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Certificate of Approval—
 Certificate of approval of the improvement of the alleyway through blocks 2, 3, 4 and 5, Adair's, was filed yesterday. G. C. Palmberg was the contractor, at a price of \$2797.

Was Brush Burning—
 The bright light seen off to the south on Saturday night was not a house or barn on fire. Residents say it was merely the reflection from some burning brush and logs.

In Probate Court—
 In the matter of the estate of Joseph Greget, the final accounts of the administrator, Joseph Gracon, were yesterday approved by the probate court, the administrator declared discharged and the estate settled.

Second Papers—
 In the office of the county clerk yesterday Bernhard Lien and Ole Aspen, both natives of Norway, made application for second citizenship papers. Date for their hearing was set on September 21.

Returning To School—
 After the pleasures of the Easter holidays spent at home and among kin and friends, to their own and others happiness, the Misses Madge Fulton and Agnes Karinen, depart this morning for Whitman College, at Walla Walla, to resume their studies.

Not Guilty—
 In justice court yesterday the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of the state against Joe Strauss on complaint of A. Jaloff, who accused Strauss of striking him in the face. A big crowd heard the trial.

Case Dismissed—
 The case in justice court against Mrs. Augusta Davis, who was arrested on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Mrs. Wroten, was dismissed yesterday by Justice Goodman. The matter was thought too trivial for action.

Track Team—
 The track team to go to the Columbia meet to be held at Portland on next Saturday has been selected and the following boys will go to attempt to carry off the honors of the local school, Edwin Short, Ted Holmes, Melville Morton, and Laurence Ushur. The boys are training hard and should be able to carry off some honors for their school.

A Morning Alarm—
 Yesterday morning about 9 o'clock an alarm of fire was turned in via Box No. 9 (which should have come in over No. 5), for a small fire which for the moment endangered the garage at the home of G. C. Fulton, but which was quickly subdued by those on the ground, and though the department made a quick run to the scene, there was no need for its service.

Norman Hackett, who will be seen as Duncan Irving in "Classmates" at the Astoria Theatre on April 24th, is winning fame all along the line for

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In Regular Session—
 The board of directors of the Astoria Packing Company held its regular monthly meeting at the office of Hon. W. F. McGregor yesterday afternoon and despatched all routine affairs needing attention. Nothing of any extraordinary importance was presented for consideration at the meeting.

Bonds For Peterson—
 Nels Peterson, the man who was hit on the head with an ax in the hands of "Bob" Davis, will be taken to justice court this morning and placed under bonds to appear as a witness in the prosecution of Davis. He is still at St. Mary's hospital, though for several days past he has been on the streets more or less. If unable to get bondsmen he would have to go to jail, along with Davis.

Coming Back Soon—
 It is stated that F. L. Evans, who went east to finance the proposed electric line to Seaside, is coming back to Astoria within a very short time. The various letters and telegrams he has sent to men here have all breathed the utmost confidence in the success of his mission. Mr. Rogers, the engineer who made the surveys of the route, is still here and his presence means that he too is confident that Mr. Evans will succeed.

The Dunbar Quartet—
 The Dunbar Quartet made its second appearance in this city last evening at the First Presbyterian church. The church was crowded to its full capacity, and the crowd went away much pleased with the work of the artists. The entertainment was filled with many comical parts by Mr. Dunbar who is a fine comedian and musician, as are the rest of the entertainers.

Senator Fulton Home—
 Senator Fulton arrived home on last night's train, and was met at the depot by a party of relatives and friends. The Senator's many friends here will be pleased to see him again, and he comes home carrying with him the flattering offer of the ministry to China, proffered by President Taft. It is expected that Senator Fulton will definitely announce his decision in the matter within a day or two, and many are disposed to believe that it will be a refusal of the Chinese mission.

Off To Portland—
 Alfred Leinenweber, one of Astoria's younger citizens, and a member of one of the oldest families, who has been a faithful servant in the city fire department, as driver of Hose No. 3 and in other places of trust, and always with exemplary devotion and interest, leaves this morning for Portland, where he will enter the livery business on his own account, establishing himself at the corner of Ninth and Couch streets. He goes with the entire good will of his fellow citizens in all walks of life, and has their wishes for prosperous business career.

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Graft Charges Tonight—
 The charges of graft made by the city attorney against one or more of the police officers will be heard tonight. It is understood that the meeting will not be open to the general public. The meeting is a special one, called for the purpose of hearing the charges of the city attorney, and it is hardly likely that the matter of the appointment of a police chief will arise, though it possibly may.

