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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Has Left Hospital—

Anton England, the man who was taken to the hospital with a severe attack of erysipelas several weeks ago, complicated with other troubles, has left there. He is all right again.

Night Steward Now—

Charles Anderson, who has been the day steward at St. Mary's hospital for a major part of the past year, last night commenced new duties as night steward of the institution.

Teachers' Exams—

Teachers' examinations were commenced yesterday in the office of Miss Warren, the county superintendent. Fourteen applicants are taking the examinations, ten for county and four for state certificates. The examinations will continue until Saturday.

Here To Invest—

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson of Portland, have arrived in this city and are quartered at the Parker House. Mr. Wilson comes to look this city over with a view to establishing a laundry business, and it may be said in passing that he means business.

Picked Up Set Nets—

Mr. Mack, the water bailiff, picked up six set-nets on the river up towards Tongue Point Tuesday, but was unable to learn who the owners are. The law provides a fine of \$50 for using these set nets without a license, as these owners were doing, while the cost of the license is but \$2.50. The nets were put out for steel heads, and the men evidently made the run of the nets at night.

In The Sunny South—

H. B. Parker, the lively octogenarian of this city, and persistent globe-trotter, is now in Los Angeles, and writes that he took dinner with Fred Crosby there the other day. Mr. Crosby was his bookkeeper for 12 years here, when Mr. Parker was boniface of that hostelry. The aged Astorian reports that the weather down there is badly mixed, but with the sunshine holding its own against the incursions of rain and wind.

Pipe Organ Recital—

A pipe organ recital is to be held at Grace Episcopal church on the evening of February 26, under the auspices of St. Agnes' Guild. Mrs. Brenham Van Dusen, organist of the church will give the recital, and will be assisted by one or more vocalists. The complete program has not yet been arranged. The organ in Grace church is an excellent one, and all those who have had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Van Dusen play will doubtless be glad of an opportunity to hear her in this recital. The last organ recital in Grace church, several months ago, was very successful and many who were present said it was one of the most delightful musical evenings they had ever passed in Astoria. This recital should be equally interesting and the ladies of the guild will make other announcements in relation to it.

I. O. O. F. Notice.
 Members are requested to attend a regular meeting of Beaver Lodge No. 35, this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock, Work in First Degree. Visiting members invited to attend.
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Back To Norway—

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Celius will depart today for their old home in Arndal, Norway, where they expect to settle for good and all. Mr. Celius having been offered a lucrative place in one of the mining camps of that country. They have been four years in Astoria, and go back for the main reason suggested above; but do not gainsay the proposition that they may come back in the brighter future they hope to build.

The Lincoln Stamp Here—

The Astoria postoffice is now in possession of its quota of the new Lincoln two-cent stamp. It is a beautiful affair, and represents the head and face of the great President in profile, with a downward, serious and rather sombre expression, but with a fine presentment and an interesting one. Over the portrait are the words "Two Cents," and beneath it, on a scroll, the dates "1809—February 12—1909." They will not be on sale until tomorrow morning the 100th anniversary of the birth of the American martyr.

Off For New Post—

Major Thomas Lamereaux, the well known and popular commanding officer at Fort Stevens, departed last night on the Portland express for his new post at the Presidio at San Francisco. He goes with the abundant good will of this entire community, as an officer with whom it has been a pleasure to do business and from whom to receive the courtesies incident to a visit to the forts; and it is saying but little to express the hope he may find an exceedingly pleasant term of service at the Bay City. Major Bartlett will arrive to take over the command at Stevens in the course of a few days.

Boy Fatally Injured—

Ragnar Olson, a little boy who lives with his parents out in the Lewis and Clark region, on the Larson farm, was badly injured about two weeks ago by falling down from a hay mow. He was brought to St. Mary's hospital Tuesday and yesterday it was said that he has apparently no chance for life. Death was hourly expected. Dr. Henderson took charge of the case when the lad was brought into the city, and last evening he said the boy was suffering from a very severe concussion of the brain, with perhaps a slight fracture at the base of the skull. Ever since the injury the boy has lain in a partially comatose state. He is perhaps 10 or 12 years of age. He fell on his head.

