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**First Papers—**  
 Four Finns, Sako Lassila, Matt Kokka, George Abraham Matika, and Frederic Albert Turva, applied for their first papers at the office of the county court yesterday.

**Goes To Salem—**  
 Two attendants from the asylum at Salem arrived in Astoria yesterday to take Andrew Anderson who was adjudged insane several days ago, to the institution.

**No Trouble On A. & C.—**  
 General Agent Giles R. Johnson, of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, reports that his line has suffered no reaction from the sudden melting of the ice and snow, but is in fine working order without a hitch of any importance in any direction, with the train service just a bit better for the clear tracks.

**Off For Philippines—**  
 Lieutenant Littleman, of the hospital corps, at Fort Columbia, departed yesterday morning for San Francisco, en route to the Philippines, where he will be busy for the next few years in that splendid behalf. He takes a record of success and clever interest from this post.

**Back From Klamath Falls—**  
 J. C. Ten Brook, of Fort Stevens, stopped off in Astoria yesterday from his return to Klamath Falls, where he had gone on the sad errand of attending his aged father's funeral. His father was about 86 years of age. While in Klamath Falls Mr. Ten Brook saw George Noland, a former well known Astorian, who is now residing there. Mr. Noland is getting along well and is in good health.

**Soldiers Desert—**  
 The Astoria police have been requested to be on the lookout for three more soldiers who have deserted from the army at Ft. Stevens. A reward of \$50 is offered for the capture of each of them. Apparently the latest bunch of soldiers to arrive at Ft. Stevens have not proven as tractable as have the majority of those who have been stationed there of late years. The police complain that members of this new lot—160th regiment—make trouble when they come to town and the number of desertions has been large. Absence from the post is not counted as desertion until 10 days have passed.

**Clearing The Wreck—**  
 The work of clearing away the wreck of the big flying shed at the R. M. Leathers boat yard, which collapsed on Thursday evening, is going ahead rapidly and it develops that neither the launch Betty nor the motor schooner Della, were injured to any great degree. The Della had her life boat smashed pretty badly and one davit dislocated, but the Betty came through the dump in pretty fair shape with the exception of some of her housing scarred up a bit. The Callender steamer Melville laid just beyond the range of the fall and is unscathed.

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**SNOW ALL GONE AS IF BY MAGIC**  
 CITY IN COMPLETE DARKNESS ALL OF THURSDAY NIGHT.

With a rapidity that was little short of marvelous the foot or more of snow that lay on the ground all melted away during the period from shortly before dusk Thursday and daylight yesterday morning—a space of about 12 hours. That was at the rate of an inch an hour.  
 When citizens awoke yesterday morning it was to look out on a changed world. The cold white blanket that had overspread everything for the preceding week was all gone and in its stead was the dark earth of the streets, looking fresh and clean, and the green grass of the lawn, looking as fresh and clean as after a summer shower.  
 "The good old south winds," said everybody and his sister yesterday.  
 But pleasant as was the opening of the day, the preceding night was almost as superlatively bad. The closing off of the water at 11 o'clock because of the breaks in several of the big city mains, necessitated the shutting down of the electric lights, as the plant did not have a supply of water for its boilers, and this left the streets in complete darkness. At 12:30 o'clock the incandescent lights in the houses were also turned off, and those who were up and about were startled by this. The whole city was in a primitive darkness. At the office of the Morning Astorian there was consternation in the air, for the shutting off of the lights, and especially shutting off of the electric power, meant that the linotype machinery could no longer be used, thus stopping all typesetting. Nevertheless the paper was gotten out, after a fashion, after a sort of candlestick fashion, in fact.

**Dog Tags Here—**  
 The dog tags have arrived and are now at the police station. All dog licenses were due and payable at the first of the year but inasmuch as the tags had not come no effort was made to collect the licenses, but since the little metal vouchers have arrived the matter of collecting the canine licenses will now be taken up with vigor. The tags are about an inch long and are in the shape of a fleshy figure nine—indicative of the year 1909. This it may be seen at a glance if a dog has been licensed or not, for the tags or their absence could be observed a block away. But the prettiest part of the tags is the curly cue at the bottom, formed by the lower loop of the figure nine. It forms a regular hook and may prove very useful in the event that one might wish to tie his dog anywhere. He could simply hang the dog on the nearest fence by means of this hook and depart on his business with the assurance that when he came back the dog would still be there.

