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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

#### Pleaded Not Guilty

Anton Kulja, of Clifton, charged with the sale of liquor without a license, pleaded not guilty in circuit court yesterday.

#### Auction Sale

An auction sale of about 50 head of horses was held at the George Warren place in Warren on yesterday afternoon, and was attended by many from Astoria and other cities.

#### Go To California

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Stewart left yesterday to go to Southern California to pass the holidays with their son, Donald, who is attending Pomona college at Claremont, about 40 miles east of Los Angeles.

#### Are At Brother's Bedside

Editor George Cornwall, of the Oregon Timberman, accompanied by Mrs. Cornwall, arrived in this city yesterday morning on the steamer Hassalo, to visit the bedside of Frank Benson, a brother of Mrs. Cornwall's, who is lying quite ill at St. Mary's hospital. The many friends of all concerned, in this city, will be glad to hear of Mr. Benson's speedy recovery.

#### Park Levy

The park commission yesterday filed with the city auditor its levy for the coming year, setting the rate at 3 mills. It had arranged to make 1.25, but inasmuch as the state law requires that the levies be in mills or tenths thereof it was necessary to avoid the fraction or decimal contained in that levy, and it was placed at the three mills as being the nearest possible to that without going lower.

#### Is Around Again

J. E. Evans, the well known and popular keeper of Uncle Sams buoy station at Tongue Point, was in the city yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Evans, and is making good progress from the pain and duress of the broken leg he was subjected to some six or seven weeks ago. He came down, and returned on the tender Columbine, which happened to be there at the propitious moment. Mr. Evans shows the effect of confinement, but is very cheerful in the light of his rapid and sound recovery.

## Hot Drinks

Coffee and Chocolate.



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#### Flocking From Camps

That the Christmas spirit has reached the outlying logging camps all about the lower Columbia is proven by the constant arrival, from all directions, of the stalwart employees of the different logging camps; they come singly, in pairs, in groups and by squads, and being promptly paid off at their respective headquarters in Astoria, disperse for the holiday season, to such points as interest or engagement dictates. Nearly all the camps are in process of closing for the holiday term, and some of them may remain closed even longer; but none hereabout are reported as shutting down for any prolonged period.

#### Gives Opinion

City Attorney Abercrombie has prepared an opinion in relation to the eligibility of candidates to the water commission, at the request of that body. The city charter provides that a condition precedent to holding office in that commission is that each commissioner should pay \$25 taxes to the city. The city attorney holds that city taxes and school taxes should both be included. This will permit several to hold the office who perhaps might be excluded if the actual city taxes alone were considered. Mr. Abercrombie, however, further holds that assessments and corporation taxes should not be included. This opinion will doubtless settle the comment and indecision that have obtained in relation to the matter.

#### Fine Dairy Equipment

W. S. Carpenter, of the dairying firm of Carpenter & Chandler, of Grays River, was in the city yesterday, and made the pleasant announcement that the work of putting their dairy business on an active footing over on the Barr ranch, has been finished and that the business is in full operation. He and his partner are very cheerful over the prospects and the technical arrangements that have developed so evenly and successfully on the place. These gentlemen are from Turlock, in California, and are experts in the business and will leave nothing undone in their new venture to make it one of the resounding successes of this section. Mr. Carpenter claims that the dairymen of this northern country have not been getting what they are entitled to for their products and will endeavor to show how, and why, the profits should be better.

#### The Cold Snap

While the official thermometer in Astoria has not shown any very cold weather during the past several days, nevertheless tingling noses and ears have told another story. The thermometer showed only 31 degrees above the zero point, Fahrenheit, which is one degree below the freezing point. This record was taken at the Western Union office, which, of course is not far from the river front and is virtually over the water. But up on the hillside thermometers told a different story. There ice formed of sufficient thickness to support a big cat or even two big cats. Even an altitude of a hundred feet or less above the river seemed to make a distinct difference. Up around the city pary yesterday morning the roads were frozen quite solid, so that a man could walk on the crust on the mud. Out in the mountains there were reports of a heavy snowfall which remained on the ground.

#### Clean Your Chimneys

George Ludwig, an expert chimney sweep is in the city and will make your chimney clean and safe from fire for \$2 or two chimneys for \$3. Place your order at the Astoria hotel or telephone Main 3521, or leave your orders at the Astorian office.

