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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Down From Bucoda

The Misses Foard came down from Bucoda last night and were met at the train by Mr. Foard, and by friends.

In Probate Court

An order was made in probate court yesterday approving the final account of the administratrix in the estate of Paul Paulson.

Moneys Paid Out

City Treasurer Dealey has paid out the sum of \$9000 during the present month, and it is probable that every little money in addition to this can be paid out of the general fund until next fall.

Up To Portland

Mayor and Mrs. Smith went up to Portland on the Lurline last night. The Mayor on business and Mrs. Smith on a visit. C. M. Celler also went up on the Lurline last night.

License To Wed

License to marry was yesterday issued at the office of the county clerk to Lieutenant Richard Park, of the United States army, stationed at Vancouver Barracks, and Miss Winifred Higgins of this city.

Junior Hop

Invitations are out for the Junior hop, to be given in Logan's hall next Friday night by the Juniors of the Astoria High school. The school functions are usually delightful events and many of the young people especially will probably avail themselves of this opportunity to trip the light fantastic. Dancing at 8:30 o'clock.

Decision Today

In justice court yesterday the hearing of Albert Peterson and Peter Andrews on a charge of maltreating Gertrude Hansen, a 12-year-old girl, was concluded, but Justice Goodman took the matter under advisement until today. Various witnesses were called and the matter attracted much attention among friends of the two men. The girl, while only 12 years of age, looks older.

Directors Elected

The annual meeting of the A. & C. Railway Company was held yesterday afternoon at the A. & C. on Twelfth street for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year. The following were elected: M. J. Costello, Francis B. Clarke, H. C. Nutt, M. P. Martin, William Harder, J. McGuire and F. D. Kuetner. The only change in the new board is M. J. Costello, who succeeds L. C. Gillam. Mr. Costello is also a director in the Great Northern. No other business was transacted, and Messrs. Kuetner and Harder, returned to Portland on last evening's express, while Mr. McGuire, the other representative present, will be here for several days as he is looking after the laying of the heavier steel on the Seaside end of the line.

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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Basketball Game

The basketball game played last evening by the high school girls and the Cathlamet girls was won by the former by a score of 17 to 0. The work of the Cathlamet team was hard but lack of training was easily seen. For the high school Fanny Gregory was easily the star as she threw six straight baskets and three fouls, while Myrtle Harrison threw one basket. There was a good crowd and they seemed much pleased. After the game a banquet was served for the visitors at Hoefler's.

Pay Poll Tax

Fred Brown, road supervisor in road district No. 1 and poll tax collector, did a rousing business yesterday. Sid Back, the Chinese contractor of Portland came down to sign a crew of Chinamen and Japs for the Villard and Berlin, and Fred was "Johnnie" on the spot and collected poll taxes from 102 Chinese and Japs on the Villard and 135 on the Berlin, amounting to \$711.00. The cash was not paid but was guaranteed and an order given by the cannerymen in whose employ the crew will be. This is the first time this has been done, at least to so large an extent.

Ordered Deported

Last Sunday night, Inspector Bonham, of the Bureau of Immigration of this city, arrested Lily Williams as she was trying to escape. Miss Williams was arrested on a charge of being unlawfully in this country, she having only been here about six months, while the law requires a residence of three years before a person can engage in any immoral business. She was taken to Portland Monday night and given a hearing before the United States Commissioner yesterday who ordered her deported back to England. She was unable to make any defense against the charge.

Mirror Saloon Closed

The police yesterday closed the Mirror saloon, for the reason that no license has been issued for it to run. As stated in the Astorian yesterday a new firm has just bought out the place, Brown & McMullen, and the old license expired last Sunday. The new firm has its application in for a license but the earliest date upon which it can be granted is at the next meeting of the council, and during the interregnum the place of course is without any license. While it works a hardship for a short time, no other course is possible and a recent resolution adopted by the council specifically demanded that in such instance no saloon may run. That resolution was adopted because the privilege of running while waiting for license has been frequently grossly abused. If applications for license be put in early enough there would never be need of closing a saloon down, though in this case there are said to be explanatory circumstances.

