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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Has Diphtheria—
Ruby Olsen, three years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Olsen, 1327 Harrison avenue, is sick with diphtheria. The home has been quarantined. There have been several cases of this disease in that part of the city lately.

Returns in April—
A. W. Norblad left last evening for his home in Escanaba, Michigan, and will close up his affairs there preparatory to coming back to Astoria in April next, and where he intends to form a law partnership with G. A. Hempel. Mr. Norblad is prosecuting attorney of his home county in Michigan.

Broke Into Cabin—
Some miscreant broke into the hunting cabin at Burnside owned by R. Wallace, R. Hall, Tom Corbett, and O. Erickson and stole the ammunition, provisions and many other things that had been left there. The door was found broken in when the hunters went up the river to their cabin last Sunday.

From Faraway Hawaii—
G. W. Lounsbury, clerk of the water commission, is in receipt of a Christmas greeting from Sam B. Randall, now of Honolulu, formerly a well known man on the lower Columbia river. He used to be in charge of one of the O. R. & N. tugs and still has many friends here who will remember him well and will be pleased to hear that he is all right.

Articles Filed—
Articles of incorporation of the Colwell-Fowler Logging Company were filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday. The incorporators are George L. Colwell, Emma K. Colwell and Wm. A. Fowler. The incorporation will have a capital stock of \$20,000, divided into 200 shares of \$100 each. The company intends to build a logging railway from the Tucker creek to the center of section 21, township 7, north range 9.

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Customers buying clothes at Wise's on the "Free Day" get their money back. But if you don't strike the "Free Day" you're sure of good goods at reasonable prices.

Hot Drinks

Coffee and Chocolate.



After Young Girl—
A telegram was received by the local police department yesterday asking that a young girl named Emma Herms, of San Francisco, be detained if found by the police. The message came from the probation officer of that city. It is presumed that the girl came to this city a day or two ago and then went to Seaside. An effort will be made to apprehend her.

Filed Remonstrance—
A remonstrance has been filed in the office of the city auditor in relation to the proposed improvement of Grand avenue from 37th to 38th streets. The remonstrance states that the expense will be very great without corresponding benefit. It is signed by Lars Olsen, Ole Seim, Ben Ekers, P. M. Hansen and E. H. McMullen. The latter states that he had signed the petition for the improvement under a misapprehension as to the true facts.

Plumber's Bills—
The steam pipes in the High School building were out of order yesterday, but the janitor managed to patch them up sufficiently to keep the heat going. It was arranged to have a plumber go to the building last night and make the necessary repairs, so that there won't be danger of a cold building today. Day before yesterday the Adair school had to be dismissed because the hot water pipes got cantankerous and would not work.

Circuit Court—
Judge McBride arrived down on the noon train yesterday and court was at once convened. A number of cases were called and passed upon as follows: Emsley Houghton vs. R. E. Houghton, default; Henry A. Heinoen vs. H. Lindquist, judgment and order of sale of attached property; C. F. Koell vs. Maud Koell, default; R. N. Nason & Co. vs. H. Lindquist, default and judgment; Tallant-Grant Packing Co. vs. Western Fishing Co., settled and dismissed; Alfred A. Smith vs. Marshal J. Kinney, confirmation of sale; M. G. Heris et al vs. J. J. Reid et al., a suit over title to land in this county in which fraud is alleged, on trial before the court; A. R. Kanga vs. Astoria Abstract Title & Trust Co., a suit over tax deed to property at Elk Creek, set for trial tomorrow; Frank Smith Meat Co. vs. Esa Pouttu, a suit to enjoin the defendant from engaging in the meat business, set for trial on December 21.

Xmas Neckwear
Keiser's neckwear for style and quality at Judd Bros.

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

Has Appendicitis—
Arthur Gaiter, one of the cigar-makers employed in the Gus Schoenbacher shop, has been troubled with appendicitis for several days past and yesterday afternoon the illness became acute. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital, where Dr. Pilkington operated last night. The operation was successful and it is hoped that in a few days Mr. Gaiter will be on the high road to recovery. He worked at his trade until yesterday afternoon.