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#### Happily Remembered

The membership of the Norwegian Methodist Episcopal church of this city devised a pleasant holiday episode for themselves and their pastor, Rev. O. T. Field, on Wednesday night, when, at the usual weekly meeting of the membership, they presented that gentleman with a handsome purse snugly filled with "coin of the realm," to his astonishment and gratitude, and for which he was taxed to make what he deemed adequate acknowledgment. After the presentation ceremony was over, and throughout the course of happy adresses that followed, everybody was regaled with a multitude of good things furnished by the good women of the church; the whole affair taking record in the parish as one of the happiest of its incidents.

#### Not Many There

The meeting called in Ford & Stokes hall last night with the object in view of seeing what the chances are of starting a second military company in this city did not turn out as well as had been expected. The attendance was not very large. There not being a sufficient number present to warrant the organization of a second company, four of those there made application to enter the First company. Their entrance into the First company will give that organization its full quota of men. But it is said that the fact that the meeting last night was not a success does not necessarily mean that the project of a second company is dead. There seems to have been some misunderstandings and a lack of concerted effort. It is said, and quite a few of the men assert that the plan should not be dropped. Lee Cadonau was largely instrumental in creating interest in the plan of the second company.

#### Four Inches of Snow

Judge Trenchard and Commissioners Moore and Frye, who returned last night from a trip of investigation of the county roads out in the Nehalem Valley, stated that there was four inches of snow on the "summit" and on the tops of the mountains. The snowfall in that locality had been quite heavy and apparently all of it remained in those places where the altitude was sufficiently great. Judge Trenchard stated last night that the journey, which lasted a week, had been satisfactory. The roads are in pretty good shape, and the new work is excellent. The commissioners and Judge Trenchard talked with the residents of that part of the county over the work contemplated for next year. They also went over to the eastern end of the county, as far as the Columbia line, and also visited Jewell, Elsie and Vesper. All parts of the Nehalem Valley were visited. The three gentlemen were pretty well tired out when they got back last night.

#### Girl Is In Custody

From an officer at Fort Stevens, who was in this city yesterday, it is learned that the young girl, Emma Hearn, of San Francisco, who followed her soldier-lover, Jack Johnson, from the Bay City, arriving here on the last trip of the Rose City, is now safely in custody of Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy, and will be duly returned to her parents in San Francisco. The young soldier frankly admitted his affection for the girl and made a manly plea to be allowed to marry her on the spot, to spare her good name even from the shadow cast by her impetuous action in following him up here; all of which commended itself to his officers and they endorsed his course and it was thought they had gone to Fort Columbia or to Chinook to have the ceremony performed, he being given leave for that purpose; but because the Major Guy Howard did not make the northshore run that afternoon, the young people went as far as Warrenton, on their way to Astoria, and were there overtaken by the sheriff, and the young lady was at once turned over to him. It is held at the fort that Miss Hearn was very lady-like in her manner and careful in her conduct while at the post, and everyone seems prepossessed in her favor and that of her lover, despite her impetuosity in endeavoring to reach him as she did; presumably on the old romantic

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### PERSONAL MENTION

First Lieutenant J. Prentice, of Ft. Stevens, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

J. P. Redmond, of Portland, spent the day here yesterday, a guest at the Hotel Occident.

J. T. Brennan, of San Francisco, was among the big group of tourists noted here yesterday.

T. Freund, of San Francisco, was a business visitor in the city yesterday. J. G. Carruthers, of Binghamton, N. Y., spent the afternoon here yesterday, going back to the metropolis on the evening train.

T. C. Murray, of New Orleans, was among the crowd of visitors reaching this city on the noon express yesterday.

### COMING ATTRACTION.

"In Wyoming," one of the finest road productions of the present day will be seen here next Sunday. Perhaps since "The Virginian," has the stage been offered a hero at once so human, so manly and so irresistible as Mr. Mack's "Bob Rickards." The glorified cowboy has appeared in fiction and stage again with his sombrero and his wild antics with a six shooters. The thing about Mr. Mack's cowboy, that has appealed so forcefully, is that he is real. He is a man. He does some things that society does not sanction as proper; but his instincts are sound, his heart is big, he is generous and honorable, and a man to be trusted with a woman. He has lived the wild, elemental life of this kind, but he knows and loves the better way when he sees it.

#### Notice.

A grand ball will be given in the Deep River hall at Deep River, Wash., Saturday, December 19, 1908, the steamer General Washington will leave foot of Twelfth street at 8 p. m., returning after the ball. Fare round trip, 25 cents; admission to ball, 75 cents; ladies free. A grand time is assured to every one that attends.

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- Shoulder Lamb Chop.....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.....60c
- 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

Your choice of several different brands of Creamery Butter.....70c  
Fine fresh, dry-picked Oregon Chickens, Hens and Springs.....18c  
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