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Celebrated Birthday

Hon. Herman F. Prael, German Consul at Astoria and member of the Common Council, celebrated his 62nd birthday at his mansion on Ninth street last evening. At 9 o'clock the distinguished guests began to arrive and in an hour the spacious parlors were filled with his many friends, including the Hon. Minister to China, who officiated as toastmaster. The evening was pleasantly spent with music, short addresses and culminated in a banquet which was enjoyed by all present. At a late hour the guests departed, after wishing the honorable representative of the city government many happy returns of the day. Mr. Prael responded in his usual happy vein, which was more noticeable on this occasion. The Astorian congratulates Mr. Prael on having attained the age of discretion and hopes he may enjoy another annual commemoration of his birth. This is the first birthday Mr. Prael has celebrated this year.

Looks Like Law Suit Now

A communication was filed in the office of the city auditor yesterday by Joseph V. Giacomini, stating that his property has been largely damaged as a result of the Irving slide and presenting a claim of \$1000 to the city therefor. The communication states that on December 4 he had also sent in a communication to the council calling attention to the injury being done to his property and asking for relief, which has not been granted him. He owns lot 8, block 13, Shively's. Mr. Giacomini states that in order to protect his house he had to spend the sum of \$750 and in addition to this lot has been damaged, for which he asks the \$1000. The communication concludes by stating that he hopes some amicable arrangement may be made of the claim, and if not he will be compelled to resort to legal proceedings. The communication is written on the office paper of G. C. Fulton, the attorney.

REALTY TRANSFERS

Warrenton Land Co to J W Hurley and Frank M Morey, block 2 and lots 1-18 in block 3, Harriman; \$5000.

Herman Herbers and wife to Lewis S Winters and John L Wigh, lots 35 and 36, block 24, Hustler's Astoria; \$500.

C E Robinson to E F De Bond, lots 1-4 in block 10, Fernside; \$1.

Harry W Rign to I Bergman, west half of block 29, Adair's; \$10.

Astoria-Warrenton Land Co to Nehalem Timber Co, lot 7 and NE 4 of SW 4 of S 4, T 5 N, R 6 W; \$10.

Mary Morgan to Nehalem Timber Co, lots 1 and 2 and S 2 of NE 4 of S 4, T 5 N, R 6 W; \$10.

PERSONAL MENTION

N. H. Webber, postmaster at Eagle Cliff was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Frank Kelly of the Kelly lumber mills of Warrenton was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

W. S. Zimmerman of the prominent machinery house of Portland is in the city in quest of business for his popular house.

C. L. Houston was a homing passenger on the noon train yesterday.

Geo. C. Flavel returned from a business trip to Portland on the noon train yesterday.

Mrs. John Betts and Miss Jacqueline Betts of Portland are visiting Mrs. Al Betts of this city.

Nick Hansen, manager of the Chinook hatchery was in the city yesterday.

John McGuire, the popular superintendent of the A. & C., was a visitor in the city yesterday.

F. D. Kuetner and wife of Portland were in the city yesterday greeting their many old friends.

Geo. Wealstead of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

J. H. Tucker of Portland was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

C. W. Coster of Grinnell, Pa., was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Wm. Harder arrived down from Portland yesterday and is registered at the Occident.

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GRAFT CHARGES FALL RATHER FLAT

OFFICER LINVILLE MAKES A FINE SHOWING—DECISION TONIGHT.

At the conclusion of the hearing of the "graft" charges before the board of police commissioners last night, the commission decided to postpone decision in the matter until tonight, when they are to meet again. It may be said that the charges did not amount to much, that nothing of a grave nature was adduced, and it may not be short of the truth to say that Officer Thomas Linville came out of the investigation covered with glory. If the investigation showed anything, it showed that Linville had not done any wrong, and that the charges in relation to him were without foundation. For despite all the agitation of the matter, in the case of a police officer who in the course of his duties has made enemies of a certain kind by the score—who now would have taken keen delight in coming forward to try to prove something black in his record—yet not a scintilla of evidence was brought out against him.

While it may be going a little bit too fast to try to forecast what the decision of the police commission will be, yet it may be a safe guess that Officer Linville will be exonerated fully, and the commissioners may even commend him for his services as an officer.

As regards Officer Dubeau, he stands "guilty" of having received \$2 from a woman of the town. It was given as a Christmas gift. It was not possible to paint the matter any worse than that, but the commission may possibly not praise him overmuch for taking any money from a woman of the town, no matter what the motive was.

The proceedings last night passed off uneventfully, and there was but little excitement. Martin Foard acted as chairman of the session, with both Commissioners Gordon and Logan present, and Mr. Foard presided with dignity and acumen.

