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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Mr. Laws Better
J. N. Laws is expected to leave St. Mary's hospital some time today for his home.

Citizenship
Declaration of intention to become a citizen was filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday by Anders Emanuel Spongberg, native of Sweden.

Weather Forbids
The February storms forbidding, the practice march heretofore ordered for the First Company, Coast Artillery, for today, has been abandoned and will not be attempted until later.

Warrenton Officials
At a recent meeting of the Warrenton common council the following officials were appointed: Treasurer, J. E. Higgins; city attorney, J. A. Eakin of Astoria; auditor and police judge, W. J. Eastabrook; chief of police, John Bruce.

'Twixt Sea And Heaven
Head Keeper W. T. Langlois, of Tillamook Head Lighthouse, who has been away on a vacation, is in the city, awaiting transportation to his home "twixt the sea and Heaven," via the lighthouse tender Heather, which is now in instant readiness to depart for the great rock as soon as she can get out over the bar.

Dead At Ninety
John Ross, father of J. T. Ross and William Ross, died yesterday afternoon at the advanced age of 90 years, having been born in Thankerton, Scotland, April 23, 1819. The funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with interment in Greenwood cemetery, going by the steamer Jordan from the Callender dock.

Postpone Ladies' Night
Announcement is made that the ladies' night for Thursday night at the Irving Club will be postponed until the following night, February

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Unfair Rates
Attention is called to the rates established by the railways in connection with the steamship lines to European points; from New York city the rate to Astoria is \$50, which is the highest rate charged to any point in Oregon, Washington or the State of California. Other cities along the coast, like Aberdeen, are charged \$48, as is practically every city in Oregon outside of Portland. Why Astoria should be "soaked" \$1 or \$2 more than all the other cities and towns along the coast cannot even be conjectured here. The very highest rate in Washington is to Oak Harbor, at \$49.25, and the highest in the State of California is \$49, while of course Astoria leads them all with the even \$50. Astoria is much easier of access than many of the places where the extra dollar or two is not charged. L. O. Belland, who is the agent for various steamer lines, is endeavoring to have the small but exceedingly unfair sum removed.

After The Chinese
Acting Chief of Police Oberg yesterday got after half a dozen of the Chinese merchants who sell Chinese gin and white man's whisky as side lines in their shops, and called upon them to step up to the city hall and pay their \$100 wholesale licenses. The news passed through Chinatown like wildfire, and nothing else was talked of there yesterday. Hop Hong Lung Co., by one of its representatives, hurried to the city hall and paid over the sum of \$100, while Hong Yik also "dug" for the same amount. Three or four others are expected to pay up, too, or otherwise they will be arrested. It is well known to the police that the Chinese constantly sell intoxicants in their stores, though it is difficult to catch them at it, and presumably they should all get out a regular retail license, which costs \$400. At all events the \$100 wholesale license is better than nothing, for the city "needs the money" very badly.

Remember The Day
Don't forget to come to Mrs. G. Zeigler's Wednesday afternoon and evening. The Woman's Relief Corps will have a home cooking sale. All kinds of good things, too, and everybody will be made welcome and the Corps ladies will be very grateful for the assistance of any of their friends. The relief fund cannot be used for anything only relief of those in distress of the U. A. R. or their families.

A Sad Home-Coming
The remains of the late C. F. Anderson, of Deep River, who died in Southern California on Saturday, January 31st, and which have been en route to his home ever since, but delayed constantly on the Southern Pacific by the floods, are due to arrive in this city on the noon train tomorrow, and the steamer General Washington will be held pending their arrival. Interment will be had in the Deep River Cemetery, the funeral services being held from the church at that town. Mr. Anderson was but 21 years of age.

The High Water
Muskrats had a part in the breaking of the dykes in the Warrenton district, according to a gentleman from that city who was in Astoria yesterday. He says the muskrats are very numerous in that district and that they dig and burrow in the embankments of a great degree. The water follows along through the holes made by them and finally eats a larger passage, and it was through these holes that the first breaks came, according to this informant. He also added that some of the boys catch hundreds of the muskrats each winter season, for the purpose of selling their furs, but that their number has not been materially diminished. The flooded condition in and around Warrenton has not abated and yesterday conditions were reported as pretty bad. There is trouble at the Old Oregon Mills, especially.