Want Another Game—

It is said the telephone employees who were defeated by the Athletic Club team in basketball Tuesday night would like another game. If one can be arranged it is sure to be an interesting one. Had the telephone boys only thrown baskets with a little more skill in the game Tuesday night they might have had that game, for as it was they missed time after time. Mr. Kinney, the clerk of the Athletic Club, took both teams down for a supper after the Tuesday night game. Saturday night the girls' basketball team of the High School are to play a game at the Athletic Club with a team made up from the ladies of the club.

Plenty of smelt, spare ribs and tenderloins every day at Braden-Adams Meat Market. See ad, page 4.

Home Cooking Sale—

The home-cooking sale held by the ladies of the Relief Corps at the home of Mrs. G. Zeigler on Seventeenth street yesterday afternoon was so successful that by 5 o'clock every last pie and cake had been sold out. Many called during the evening who had not been there during the afternoon and were disappointed to find that all of the home-made articles were gone. Nevertheless those who went last evening had a very pleasant time, even though they didn't have a chance to buy anything, for Mr. Zeigler and Miss Laurie McCann sang a number of songs that gave much pleasure. Next time the ladies will endeavor to have a bigger supply of things on hand in readiness for the rush.

To Annex Territory—

Provision is made in a bill introduced in the House by Representative McCue, by which cities and towns may incorporate additional territory when the subject of annexation is not covered in the city charter of such municipalities. The bill provides that, on petition of one-fifth of the legal voters of any municipality, the City Council shall call a special election when the subject of annexing more territory shall be submitted to the voters of the incorporated city and territory proposed to be annexed. Notice of the election shall be given by publication in the newspapers. If a majority of the people residing within the established boundaries of the city and in the territory to be incorporated shall vote for annexation, then the additional territory shall be taken into the city. The ballots of the two districts are to be counted separately and a majority of each must be for annexation before the new territory can be added.

Talked on "Projectiles"—

Lieutenant Cullen of Fort Stevens again delivered an address to the members of the First Company in their armory in the Foard & Stokes hall at the regular Wednesday night meeting last night. The talk was on "Projectiles," and Lieutenant Cullen discussed the matter in all its phases, dealing with the contents of the projectiles, the manner of their use, their action when fired, etc. The address was very interesting and instructive and the members of the company appreciate very highly the goodness of Lieutenant Cullen in making these addresses. Some time the members of the company hope to get down to Fort Stevens and see the guns in action. The company also last night assigned the parts that members are to take in the military drama which is to be given in March. Rehearsals will be held every week from now on and this play promises to be an excellent one.

AMUSEMENTS

CHARLES B. HANFORD.

Darwin's theory of the survival of the fittest applies to literature as well as to natural history. The test of time as applied to comedies results in a ruthless and sweeping elimination. When a comedy survives as long as "The Taming of the Shrew" with prospects of its being hailed with delight by generations yet unborn there can be little doubt about its being fit. It gives the Shakespearean actor his most brilliant opportunity to indulge in the relaxations of comedy; and it is comedy so bonyant and unrestrained that in many scenes it is absolute farce. Mr. Charles B. Hanford has been a favorite in this role. Indeed he is regarded in the many communities in which he has performed as its recognized interpreter. His appearance at the Astoria Theatre, on Wednesday, February 17th, will be awaited with interest by the host of loyal playgoers who have from season to season rallied to his banner with many recruits and no desertions. Mr. Hanford is again accompanied by that brilliant actress, Miss Marie Drofna, who in this performance will play "Katherine."

Firemen's Ball.

The Warrenton Volunteer Fire Department will give a firemen's ball in Warren Hall, Warrenton, on Friday evening, February 12th. Gents \$1.50, ladies 50c, spectators 25c. Free boat will leave Fisher's dock at 7:45. Music by Pacific Orchestra.

Home-Made Goodies.

There is to be home-made cake, pie, doughnuts and bread for sale at the residence of G. Zeigler on Wednesday afternoon and evening; everyone will be made welcome by the Ladies of the W. R. C.

BUT SEVENTY CANINES ARE LICENSED

SOMEBODY SUGGESTS BIG BLACK MAN AS THE DOG CATCHER.

