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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Funeral Today—The funeral of the late August Nelson of Knappton will be held this morning from the Pohl chapel.

Mayor Smith's Illness—As far as could be learned yesterday Mayor Smith is not seriously ill in Portland and his early recovery is looked for.

Off For California—Senator and Mrs. J. G. Megler left up on the Lurline last evening for Portland, en route to Southern California, where they will spend a pleasant month among the roses and oranges.

Federal Inspection—Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers Ames and Weldon are due to arrive here tomorrow for the purpose of subjecting the steamers Nahcotta, Gerald C. Julia B., and the self-propelling pilotboat J. E. Monroe, to thorough inspection under the government rules.

The Warrenton Dikes—Word reached this city yesterday that the Warrenton dikes have been nearly all repaired and in the course of another 48 hours will be safe against the encroachment of the high tides. Yesterday witnessed another access of tide down there, but not as high as has been the rule lately.

Denied Visitors—So many visitors called to see J. N. Laws at the hospital Friday that it apparently did not agree with him and yesterday his physician forbade any more. Mr. Laws is said to be getting along nicely and he hopes to be out of the hospital very soon. John Fox, who is also there with an attack of rheumatism, is getting along well and he also had callers yesterday.

Ask For Improvement—Recently R. Basel and others asked that Grand avenue be improved from Fifth to Fourth streets, and yesterday another petition was entered asking that the street be improved several blocks farther to First street. This second petition is signed by Hannah Porter and ten others, who ask that the street be graded to its full width and planked in the center 16 feet wide, and with eight-foot sidewalks.

Tax Roll Ready—J. Couch Clinton the county clerk, yesterday turned over the tax roll to the sheriff, and the collection of taxes will soon commence. Last year it

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Not An Alluring Spectacle—Good citizens who have to traverse the thoroughfares next and nearest the Astoria high school are not particularly edified by the spectacle of a bunch of boys from that school standing on the sidewalks adjacent to the building and smoking cigarettes. And the boys themselves might not really appreciate the sight if they could get a good square look at themselves. It may be possible they will look a whole lot better when they are older, but it is to be doubted, for a cigarette never yet contributed one whit to the dignity of man, woman nor boy. It would seem as though this spectacle might be abated by the school board, if the jurisdiction of the teachers does not extend beyond the grounds of the school-buildings.

Married Last Night—In the presence of a goodly throng of friends Ole Tstoos of the quarantine station on the north shore, and Mrs. Nora Bolinger Lynch, who has been teaching school at Knappton, were married last night at the home of Andrew Bue in Uppertown. Mr. Tstoos has lived in the Bue home for the past 21 years, and in honor of the wedding the house was prettily adorned. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. Blessum. Mr. Tstoos' mother, one of his brothers, and several friends were also down from Olney. T. Tstoos, a brother, and Hans Bue acted as bestmen and Miss Annie Bue and Miss Sigried Divick as bridesmaids. A wedding supper was served and the evening spent pleasantly. Mrs. Lynch has been teaching school at Knappton during the winter and will continue for the rest of the term. Several from Knappton also came over to the wedding.

Commendable Generosity—If one wants an enlightening idea of the multiplicity of the Astoria youngsters all one has to do is to visit the "Jewell" or the "Bungalo" moving-picture shows in this city of a Saturday afternoon afternoon, when both houses are thrown open, free, to the children. They literally swarm, and are as full of snap and life as a lot of "kids out of school" ever get to be, but well behaved withal. The "Grand" has not yet broached the system. The concession is a generous one and to be commended as a very distinct feature of the local amusement world.

Chinese Celebrate—Astoria Chinese held a big pyrotechnic celebration last night, commencing at 6:30 o'clock, and for nearly an hour Chinatown was a blaze of lights and agog with the sounds of innumerable exploding firecrackers and other fireworks. The giant crackers went off literally by the thousands, with an incessant rattle that sounded like a dozen gatling guns in action. The display was given in front of one of the joss houses on Bond street and attracted many curious people from over the city. It is said the Chinese spent \$400 in bringing the fireworks here for last night's celebration.