The Last Game—
 The last game of the basketball season will be played tonight when the girls' team of the Astoria high school meets the girls' team of the Cathlamet Athletic Club on the floor of the A. A. A. gymnasium. The contest will, in all details, be an exciting one, and from appearances a large crowd is expected to attend. The Cathlamet team although newly organized, is far from being inexperienced. Among their players is a girl who played with the Chemawa champions, and who knows considerable of basketball. The home team has made an excellent showing for their first season out and they express every confidence in running away with the game this evening. The Cathlamet referee will call the game at exactly 9 p. m., so it would be a wise idea to come early and get a seat. Admission, 25 cents.

Trouble Over License—
 The firm of Brown & McMullen has bought out the business of the Mirror saloon, heretofore owned by Axel Jacobson, and at the last meeting of the council the new owners put in application for a license, which necessarily went over one meeting. Meantime Jacobson's license ran out Sunday, so the place is not now licensed. At a recent meeting of the council a resolution was introduced by Councilman Schmidt calling upon the police to strictly enforce the provisions of the licensing ordinance and to arrest all those saloon men who opened up their places before a license had been granted to them. This was adopted by the council. No license can be granted to the Mirror, before the next meeting of the council, and meantime under the ordinance and the resolution, the place must remain closed until properly licensed. It develops that Councilmen Schmidt and Fox, of the committee on health and police, did not understand the resolution to include saloons which had been running right along, and it is understood they were willing to have the Mirror remain open, since application and bond were in. To enforce the resolution means a temporary hardship, but on the other hand, no matter who applied for the license must have foreseen that it could not be granted by the time the old one expired. The application was not made until the last minute. Probably, it is said, the rule will be enforced in a manner to least injure the new owners.

Mr. Foard Home—
 Martin Foard arrived in the city yesterday from Bucoda, and will remain over for the meeting of the police commission tonight. Mr. Foard states that he has not been out of the city beyond 40 days, and he denies that he has given up or lost his residence in this city. He says that he goes away to engage in business, and that his home and his investments are in Astoria. In regard to the affairs of the police commission, Mr. Foard stated yesterday that he had told the two other members of the commission that any time they were ready to appoint a chief or to take up any other important matter simply to wire him and he would come at once. Since Mr. Foard has been out of the city only 40 days, those who are endeavoring to have his seat declared vacant will evidently fail, as the charter specifies an absence of 60 days. Mr. Foard also stated that there is evidently a misapprehension about his intentions to build a hotel here. He has no such intentions, he said yesterday, though the matter of leasing the site on Commercial street who talked of using it for hotel purposes had been mentioned to him.

Duncan Irving, the leading role in De Mille's great American play, "Classmates," will be played by Norman Hackett at the Astoria Theatre on April 24th.

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MARTIN FOARD SAYS HE WON'T BE CATSPA
 DEMANDS THAT THE POLICE CHIEF BE A FIRST CLASS MAN.

Martin Foard returned to the city yesterday, and will attend the meeting of the police commission tonight. Mr. Foard says he has been out of the city 40 days since he was here last, and he is disposed to laugh at the attempt made on the part of a few to have his seat as a police commissioner declared vacant. Mr. Foard states that he is not to blame for the lack of action on the part of the police commission, as for example in the appointment of a chief of police. He says he should be held blameless in the matter of the appointment of a chief, and the Astoria thinks he is right. For years the police commission has been in the hands of Democrats. The police force has been Democratic. At the last municipal election police officers worked for the success of the Democrat ticket. Of the three police commissioners now Mr. Foard is the sole Republican, thus leaving the commission Democratic as it has always been.

Between the two Democratic commissioners there has been a deadlock, that has lasted six months already. Commissioner Gordon would not stand for Commissioner Logan's man, and vice versa. It is understood that Commissioner Gordon has been willing to appoint Fred Oberg, while Commissioner Logan has kept his choice a close secret, though it is said he favors Police Officer Joe Wilson.

If Commissioner Foard should tie up with either one of the two Democrats, it would simply be to elect a man as chief who is a Democrat and who is put up as a Democrat, now getting the office as a reward for political favors. The question is naturally asked by Mr. Foard, why should he, the Republican, be used to put in a Democrat chief of police, who is put up as a Democrat. Mr. Foard simply says the two Democrat commissioners have the majority of the board and it is up to them to act. Not only does the Astorian think that Mr. Foard should be held blameless, but it admires him for the good sense he is showing in the matter in not permitting himself to be used by the Democrats for merely political purposes. Let them fight out their own little squabbles.

"I will vote for any man whose name is suggested, providing he is a first class man for the place," said Mr. Foard yesterday. "But I am not going to be used to put in some man simply to please some of my good friends, the Democrats. If they put up a man who is a first class, strong man, the right kind of a man for chief of police, I will vote for him whether he is a Democrat, Republican, Christian Scientist or Baptist, or anything else. But they have got to show me a good man. Until they do put up a good man, let the other two commissioners fight out their own squabbles."

