores Open—**  
Commencing Monday evening and continuing until Christmas, the stores will be open each evening until 8 o'clock, except on Saturdays, when they will remain open until the usual hour.

**Peck Is Fined—**  
In justice court yesterday afternoon Thurman Peck, who was charged with having stolen an iron casting from the Pacific Iron Works, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 with the alternative of 12 days in the county jail.

**Stahn Released—**  
Henry Stahn, who was given a hearing before Justice Goodman on a charge of having threatened to kill D. L. Kelly of Clifton, was released yesterday morning. The evidence did not apparently bear out the charge.

**Rights of Way—**  
The efforts to secure the rights of way between here and Seaside for the electric car line are said to be now meeting with good success. The extraordinary importance that such a line would prove to Astoria and Clatsop county is seen by all and on every side it is hoped that the whole course may soon be procured. It is understood that the finances for the

### Hot Drinks

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line are simply awaiting the procurement of the rights of way. The city council unquestionably will grant the desired franchise over the city streets as soon as everything is in shape and it is asked for.

**Certificates of Election—**  
Judge Anderson has prepared the various certificates of election for the men chosen at the municipal election and they may receive them by calling at the city auditor's office. Frank Carney, who won over Mr. Karinen in the First ward by a small majority, called at the auditor's office yesterday and took the oath of office. Isaac Bergman, for the water commission, and George Kaboth, for the council, also took their oaths of office.

**No Football Game—**  
The game of football that was to have been played between the Astoria football team and the soldiers' eleven from Ft. Stevens has been declared off. At the last minute the local team learned that the soldiers could not come. The Astoria eleven is planning for a game with the Portland Athletic team next Sunday. Why the Ft. Stevens team could not come has not been definitely ascertained.

**A. O. U. W. Election—**  
At the regular meeting of Seaside Lodge No. 12, A. O. U. W., last night, the following were elected for the ensuing year: Master Workman, George Kaboth; foreman, A. R. Cyrus; verser, John A. Montgomery; recorder, Patrick Shea; treasurer, W. C. A. Pohl; receiver, J. E. Higgins; guide, O. F. Morton; inside watchman, M. H. Gray; outside watchman, A. L. Steele; trustee, William Kelly; medical examiners, Dr. Estes, Dr. Pilkington and Dr. Fulton. The lodge is in prosperous shape and has a fine membership.

**Will Contest—**  
It is said that Mr. Karinen has definitely announced that he will make a contest for the office of councilman in the First ward, which up on the face of the returns goes to Mr. Carney by a majority of either one or four votes. Yesterday Mr. Carney took his oath of office and new-stands as the duly elected councilman. Mr. Karinen has 30 days in which to file notice of a contest if he desires to go into court on the matter. Mr. Karinen states that he has reason to believe that a recount would show that he has six votes coming to him which the tally sheets now do not show.

**Fresh Meat.**  
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## EVIDENCES OF CRIME, JURY FINDS

### INQUEST OVER BODY OF MADELINE LONGTAIN WAS HELD HERE YESTERDAY.

The jury of six men impanelled to investigate the death of Madeline Longtaine, the Cathlamet girl who died at St. Mary's Hospital several days ago, yesterday afternoon returned a verdict as follows: "We, the coroner's jury impanelled to inquire into the cause of the death of Madeline Longtaine, do find that she came to her death on December 10 from the effects of a criminal abortion performed by parties unknown to this jury."

The jury was composed of J. W. Welch, A. R. Cyrus, M. N. Adams, D. R. Blount, R. Carruthers and W. A. Eigner. Inasmuch as the jury was not enabled to have all of the witnesses before it, some of the presumably most important being residents of the State of Washington, it apparently was not able to reach any definite conclusion as to the real perpetrator of the operation. The principal witnesses examined were one or more Astoria physicians, and one lady from Cathlamet. The prosecuting attorney's office of Wahkiakum county was not represented, and while an attorney from that city appeared and wished to hear the proceedings, apparently in the interests of some private client, the jury objected to his presence and he withdrew. All of the testimony was heard behind closed doors, and each witness was heard separately. The jury evidently believed it had done its full duty in ascertaining and pointing out in its verdict that a statutory crime had been committed, and the only noticeable thing about the verdict is that it uses the word "parties," the plural indicating that perhaps more than one person were involved by the evidence. Still the term in its plural signification may have no special meaning.

The mother and the young man to whom the young girl had been engaged were present during the day. The inquiry was held under the direction of Coroner Gilbaugh. Last evening the body was sent to Cathlamet, and the funeral will take place today. It is said that the evidence yesterday tended to show that the criminal operation had been performed so unskillfully, or by such an unskilled hand, that this fact might have some bearing in indicating in a very general way as to the identity of the guilty persons or person. It is presumed that the authorities of Wahkiakum county will now take the matter up.

**Important Meeting—**  
The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. As there will be but one more regular meeting before the election of officers which will take place on the second Monday night in January, it is probable that the subject of nominations and planning for next year will come up for discussion in some form or other. It has been tentatively suggested that a committee on nominations and plans might with benefit be appointed at this meeting, especially as it may be desirable at this time to ascertain the sentiment of the members with regard to the continuation of publicity and advertising work. This promotion and publicity work now under way is only arranged for until April 1st.

