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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Goes To Mt. Vernon
E. R. Pierce, formerly of the Old Oregon Mills at Warrenton, accompanied by his family, has removed to Mt. Vernon, Wash., to take up resi-

Ship Goes Monday
Councilman Belland will leave tomorrow for the Alaska fishing grounds, going on the steamer North Star. He will be gone upwards of five months.

License To Marry
License to marry was issued yesterday to Charles A. Carlson and Carrie Nordlund, both of Svenson, and to Clarence Larson and Leona Leabo, of Astoria.

Logger Is Injured
William Smith, employed in a logging camp near Skamokawa, was injured several days ago by a log rolling on him. One of his ankles was sprained. He is at St. Mary's hospital.

Probate Court
In probate court yesterday order was made setting May 31 as the time for final hearing of the accounts in the estate of Henry Roe, and the same order in the estate of Christ Olson.

At the High School
Norman Hackett, the actor who appeared here last night, addressed an audience at the high school building yesterday afternoon. Mr. Hackett proved an entertaining and edifying speaker and was listened to by a goodly audience.

Fine, Strong Sign
Manager Shortley, of the Grand moving picture theatre, has just installed a fine, strong electric sign, emblazoning the name of his popular theatre to the amusement-loving public of Astoria. It went into service for the first time last evening, and is very attractive.

Visiting Their Property
General Manager Guy Talbot and Assistant Engineer, R. P. Habersham, of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, are down in this section of country, with guns and fishing tackle, both of which they intend to use on their timber claims south of the city, in an over Sunday outing. It is strange that Superintendent John McGuire was not along, as he owns a claim close to theirs.

Smashed By a Log
When the steamer R. Miller docked here yesterday, a man by the name of H. F. Smith, who had been badly smashed by a log rolling on him at the mills of the Howell Shingle Co., at Skamokawa, yesterday morning early, was brought ashore and taken to St. Mary's hospital for treatment. He will be treated there, and with every hope of pulling him through, though he was pretty badly hurt.

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Glad To Get Home
J. J. Robinson, the well known furniture man, returned home yesterday from a visit to kinsmen and friends in Dayton, Washington, and was glad to be back in Astoria. He says that times are quiet up that way, and everyone seems to be playing a waiting game of some sort; though he found the whole country alive to the proposition of the Farmers' Union to make Astoria its specific shipping point for grain, and all hands devoted to the task of securing the common point rate on grain for this port, and in that behalf.

Young Men's Sunday
Throughout the United States the Young Men's Christian Association is conducting a campaign in cities for the purpose of awakening interest of young men. Today is Astoria's day. Four workers from Portland will speak at the morning services of the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Uppertown churches. At 3:30 Dr. Geo. B. Pratt will address a men's meeting at the M. E. church on the subject, "A Live Wire," at 8 p. m. A union meeting of the churches at the Presbyterian church with stereopticon. All are cordially invited.

At Taylor School
The operetta, "The May Festival," given at the Taylor school Friday night, passed off very pleasantly and successfully, and Suomi Hall was well crowded with parents and friends of the school. The parents were delighted with the appearance of their little ones in the pretty operetta. An admission was charged as the object of the entertainment was to secure money to aid in paying off the piano debt, and \$106.25 was secured. This will pay off most of the piano debt. The children were trained by the teachers of the school and gave a very creditable entertainment.

Does Not Affect Oregon
A very prominent timberman of this city, yesterday told a reporter of the Morning Astorian that the \$2 cut on logs, lately made by Alexander Polson, of the Gray's Harbor country, would have no effect whatever on the Oregon product, and would not materially affect the market here; he said that the Polson interests represented but a small percentage of the daily output of Washington and Oregon of 15,000,000 feet, and that while yellow fir flooring logs might be quoted over there at \$10 per thousand, with merchant grades at \$9, and the lower grades at \$6, the Oregon prices would remain at \$12 for yellow fir, with red fir at \$10, and the lower grades at \$7.50.

Odd Fellows Mingle
There was a delightful fraternal meeting held at Hammond last evening when the members of Beaver Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this city became the guests of their brethren of Lewis & Clark lodge of Hammond at the invitation of the latter group, which desired to happily accenduate the 19th anniversary of its institution. J. M. Anderson of this city was the orator of the occasion and filled the post to the immense satisfaction of all at interest. It was one of those bright and interesting affairs that go to make the great records of these fraternities everywhere. A delightful program was unfolded and the refreshments were bountiful, and daintily served by the members charged with that important function.

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WAS VERY BUSY DAY IN JUSTICE COURT

DEFENSE SPRINGS A SURPRISE IN CASE AGAINST OTTO SIVO.

A surprise was sprung in justice court yesterday in the case of the state against Otto Sivo, who was charged with having shot Abel Hiltunen in the thigh with a revolver. This trouble arose over a girl, it is said. At the conclusion of the evidence offered by the prosecution, the defense offered in evidence an affidavit made by Hiltunen in which he declared that he did not wish to prosecute, that he was the aggressor in the affray, that he was drunk at the time and had assaulted Sivo without provocation, and that Sivo had thereupon shot in self-defense.

Justice Goodman thereupon dismissed the case, inasmuch as the complaining witness was unwilling to prosecute. Hiltunen, while on the stand, had told a story somewhat different from the one recited in his affidavit, and the prosecution was not disposed in the least to believe his statements in the affidavit, but being more or less disgusted with Hiltunen for making such an affidavit and placing it in the hands of the defense, the matter was left go without endeavoring to push it. It looks a little as if Hiltunen was willing to go to considerable lengths to quiet the matter and have an end to it.