Gone After Witness—
The case against Victor Dillus, accused of having stolen a sum of money from Edward Walden several months ago, was to have been called for trial at this term of the circuit court, but the prosecuting witness, Walden, is out of the state and may not show up. The alleged robbery occurred in a camp out in the Lewis and Clark district. Walden was zealous in his desire to have the case prosecuted at first, but while he was notified of the intention to try it now, nothing has been heard from him. He is said to be in Vancouver, Wash., and a subpoena will not bring him back. Sheriff Pomeroy has gone to Vancouver to see him.

Elect New Officers—
The United Swedish-American Brotherhood has held its annual election of officers and the following-named gentlemen were sent to the respective posts: Gustaf A. Hempel, G. M.; Charles Sjoisten, vice G. M.; K. A. Johnson, master of records; John Nordstrom, master of finance; Olof Anderson, master of funds; S. Peterson, M. of S.; Anton Engberg, M. of G.; Oscar Lundgren, assistant M. of G.; Charles Palmberg, advisor; Drs. Lagus and Forstrom, physicians. After the election a spread was had and speeches were made by Attorneys A. W. Norblad and G. A. Hempel.

Elect Officers—
At a meeting of the local Teamsters' Union last night, 50 of the members were present. The meeting disclosed the fact that the organization now has 65 members in good standing and is growing rapidly. An election of officers was held with the following results: President, James Payne; vice-president, Wm. A. Johnson; secretary-treasurer, L. Johnson; recording secretary, Hilmer Peterson; conductor, Aron Anderson; warden, Willie Paulsen; trustee, one year, Dan Belcher; trustee, two years, Charles Smith; trustee, three years, Fritz Voss; delegates to Central Labor council: Len Lowery, Otha Hunsaker, R. C. Reiersen; delegate to attend Oregon State Federation of Labor, to be held in Salem on Monday, January 1, 1909, Len Lowery; alternate, Wm. A. Johnson.

The Beautiful Snow—
In several of the rooms in the public schools the teachers permitted the children to go to the windows and watch the great snowflakes fall yesterday afternoon, and the little ones were delighted with the beautiful sight. It was a pleasure to all to watch the snow, and to those who came from Norway, Sweden, and other cold countries, or back east, it was a reminder of other days. The snow melted almost as soon as it fell, however, leaving the sidewalks and streets in slushy condition. Had it not melted upon touching the warm ground there would have been quite a blanket over the city. Up on the hill sides the trees were white with the "beautiful snow."

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An Unsightly Affair—
Some ten days ago, or more, a careless logger left his "pack" on the sidewalk at the corner of Commercial and Eleventh streets while he went after a drink or on some equally important errand; and failing to return in any sort of season, the "roll" was hung on one of the climbing nails on the big telegraph pole in front of the "Gem," and there it has remained undisturbed through rain and snow and sunshine, until it has become an unsightly object. It should be removed by whatsoever officer has charge of such things, not so much, perhaps, because of its hideousness, as for the clue it may contain as to its owner. It may be worth investigating. And it is certainly not an attraction any longer and is being commented on.

Preliminary Examination On—
Prosecuting Attorney-elect Frank Olsen, of Wahkiakum county, Wash., and a resident of Cathlamet, was in the city yesterday on matters of business, and in course of conversation with a reporter for the Astorian, said that the preliminary examination of Dr. Peacock, of that city, for alleged participation in the death of Miss Madeline Longtine, under distressing circumstances, would be held at Cathlamet at 10:30 o'clock this morning, and that a number of witnesses from this city have been summoned in the case. It will not reach Mr. Olsen's hands until after he shall have qualified in January. Mr. Olsen is in possession of the young girl's confession and it will figure today to a certain extent. Dr. Peacock has retained the services of Dan Malarkey, the well known lawyer of Portland.