If Mr. Foard permits himself to be used to put in some man who is not well qualified for the place, he would be blamed on all sides, he says, and the contention appears strong. He would be blamed by Republicans, he would be blamed by all good citizens, and he would be blamed by all those Democrats who thought their toes had been trod on. But Mr. Foard says that as chairman of the commission he will insist that some action be taken in the way of appointing a chief of police.

REALTY TRANSFERS
 Walter C Smith and wife to Mary G Allen, lots 7 and 8, block 15, The Plaza; \$550.
 Linnie R Stanton and Irvin Stanton to Walton Bowman, lot 3, block 137, second extension of Warrenton; \$850.
 Hinman Tract Land Co to Alfred Puusti.
 The great jungle scene in "Classmates" has received more notice than any other scene in any other play on the road this season. Norman Hackett plays the leading part in the play which is booked at the Astoria Theatre for April 24th.
 "A young American actor in a young American play" is Jules Murray's announcement this season. The actor's name is Norman Hackett. The play is "Classmates." Both will be seen at the Astoria Theatre on Sunday, April 24th.

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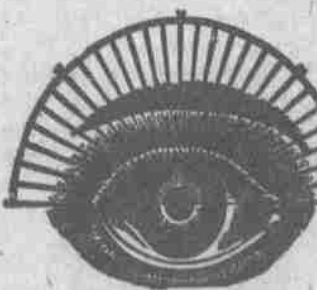
At the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night the principal matter that arose for discussion was in relation to the boring for gas that is to be commenced at once on the Hess farm south of Young's river. The machinery for the boring is all loaded on a scow and will be taken around into the river this morning and will then be removed to the site for boring and set up at once. In a couple of days more the first well should be started. By Friday the public is invited to visit the scene and investigate what is going on. The company that has taken the matter up consists of C. G. Palmberg, H. C. Harrison, Alec Bremner and R. W. McLeod. They are financing the proposition out of their own pockets, and hope to obtain fine results. That there is gas, and perhaps oil, to be found in Clatsop county has long been the belief of many, and the whole community will doubtless be pleased to know that definite and complete experiments are to be made to determine the matter. One difficulty has arisen; naturally the men who are putting in their money for the boring have wished to secure lands on which to operate, but some of the land owners have held back from permitting them the use of the lands, except under costly leases. The Chamber of Commerce will back up the matter as far as lies in its power. A communication was read at the meeting last night from Gus Schoenbacher, the cigar manufacturer, who complained that in the matter of the paratizing home industry the cigars made here are largely overlooked. Mr. Schoenbacher averred that if half of the cigars used in this city were made here, their manufacture would give employment to 40 or 50 skilled workers, whilst now there is but work for a quarter that many. The Chamber adopted a resolution calling upon Astorians to do all in their power to help the home cigar business along, especially cigar store men, saloon men, etc. This seems to be one of the cases where a home article can be patronized in a way that would really aid the home industry, though of course those who sell cigars are likely to "push" the ones upon which they can make the most profit, and the question of whether the dealers can sell the home cigars at as good a profit as they can some of the outside makes was not brought out. On the other hand, some of the outside makes that can be sold very cheaply are perhaps made under conditions that may be very objectionable, while the home cigars are known to be clean.

PERSONAL MENTION
 M. Gorman, ex-mayor of Cathlamet, spent the day in this city yesterday. Mr. Gorman announces that A. F. Cooper, a well known merchant of that village has been appointed county commissioner, vice Dr. Peacock, resigned.
 W. H. Moser, of Portland, was a business visitor in this city yesterday and was domiciled at the Occident.
 R. W. McLeod, of San Francisco, was registered at the Occident yesterday, on a business trip to this city.
 J. L. Marks, of San Francisco, was among the scores of business visitors noted in Astoria yesterday.
 H. F. Harrison, of Montreal, was in the city yesterday on a business quest. He was a guest at the Northern.
 J. K. Lamareaux, of Seattle, spent the day here yesterday on matters of business and was domiciled at the Merwyn.
 J. T. Young, of Detroit, was among the business tourists noted in this city yesterday.
 K. E. Roswell, of Tacoma, was in the city yesterday for a few hours, returning up on the evening express, as far as Portland.
 E. R. Thomas, of Pendleton, was here yesterday on a business errand.
 S. D. Freeman, of The Dalles, was among the visiting hundreds here yesterday.
 J. D. Somerset, of Spokane, was among the business tourists in this city yesterday.
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