**Home For Awhile—**  
 J. A. Fastabend, the well known Astoria contractor, builder and miner, has arrived home and is enjoying a well earned rest. He left his famous mining properties in the Santiams, about three weeks ago, and reports that the property is justifying every move made by its owners for final development. The snow is very heavy and deep up in those latitudes this winter; but it has not deterred the company from proceeding with the work of erecting buildings, upon which the crew went to work after it had worked for several weeks on the portable sawmill that was taken into the mountains to expedite the improvements contemplated. Then the holidays intervened and now the task has been taken up again in good earnest and is proceeding smoothly and successfully. Mr. Fastabend will remain at his Astoria home for a few weeks before going back to the Santiams.

**Have You Been There?**  
 If you haven't it's time you called. Better late than never, you know, but you will have to hurry otherwise the very size and style of shoe you have been looking for will be gone. Brown's big odd and end sale.

**WATER COMMISSION IS IN REGULAR SESSION**  
 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK IS AGAIN PUT OVER TO SOME FUTURE MEETING.

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At the meeting of the Water commission Thursday night the question of appointing a clerk to succeed Mr. Lounsbury was put off until a later time, as also was the appointment of a successor to Frank Crang, who resigned his post as inspector. There seems to be a disposition on the part of the commission to retain Mr. Lounsbury's services as long as possible, probably because of his great familiarity with the multitudinous details of the work. A committee of two members was appointed by Chairman Fisher to examine into the applications for the inspectorship.  
 Very little important business arose for any final action at the meeting. The question of the new pipe line was discussed at length, and the new members evince a desire to learn all they can of the needs and of the proposed changes in the water service.  
 The resignations of Messrs. Elmore and Bowlby were accepted. As the permanent standing committee on water rates, Commissioners Welch and Kankkonen were appointed. Commissioners Brix and Holmes were appointed as the auditing committee.  
 The request of John Christian to connect his sewer pipe with the overflow pipe at the big reservoir was refused. His place is near the reser-

voir and he wanted permission to have the overflow pipe from the reservoir carry away his refuse, but the commissioners thought this would be very inadvisable. It is suggested the residents of that locality should dig deep excavations for their sewerage.  
 In accordance with the resolution adopted at the first meeting of the commissioners in relation to the charter provision pertaining to the qualification of members, the city attorney, Mr. Abercrombie, has written to Judge Mc Bride asking for his opinion of the effect and meaning of the provision. There is some natural doubt that Judge McBride will respond to the request of the commissioners, though it is not doubted that his well known courtesy will prompt him to do so if he can see his way clear to interpret the provision. It is usual for judges to carefully refrain from giving any opinion on any matter which might later come before them in some legal proceeding, and the usual course to settle such matters is to institute a friendly suit, thus bringing the question properly and fully before the court. However, courts do sometimes give such opinions, though probably very rarely when a public official's duties are not the question at issue. In this case, however, there are no contending parties, or no apparent possibility of any one's private interests being affected, and it may be that Judge McBride will settle the whole question for the commission without the need of any proceedings in court.

**REALTY TRANSFERS**  
 Heirs of John W. Gearhart to Edgar G. Gearhart, tract near Necanicum Creek; \$600.  
 Otto J. Kraemer to Henry Brammer, west 35 feet of lot 6 and east 10 feet of lot 7, block 5, Railroad Addition to Ocean Grove; \$220.  
 Hammond Lumber Co. to L. R. Abercrombie, 20 acres in Wells Halliday D. L. C.; \$10.

**FRANK J. CARNEY GETS ASTORIA POST OFFICE**  
 NOMINATED IN FEDERAL SENATE YESTERDAY BY THE PRESIDENT.

The following despatch brought the good news to Frank J. Carney, of this city, last night, that he has been nominated for the Postmastership of the City of Astoria:  
 "WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The President today nominated Frank J. Carney as Postmaster at Astoria, to succeed John Hahn. This appointment is made solely on the recommendation of Senator Fulton."  
 Without depreciating, in the least, the claims and efforts of Mr. Hahn, the present capable postmaster of this city, the Astorian, along with hundreds of other friends, will cordially congratulate Mr. Carney, and wish him a pleasant and successful term of service.  
 Mr. Carney is not only a faithful and ardent Republican, but an excellent citizen, and a business man of the first degree, and one who will do all in his power to bring the postal service within the growing scale of its necessities and render prompt service personally and officially so long as he shall hold the trust.  
 Mr. Hahn's term of office will expire on the 23rd instant, though that gentleman contends that it runs to the 16th of April next, the date upon which he entered upon the discharge of his duties; but it usually held that the date of the commission governs in matters of this sort and the rule will probably prevail in this instance. Mr. Hahn has made a careful and obliging officer during the four years of his incumbency, and has made many friends by his patience and forbearing courtesy, all of whom will wish him genuine success in whatsoever business he may take up after his retirement from this important post.

