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**Snow In Interior**—  
There is said to be much snow in the interior of the county, with upwards of a foot at the summit.

**Notary Public**—  
The commission of Carl Knutsen as a notary public was filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday.

**At Warrenton**—  
The Ladies' Aid Society of Warrenton will give an entertainment in the form of a minstrel show Monday night at Warren's Hall.

**Mrs. Dan Moore Very Low**—  
Reports from Portland state that Mrs. Dan Moore, who a very well known here, is gradually sinking and grave fears are entertained for her recovery.

**Washington's Birthday**—  
Tomorrow is Washington's birthday, and as usual the banks, stores and other public places will be closed. The public library will be open as usual, but only the reading room will be open to the public and no books will be received or given out.

**In Probate Court**—  
In probate court yesterday it was ordered that citations issue to the heirs of the estate of C. W. Carnahan to appear on the 22nd day of March to show cause if any why the real estate should not be sold by the administrator.

**Goes To China**—  
Eng Wong, connected with the Chinese firm of Hop Hing Lung Co., left last evening for Seattle, from where he will sail on the steamer Empress of Japan for his home in China. His mother is sick and he is going home to see her.

**Logger Hurt**—  
John Smith, a logger in the Bell camp at Deep River, was injured by being thrown from a handcar, and yesterday was brought to St. Mary's hospital. Dr. Henderson treated him, and stated that the injuries are not of a very serious nature. His side was crushed in.

**Going At It Right**—  
Tomorrow the Astoria & Columbia River Railway people intend to dispatch the company's big steam shovel to the West Side breaks, for the purpose of finally and completely

mending the gaps in the right-of-way that have caused so much trouble, delay and expense there during the protracted bad weather. This will be good news to the suburbanites of that territory, who have not been sure of a round or through trip from over that way for sometime past. The company intends to go at it right this time and push the repairs to a point of thoroughness that will obviate all future annoyance to themselves or patrons.

**Visiting Kinsmen**—  
Hon. Henry Rush Spedden, Representative in the Washington Legislature, is in the city, a guest at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. E. J. Hustler and visiting with his sister, Miss Stella Spedden, and altogether enjoying a few days furlough with kinsmen and friends in Astoria.

**In Washington's Honor**—  
The sixth annual celebration of Washington's birthday will be held next Monday evening, at 8 p. m. in St. Mary's Hall on Grand avenue, near Fifteenth street. A literary and musical program appropriate for the occasion will be rendered. J. M. Anderson will deliver the address of the evening.

**The Nurses' School**—  
The Sister Superior of St. Mary's hospital expects to open the nurses' school there by April 1, and already several nurses are present in readiness to take up the course. There is room for several more and those who intend to apply should do so as soon as possible. The personnel of the corps of instructors and other facts in relation to the school will be announced shortly before the opening in April.

**Chamber of Commerce**—  
At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night a large list of important matters are to come up which shows that things are moving and that progress is being made in the numerous channels of the Chamber's activity. It seems now quite certain that the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association will visit this city in a body sometime next June if the Chamber can complete such plans that they can be taken out over one of the logging roads to see the big trees about which so much is heard in the Central and Eastern States.

**A Busy Plant**—  
The Astoria Iron Works is one of the real busy spots in Astoria. They are running night and day, shifts there and can hardly keep the work out of their way at that. There are orders on file now for 22 Troyer-Fox engines now underway, besides plenty of other important contracts pending and in different stages of progress and completion.

**Still Improving**—  
The proprietors of the well known Oregon Bakery, at the corner of Ninth and Commercial streets, are busy making an enlargement of their plant, to accommodate the new electric bread-mixer that have just purchased from the J. H. Day Company, at Cincinnati, and now en route to this city. It is the most modern and sanitary style and system of handling dough and will be a distinct advantage to business and trade; there will be no hand-work at all, and the expedition in disposing of big batches will be an economic as well as technical benefit to the company.

**Missed Their Train**—  
The basketball game scheduled for last night between the Hood River High school girls' team and the girls of the Astoria High was not played. The Hood River girls missed their connection at Portland and could not get here. The game will be played Monday night, at 8 o'clock sharp. A large crowd was present last night to see the contest and many were disappointed because of the absence of the up-river players. Those who wish may see the game tomorrow night and after that attend the country dance, as the game will be over by 9 o'clock. It should prove an exciting contest.

**Transportation Too Costly**—  
Manager Frank Hanlin made the unpleasant announcement yesterday that he has been forced to cancel the engagements and dates at the Astoria opera house for the "Stubborn Cinderella" (February 24th), and "Burgomaster" (March 5th) troupes. Owing to the fact that these great companies, with 50 or 60 people each, could not stand for the transportation costs as between this city and Portland, no allowance being made them for the numbers of people in transit either way. It is with much chagrin that Mr. Hanlin declares this fact, as both plays were among the stellar attractions of the winter season here, and especially the "Stubborn Cinderella."

