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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

#### A New Baby Boy—

A baby boy was born to Mrs. Howard Starbird yesterday at their home in the Main street house. Dr. Henderson officiated at the welcoming of the young man into the world.

#### Injunction Dissolved—

In circuit court yesterday the temporary restraining order granted to the plaintiff in the case of H. A. Krause vs. Harry Huneeke and Charles Markou was dissolved and the proceedings dismissed without cost to either party.

#### New Roads Ordered—

At the meeting of the county court yesterday the road in the Knappa district recently petitioned for was granted. The road petitioned for by James Boyle and others from the Walluski to the John Day was also granted.

#### Leaves The Asylum—

Margaret Shepherd, who was admitted to the State Asylum from this county last September, and released on three months' absence, December 4, has been granted a further leave of absence for six months. She is apparently becoming well.

#### Will Argue Case—

The attorneys in the case of John Hahn vs. The Astoria National Bank did not argue the matter before Judge McBride at the conclusion of the case yesterday, and it was agreed between the attorneys that it will be taken up and argued later on, either here or in some other court before Judge McBride.

#### Paying Off The "Boys"—

Major Canby, Paymaster, U. S. A., a fine officer and son of the famous general after whom the fort at the mouth of the Columbia was named (the hero and chief sacrifice of the Modoc Indian war), was down at the forts yesterday on an errand that gave pleasure to the regulars there, paying them off.

#### Some Beautiful Films—

Today and tonight the Bungalow is offering three fine films, one of them, "The Test," being an exquisitely colored picture in which the costumes and scenic accessories are about as fine as are ever seen. The "Uplift of Barker" is another elegant comic, with swell appointments, and the third film is also full of interest, as it deals with the "Suffragettes."

## THREE DONT'S

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#### Like a Sheeted Ghost—

A resident of this city who has the misfortune to be suffering from an attack of the nervous prostration, perhaps caught from his comparatively near residence to some of the "blind pigs" that Judge McBride took cognizance of, escaped from the place where he was being tended and watched about 9:30 Thursday night and wandered about the streets until he arrived at his own home. Although attired only in a white cotton night gown and a smile of benignity he managed to reach his home without being disturbed by anyone.

#### Big Timber Deal—

Nearly a whole township of land has changed hands along the headwaters of Gray's River as a result of the purchase of the timber interests of Carter & Green, by the Portland Lumber Company, the papers concerning which have just been signed. The deal involves about \$900,000 on the basis of \$3 a thousand stumpage. The logs from the tract can be rafted to the company's mills in Portland with little expense. The purchasers intend constructing a logging railroad for a distance of 10 miles, in order to tap a rich belt of yellow fir hemlock and larch, which has thus far remained untouched by the woodman's ax.

#### After The Honor—

The Washington legislature has passed a bill merging the counties of Cowlitz and Wahkiakum into one judicial district, for which a new judge will have to be appointed at once; and it is said that Attorney Frank Olsen of Cathlamet is the candidate from the latter county, while a Mr. McKinney of Kelso stands for the appointment from Cowlitz. While Kelso itself has more voters than the whole of Wahkiakum county, and Mr. Olsen's only chance of winning out is by appointment by the Governor. That executive has not intimated whom he will appoint in the premise, but both gentlemen have presented strong letters and claims and the matter will be made known very shortly. Should Mr. Olsen get the honor, he will be the first Norwegian citizen to receive such a dignity in the history of the Evergreen State.

#### Will Have To Sue—

If the State of Oregon wants the extra \$4000 in State taxes recently imposed by the State board of equalization it will have to sue for it, according to members of the county court. At the beginning of the year the State taxes for Clatsop county were set at \$27,030; and then after the close of the session of the legislature, and after the levy had been all made and collection of taxes commenced, the state board tacked on an additional \$4000. Even if the county was anxious to pay this sum, how it could do so is not apparent—at least not in this year's levy, as the time for including it in the taxes has gone by. Yet there is not doubt that the state will expect and will demand the \$4000, and when it does, on the first of May, it will probably be met with a polite but firm refusal. The assessor of the county had made the valuation at a little over \$8,000,000, while the State board increased this to over \$14,000,000. With an increase of over \$6,000,000 no one here can understand either why the extra \$4000 only is demanded as that is not a proportionate increase.

#### On Wildcat Lots—

In circuit court yesterday Judge McBride gave decision in the suit brought by the Douglass Land Company of this city against Clatsop county, wherein the plaintiff company sought to have the assessment on its numerous lots reduced. The decision was for the company. The assessment had been set by the assessor, Mr. Cornelius, at \$2 a lot, and Judge McBride cut this just in half, making the assessed valuation of each lot at \$1. That has been the rate on the "wildcat" lots for a long time, until last year the increase was made to \$2. The Douglass Land Company, and various other owners of such lots, appeared before the board of equalization and sought to have the new assessment lowered, but without avail. Appeal was then taken to the circuit court. The decision is of considerable importance because of the great number of such lots, and at the \$1 rate the county authorities state that it will be virtually useless to collect the taxes, as the cost of collection is practically as great as the taxes themselves.

Mr. Daniel J. O'Sullivan, the expert typewriter, will be at the office of A. R. Cyrus, 424 Commercial street, where he will demonstrate the Oliver Typewriter, which is, without exception, the best machine on the market. Call and see him, or phone, and he will call on you.

