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### TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

**Wedding Today**—The wedding of Lieutenant Richard Parks and Miss Winnifred Higgins will take place this afternoon.

**Clam Factories**—The two clam factories at Warrenton, the Warrenton and the Clatsop, both have started up for their season's run.

**Starts Work Today**—Contractor Lebeck will start today on the work of making repairs at the O. R. & N. docks.

**W. C. T. U.**—The W. C. T. U. will meet at their rooms in the Seamen's Institute at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. All are welcome.

**Of Coast Artillery**—Captain Buckner of the United States Coast Artillery service, in the engineering department, came to the city last night and is registered at the Occident Hotel. It is presumed he is here on governmental work.

**Still Runs Restaurant**—The Astoria Restaurant was sold last week to a Chinaman named Wong Hock, but he failed to close the deal so the restaurant is still run by Mang Hing who has so successfully run it for many years.

**Meritorious Entertainment**—The excellent films and program at the Jewel continues to be a drawing card for this popular play house. A number of new films have been received which will be produced tonight. In addition the Royal Hawaiian orchestra delights the audience with popular songs. The manager states the orchestra will sing any song desired upon request of any of the patrons.

**Hindus Frighten People**—It is stated that the numerous Hindus who work in the mills are proving a very undesirable lot of citizens. They cause trouble, frighten women and children and fight when drinking. The police know them to be ugly customers when in drink, and it is even said that houses in the eastern part of the city are vacant because of the proximity of the Hindus. So bad is the matter growing that perhaps something will have to be done to subdue them and give the white families a chance.

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**I. O. O. F. Notice**—Members of Beaver Lodge No. 35, are requested to attend a regular meeting to be held this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock. Initiation. Visiting members welcome.

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**Leave of Absence**—At the meeting of the police commissioners last night a resolution was introduced by Commissioner Gordon granting Commissioner Foard, president of the board, the privilege of leaving the city on his business affairs, with the understanding that Mr. Foard was willing and would come to any and every meeting, or when there was any business to attend to. There is no doubt that Mr. Foard wants to do his full part in the business of the commission, even if his business will call him out of the city at times. According to the charter, such a leave of absence would necessarily be granted by the common council, if he intended to be out of the city beyond "60 days" at any one time.

**Parish Meeting**—At the annual parish meeting at Grace Church last night there were quite a number in attendance, and various yearly reports were read and received. It was shown that the church has done perhaps double the amount of work the past year over any previous year. The total receipts were \$3889, a pretty good showing, and the expenditures equalled this sum. All street assessments, insurance, taxes, etc., had been paid, and also \$500 was paid on the outstanding debt against the church, leaving a total debt of only \$700 still remaining. The resignation of the rector, the Rev. W. S. Short, also was brought up and a committee was appointed to prepare resolutions in relation to the matter. The following were elected as members of the vestry: R. Thomas, George H. George, C. B. Allen, H. G. Van Dusen, Grover Utzinger, F. I. Dunbar, Lawrence Rogers, E. M. Cherry, R. R. Carruthers. The vestry will meet in a day or two to select its clerk and to name the senior and junior wardens.

**Court House Yard**—John Dench has the contract of levelling off the court house yard, preparatory to planting it with grass. The whole ground has been enriched and put in fine shape. Layers of sod have been laid close to the building, where the drip from the roof would wear into the soft ground if sod were not placed there. Mr. Dench has sent away for some new kind of grass seed.

**Both Bound Over**—Peter Andrews and Alfred Peterson, the two men accused of having maltreated the 12 year old Alderbrook girl, were both bound over to the grand jury by Justice Goodman yesterday, under \$300 bonds. The defendants both denied the allegations and put up a strong defense, but there apparently was reasonable ground for holding them over to the grand jury.

**Woman Deported**—Raphael P. Bonham, of the federal immigration service, yesterday arrested another woman in this city on a charge of being a foreign woman who had come to this country to engage in an immoral life. Her true name is Lizzie Turpin, and she admitted that she had been imported to this country for this purpose—in other words, she is one of the great number of "white slaves" who annually come to this country. She was from France. The United States is making a concerted effort to break up the traffic. Mr. Bonham sent the woman up to Portland last night and she will be deported back to France.