By Local Talent—The officers and men of First Company, Coast Artillery Corps, of this city, have made partial, but definite arrangements for the production in this city at an early day, of a stirring military drama at the hands of local talent, the most of it drawn from its own ranks (all except the ladies), and have selected the play and are now busy selecting the people and assigning the parts. The affair will be given with all the éclat that usually characterizes the work of this company, and it is likely to be an eye-opener when it is put before the home public. The name of the play is a secret, so far.

Don't Like The Methods—It has developed here, during the past few days, that several of the best known insurance companies having agencies in Astoria and which were until very recently members of the Oregon Board of Underwriters, have withdrawn from the board and are operating as non-board concerns, and what is more to the point, are writing insurance at the old rates that prevailed before the board made its last advance on the local risks. They became disgusted with the high-handed methods pursued by the board and arbitrarily detached themselves in order to do the squarer thing by their own patrons, a movement that will rebound to their credit and their business once it becomes generally known about the city.

Narrow Escape—At 9:40 o'clock last night lightning struck the big flagstaff on the northern front of the Union Fishermen's Co-operative Packing Company's plant in Uniontown, and running down the pole set the dry timbers on fire at its base. The shock to the building indicated to the night watchman that the property had been struck and he instantly sought it out, turned in an alarm and sent word to have the Uniontown bell ring. To this summons scores of men responded and though the fire department made a gallant run out, the danger was passed when they arrived, to the universal gratification of thousands in that vicinity and indeed all over the city, since this cannery is one of the most important industries at the mouth of the Columbia. While there was every indication that lightning struck the building later investigation showed no trace of the bolt on the pole. It is possible that the flash came in on a wire. It was also suggested by several who made an investigation that there was a possibility of incendiarism, though that seems highly improbable. Certain shavings and a pile of shingles were found, it was said, last night. However, the blaze followed immediately after a brilliant flash of lightning.

PERSONAL MENTION

Willie Meikle, the Yukon citizen, and J. B. Spencer, were passengers out on the Rose City yesterday for the Golden State metropolis.

D. Lipman of Seattle was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

M. A. Smith of Chicago spent the day in Astoria yesterday and was quartered at the Occident.

C. P. McGinnis of Portland was among the big crowd of business tourists noted in this city yesterday.

J. E. Smalley of Spokane was in the city yesterday on matters of business, and left up on the 6:10 train last evening.

H. B. Stuart of The Dalles spent the day in this city yesterday and was domiciled at the Northern.

K. E. Swartz of Tacoma was doing business in Astoria yesterday and will sojourn over Sunday at Seaside.

E. G. Martinson of Detroit was registered at the Merwyn yesterday.

J. F. Dalrymple of Seattle was a business tourist in this city and section yesterday, and went home via South Bend.

Frank N. Clark was not with his train-load of salesmen on their run to the Columbia Beach site yesterday. He could not come down and Secretary Ferris of the Columbia Trust Company, had charge of the party.

E. C. McIntyre of Salem was in the city yesterday for a few hours and returned to the Capital City on last night's express.

O. V. Anton of Spokane spent the afternoon in this city yesterday and went on to the coast on the evening train.

L. D. Manstruther of Medford was noted among the visiting hundreds in Astoria yesterday.

J. T. Stanton of Eugene was here yesterday on a business quest and left up on the evening express for Portland.

First Lieutenant J. Prentice of Ft. Stevens, was in the city yesterday for an afternoon off.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Marion P. Kruse to Theo. Kruse, various lots in Gearhart Park, and household goods in the cottage on said lots; \$10,000.

MRS. LONGTAIN IS IN CATHLAMET JAIL

WOUNDED MAN'S FRIENDS EAGERLY ENQUIRE AFTER HIS CONDITION.

Dr. Fred Peacock, who was shot by Mrs. Adelaide Longtaine at Cathlamet on Friday afternoon, is said to have a fairly good chance for recovery, though there is admittedly danger that some complication may arise to make his case more critical. At the hospital it was yesterday said Dr. Peacock had been nervous and restless during the night after the bullets were cut out, and yesterday his condition remained unchanged. Because of the fact that one of the bullets entered the pleural cavity there is the possibility of inflammation there.