Mr. Abercrombie, the city attorney, who presented the charges, was late in arriving, not getting there until much of the testimony was in. It looks as if Mr. Abercrombie was drawn into the matter by listening to hints and rumors, which, when it came to a "show down," could not be substantiated, and he explained that he preferred the charges in no malice, but that inasmuch as they had been brought to him as city attorney, and as they appeared grave enough on their face, that he felt in duty bound to present them to the commissioners.

Officer Linville took up the charges against him one by one and explained them away, in most cases refuting them with the greatest ease and in nearly every case by documentary evidence.

The only real charge against him was that of receiving \$10 from the "hop head," Ricketts, and as has been explained before, the police court records show that Officer Thompson received this \$10 and turned it in as bail money, and that it was duly forfeited in police court the next day. That was in the days when officers were accustomed to take bail money without first taking the prisoner to the police station. The other charges were of a very general nature, like that of permitting a dance hall to run over the Wigwam saloon, etc. Officer Linville stated that there is no dance hall there; that there may be some dancing going on, but that in no sense of the word is there a dance hall. Commissioner Gordon ended the matter by stating that the three commissioners had gone down and investigated the alleged dance hall Monday night and found that it is not a place of that character.

Officer Linville at one stage of the proceedings severely arraigned Mr. Abercrombie, and made severe charges against him. He also admitted that he had told Mr. Abercrombie that he would bring his charges "before the police commission, or apologize, or else he (Linville) would do the other thing."

Asked what he meant by "the other thing" Officer Linville said he meant that if he didn't bring the charges or apologize, he would "beat the living stuffing out of him, or die in the attempt." He also had said, "My boy, you don't know who you're monkeying with—you've woke up the hottest proposition you ever ran against."

While the commissioners had agreed not to pass upon matters alleged to have taken place before they entered upon their offices, yet they permitted Officer Linville to take up each and every charge and explain it

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away. He specially showed that in the case of the \$10 in the Ricketts case, the only real charge, that the city attorney had himself drawn the complaint, and that the \$10 bail was forfeited in police court the next day upon the motion of the city attorney. The records showed these facts.

No one was present at the session except the three commissioners, the parties interested and a few witnesses, police officers, representatives of the press, and the stenographer, Carl Knutson.

The commissioners may possibly take up the question of the appointment of a police chief at their session tonight.

GRAFT IN SCHOOL BOOKS

Chicago Children Must Pay More Than Elsewhere.

CHICAGO, April 13.—Nearly \$200,000 a year is being paid for school books by the school children of Chicago in excess of the lowest price charged for the same text books in other cities.

This is the estimate of aggregate overcharges formed by a special investigating committee of the board of education, appointed early last winter.

A report on the subject has been compiled from letters of inquiry sent out by the school authorities of over a hundred cities and a score of states. The report declares that of the 120 books used in the Chicago schools, 62 either of identical or closely similar editions, are being sold at lower prices elsewhere. The discrepancies in prices range from one cent to 50 cents. From the report on states, Missouri, California, and Indiana are most favored by the book publishers.

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.

DOG FIGHT STARTS FROGAS

Dogs Fight, Students Riot, Fire Burns, Police Come.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—An attempt made by Frank McAllister, a humane officer, to stop a dog fight in the midst of a crowd of 500 spectators at a fire in Berkeley, resulted in a demonstration against the police by 300 students of the University of California.

While the fire was at its height a great dane owned by the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and a stray bulldog engaged in combat. McAllister is said to have kicked the dane in attempting to separate the animals and he was struck by Frederick Tickell, a freshman in the college of engineering, it is alleged. Frat men rushed from several nearby houses to the rescue of Tickell, who had been seized by two police sergeants. A special officer was detailed to escort the arrested students to the police station.

A crowd of college boys 300 strong followed the officer and his prisoner, hooting and interfering in every possible manner in their effort to secure the escape of Tickell.

The policeman was compelled to draw his revolver and hold the students at bay all the way to the jail. Hundreds of persons gathered to witness the demonstration all along the route through Berkeley's business district.

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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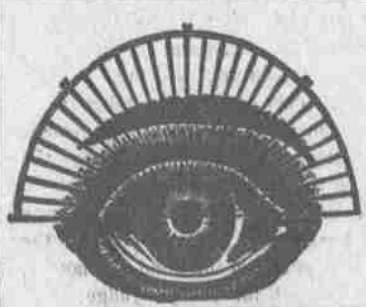
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