**High School Chorus**—Plans are being made to organize a High School chorus, and it is believed that an excellent organization of this nature can be formed among the pupils of the school. It is desired to secure a membership of 36, half boys and half girls. It is suggested that Mrs. Imel, wife of the principal, take charge of the chorus as she has had experience in such work. It is said there should be excellent material in the school, perhaps especially among the boys, quite a few of whom have already had vocal training in the choir at Grace church. It is desired to have the chorus for commencement.

**Japs, Greeks, Chinamen**—A big crowd of Japs, Greeks and Chinamen came down on last night's train to join the ships here that are going north fishing. Last evening three foreigners, one a Filipino, another a Porto Rican and the third a Mexican, were discovered walking along Commercial street and one of them was seen to be disabled. He was taken to Dr. Estes' office where it was found that he had a dislocated shoulder, received from a fall, he said. While the physician was setting the shoulder, the Porto Rican fainted, and he was dragged off to one side while the operation continued.

**Discover Bank Theft**—NEW YORK, April 14—An old bank theft totaling between \$18,000 and \$20,000 which was later made good by a surety company, has just been disclosed by the filing of the inventory of the Lafayette Trust Company business was reorganized, but later quit business itself. It appears that an employee took the money several years ago, and to cover his operations entered the money upon the books as having been deposited with another bank. It was the filing of an inventory of the scheduled assets of the Lafayette Trust Company, showing this alleged deposit with the other bank, that resulted in the disclosure of the shortage. Harold A. Davidson, president of the Lafayette Trust Company, during the reorganization, said that he did not discover the shortage until it was two years old, but that it had been made good. He declined to give the name of the guilty employe or the surety company.

**Surety Company Had Made Good On The Defalcation.**—Ask the man who wears Benjamin clothes. He knows them. See Judd Bros., 557 Commercial street.

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.

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### LINVILLE GOES CLEAR BUT NOT DUBEAU

#### THE LATTER OFFICER IS SUSPENDED FOR PERIOD OF FOUR DAYS.

At the adjourned meeting of the board of police commissioners last night Officer Thomas Linville was completely exonerated from all the charges brought against him by City Attorney Abercrombie.

Officer Charles Dubeau, however, was found guilty "of conduct unbecoming an officer" in accepting \$2 from the woman, May Davis, and as punishment therefor he was suspended from duty for a period of four days without pay.

The commission did not take up the question of the appointment of a police chief. Mr. Foard, president of the commission, brought up the question of an appointment, but Commissioners Logan and Gordon apparently were not prepared to make any nominations.

The board adopted the following resolution in relation to Officer Linville:

"The board having heard all the testimony offered in support of the charges preferred by City Attorney C. H. Abercrombie against Officer Linville, and the explanations offered by Officer Linville, and witnesses, find that he has done no wrong in the premises, unless it be that he exhibited too much temper under severe provocation, and as to that, Mr. Abercrombie does not care to press the charge. The charges are therefor dismissed."

After this resolution was adopted, Commissioner Gordon stated that perhaps the exact ideas of the commission, inasmuch as it was merely negative in form. It seemed to be the idea of Commissioner Gordon that Officer Linville should be commended for having done his duty, as well as merely stating that he had done no wrong. Commissioner Logan also intimated that perhaps the resolution should express credit for the officer, but President Foard thought that inasmuch as the officer had perhaps transgressed in so severely arraigning the complainant on personal grounds, and in endeavoring to intimidate him. Therefore the matter was dropped, the resolution unchanged.

Generally speaking it may be said that the commissioners seemed to think that the officer was clearly and fully exonerated, and that as far as the charges were concerned, he deserved credit in the premises—such credit as any and all officers deserve for having merly performed their duty as they should perform it.

With Dubeau the matter was different. One of the commissioners probably expressed the notion of all when he said that Dubeau had acted like a "blamed fool" in taking money from the woman, but there was no suspicion of any deliberate wrong on the officer's part. "Blamed fool" seemed to express the whole of it. The Dubeau resolution reads: "Resolved: That while we do not think Officer Dubeau was guilty of anything more than a thoughtless act, without suspicion of graft, or special protection to the woman May Davis, he is hereby suspended for four days without pay."