A Scoop
Without saying a word Herman Wise hiked himself to Chicago and New York to get ahead of his competitors and the boys in his store are tickled because the new spring styles of suits for men and young men are so beautiful, nothing like them has ever been seen before. Mr. Wise writes from the east that he just went to the leading manufacturers and asked the special favor of giving him the first pick of the latest things in suits. As a result the stylish fellows in Astoria will have the latest spring suits ahead of any city on the coast and as soon as the good dressers of the eastern metropolis. Mr. Wise states that price cuts no figure with him. It was style and workmanship that he was after and he secured what is best today in Chicago and New York.

Look in the windows of Wise's store and see what the Broadway chaps are going to wear. There's nothing slow about Herman Wise. He is Astoria's champion clothier and there is not one of them in all Oregon to take the championship away from him. Whoopla, but the salesmen in Wise's clothing store are proud of the old man's scoop.
In addition to these new spring clothes Mr. Wise has sent by express the niftiest neckwear.
If you want the latest; if you want style; come to Wise's for you can't look foolish in a Wise suit.

LIBRARY LADIES MAKE FINE SHOWING

ANNUAL MEETING YESTERDAY AND NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

At the annual meeting of the Astoria Public Library Association held in the library rooms yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President, Mrs. A. D. Garner; vice-president, Mrs. G. Wingate; secretary, Mrs. J. H. Smith; treasurer, Mrs. H. F. Prael.

It was decided to continue the library free for another year. The fine on over-due books was raised from 1 cent to 3 cents per day, this action being deemed necessary owing to the carelessness of patrons in not returning books. With a larger fine it is hoped the books will not be kept out of circulation so long.

Reports of the various retiring officers were read. Mrs. A. D. Garner's report as retiring secretary shows that the great total of 17,678 visitors to the reading room is recorded, and while this figure may be based upon estimates, it nevertheless shows beyond question the importance of the reading room. The books taken out numbered 11,888. There were 161 new books added to the library.

The report of Gertrude M. Finch, treasurer for the last year, shows the total receipts of the past year to have been \$1026.93, of which the city gave \$895; in fines \$61.09 was secured; from the cooking sale the sum of \$62.21 was secured. After all disbursements were made there is still a balance of \$28.89 in the treasury.

How the ladies have managed to conduct the library on the ridiculously small sum, of a little over \$1000 for a year is not very clear, and it shows that they have practiced economy to a fine degree. Thus it appears that the total cost of the public library in a city having a population of upwards of 15,000 cost only a little bit more in cash than did the services of the janitor of the city hall during the same length of time.

The report of the retiring president, Mrs. Marion B. Troyer, was as follows:

In accordance with the usual custom, I take pleasure in submitting the following report for the year ending February 6, 1909. The year just closed has been unusual on account of reorganizing the library and making it free. It was entered upon as an experiment for one year, but, as our secretary's and treasurer's reports will show it has been so successful that we may consider it an established institution.

That the public has been benefited and has taken a greater interest than heretofore will be shown by the large number of cards taken out. It is a source of great satisfaction that subscribers generally have been exceptionally careful in handling books; nevertheless the new order requires the rebinding of volumes more frequently than formerly, also a greater number of books for circulation, and consequently will necessitate additional expenditure. Whereas the money received from the city will, with careful management, pay the ordinary running expenses of the library, it will be necessary to call upon the public occasionally for assistance.

The ready response at the time of the home cookery sale, last September, leads us to believe that our friends and patrons are willing to assist us when called upon.

One suggestion that I would like to offer is a revision of the fine system. With the present rate of one cent per day, many patrons become careless of returning books, preferring to pay a nominal fine to bringing a book back when due. This works a hardship on other subscribers as it very often keeps the most sought after books out of circulation.

Special attention has been paid during the year, to the children, in the way of adding a table and chairs for their special use together with an appropriation for the purpose of purchasing more juvenile books. We hope, in time, to make this a very interesting department.

We regret, very much, the resignations from the "Board" of three workers, Mesdames Trullinger, Taylor and George.

The different committees are deserving of special mention, as the work for the past year has exacted considerable time and thought. I wish to express my appreciation for the hearty way in which they have co-operated with me in accomplishing the work assigned them.
Respectfully submitted,
MARION B. TROYER.
Astoria, February 6, 1909.

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A GREEK IS MURDERED AT CLIFTON

CRIPPLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY HIS COMPANION.