## SEEKING OPTIONS ON WATER FRONT

MAY FORECAST SOME BIG DEAL, BUT DETAILS ARE NOT KNOWN.

For the past several days efforts have been carried on to secure options on much of the waterfront property, and also other property between Commercial street and the river. Norris Staples has been the moving spirit in the matter, and he has seen quite a number of the owners of property in regard to the matter.

Just what there is back of the matter is not known, and Mr. Staples says he is not in a position to talk. "I am doing this for someone else," Mr. Staples said last evening, "I was requested to do so by the persons interested and naturally I am not at liberty to speak."

Mr. Staples was asked if he was successful in securing options on any of the property, but he indicated that he is meeting with difficulties, for the moment any such effort is made people who own property jump the prices up.

While nothing definite is known by the Astorian about the matter, other than the mere fact that efforts have been put forth to secure prices on property in the center of the city, or options therefor, there is the possibility that it may mean there is something big in the air. It is known from other sources that there are pretty big plans on foot, and whether they ever materialize or not is a question for the future to determine. It has been hinted that developments may happen very soon.

The stories in relation to the matter with which Mr. Staples is connected state that it is desired to get prices or options on property from Fifth to Tenth streets.

#### Will Deport Her—

United States Commissioner Marsh at Portland held Ah Tai Jai, alias Ling Jai, the Chinese slave girl, for deportation on the ground that she was illegally in this country. The proceedings incident to the decree that will send her back to China are pathetic. She is young and rather comely for her race, and has apparently been abandoned to her fate after figuring in a sensational elopement from Portland to Astoria a few weeks ago. It was the developments of this episode that caused the federal officials to become cognizant of her mode of life, and Assistant United States Attorney Walter H. Evans took active steps to have her deported. In all probability his activity in the matter must have inspired her owners to keep under cover, as no one appeared to defend her, notwithstanding that she was considered a great prize in Portland's Chinatown.

#### Motor Boat Clubmen—

There was a lively and interesting meeting of the Motor Boat Club yesterday evening, all officers and members, some 30 in all, being present. In the course of a long string of business disposed of, the club appointed a special committee to negotiate and report upon the project of purchasing a floating clubhouse, with grounds and water privileges. This is one of the important steps to be taken by the new and energetic groups who are working to build up this splendid sport in Astoria and put it on a par with the best of its representatives in the northwest, and they are receiving very genuine encouragement on all sides. Of the 30 people now enrolled in the club, all but about five are owners of boats, and the rest of them are trying to secure craft of some kind.

## REALTY TRANSFERS

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Big Dance—Logan's Hall—March 6. Music by Pacific Orchestra.

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### PERSONAL MENTION

Frank S. Duffy will depart for Cle Elum, Wash., tomorrow, on a visit to kinsmen and friends, and in search of better health than he has enjoyed for sometime past. Mr. Duffy will not return until he has had a good long rest and regained normal tone generally. His many friends in Astoria will be glad to hear of his early attainment to better health and spirits.

J. A. Lee and F. N. Clark of the Columbia Trust Company at Portland, are in the city, on business for their house. Mrs. Clark accompanies them.

Sam B. Story of Portland was in the city yesterday on business, returning to the metropolis on the Lurline.

E. Stevens of Portland was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

P. S. Brumby of Portland spent the day in Astoria yesterday on matters of business.

Frank Patton has returned from his home at Macleay, and reports his mother much improved.

E. C. Holden, formerly of this city is reported to be seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Strong, at the metropolis, and in this behalf, his other daughter Mrs. Charles H. Callender, of this city has gone to Portland.

Charles E. Smith, a younger brother of George Smith, the well known rate clerk for the O. R. & N. Company, here, has been a guest of the latter for the past week, and left for Portland yesterday evening on the Lurline.

H. F. Dunworthy of Minneapolis was among the business tourists in Astoria yesterday and was a guest at the Northern.

M. D. Jefferson of Spokane spent the day in this city yesterday and was registered at the Merwyn.

#### The Electric Line—

So high have hopes been built on the construction of the proposed electric line from Astoria to Seaside that if the financing of the matter should now fall through many would be grievously disappointed. Mr. Evans who is arranging to go to Philadelphia to see the firm which has been handling the financial end of the deal, has continued to be absolutely certain that the monetary end of the project is all right. It seems that a short time ago the company wrote to this city practically announcing that the bonds had been already sold, but when the money was asked for last week there came back a reply stating in substance that something had oc-

curred to delay the matter. Hence the feeling of jubilation over the news that the bonds had already been sold has been tempered by the subsequent statement that something has arisen to intervene. If the money is secured at once so that construction may start on the line without delay, the bringing of two-thirds of a million dollars into the county will insure the best of good times, especially in connection with the big sums the government is preparing to expend on the jetty.

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- Shoulder Veal Cutlets...12c
- Rib Veal Cutlets...12c and 15c
- Sirloin Roast Beef...10c
- Sirloin Steak...10c
- Round Steak...10c
- Tenderloin Steaks...12c
- Porterhouse Steaks...12c and 15c
- Oven Roasts of Beef...8c
- Prime Rib Roasts Beef...10c and 12c
- Smith's Sugar-Cured Hams...15c
- Half a Ham, same price...15c
- Smiths Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon...16c and 17c
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