**Who Will Be New Judge**—  
Both the senate and house have passed the bill creating a new circuit judgeship for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and the bill provides that the new judge shall be appointed from either Clatsop or Columbia counties. Inasmuch as the bill carries no emergency clause it will not become law until after Governor Chamberlain goes out of office, and hence the appointment seems certain to be made by Mr. Benson, now secretary of state and who will succeed Chamberlain as governor. That will give a Republican governor, and other things being equal, he is likely to appoint a Republican judge. It is thought likely that the new judge will be from Astoria, and the number of possible candidates does not seem to be very large. Several of the Astoria attorneys are looked upon as men who would make most excellent material for the place, but it is likely that one or more of them would not be quite willing to give up their lucrative practices to take a judgeship. Just what figure politics will cut in the appointment is of course only problematical thus far.

**Grave Charges Preferred**—  
Manager McGee, of the Astoria Electric Company, has laid before the Clatsop grand jury, a set of given facts, that will eventuate in the utterance of an indictment against J. W. Kelly, who for the past three years has been chief engineer and master mechanic of the company's system in this city; the direct charge being larceny, and the matter acts constituting the alleged crime being that he has deliberately appropriated certain valuable materials belonging to the company and disposed of them to certain local and Portland firms, with intent to mulct the company of their value. It is alleged that Mr. Kelly has spirited away property of a value approximating several thousands of dollars, and that he has had confederates in the ugly premise. The indictment was expected to issue yesterday, and immediate action will be taken looking to the apprehension of Kelly and his prosecution under the charge named. He left this city some days ago for the metropolis, but it is not known whether he is there yet or not. It is said that a bench warrant will be put out on the instant the grand jury acts on the case.

**Senator Scholfield Explains**—  
In a letter to this paper from Senator Scholfield he states that it is not true he was in favor of Mr. McCue's house bill providing means whereby one city could annex territory. In a story several days ago the Astorian explained how this bill would favor Seaside, and "that Senator Scholfield would do battle for it in the Senate." The Astorian took its information on this matter from the Oregonian, and is now pleased to rectify the erroneous statement. Says Senator Scholfield: "How this idea got out that I am in favor of this bill is more than I can tell." Evidently the correspondents at Salem must have misunderstood his attitude. Senator Scholfield succeeded in having an adverse report from the committee to which the bill was referred and stated he expected to succeed in carrying out the adverse report of the committee.

**Kidnapped Chinese Woman**—  
A tong war has broken out among the Chinese of Portland and one of the incidents of the trouble was the kidnapping of a Chinese woman who was brought to this city and concealed. At an early hour yesterday morning Police Officer Houghton saw some men about to put off in a launch, and their mysterious actions and air of secrecy aroused his suspicions. He arrested the men and was astonished to find a woman among them. She was attired in men's garb. The little Chinese woman was taken to the police station and is still detained there. The men who had her in the boat with them were evidently trying to spirit her away but were frustrated by the police officer. A dispatch from Portland last night stated that a tong war had broken out there and that officers were coming down to Astoria after the woman. Detective Price arrived down on the evening train and will leave up with his prisoner this morning. The charge against him is grand larceny.

**New Marine Service Here**—  
If all goes well, by March 1st, next, there will be a new marine service between this port and the jetty and Fort Stevens, and Astoria waters will have a new and handsome steam craft to grace them. There are now building at the Willamette Iron Works at Portland, two vessels identically alike in every detail, both of steel, and both equipped with electric winches, towing machines, and steering gear; each 98 feet long, 22 feet beam, eight feet draught; each of 350 horsepower engine, and each built to make 12 miles an hour. One of them goes to Puget Sound and the other comes to Astoria. Both belong to Uncle Sam, and the one assigned to duty here, will serve in the Quartermaster's Department, though belonging to the Artillery Corps. They are to be finished respectively, by March 1st and June 1st, the former coming of this post. She will take the place of the steamer Major Guy Howard, which will undergo a very thorough overhauling and be put in prime condition in every particular.

**Route Of Cars**—  
The fact that the franchise for the electric street car line over the city streets is likely to be finally passed by the council at the next meeting, and that the line will probably be in course of construction soon, has suggested to many a wish to know with exactness the streets in the city over which the line is to run. Following is the routes, carefully compiled: Point of beginning, 12th and Duane streets; south on 12th to Franklin avenue; west on Franklin avenue to 11th; south on 11th to Irving avenue. One branch over the hill is extended from 11th, east to 14th. The other branch is extended west from Irving avenue to 8th street. Two lines are contemplated over the hill; one over 8th street and the other over 14th street; down on the south side of the hill to McClure's avenue; and east on McClure's avenue to 5th street; south on 5th street to the Young's River bridge. From the Young's River bridge one line (the Water Grade Line), is extended around Smith's Point on Taylor avenue. Another line is extended around Smith's Point on Columbia avenue, and connects with Commercial street, Franklin and Irving avenues, on this side of the hill. From Irving avenue the line is extended east to 57th street, and returns from 57th street on Ironwood, Grand and Franklin avenues, to 11th street; and from 11th street and Franklin avenue down to 12th and Duane, the point of beginning.

**Astoria Debaters Lose**—  
The Astorian was not able to secure the result of the debate at Newberg Friday night, though it expected a message from Mr. Clark as to the outcome. The fact that the local team lost the decision may have had something to do with their lack of

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