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**School Football—**  
What proved to be a poor production of football was played up at the A. F. C. grounds yesterday between Taylor school and a portion of the Shively school team, as the larger part of the Shively team did not show up and they had to run in boys who did not understand the signals. The field was very muddy and wet, which caused a good deal of fumbling on both sides, and also an unnecessary amount of discussion. The halves were of short duration, but in the last part of the last half the Shively boys began to get together but it was too late as the Taylor school boys had already made four touchdowns and the game ended in the score of 20 to 0 in favor of the Taylors.

**New Hospital Association—**  
Articles of incorporation of the Lumbermen's Hospital Association were filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday afternoon, this being a newly organized association for the purpose of insuring against bad health and accidents, principally. The incorporators are W. F. McGregor, Frank Patton and E. M. Crawford, and the officers named are W. F. McGregor, president; P. J. Brix, vice-president; E. M. Crawford, secretary and general manager, and Frank Patton, treasurer. The office of the concern will be in Astoria. Mr. Crawford, who will be the general manager, has long been associated with the National Hospital Association, whose principal offices are in Portland, and he has resigned from that concern to take active charge of the new association. Among the very numerous lumber camps along the lower river it has long been a practice to insure the employees against accidents, and scores of men who have met with accidents in the camps have found their insurance a great blessing. The new company, however, will take out insurance among many others besides the men in the camps. It is distinctively an Astoria concern and undoubtedly will have a fine future. The office of the new association will be in the Bank building.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Deputy County Clerk Sam Kroshel was a passenger for the metropolis on last evening's train.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Babler, of Ilwaco, were in the city yesterday, and registered at the Hotel Occident.  
Henry Jackson, of Portland, was among the big crowd of visitors in Astoria yesterday.  
Henry Fleckenstein, of Portland, was in the city yesterday, from his north shore home on Long Beach.  
L. Listranski, of Ft. Stevens, was in the city yesterday on matters of business and was domiciled at the Occident.  
J. B. Antworth, of New York, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Hotel Merwyn.  
C. B. Corrigan, of Rochester, N. Y., was registered at the Northern Hotel yesterday.  
The Altha Society, of the Memorial Lutheran Church, was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson, yesterday afternoon, on Harrison avenue.  
Hon. H. B. Parker left for Portland yesterday morning, on matters of health and business importance. The respected octogenarian is not as well as usual and has gone to the metropolis to consult with friends as to his health and the best course to pursue in that behalf.

**One of Six in America—**  
In this morning's edition of the Astorian will be found the "ad" of Mrs. Kohlander, of this city, one of the most expert of the trained scholars in physical culture who has ever visited Astoria. Mrs. Kohlander is one of six of the Royal Swedish nurses in America who enjoy the especial distinction of the highest professional endorsement attainable in that country and her work in famous "Swedish movement" is said to be without parallel.

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**NEW YORK, Dec. 12—**A woman figured in a \$40,000 fur robbery which

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of Ackerman and Gordon, Twenty-second street manufacturers, according to the police. The work was done apparently by a gang in the early hours of Friday morning and as only the choicest furs were taken it is the policy theory that a woman expert selected the booty. The stolen furs were passed through a hole in a brick wall made with the aid of a crowbar and a pick. The hole was too small to permit of the entrance of a man's body and it was first suggested that a boy accomplice was used, but the finding of a woman's handkerchief gives color to the belief of feminine assistance. So great was the quantity of furs taken that a wagon must have been necessary to cart them away.

**SAVANT RETURNS.**  
With Numerous Specimens For Museum in New York.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12—**Dr. G. A. Dorsey, curator of the Guild Museum of New York arrived here yesterday on the Pacific Mail liner Korea with a large collection of valuable scientific specimens which he has gathered in the Orient for the museum. Dr. Dorsey began his investigation in Egypt where he uncovered the tombs of the fifth dynasty. He spent some time in India where he made a study of Hindoo culture. The curator spent a large part of his time in Australia where he made a study of the museums of Melbourne and Sydney. He crossed the island of Bougainville which he said had never been explored by a white man. This island which is in the Solomon group is 60 miles wide and it is so densely wooded that he was five days in crossing it. The doctor said that the natives of the islands are entirely uncivilized, wearing no clothing and sleeping in the hollow trunks of trees and holes in the ground.

Dr. Dorsey made his largest collection on the coast of New Guinea where he gathered an extensive lot of native implements. He will proceed directly to Chicago where he will place the collection in the Field Museum.

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**Celebrates Their Fourth—**  
The Norwegian Singing Society last night at the Norwegian church celebrated the fourth anniversary of the organization. Besides the members of the society and their families a few invited guests were present to enjoy the pleasures of the evening. The society rendered a number of pleasing selections and several addresses were made. The leader of the organization, Mr. Ed Wahl, was presented with a beautiful gold chain by his friends as a token of their appreciation. After the vocal selections and addresses an excellent banquet was served.

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Columbia Harbor Land Co. to Newton S Flack, lots 15 and 16, block 68, and lots 7 and 8, block 92, Warrenton Park; \$1000.  
Annie M Borg and Peter L Borg, her husband, to John Carlson, N 1-2 of NW 1-4 and NW 1-4 of NE 1-4 of S 11, T 8 N, R 7 W, excepting 49.26 acres; \$1500.  
Thomas Sorkki and wife to Jacob Myntti, south half of lot 12, block 17, town of Alderbrook; \$200.

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- 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.....5c
- Fresh Pig Feet.....5c
- Smith's Pure Lard in 5-lb. pails.....55c
- 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.....10c
- Breakfast Bacon.....16c, 17c
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