Out of the myriad of dogs that dwell with or without masters in the city of Astoria, the great number of 70 have now been licensed. The dog catcher, Mr. Johnson, said yesterday he is picking up dogs right along when they are found without licenses, but he has not been able to deplete the visible supply to any appreciable extent. For a dog that is impounded, the dog catcher is permitted \$2 if it is ransomed out—that is, providing any one is willing to pay the pound fee; for every dog that is impounded and is later killed because no one takes it out Mr. Johnson is allowed \$1 by the city, which pays for the killing and the burial. With the number of dogs running unlicensed it would seem an easy job for a bright, hard-working and fairly honest dog catcher to make about \$500 the next few weeks.

Up in the city jail is a mountain of a black man, a negro who was cruelly arrested by the minions of the law a few nights ago because he was enjoying himself in his own way. This black man, who is good natured, intelligent, and generally good to look upon, goes by the name of Matt Lewis and is 6 feet 5 inches in height and weighs about 260 pounds, and this includes no apparent layers of useless fat. Mr. Lewis was given 30 days by an unfeeling judge, and he is now engaged in cleaning up the city prison. It is cleaner than it has been for many weeks, and the prisoner likes to work. He even whistles as he works. Incidentally Mr. Lewis carries letters of recommendation which show he is capable of earning from \$100 to \$150 a month as a cook, but it was difficult for him to get a job as a cook in the camps of this county because it was thought he would eat too much.

Yesterday the brilliant suggestion was made by somebody that Mr. Lewis would make a first rate dog catcher. His good nature is beyond question. Yet no one would be disposed to question whatever he wished to do. Dogs would consider it a joke, a real pleasure, to go with him to the pound. Owners of dogs would hesitate about making any kicks to this good natured man of 6 feet 5 inches and 250 pounds, more or less. Instead of cleaning the windows of the city jail for the rest of the 30 days, it might be a good plan to start Mr. Lewis out catching dogs. He ought to get 20 dogs a day for the next 25 days. That would give the city \$750 in licenses, and would give Mr. Lewis \$500 in pound fees, which would be a pretty good month's wages. Doubtless he would be willing to "split" this with some of those who are "in." The whole city would profit thereby, too, for all who were compelled to obey the laws would feel better, and the canines would feel safer with the tags on their necks.

COMPLICATED LAW POINT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—The question whether an appeal would lie from an order admitting or denying an alien citizenship to the United States Circuit Court of appeals was argued for the first time yesterday before the federal court by United States District Attorney Robert T. Devlin. The case was that of J. C. Thorn, appealed from a Washington Superior Court. The appeal was not based on this point, but it is considered of such importance that Attorney General Bonaparte desired it brought before the court for a decision that would serve as a precedent. Devlin argued that in admitting aliens to citizenship the state courts took over functions of the federal tribunals which would allowed an appeal to the courts of the United States.

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PERSONAL MENTION

F. K. Archer of Aberdeen was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

William Chance, the sage of Clatsop Plains, and bailiff of the circuit court for this county and district, came to the city yesterday to have a "medicine talk" with his physician, as he is not feeling real well. But he managed to get off all the humorous things he had on his mind, all the same.

Hon. David M. Dunne, Internal Revenue Collector of Portland, was in the city yesterday, hob-nobbing with old friends and attending to some matter of business.

P. S. Westchell of San Francisco spent the day in this city yesterday, and was quartered at the Occident.

C. L. Houston, the contractor, arrived home last evening on the Lurline, from up river points.

Phil McDonough of Eagle Cliff, came down on the Lurline last evening, on a business question and will be here for a day or so.

T. D. Savage of Tacoma was a visitor in Astoria yesterday and was domiciled at the Northern Hotel.

J. K. Cummings of The Dalles was here yesterday on business matters and was registered at the Merwyn.

O. F. William of Seattle was noted among the scores of tourists here yesterday. He went to Portland on the 6:10 train last evening.

R. W. Zangwill of Spokane spent the day in Astoria yesterday and went on to Seaside last evening.

G. V. Demorest of Philadelphia stayed a few hours in the city yesterday on affairs of business.

J. D. Smalley of New York was doing business in this city yesterday and will go hence to South Bend this morning.

T. A. Hanford of Boston was one among the many business tourists on these streets yesterday.

Mr. Wilfred Curtis arrived home on last evening's train from Ketchikan, Alaska, where he has been for the past few years.

STANDING BY HER BILL AT STATE CAPITAL

DR. ADAIR MAKING A WINNING FIGHT FOR HER MEASURE

Dr. B. Owens-Adair of this city and county, is still standing steadfastly by her bill for the sterilization of criminals and perverts. The matter is well past the stage of coarse jests and is making friends right and left, upon its inherent and intrinsic merits:
 Salem, Or., Feb. 9, 1909.