Evidences of a horrible crime were disclosed yesterday morning at Clifton when the dead body of a man was found near the river front, cut and slashed in a terrible manner. The dead man is supposed to have been one of two Greeks who went to Clifton the preceding night. They put up at a hotel there and the next thing known of either was when the body found near the river. The dead man was a cripple, and it is presumed he was killed by his companion. The names of the dead man or of his companion are not known, nor is any motive for the slaying known or is any motive for the slaying known. The second man has disappeared.

Coroner Gilbaugh went up to Clifton yesterday and brought the body back last night. An inquest will be held here tomorrow. Mr. Gilbaugh said last night the body is mutilated pretty badly, and that it will probably require an expert examination to determine with exactness the nature of the weapon used. One or two witnesses will come down from Clifton to the inquest. Mr. Gilbaugh made a thorough investigation of the matter as far as was possible but thus far very little light can be thrown on the matter, beyond the mere fact that the man was apparently murdered. It is said the two men had been in this city. Deputy Sheriff McLean also went to Clifton yesterday and investigated the matter.

Clover-Nook Cream.
A. J. Gragg, the well known dairyman, has started what is to be known to fame and trade as the "Clover-Nook Dairy," from which he proposes to deliver anywhere within the city of Astoria the purest of cream and milk, guaranteeing his cream to whip, or amenable to return. The headquarters of the concern will be at the corner of Tenth and Duane streets in this city and Mr. Gragg promises

the best and promptest service in all lines and the purest and richest goods in response to whatever orders shall be left there.

Bright Attractions.
Mr. Shortly's "Grand" moving picture house is never behind the high standard observed in the business here at Astoria, and his present bill is indubitable proof of this. The program for today comprehends the following attractions and songs: "The Scar," "Sammy Celebrates," "The Actor's Baby Carriage," and "The Professor's Love Tonic," all on the curtain, and "Sweetheart Town," and "Neath the Old Grape-Arbor Shade," two very pretty and catchy songs. The pictures in "The Scar" are very clear and warmly colored presentations of a thrilling play, in which the settings are unusually effective and beautiful, the play hinging on the bite a lovely girl leaves on the left hand of an insistent and hateful lover whose death she circumvents just before his marriage with her sister.

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Veal Stew.....	8c, 10c
Necks of Veal.....	8c, 10c
Shoulder Roasts Pig Pork, end cut.....	10c
Shoulder Roast Veal.....	10c
Shoulders of Lamb.....	10c
Shoulders of Mutton.....	10c
Hamburger Steak.....	10c
Round Steak.....	10c
Bologna Sausage.....	10c
Liver Sausage.....	10c
Head Cheese.....	10c
Fresh Leaf Lard.....	12c
Dry Salt Pork.....	12c
That famous Sausage that everybody talks about—Smith's absolutely pure, clean and fresh Pig Pork Sausage.....	12c
Veal Sausage.....	12c
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Shoulder Veal Cutlets.....	12c
Shoulder Roast Lamb.....	12c
Shoulder Roast Mutton.....	12c
Sirloin Steak.....	12c
Tenderloin Steak.....	12c
Pork Chops.....	12c, 15c
Pork Pork.....	10c, 12c, 15c
Porterhouse Steak.....	12c, 15c
Rib Roasts of Pig Pork.....	15c
Loin Roasts of Pig Pork.....	15c
Prime Rib Rolled Roast Beef.....	15c
Rib Chops of Pig Pork.....	15c
Rib Chops of Pig Pork.....	15c
Loin Chops of Pig Pork.....	15c
Loin Veal.....	15c
Loin Veal Cutlets.....	15c
Rib Veal Cutlets.....	15c
Legs of Lamb.....	15c
Legs of Mutton.....	15c
Loin Lamb Chops.....	15c
Mutton Loin Chops.....	15c
Rib Lamb Chops.....	15c
Rib Mutton Chops.....	15c
Smith's Sugar-Cured Hams.....	15c
Half a Ham, same price.....	15c
Smith's Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon.....	15c and 17c
Smith's pure kettle-rendered Lard.....	15c
5-pound pail.....	65c
Fresh Eggs, per dozen.....	50c
Smith's Willamette Brand of Creamery Butter, per roll.....	75c
Fresh Dressed Chickens.....	18c
Fresh Rogue River Salmon, per pound.....	12c