Stamps Available Here—
Dr. John M. Holt, of the federal quarantine service in this port, and who, in the interest of the great work instituted by the American Red Cross Society for the fighting of tuberculosis has assumed the work of selling them to the general public, announces that he is in possession of the one-cent stamps issued by the society and for sale to all the world, in the crusade afoot, and will be glad to dispose of them upon application. The money accruing from the sale of these stamps is used absolutely for no other purpose than aiding in the world-wide warfare against the "white plague." Thousands of them are being sold daily at Portland, and all over the country, and there is no doubt that Astoria will contribute largely to the simple and effective program. He will also place quantities of them at the various book-stores in the city today.

Gypsies In Town—
A little band of gypsies, two women and several men, are in town, and are said to be domiciled in Upper Astoria. Yesterday they were about town telling fortunes and raking in all the money they could do by the methods peculiar to these wanderers. Cross the hands of the women with a piece of silver and they will tell fortunes with great accuracy—sometimes. "You have been in jail, but you weren't guilty," said one of the women to a man yesterday. The funny part of this was that the man had just got out of jail. He also says he wasn't guilty, which makes the matter all the stronger. One of the women also performs one or more remarkable tricks. She makes a glass of cold water held in her hand boil. Then she turns the glass on its side down and the water doesn't run out, which appears quite an extraordinary suspension of the laws of nature, though such tricks of prestidigitation usually are as simple as anything can be when understood. One man yesterday gave one of the women a coin, and later handed her all he had in his pockets. She was going to do some trick with the handful of coins but just then a customer came in and the woman walked away with the handful of money during the momentary interruption.

School Levy—
At a taxpayers' meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce last night for the purpose of making the annual school levy, the recommendation of the board for a 7-mill levy was carried out. Of this rate the board made the levy of 1.5 mills upon its own authority, and the taxpayers present voted the additional levy of 5.5 mills.

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PERSONAL MENTION
Miss Emeline Houghton has returned from a two months' sojourn in San Francisco. She had thought of spending the winter there with relatives and friends, but the thought of Astoria and the approaching holidays, was too strong. W. R. Pugh, of Portland, representing the great ship-store house of J. & R. Wilson, Inc., spent the day here yesterday on matters of business. C. H. Weston, of the Union Guarantee Association of Portland, was in the city yesterday in the interest of that big Oregon concern, and announced that Gerald McManama, of this city, will at once take over the Astoria agency of the Association. Dr. Jay Tuttle, of this city, is sojourning for a few days over in Everett, Wash. H. T. McArthur, of South Bend, spent the day in Astoria yesterday, and went on to Portland on the 6:10 train last evening. U. E. Sinclair, of Humboldt, was one among the crowds of tourists here yesterday. T. W. Lamson, of Ashland, was in the city yesterday and registered at the Northern. G. D. Savage came over from Tacoma, via Shoalwater Bay, yesterday and spent several hours here on matters of business. J. R. Anderson, of Pendleton, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday, taking the evening express for Portland.

Christmas Window
The finest line of men's furnishings ever displayed in the city are now on exhibition in Judd Bros.' windows.

T. A. Atkinson, of Walla Walla, was among the business people making this city yesterday. G. F. Bartholomew, of Portland, was in the city yesterday for a while, going on to Seaside on the evening train. T. D. Gilchrist, of Seattle, was in Astoria yesterday, on legal business and will probably remain today.

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Frankfurt Sausages	10c
Bologna Sausages	10c
Blood Sausage	10c
Liver Sausage	10c
Head Cheese	10c
Ham Sausage	15c
Smith's Pig Pork Sausage	12 1/2c
Shoulder Roast Pork	10c, 12 1/2c
Whole Shoulder Roasts	11c
Shoulder Pork Chops	12 1/2c
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	7c
Best Porterhouse Steaks	12 1/2c, 15c
"T" Bone Steaks	12 1/2c, 15c
Round Steak	10c
Best Pot Roasts	7c, 8c
Beef for Boiling	5c, 6c
Prime Rib Roast Beef	10c, 12 1/2c
Pickled Pork	12 1/2c
Dry Salt Pork	12 1/2c
Smith's Pig Hams	11c
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