This was preceded by a resolution finding him guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer.

Thus ends the charges against the two officers which turn out to have been an unfortunate matter more than anything else. One of the commissioners wanted to discharge Dubeau as a matter of discipline and a warning to other officers, but the two others thought this would be too severe a penalty.

One phase of the investigation was not touched upon, and it may be worthy of comment. When Dubeau was on trial, and one of the witnesses was testifying—it being a young man who had secured some testimony at the request of the city attorney—Dubeau in somewhat of a bulldozing way tried to make it appear as if the young man had been down in that part of the town collecting evidence against the officer. Also, as if he had no right to do so, and that Dubeau was justified in being angry because he did so.

Of course the young man was down there collecting evidence and he collected enough to have Dubeau punished, but like some other police officers, in this and other cities, Dubeau seemed to think that the young man was committing a crime in securing the evidence, and probably the officer will be making threats to "get" him for so doing. To some it might appear as if Dubeau's attitude toward the young man was as great an offense as taking the money from the woman. That the young man had as much right to aid in securing the evidence as Dubeau would have in securing evidence against a lawbreaker did not seem to impress itself on the officer at all.

Several other matters were passed upon. Officer Houghton was given leave of absence to go to California to visit his mother, whom he has not

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seen since his childhood. President Foard brought up one very important matter. He stated that numerous complaints had been made to him about the women in the cribs near Bond street, along between Seventh and Eighth, and in that neighborhood generally. These women can be seen from Bond street. Their windows and often their doors are wide open. They hang out of the windows. Strangers who come to town, and oftentimes townspeople, are inexpressibly shocked to see these women in their windows like so many cattle up for show at a livestock exhibit. Only in a few towns, and in the Pacific Northwest, can such sights be seen. President Foard thought that the police should see that the curtains be kept down or the women kept out of the windows.

Acting Chief Oberg went to their defense. He thought it would "interfere with their business."

The other commissioners agreed that this practice must be stopped in view of Bond street and the suggestion was made that every effort should be made to keep that part of town as restricted as possible. The police were instructed to watch out for this matter. It was pointed out by the acting chief that this part of town is in thoroughly good shape, quiet, with few crimes, and the streets are kept clear. There is no doubt that the district is thoroughly subdued and kept in good shape by the police in exceptionally fine shape, though that question is far apart from the other question of every crib having its big window in which the women sit all day long—to the shame and scandal of citizens and strangers. Some of these windows are in plain view even from Bond street, and while it may interfere with their business there seem to be other considerations as well. The whole city would seem to be indebted to President Foard and the two other commissioners for taking some action on this matter.

Commissioner Gordon also brought up a matter of much importance. The question of having "No Spit" signs around town was touched upon again and Commissioner Gordon and Commissioner Logan both recalled that once before when this plan was tried, it worked much good. Various ladies then helped. It was ordered that the

clerk, Judge Anderson, secure a number of the signs and place them. Commissioner Gordon also stated that it is a matter of frequent comment that the down town streets and sidewalks are frequently very dirty; strangers notice it, too. It hurts the town. Oftentimes the sidewalks in front of the stores are covered with litter, or one thing or another. Mr. Gordon said it was not clear that anything can be done, but he thought it would mean much if all would join in on a plan to make the town bright and spick and span. Something may grow out of this suggestion yet, for it is one of those things that all agree is an excellent one, and seemingly all that is required to put it in working order is a common or civic impulse.

**Walked Many Miles**—Three young ladies who reside at the Irving Hotel walked out to Olney and back again yesterday, a distance of over 18 miles, in fact, nearly 20 miles. They started out for an hour's walk in the morning, but were entranced by the beauties of the country and kept on going and going. When they were not back at noon some alarm began to be felt and when they were not back at the dinner hour last night there was much fear that some untoward accident had occurred. It was thought they might have gotten over on the river and all drowned. Finally, at dark, they reached home, worn out, hardly able to walk another step, and feverish and sick. What had at first to them appeared as only a lark gave much alarm to their friends and probably will leave the three of them in bed for several days. They got home just as a searching party was starting out to look them up.

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