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**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**From Oregon City—**

Sam Roke, owner of a big hot-house at Oregon City, was in the city yesterday and called upon his old friend, Howard M. Brownell. Mr. Roke has been spending a week down at Seaside for his health, and will return there for another week.

**High School Girls Win—**

The game of basketball at the Athletic club last night between the High School girls and the girls of the club was won by the former by a score of 23 to 2. The High School girls simply walked away with the game, and while the score shows the contest to have been one-sided, nevertheless it was interesting and full of fun all the while.

**Contemplated Extensions—**

The Troy Laundry proprietors of Astoria have in mind a series of extensive improvement to the plant here and the introduction of new processes in the business, and have had them for sometime past. They will be inaugurated in the course of a very short time, or as soon as the plan can be perfected. The work will involve the expenditure of \$7000 or \$8000.

**Commanding Officer Due—**

The officers and men at Fort Stevens are expecting the arrival of Major George Bartlett at that post tomorrow, and everything is in perfect readiness for the new commanding officer and there is much interest manifested on all sides as well as the spirit of welcome. Astoria is not without her share in the pleasant anticipations.

**Wedded At Gray's River—**

Last night witnessed a delightful social event in the hospitable precincts of Gray's River, when the lives of two of the most popular young people of that district, Mr. George Sorenson and Miss Eba Ahlberg, both of that community, were merged in the happy bond of matrimony. Rev. C. C. Rarick, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city officiating. There were exactly 25 invited guests from this city on the steamer Wenona. Captain Hull, when she left the Callender dock yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, bound for this jolly affair. The wedding took place in the beautiful hall maintained there by the Meserve Brothers, and was followed by a splendid ball immediately, in honor of the principals; the whole affair closing with a superb banquet. The Astorian wishes Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson a long life of happiness and success.

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

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**Off For Alaska Soon—**

Joe Phillips, the well known expressman, of this city, is making every preparation, including the purchase of a fine team of horses, for his departure for Fairbanks, Alaska, by the steamer which leaves Seattle on the 24th instant. He intends to go into the business right up in that country, whither he goes at the behest of his brother, Harry Phillips. Mrs. Phillips will follow her husband early in June next, and in the meantime, will pay a visit to kinsmen and friends in her old home at Ferndale, near Eureka, Cal.

**A Lincoln Reunion—**

One of the really notable gatherings in honor of the centenary of the Great Emancipator, in this city, on Friday, was the reunion of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Grand Army of the Republic, as those famous orders are represented here, the old soldiers being the guests of the good women of the Corps. There was a world of interesting reminiscence talk and stories, a jolly gathering generally and a fine spread and the veterans and their allies enjoyed every moment of the time.

**The Day of Hearts—**

All the world has a warm regard for this day and its friendly old patron, St. Valentine. It is the anniversary upon which all the incipient lovers of the hour took on their new significance, and on which vows of every degree and import are passed by mail, male and female. Astoria youngsters are not one whit behind their fellows over the land in the grateful tasks of disseminating these testimonials and making these overtures, and there was a vast dispersal of the tender missives all through the city yesterday in anticipation of this occasion.

**Art Treasurer Here—**

Almost by accident, coupled with the grace of a friend, a reporter for the Morning Astorian, yesterday made the delightful discovery of a pair of paintings executed by the great Gainsborough, and both probably done in the earlier years of the 18th century, hanging on the walls of one of Astoria's cozy homes. They have been in the family of the lady of the house for close upon half a century and are highly valued as art treasures germane to a great day and a greater artist. The presumptive value of the two is away up in the thousands, and they are undoubtedly genuine. Both are pictures of children, one of the beggar class, the other of the farm, and both are wonderfully brilliant in color and the drawing is perfect. It was a treat to be allowed the extended scrutiny of the masterpieces accorded the reporter as it may be to any of the friends of the family so fortunate as to own them.

**Don't Thow It Away.**

Just because you got a bargain in that suit you bought at \$12 or \$9.98 you don't have to throw it away; it will pay you to use it as your everyday suit; it will look nicer than your old duds. But for Sunday or evening wear (when you go to call on your best girl), get one of those very new and very fine Spring suits Herman Wise brought from the East; they are made different altogether, and surely you must look stylish to be in it with the other fellow, or else get left.

**BEAUTIFUL STUDY OF SHEER AUDACITY**

**BEING A FURTHER ACCOUNT OF THE "OWL" SALOON'S AFFAIRS.**

The "Owl" saloon on Astor street, one of the two places whose licenses were revoked Friday afternoon as a result of the conviction of their proprietors in police court on a charge of selling intoxicants to a minor, did not close its doors after its license was revoked by operation of law is a question that contains much of interest.

Charles Niemi was the man who held the license for the "Owl" saloon. It came out in the testimony that he had contracted to sell the place to two men, Thomas Piittari and Andrew Mannisto, and he turned the whole saloon over to them. As a sidelight on the matter it may be incidentally stated that the allegation is made that Piittari had 60 cents and Mannisto 40 cents when they "bought" the place. Inasmuch as Niemi was the man who had the license, he was the one naturally found guilty, and while he had contravened the law in transferring his license this question had no part in the trial of Friday afternoon.

But in that trial the testimony showed that it was Piittari and Mannisto, or their agents, who had sold the boy intoxicants. Niemi was morally innocent, at least, thus far. But it was Niemi's license that was revoked, leaving the "Owl" with no license at all.

Something had to be done. Up jumps Piittari. Up jumps Mannisto. Quickly they see Niemi. Quickly Niemi sees the brewery, or somebody else. Quickly Niemi writes a check for \$400, and in a few moments the two men who had just been convicted of the moral guilt of the sale to the minor, had made application to the city auditor for a license for the "Owl."