Mrs. Longtaine was locked up in the Cathlamet jail, and it is said the place is in deplorably bad condition and unfit to receive prisoners. It is expected her hearing may be delayed a short time, or until it is assured that the physician will recover. As far as is known here she has made no statement yet in explanation of her murderous deed, while collateral evidence tends to show that her mind was perfectly clear. Had the shooting been done by a man it probably would be cowardly in the extreme, for she shot from behind and gave no word of warning. The tales of the two presumably mysterious strangers are easily explained, as the two men who called at the Longtaine ranch a few miles from Cathlamet a short time before the shooting were Captain Touze, of the ship Asmiers, now loading at Tongue Point, and Conrad Le Blanc, of the Columbia Bottling works of this city. The two gentlemen were in Cathlamet on a business errand and as both are French, and Mr. Le Blanc knowing the Longtaine family well, they took advantage of the occasion to drive out to the farm. As they neared the place, Mr. Le Blanc said yesterday, they met Mrs. Longtaine driving in toward town. After a few pleasant words she turned back and drove to the Longtaine home with them. There all joined in cheerful talk, and nothing was observed by the two gentlemen to denote that Mrs. Longtaine was brooding over the death of her daughter and no allusion was made to Dr. Peacock. The subject did not arise at all. Mrs. Longtaine seemed to be her normal self, and yet only a few hours elapsed before she stood behind the Cathlamet doctor and fired four shots at him.

Many came down to Astoria from Cathlamet yesterday and all were eager in their enquiries after the condition of Dr. Peacock, and the report that he would probably pull through all right was received with expressions of pleasure. Cathlamet people say that the feeling in regard to the case differs very much as between the people of that city and this; in fact being almost diametrically opposite. Dr. Henderson and Dr. Reames, the physicians in charge of the wounded man, stated yesterday that while his condition is bad there is a chance for recovery.

BOARD HEEDS NONE OF VARIOUS PROTESTS

INTERESTING QUESTION ARISES OUT OF METHOD OF MAKING ASSESSMENTS

At a meeting of the board of equalization in the council chambers yesterday afternoon all of the various assessment rolls before it for consideration were adopted as they stood; that is, recommendation was made in each instance that the common council adopt them as made by the board of assessors. Several protests had been entered, and there were several gentlemen present to voice the reason for their protests, but the board saw no adequate reason for making any change at all. The board passed upon five assessment rolls, which have been duly advertised for the last ten days.

An interesting question arises out of one of the protests. Mrs. Mary Morgan protested against her assessment on Jerome avenue, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets for which her assessment was the sum of \$262.31; while the contract price for the improvement of the entire block was only a very little more. For the entire district it was \$5864. Mrs. Morgan thought it unjust that she should pay, for her two lots, a sum nearly equivalent to the contract price for the whole block. On the face of the matter this does seem an injustice, though study of the question will readily show that the other side looms up very largely.

Mrs. Morgan's contention—and that of others who have made like protests—is that she should pay alone for the improvement in the block in which she lives. In this case the work between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets was not costly; the costly improvement was elsewhere on the street, though of course within the assessment district. If Mrs. Morgan were to have paid her proportionate share of the block in front of her place alone her assessment would have been much smaller than it was.

But—and here's the rub—those who lived in blocks where the improvement would be very costly would have to pay for all the costly work.

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Of course this argument is entirely aside from the plain provisions of the charter, which require the board to make their assessments within a certain prescribed district, "according to the benefits." Thus, of course, the board is performing its duties in the only way that the law will permit, and the question is merely of interest as an argument whether the present manner of making assessments is equitable or not.

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First Norwegian Lutheran.
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Theo. P. Neste, pastor.

Alderbrook Presbyterian.
Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.; Preaching, 11:30 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m. Strangers in the city and all who have no regular place of worship are most cordially invited. Robert J. Diven, pastor, residence 2347 Cedar street.

Memorial Lutheran.
Sunday school at 10 a. m. There will be no morning service owing to the funeral of the late Mr. Nelson of Knappton. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. This service will be in charge of the Alpha Society. All are cordially invited. Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor.

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