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County Court Today
The county court will meet this morning to pass upon the road levies reported by the various school and road districts.

Marriage License
License to marry was issued yesterday in the office of the county clerk to Frank Williams and Mrs. Dora Sturm.

In Special Session
Astor Lodge No. 6, Knights of Pythias, held a special session at its hall last evening, at which there was a generous assemblage of this popular fraternity.

Funeral of Ballo
The funeral of Julius Peterson, the sailor who died on board the steamer Eureka, will be held from the Gilbaugh chapel this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Burial will be in Greenwood.

Funeral Today
Matt Raekala, who died at his home in the eastern part of the city Monday, will be buried this morning from the Gilbaugh chapel at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in Clatsop cemetery.

District Levies
The school district at Elsie has made a levy of 1 mill, and the school district at Fern Hill also 1 mill. Road district No. 8, at Olney, made a levy of 10 mills.

New Year Services
At Grace Church the New Year will be welcomed as usual with a service at 11:30, Thursday evening. The holy communion will be celebrated Friday morning, January 1, at 10 o'clock.

Christmas Guests
Amongst the arrivals of Christmas visitors were Mrs. C. B. Haradon and family from Juneau, Alaska, who are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Ferguson.

Reduced Rates Via O. R. & N. For The Holidays
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His New Position
Frank Crang will resign his position as inspector in the water department on January 1 and will become local manager of the Union Oil Company's business. Mr. Crang's many friends will congratulate him on his new and excellent position.

Swimming Tank
The swimming tank in the Athletic Club is proving a great attraction to many, and every day and night there are many to be found in the building. Next month it is planned to have the classes organized for the gymnastic work and everything going in full swing.

New Launch Ordered
An order has been placed by the Miller Sands Seining Company with Driscoll & Company, of this city, for the immediate construction of a new and powerful launch. She is to be 40 feet in length, 10 feet beam, of 20 horsepower, and equipped with Troyer-Fox engines; and it is needless to say she will be a dandy coming from these yards.

Up From The Cape
The management of the Parker House will pass to the hands of G. S. McNeill, of Portland, on the first of January, that gentleman having closed a lease for the entire property, with Hon. H. B. Parker. Mr. McNeill was in the city yesterday closing the deal and went to Portland last night to make final arrangements for bringing his family down.

Athletic Directors
The board of directors of the Astoria Amateur Athletic Association has audited all outstanding claims and the last one of them has been paid leaving the establishment well-to-the good as far as funds go, and with a very cheerful outlook on its future. There should never be any report less assuring than this one of this institution and the Astorian cherishes the hope its chronicles in this behalf may always be sanguine and as certain.

A Daughter Arrives
A little daughter was born yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Haradon, at the home of Mrs. Haradon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Elmore, 385 Fourteenth street, and at latest account, mother and babe were flourishing finely. The happiness of the household is intense, and it were hard to tell who is the proudest and most pleased, the parents or the grand-parents, and congratulations have poured in upon the happy families ever since the earliest announcement was made.

At The Jewel
If you have any troubles and you wish to forget them, see Mr. Jones at the Ball in a pair of tight trousers at the Jewel Theatre.

Off To Oregon City
Dr. B. Owens-Adair departed last evening for Portland, from whence she will go this morning to Oregon City with her colleagues of the Oregon Woman's Press Club. The club is to be the guests of Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, the noted historical novelist of this State and one of the most accomplished women in it. The doctor will devote some of her time to negotiating a proper interest in her famous bill for the sterilization of human delinquents which will be introduced in the legislatures of Oregon and Washington this winter.

Home From Norway
Christ Christiansen arrived home in Astoria on the noon train yesterday after a trip of three months back to his old home in Norway. Bodo was his native town. There he saw his old mother and many others whom he used to know very well. Mr. Christiansen told some of his friends yesterday afternoon that he found things in pretty good shape in Norway, but upon the whole it was cold and dark and dreary, and while he was very glad to have seen his mother and his friends, nevertheless he was well pleased to get back to Astoria.

