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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Country Dance—
Another one of the popular country dances will be held at the Athletic Club on Friday night of this week.

Water Rates—
This is the last day to pay the water rates if you want to avoid the 25 cents penalty.

His Name Changed—
In county court yesterday it was ordered that Charles Peterson's name be changed to Alfred Hough.

To Portland Yesterday—
Harry Hoelger took the steamer Lurline last evening for a run to the metropolis on business. He will be back this evening.

Divorce Granted—
Judge McBride yesterday granted a decree of divorce to the plaintiff in the case of Alma Juntti vs. Iver Juntti, on the ground of desertion.

Police Commission—
It is said that Mr. Foard may possibly return to the city in a few days, and in that event it is said to be probable the police commission will hold a meeting, as there are several matters calling for attention.

No Session Yesterday—
The Oregon State Board of Pilots held no session yesterday on account of the indisposition of Commissioner R. D. Inman, and the fact that the new commissioner, Mr. Wheelright, of Portland, had not yet been sworn to service.

In From Tillamook—
Among the passengers to arrive in this city yesterday evening on the steamer Sue H. Elmore, were A. U. C. Berry, the well known contractor; C. Hadley and Scott Bogorth. They all go on to the metropolis on this morning's train.

In Probate Court—
In probate court yesterday in the matter of the estates and guardianship of Albert Libke and other minors in the Libke estate, it was ordered that Jens Hansen, T. R. Davis and R. W. McLean be appointed appraisers.

Citizenship Matters—
Declarations of intention to become citizens were filed yesterday by Andru Pihla, native of Finland, and Carl Trickson native of Sweden. Applications for full papers were filed by Emil Rasmus, native of Finland, and Swan Oien, native of Norway.

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Dead of Dropsy—
P. J. Clausen, for many years well known in and around this city, died yesterday, dropsy being the cause of death. As far as is known he had no relatives in this part of the world, and while it is thought he leaves a sister, her whereabouts are not now known. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

The Brick Plant—
Mr. Hall, the gentleman who was invited to come to Astoria to look into the matter of the brick plant, arrived yesterday and today will make full investigation of the plant. He is from Idaho and is a practical brick man, and it is said to be probable that some arrangements will be made with him to take charge of the plant.

New Teacher Arrives—
Charles T. G. Smith, who had been employed by the school board as an assistant instructor in the High School, arrived yesterday and in the afternoon went immediately to work. For the present at least Mr. Smith will take up the commercial branches, or at least most of them, and will also take charge of most of the freshmen studies.

Running The Lines—
Representatives of the engineering department of the O. R. & N. Company's service were in this city yesterday running the lines that bound the block between Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Commercial and the pier-head line. It is not known just what this was done for, unless it was to make those lines conform to the new departure point and monuments set by the city.

Examination Today—
The examination for applicants for the post of customs inspector will be held at the custom house this morning beginning at 9 o'clock. There are three applicants, one of whom is Harry Van Tuyl, the names of the others are not known at this office. Inspectors Anderson and Haddix will conduct the civil service exam in this behalf.

Second Block Torn Up—
The work of improving the street structure on the block of Bond street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, was begun yesterday, by Contractor Lebeck, and now two blocks are torn up and traffic practically suspended. It is only fair to Mr. Lebeck to say, however, that he has left the sidewalks undisturbed and they will be handled with direct despatch when the time comes. Many wish this might have been done on the block west.

Business Not Bad—
The tailor business is often a pretty good barometer by which to judge the financial condition of a city, and while business at this time of the year is naturally a little bit dull, Carl Franseen, the tailor, said last night that never before has his business been so good as now. It is considerably better than last year. This will be of interest to many who will recall the clothing "war" in Astoria several months ago, when some predicted that because "everybody" had then bought from one to three suits no one would want any more clothes for nearly a year, to come.

Subject To Entry Later—
Over the signatures of Register Algernon S. Dresser and Receiver George W. Billen, notice is at hand that Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 35 and 36 of Township 6 South, Range 10 West, have been surveyed; that the approved plat of said survey has been received at their office; that said plat will be filed in that office on April 20, 1909, at 9 o'clock A. M.; that said Sections 21, 22, 23, 24, 27 and 28 are in the Siuslaw Forest Reserve; that on and after said date, viz: April 20, 1909, legal applications for the entry of said surveyed land will be received; and also that the South Half of Township 6 South, Range 9 West, has been surveyed; that the approved plat of said survey has been received at their office; that said plat will be filed in that office on April 22, 1909, at 9 o'clock A. M.; and that on said date and after said date, viz: April 22, 1909, legal applications for the entry of said surveyed land will be received.