It was a busy day in justice court. Another case of an exciting nature was that of the state against Nicholas and Joseph Vitalich of Clifton, who were charged with mayhem, in that they had chewed a finger half off of Andrew Marinovich, the complaining witness. The charge of mayhem, a state penitentiary offense, was changed to that of simple assault and battery and the case against Joseph Vitalich was dismissed. Nicholas was found guilty of assault and battery and fined \$10. The fight arose over the complaining witness's wife, who, it was alleged, had been insulted by one of the Vitalich brothers. The scrap was a pretty bad one, and the trial yesterday was almost as bad.

Then there was another case. Fred Chapin, of one of the logging camps out near Svensen, complained that another logger, C. H. Forrester, a big fellow, had slugged him in the eye. It seems that Chapin was in Svensen, and while reading a letter, Forrester came up and wanted to know if he (Chapin) "had been talking" about him. Chapin denied that he had. But Forrester hit out, and his fist met Chapin's eye. Chapin went down and almost out. The trouble seems to have arisen over some matter at the camp, and Forrester said Chapin accused him of getting the former's job. Forrester was arrested and came in yesterday and offered to plead guilty to assault and battery. But because the plaintiff, or Mr. Brownell, the assistant prosecutor, was not present the matter was put off until Monday. Meantime Forrester is out on \$25 bond.

The case against Anton Kullis of Clifton, on the charge of running a blind pig, was not called. He will be arraigned tomorrow, probably. Kullis is one of the Clifton men who were fined at the February term of the court and it is likely to go hard with him for this offense, if proven against him. He had applied for a license from the county court but it had not yet been granted. It is said that Kullis has enemies up there who are trying to run him out of the country, and from this same source it is hinted that there may be others up there who sell liquors in an illicit manner and are not disturbed.

Adair Drain Matter
The discussion of the question of the Adair drain at the meeting in the McGregor mess house last night resulted in one very excellent suggestion. The men present agreed that it would be satisfactory plan for the city council to secure the services of a civil engineer to make a study of the conditions and to submit some definite plan for a drainage system. Fifty or sixty attended the meeting, among them Mayor Smith, Councilmen Fox, Wilson, Leinenweber, Curtis, Superintendent Kearney, and many of the well known residents of that portion of the city. Councilman Curtis presided. The discussion that followed showed the great diversity of opinion that prevails among the residents whose property is affected. Hardly any two agreed in important particulars. Several of those whose property is on 38th street voiced what seems to be the prevailing sentiment there—and that is that they would deem it an imposition, a course totally uncalled for, if any attempt is to be made to divert the waters over onto that thoroughfare. While much could be written on the suggestions made, and the theories advanced, nevertheless it probably may be best to await for some definite report from a civil engineer. It is very likely the council at its next meeting will secure the services of an engineer to take the matter up. What is desired, is some man to offer a clear cut plan and to show just when, why and where it should be carried out.

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The filing for record at the court house yesterday for a deed, bearing date April 27, 1901, wherein Charles H. Page, Martin Foad, F. R. Stokes, deed to the Astoria Electric Company, for the consideration of \$1, the street railway franchise granted to them by this city on February 6th, of that year, has a significance quite at variance with the current rumors about town, most of which indicate a general transfer of the corporate property in question, to Mr. Henry, of the United Railways, or to the General Electric Company, and to various other concerns and companies in that particular business.

The fact of the matter is, the status and ownership of this system is not changed at all, as to proprietary interest; it is still in the hands of the Electric Bond & Share Company, of New York City, only a little more so than it has ever been. The company desired of secure complete control of the properties with a view to making extensive improvements at an early day, and to this end it has purchased the 1700 shares of the full 3000 comprising its stock, from the gentlemen above named and from Messrs. S. S. Gordon and George O. Moon, and is now in complete control of the destinies of the plant and property.

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has been told he does not know what happened to him—whether the house fell on him or a steamboat ran over him. That is one side of the matter. The other side is that prosecutors find it a pretty hard matter to secure convictions unless the injured stands in the court room, and evinces a desire to aid in the prosecution. The case in justice court yesterday, when the complaining witness presented an affidavit averring that he didn't want to prosecute, is an excellent case in point. So many witnesses have disappeared in Clatsop county, also, that the criminal law stands in danger of becoming a mockery. However, it may be said, even if Peterson be liberated, he may be only too willing to remain to prosecute. Nevertheless it is evident the prosecution is afraid something would happen. On the whole it is admitted, as an abstract idea, that an innocent man should be shoved in jail merely to hold him

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as a witness is wholly outrageous, save when great and imperative reason exists to so hold him. Last night Mr. Brownell, the assistant prosecuting attorney, said he will suggest to the sheriff that Peterson be given his liberty, daily under surveillance; under the care of Constable Sayer, for example.

The Fighting Picture.
On next Monday and Tuesday nights, April 26th and 27th, the popular Bakeronian theatre will present a 2000-foot film showing in wonderful detail, the first and last action of the Johnson-Burns pugilistic encounter. The film is a private one and is operated only by its owner, and is the only one extant. "Diable" has just returned from the lower regions and will be found eating live coals, dancing on fire balls consisting of hot pitch and brimstone, and generally converting himself into a human volcano, on these two dates at this famous house.

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- Hamburg Steak. 10c
- Smith's Famous Pork Sausage. 12c
- Smith's Sugar-cured Hams. 15c
- Smith's Breakfast Bacon. 17c
- Veal Cutlets. 12c, 15c
- Roast Veal. 10c, 12c, 15c
- Pork Chops. 10c, 12c, 15c
- Roast Pork. 10c, 12c, 15c
- Beefsteak. 10c, 12c, 15c
- Roast Beef. 8c, 9c, 10c, 12c, 15c
- Beef for boiling. 6c, 7c
- Razor Clams, per dozen. 10c
- Deep Sea Halibut. 10c
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