Of course the council is the only body that can grant licenses. Of course the council can't do so ex-

cept at a formal session, and can't even do so at the meeting when the license is asked for. But that would take too long. The "Owl" must be kept open. It was kept open.

The two men said the chairman of the committee on police and health of the council, had given them "permission" to stay open pending the time when the council would regularly grant them their license. The police permitted them to stay open.

Of course no one had any right to tell them to stay open. Councilman Schmidt, who is also a member of this committee, condemned the action in the strongest terms yesterday, and his indignation was said to have been echoed by Councilman Fox, who is also a member of the committee. Finally, the city attorney, Mr. Abercrombie, was also appealed to by those who were trying to help the two saloon men, and he promptly squealed them, also. Then it was that the acting chief of police finally closed the place up.

Why any one thought the plain terms of the city laws could be ridden around and made ridiculous merely to help out two saloon men who had just been telling how they were running a saloon which they had no right to run, and how they had sold liquor to a boy, doesn't seem very clear. Also it might have appeared to be a matter of reasonable doubt that the council would grant a license to two men who had just come out of the police court in a case wherein the license under which they were wrongfully operating was taken from them and revoked.

It looks as if the councilman who told them to stay open, perhaps in a generous desire to help somebody out of a hole, had his good nature imposed upon; and of course that is likely to happen to any man once in a while.

**QUERY?**

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**SUIT FILED AGAINST STEAMER OWNERS**

**DAMAGES IN SUM OF \$7500 IS ASKED FOR FISHERMAN'S DEATH.**

Suit was filed in the circuit court yesterday wherein Josua Tarkainen, as administrator of the estate of Henry Tarkainen, deceased, seeks to recover damages in the sum of \$7500 from the Columbia Contract Company of Portland, owners of the steamer Daniel Kern.

Henry Tarkainen lost his life last May while out fishing as a result of his fishing boat being run down by the Daniel Kern, and the present action alleges negligence on the part of those operating the steamer. Shortly after the death Tarkainen, a coroner's jury was empaneled and considered the case, and as a result of its investigation a verdict was returned exonerating the men on the steamer from any criminal liability.

The attorneys for the complainant are John H. and A. M. Smith and Henry E. McGinn, the latter of Portland. The damages asked are the largest permitted to be given in any case for a death, under the Oregon law.

The details of the case will be remembered by many. Tarkainen was a fisherman and was out pursuing his vocation in company with his boatpunner.

They were sailing in a northerly direction, and the Daniel Kern was steaming to the west. From the evidence given at the coroner's inquest it appears that had each boat pursued the course it was then following they would naturally have met, and the facts remained that they did so actually meet—when the bow of the steamer crashed into the little fishing boat.

The men on the steamer testified in explanation that the men on the fishing boat had first set their course so as to pass to the rear of the Kern; but that suddenly and without apparent cause they had tacked to the westward, and that this tack-

to the west brought them directly in front of the on-coming steamer instead of passing to the rear of the Kern.

The testimony at the time of the inquest was not entirely clear on this point, and was partially denied, though the boatpunner, because of his lack of familiarity with the English language, perhaps did not really understand the importance of his testimony.

The complaint alleges negligence on the part of the steamboat men. The case promises to be of much interest for the reason that an effort will be made to clearly define the respective rights of sailing boats and vessels impelled by steam or other power. The general rule of the law is that steamers, because they can stop, back, and handle themselves with much more ease than the sailing vessels, are bound to exercise much more caution than the other class of boats. This rule has often been enforced, but whether it can be made to apply in this case remains, of course, to be seen; and if the defendant company can show contributory negligence on the part of the men in the sailing boat the action stands to be defeated. Attorney McGinn of Portland has a wide reputation as a jury lawyer, and his services in conjunction with the Smith Brothers would indicate that the case will be pressed hard.

**STERILIZATION BILL.**

**To Come up Tomorrow For Trial Passage in Oregon House.**

"Salem, Or., Feb. 12, 1909.

Editor Astorian:  
 "My bill was adopted and placed on file by the House last night at 9 o'clock, having passed the committee on medicine and pharmacy by a unanimous vote; and I hope to hear it called up for vote as early as Monday. My hopes are high and I will win just as soon as the vote has been taken if the vote is favorable. Two of the best speakers in the House were made by friends to the bill, "The Little Giant", and a big man with a big heart. I am working hard for a two-thirds majority. It is simply wonderful the change of feeling that has come over the people in regard to this bill. A

"Illinois is now fighting for such a law. The application of this remedy for both men and women is simple and of recent discovery. And like the wireless telegraph it will revolutionize society by becoming a wonderful purifier of the great turbulent liver of life by cutting off the vicious sewers of sin, disease and ignorance. It will prove a 'balm of good' to those poor unfortunate classes who will in time learn to seek the remedy and bless the giver.

"DR. OWENS-ADAIR"

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**FIRE DESTROYS HOME AT GEARHEART**

**MARSHAL INVESTIGATES THE BURNING OF MRS. KRUSE'S COTTAGE.**

The cottage home of Mrs. Theo Kruse at Gearhart burned to the ground last night about 8:30 o'clock and the blaze could be seen for miles around the country. Mrs. Kruse is the wife of the well known caterer of Portland, who is owner of much of the property in the Gearhart Park district.

Mrs. Kruse arrived at Gearhart yesterday afternoon and the fire started while she was there. The origin of the blaze could not be ascertained last night, but it was said in a message from that place that the marshal was making an investigation as to the source of the fire, evidently believing that there was some grounds to suspect incendiarism. It was also said an arrest was expected.

hotelkeeper said to me last night. "The people sit around the fire morning, noon and night, talking about this bill, and at least 80 per cent are in favor of it."

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