Object To Taxes—
Various representatives of timber companies that own large tracts in the county came to the city yesterday and paid their taxes on most of their timber holdings. Objection was made, however, to the tax in road district No. 15, where a levy of 10 mills had been made for road purposes. Virtually all of this tax will naturally fall upon the timber companies and in turn they think they will receive little or no benefit therefrom. They have not yet paid this tax and may not do so, and in the event of their failure to pay it there is thought to be some doubt that it can be collected. It is pointed out by the timber men that the proceedings previous to the levy of the 10 mill tax appears not to have been regular, and the irregularity may be sufficient to defeat the tax if it is fought in the courts. However, it is thought that the payment will nevertheless be made.

Will Raise a Row—
At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night a resolution was introduced at the request of J. W. Welch as follows: "That the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce be instructed to get out an initiative petition changing the constitution of the State of Oregon so that the legislature shall be composed of one senator and two representatives from each county." At present the apportionment of representatives is made upon basis of population, and Multnomah, for example, gets a large number of representatives. Naturally the smaller counties, and those with small populations, would favor such a change, but those with large populations would just as naturally oppose. Instead of adopting the resolution it was voted to write to other chambers throughout the State and get their opinion on the matter before any decisive step is taken. Naturally the adoption of such a resolution would raise a row up in Portland.

Central Labor Council—
At the meeting of the Central Labor Council last night there was a large attendance in honor of the presence of two well known labor leaders, L. J. H. Parkinson, editor of the Portland Labor Press, and G. F. Geary, business agent of the I. B. E. W. Both of these gentlemen made excellent talks, their subjects being on union matters generally and they were listened to with much interest. The object of the open meeting and the addresses was simply to keep in touch with some of the labor leaders in the state and to keep up interest in labor matters. The visitors were given a rising vote of thanks at the conclusion of the meeting. Before the address a short business meeting was held by the Council, though there were not many matters of importance that arose for discussion. The slight trouble with the Grotto saloon has all been settled amicably and this place is once again on the fair list, having been off from it only a few days. The special committee appointed to secure funds for the defense of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison reported that they had secured a total of \$32.50, and this will be forwarded at once. There were about 75 present, and H. M. Lorntsen was also among the speakers.

Funeral of Mr. Laws—
The funeral of James N. Laws yesterday afternoon was attended by many friends, and by members of the Masons, Elks and Eagles, and was one of the largest held recently in this city. By Mr. Laws' own request the Elks took charge of the obsequies, and the services were held in accordance with the beautiful ritual of that order. The members of the Elks attended in a body. At the residence the number present was very large, including many ladies and a large concourse followed the coffin to the steamer at the Callender dock. The flag over the buildings at the Lurline dock was placed at half mast out of respect to Mr. Laws as a citizen and friend. An unusual circumstance was that in the funeral party were four or five members of the G. A. R., and while Mr. Laws had been a soldier in the Confederate army, they and he had been intimate friends for many years and went to his funeral as a mark of their great respect. The floral offerings were very numerous, and the coffin was literally buried beneath them. The pallbearers were R. W. McLean, F. J. Carney, C. LeBlanc, James F. Kearney, W. T. Scholfield and G. W. Morton.

Notice—
There is money in the Astor street fund from 6 to 8 street to pay warrants No. 26702 to 26710 inclusive. Interest will cease after this date.
THOMAS DEALEY,
City Treasurer.
Astoria, Or., March 10, 1909.

THINK THEY "COTCHED" A MILK THIEF

FINGER OF SUSPICION POINTS TO WELL KNOWN YOUNG LOTHARIO.

Various people in the vicinity of Tenth street and Franklin avenue have suffered from depredations of a "milk thief" of late, and the story ends with a denouement that is almost ludicrous. The supposed thief was seen and his identity apparently learned, and if his name were mentioned here it would doubtless cause quite a little astonishment. On Sunday night one of the ladies residing in that neighborhood had her bottle of milk stolen. On Monday night she kept watch and saw a man hanging around the locality, and his continued presence wore on her nerves. Finally she telephoned for the police, but was not able to get an officer right away. As she was still watching in trepidation, a man who rooms in her house came in and she told him of the mysterious man outside. They both looked out of a dark window and saw him; and while watching him, he went over to a place under the sidewalk and took out several small objects, which may have been milk bottles that he had cached there. Then he started down the street toward the center of town. Quickly the boarder in the house hastened out on the street and followed him. The presumed "milk thief" finally met Frank Deviney, of the Irving Club, and both passed the "time of day," according to the story as it is told.