Right of Way
Mrs. Sarah Byrd, whose home is this side of Seaside, is another one of the heavy property owners who have given right of way over their property for the electric line. There are only a few of the comparatively large places over which the rights have not yet been secured, and it is presumed, that they will be obtained in a short time. All of the smaller property owners are expected to be as generous as the others in giving the requisite strip. All in all the prospects for the speedy construction of the line were never more promising than now. It is possible actual work in construction will be commenced in spring.

Home For Good
Charles W. Halderman, private secretary to United States Senator C. W. Fulton, of this State and city, has returned to his home, from Washington, and in response to an inquiry made by a reporter for the Morning Astorian yesterday, Mr. Halderman said that in all probability he would not return to the national capital this winter, unless the senatorial toga fell again to the shoulders of Mr. Fulton, in which case he would at once assume his old position and go at once. In the meantime he will remain here and negotiate his private affairs with a view to their future permanency, and be glad of the chance to be more with his family.

After Dr. Peacock
Experts who have been going over the books of the county officials of Wahkiakum county are said to have prepared a report to the effect that Dr. Fred Peacock, the county coroner, was not a citizen when he took the office, and that he held it for one or two years before he became a citizen of the United States. It is alleged that Dr. Peacock became a citizen only last March. He had twice taken the oath of office. This same report is said to read that he also voted in a Clatsop election, claiming to be a citizen while not actually one. This new matter adds to the troubles in which the Clatsop physician finds himself and gives a new hold for his enemies. If the report of the experts can be verified and substantiated in court it is possible the question of perjury may arise, it is said.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwater, of Portland with their two children were Christmas guests at the home of Captain and Mrs. Charles Richardson, on the Lewis & Clark river farm, the ladies named being sisters. The visitors returned to the metropolis on last evening's express.

Miss Pauline Kirchoff went to Seaside yesterday to join a party of friends gathered there, including Miss Johansen, of San Francisco.

Mrs. Joseph Benoit, who has been seriously indisposed for several weeks is still confined to her home, and her family is extremely solicitous over the outcome of her affliction, but the hope is entertained that she will speedily recover her normal good health.

John S. Girdner, of the Elmore service, is back at his desk after a pleasant three-day sojourn with friends and relatives at Portland.

Louis Robert has returned from a Christmas trip to Eugene and reports plenty of rain and a splendid time.

G. W. Roberts, the well known agent for the O. R. & N. Co., was a business visitor in Portland yesterday.

A. A. Marks, erstwhile stenographer for the O. R. & N. office here, has gone to Seattle to accept a position in court service there, and has been succeeded here by H. C. Edwards, of Portland.

R. L. Herren, of San Francisco, is in the city, a guest at the Parker House.

W. Church, of Ilwaco, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

U. S. Bryant, of Portland, spent the day here yesterday.

M. Johnson, of San Francisco, was among the hundreds of tourists in Astoria yesterday.

B. F. Toone, traveling passenger agent for the New York Central lines was a business visitor in this city yesterday, from Portland.

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, of San Francisco, is a guest at the Occident.

Fred Herman, of Portland, was doing business in this city yesterday.

B. R. Barclay, of Seattle, was noted among the big crowd of visitors reaching this city at noon yesterday.

Captain Oscar Wicklund, of the Point Adams life-saving station, was in this city yesterday.

Miss Amy Rannels has returned from Portland for a holiday visit at her Alderbrook home.

Mrs. Minnie Washburn, of Eugene, is a guest at the home of Mrs. W. T. Eaken. Mrs. Washburn is a sister of Mrs. Eaken.

Miss Estelle Thomson has departed for Winnipeg, Manitoba, on a visit to friends, and with the ultimate purpose of entering the schools of that city as a teacher.

Fred Newman, of Portland, is in the city, a guest at the Occident.

H. M. Rounds, of Warren, Pa., spent the day in this city yesterday.

W. W. Parker, of Portland, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

Mary R. Moore, of Portland, was in the city yesterday and registered at the Occident.