**Avoid Wet Feet.**  
 With the recent moderation in the weather it is almost impossible to keep one's feet dry. No dampness is so hard to keep out of shoes as snow water. Prepare yourself for a long siege of wet weather by purchasing a good pair of winter shoes at the big odd and end sale now on at C. V. Brown's shoe store. Prices are being cut to cost and below.

**Shoes at Cost.**  
 Don't forget that pair of shoes today that you have been wanting for so long. Brown can furnish you with just what you want at a great saving. Just glance at the big reductions at the odd and end sale now on at the store. C. V. Brown, the shoe man.

**Social dance January 16th at National Hall, corner 28th and Franklin. Gents, 50c; ladies free. Music will be furnished by the Pacific Orchestra.**  
**Boy Wanted.**  
 A good boy to work in printing office. Apply Astorian office.  
**Plumbers.**  
 Plumbing service, 80 cents per hour, for all work in our line. See us; our prices are reasonable and we guarantee our work first class; a telephone call will bring our man to your home or business. Phone Main 4061, 125 Eighth street.  
 The Modern Barber Shop, 572 Commercial street, and the Occident Barber Shop, had their bath-rooms put in running order yesterday, which will be appreciated by their many patrons.

**CHURCHES SUNDAY**  
**First Methodist.**  
 Sermons for Sunday: 11 a. m., "The Excellency of the Knowledge of Christ." At 7:30 p. m., "The Second Coming of Christ." This will be the third in the series on "Great Questions." Other services: Sunday school at 12:15 p. m., Epworth League at 6:30 p. m., Mid-week service for Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30. Come and bring your Bible. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all services. C. C. Rarick, pastor.  
**Memorial Lutheran.**  
 Morning service at 11 o'clock; theme "Overcoming Difficulties." Evening service at 7:30, theme "The Choice of Vocations." At the evening service the newly elected officers will be installed. Choirs assist at both services. A cordial invitation is extended to all to worship with us.  
**Presbyterian.**  
 Morning worship, 11 o'clock, Rev. R. J. Diven, the new pastor of the Alderbrook church will preach. Sunday school, 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30; evening worship, 7:30. Rev. Mr. Rudd, chaplain to seamen will preach. Miss Reba Hobson, choir director. Male chorus at night. All are invited. Wm. S. Gilbert, pastor.  
**Norwegian-Danish M. E.**  
 Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m. Scandinavians are cordially invited. C. F. Field, pastor.  
**Grace.**  
 Sunday after Epiphany at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 12:30.  
**Holy Innocents Chapel.**  
 Service in Uppertown at 3:45 p. m.; Sunday school, 11:15 a. m.  
**The Man Who Eats.**  
 The man who eats does so with the expectation of being satisfied. To this end he seeks the best possible place to gratify his normal appetite at the most rational expense. These accounts for the steady stream of people to and from the portals of the Palace Restaurant in this city. The reputation of the Palace is founded immovably upon the certainty and amplitude of the service it renders to every purse, and appetite, big and little. Open day and night. Commercial streets, opposite the Page building.

**Assembly Dance—**  
 The second of the series of dances to be given during the winter by the Assembly Club was held in the Athletic Club hall last night.

**Alpha Society—**  
 The Alpha Society of the Memorial Lutheran church was entertained last evening at the residence of Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist. Games were played and prizes were won by Miss Alema Nyland, Mrs. Fritz Voss and Mrs. Herman Kempe. Refreshments was served by hostess and all went home satisfied with the evening well spent.

**DOUBLE FUNERAL OF THE CHILD VICTIMS SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:30.**  
 Little Agnes Burns, the child who was terribly burned at her parents' home in Uppertown Thursday, died yesterday afternoon, thus adding another cruel chapter to the lamentable tragedy. Her brother, a baby boy of not quite three years, died from the burns he received a short time after the flames were extinguished.  
 Though the little one had received the best of medical attention it is probable she may have inhaled the flames and therefore little or nothing could be done.  
 At first it was thought the child was all right and the physician in charge was hopeful that no serious results would follow. The mother, too, has been terribly upset by the frightful tragedy.  
 The funeral of both the little boy and baby girl will be held Sunday afternoon from the Gilbaugh chapel, at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Greenwood.  
 Last night the physician who had been in attendance upon the little baby girl said that it was probable that the child had inhaled some of the flames, thus causing pneumonia to set in. Or perhaps there had been some internal injuries which were not discoverable readily in such a little one. Outwardly there had been little or nothing to indicate that death would result so soon.

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