Seeing that the men knew each other, the roomer, who was still hot on the trail, asked Mr. Deviney who the man was that he had just addressed. Mr. Deviney said it was Mr. So and So.

There the case for the prosecution rests. There are several weak points in the chain of circumstantial evidence against Mr. So and So, however.

First of all the roomer, when he hurriedly left the house, may have "picked up" the wrong man when he came out. Secondly Mr. Deviney may possibly have been mistaken in thinking he recognized the man from the individual he thinks it was.

Thirdly, there is no evidence that the mysterious stranger who was hanging around in the neighborhood, had ever stolen any milk bottles, or would drink milk if he had gallons of it. It is barely possible that he was hanging around there for some other purpose, like serenading a lady, for example, and unfortunately chose a time and place which left him liable to be readily mistaken for the real milk thief. When he was seen to presumably take out several milk bottles from under the sidewalk he may in reality have been taking out bottles of Maltonia, or possibly he had leaned forward to merely tie his shoe.

Meantime the fact remains that this well known young man rests under the accusation, made by several with great freedom, of being the real, genuine milk thief, and one of the police officers was asked to arrest him.

Later—Last night the young man in question was asked by a police officer about the matter. He said: "It was me, sure enough. I had a date with a lady in that locality. The package that I took from under the sidewalk contained a roll of music and a pair of new shoes, which I hid there when I was expecting to see my girl."

To Raise The Revenue—
A clever citizen whose good wishes are all for the prosperity of Astoria, yesterday suggested that it might not be a losing plan to levy a good round license fee upon every real estate agent coming in here to do business for any realty scheme outside of Clatsop county. He takes high ground about the shipping of people from here to Portland, in carload lots to buy wildcat lots. He says it will not only raise more civic revenue, but save the city thousands of dollars of investment money that belongs here.

Whisky In Bottles—
The closing down of the saloons on Sunday naturally left a large thirst unsatisfied, and it is said that one man not far from the waterfront made up his mind to make a little money while the chance offered. It is charged that he sold scores of bottles of whisky Sunday from his place of business, and it is known that the police have been actively investigating the matter. It will be a matter of curiosity to observe what the police department will do with the case, providing it has the proofs,

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and equally interesting to see what Judge McBride would do in the case of conviction. It is understood that evidence has been secured and that the matter will be presented to the next grand jury.

Ill With Diphtheria

The little 3-year-old daughter of Anton England in Upper Astoria is seriously ill with diphtheria and Dr. Fulton, the physician in charge of the case, states that her illness is even critical. Monday night it was thought she would hardly live through the night, but last night it was believed she was a little bit better. This is the only case of diphtheria in the eastern part of the city, though there are four cases in the western part. The cases in Uniontown, however, have thus far proven of a mild type. There seems to be many cases of throat trouble among children and parents are advised to be very careful with their little ones.

PERSONAL MENTION

D. B. Peck of Los Angeles was in the city yesterday, and domiciled at the Occident.
R. N. Hinkle of Philomath spent the day in Astoria yesterday, on matters of business.
R. W. Foster of Mankato was among the business tourists in this city yesterday.
W. H. Moster of Portland was doing business in Astoria yesterday.
R. R. Gardiner of Portland sojourned in Astoria for a few hours yesterday on a business quest.
H. G. Selfridge of Seattle was among the crowd of tourists in this city yesterday. He was a guest at the Mervyn.

K. G. Forsythe of Cincinnati spent the day here yesterday and went to the metropolis on the 6:10 train last evening. He was quartered at the Northern while in the city.

M. J. Lorrimer of Modesto, Cal., was among the hundreds visiting this city yesterday.
J. F. Dalrymple of Syracuse, N. Y., was doing business in this city yesterday.

L. O. Parrish of Los Angeles was noted among the throngs alighting from the noon express yesterday.
T. R. Roberts of Tacoma spent the day in Astoria yesterday going to the coast last evening.

R. E. Williams of Spokane was one of the many drummers doing business in this city yesterday.

K. D. Houghtower of Grants Pass, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

F. D. Summerville of Detroit was here yesterday on a matter of legal interest to himself and others.

M. D. Farrington of The Dalles spent a day in Astoria yesterday and went on to Seaside last evening.

The Athletic Club will give another of their popular Country Dances in their fine auditorium on Friday evening next. Everybody most cordially invited to attend and bring friends with you. Good music will be in attendance and a jolly time for all is assured.

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- 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
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- Smiths Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon... 16c and 17c
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