W. H. Arbuttle, formerly with Charles Heilborn & Co., of this city, spent the day here yesterday. He is now traveling on the road for M. Sellers, of Portland.

Building Accepted
The little building that has been in course of construction at the city park is finally completed, and yesterday was accepted by the park commissioners. The commissioners made quite an event of the acceptance. All of them rode in Mr. Fulton's car out to the park, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and there Mr. Fulton made an oratorical and happy little address in relation to the occasion, and also thanked Mayor Wise, as ex-officio chairman of the commissioners, for his energy and courtesies during his term of office. Mr. Wise replied briefly. In addition to this Mayor Wise was presented with a handsomely embossed set of resolutions from the commissioners, which in this written form expressed the good will and appreciation of the commissioners. The set of resolutions are really fine and artistic in appearance. They were prepared by Mr. Tee, the city surveyor, who is also a member of the commission. The lettering is beautifully done, and on one side of the paper is a finely painted scene, a glimpse of an Oregon forest. The set of resolutions is something that Mayor Wise can long retain with much pleasure, both from the sentiments engraved thereon, and because of the beauty of the work done by Mr. Tee.

Stolen Watch Returned
About a year ago Albert Beyer, agent of the Weinhard brewery, had his watch stolen from him in rather a mysterious manner, and yesterday he got it back in a very peculiar way. The previous day an advertisement was inserted in the papers

by an Astoria man stating that he had found a watch and that its owner could have it back by proving ownership. This advertisement happened to strike Mr. Beyer's attention, and he went to the newspaper office to look into the matter. The timepiece had been left there and he at once recognized it as his own. There was no difficulty in proving it to be his long-lost watch and it was turned over to him, and yesterday he had the pleasure of again wearing the watch that he had long ago given up for good. The funny part of the whole matter is the question as to where, and in whose hands, the timepiece has been all these months. It was stolen from Mr. Beyer's vest in Sam Harris' place just about a year ago. He had laid the vest, with the watch in one of its pockets, aside for a moment and when he returned a moment later the vest was there but the watch was gone.

Mr. Dunbar Has Good News
A long-distance message reached the office of Fulton Brothers, from Salem, yesterday morning, announcing the pleasant fact that the case against ex-Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar, of this city, had been decided in the supreme court, exculpating that gentleman from all possible charges of mal-administration in the matter of the \$103,000 of fees sought to be recovered on the ground that the Secretary was not entitled to them during the eight years of his incumbency. Mr. Dunbar was the recipient of hearty congratulations on all sides yesterday, and while sincerely pleased with the turn given to the affairs, maintains his old and steadfast belief in his perfect right to such portion of that sum as he did receive in fees, and that the mistake made by his opponents lay in not enforcing their doctrine while he was in office and in constant receipt of the statutory compensation. This case settles this long mooted issue in Oregon for many a year to come. Telegraphic reports last night stated that the supreme court had not passed on the merits of the case, but had chiefly held that the state was not the proper party to sue.

MISS ROBERTS COMING.
Miss Florence Roberts, still under the advantageous management of John Cort, comes to the Astoria Theatre next Wednesday in her new play "The House of Bondage." The appearance of Miss Roberts, always an event, is made more conspicuous on this occasion, owing to the keen interest attached to her latest production, and the environment offered by an unusually excellent and well balanced supporting company. Arthur Forrest, Thurlow Bergen, Kent Bosworth, Harry Gibbs, Ann Warrington and Mary Bertrand, all sterling players, is each entrusted with a conspicuously important role.

The great popularity of Florence Roberts has been won by a series of impersonations that have won her conceded peerage among American actresses. From light comedy to tragedy she has attempted, and always with success, a range of parts that would appal a player of less versatility—which means any other contemporary artist that can readily be brought to mind. Miss Roberts undoubtedly excels, however, in emotional roles, and in "The House of Bondage" she has a part in which she runs the gamut of emotions. In fact, her admirers who have seen her in this play declare that her impersonation is the triumph of her career.

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