"Editor Astorian:
 "Here I am ready to report progress. For I know that many of my friends are anxiously looking to the Daily Astorian for news of my 'famous bill.' It is now in the hands of the penal and reformatory committee and I am expecting to be called before them this evening. And I hope I shall be able to flash the good news to the Astorian. I am very anxious to leave for Olympia but I will not go as long as there is a hope of securing one more vote. If all vote for the bill that have promised, then it will go to the Governor, and he is in favor of the bill. For two of the committee have promised to report favorably. The free discussion of this subject seems to be favorable and the great majority favor the bill. A gentleman came to me, saying, 'I should like to ask you a few questions,' he said, 'I never heard or thought of the subject till I heard you talking in the Statesman office, but I have heard hundreds of men talking of it since, and they all say it's a good bill.' I am happy to know that this measure has passed the stage of coarse jests and silly laughter. It has reached a higher plain, and thousands are beginning to realize the far-reaching benefits to humanity that may be derived through this simple scientific remedy which is fraught with no danger whatever."
 "DR. OWENS-ADAIR."

STRUCK BY TRAIN.

SEATTLE, Feb. 10.—While crossing the railroad tracks to reach his vessel, Captain A. H. Buhner, of the United States revenue cutter Rush, was struck by a train tonight. He was thrown violently to the ground, sustaining painful bruises on the left side and shoulder. His injuries are not serious.

JUDGE BOWLBY BACK FROM SPOKANE

WENT THITHER WITH SECRETARY WHYTE, TO MEET FARMERS' UNION.

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce, and, incidentally, this city and section, were represented at the convention of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, at Spokane, on Tuesday last, by J. Q. A. Bowlby and Secretary John H. Whyte, the former returning to this city on the noon train of yesterday, Mr. Whyte going on to Seattle, with the idea of returning to Astoria today.

In the course of a brief talk with Judge Bowlby yesterday afternoon, that gentleman said that the meeting of the farmers, in this instance, was of exceeding interest; that the association is made up of Inland Empire citizens, each and all of whom are practical farmers and wheat growers, and the purpose of the organization is to cheapen and expedite the marketing of the grain crops of that section and the perfecting of plans whereby the handling of the enormous output will be kept within first hands as far as possible. The Farmers' Union desires to construct and maintain warehouses at several different points within easy touch of the coast or upon it, in which their grain may be stored, and from which it may be shipped, always upon a rational basis of cost and the certainty of despatch. Some point is to be selected and it was in the interest of such a choice in favor of Astoria, that the gentlemen named made the trip, as well as to acquaint themselves with the general trend of the Union's purposes in this important relation. Judge Bowlby said the convention set apart certain hours for the reception of the delegates from the various coast cities and shipping points, and the discussion of the several claims and interests they had to present but that these visitors were not permitted to mingle with the convention in its larger sessions; and it was at one of these private meetings, and before the committee meetings to which they were invited afterwards, that the Astoria delegates presented the superior claims of this port and country for the consideration of this body of practical men.

It is thought that a decision will be declared in this important matter at the next gathering of the Union; and in the meantime, the merits of all the ports and points represented will be duly looked into by special committees and reports filed of the findings, to-wit, Astoria, Vancouver, St. John's and Portland; and once one or more shall be chosen for the purposes of the Farmers the work of setting up their warehouses will go forward promptly and thoroughly.

He said that it was a fact that the Farmers' Union was well disposed to the plan of having their depots established within easy touch of, or at, the mouth of the Columbia river, and that, according to a recent article in one of the Spokane dailies, there was a strong probability of the fixing of warehouse facilities at Astoria, Vancouver and Portland. The judge says he has seldom seen a body of men as deeply in earnest as these solid citizens of the Inland Empire, and that whatever decision they may come to, is sure to be in accord with the soundest predicates of good business and economic disposition of their crops. They are moving in their own orbit, allowing no extraneous influences to effect them in any degree, and are steadfastly working out their own salvation, and when they achieve it, it will be done with genuine circumspection and upon the most advantageous rules and methods. He is glad he went; glad to have met these men, to know what they want, and will be more than glad if Astoria shall figure in the outcome, if only in part.

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