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UPPER ASTORIA DRAIN BEING SURVEYED

ENGINEER CURTIS AND SURVEYOR TEE MAKING RAPID PROGRESS WITH WORK.

T. H. Curtis and City Surveyor Tee are busy investigating the slides between 39th and 33rd streets. They have examined the lakes near the China gardens and surveyed several routes for carrying off the water. Although no report has been made and no intimation of the conclusions arrived at, it is stated that either three streets will have to be improved from the waterfront as far south as Lexington avenue on the summit of the hill, or two or three systems of drains will have to be put in to drain off the water. Investigation shows that the water from the lakes between Jerome and Lexington avenue are responsible for the recent slides, and if this cause can be removed the slides will cease. It is further contended that by building three streets, for instance, 39th, 36th and 34th from the water front to Lexington avenue will be nearly as cheap as to build a system of drains, as in constructing the streets, adequate drains could be provided for.

If a complete drainage system is put in order, the estimated cost will approximate about \$10,000, and in order to make the assessment light on the property benefited, the assessment district will have to embody all the lots and blocks between 39th and 33rd streets and the river front and Lexington avenue. By making the district large, the cost upon individual property owners will not be large, but to build one drain for carrying off the water will create antagonism among residents on the different streets, and possibly result in a law suit. The property owners are divided upon the best route to pursue; but will have to be governed by the report of Mr. Curtis and the city engineer. Undoubtedly as soon as their report is filed, a resolution will be introduced in the council providing either for a system of drains or the improvement of several streets. When this is done the attitude of the resident property holders can be ascertained. If the objection is too strong, the plan will probably be abandoned and the land allowed to slide.

Boiler Arrives
 An eight-ton boiler consigned to the Astoria Clay Product Company arrived in Astoria Wednesday night and yesterday was unloaded and taken to the brick plant at 47th street where it will be installed. The foundation for it has already been completed and the work of putting it in position will be completed this week. As soon as installed work of making common brick will be commenced. It is understood the company has several orders for brick will require considerable time to fill.

Alleged Gold Discovery
 It is quietly rumored about the city that a stretch of gold-bearing sand beach has been located in this county and that it is to be followed up to a logical and practical development; that a well known business man is at the head of the venture, and that he has gone to San Francisco to negotiate capital, organize a company, and secure the necessary machinery for exploiting the proposition. He leaves this morning, and when he returns will have something of decided interest to report.

PERSONAL MENTION

Z. H. Rubenstein of Portland was in the city yesterday on matters of business and domiciled at the Occident.
 Mike Donovan of San Francisco spent the day here yesterday.
 A. B. George of Portland was a business visitor in this city yesterday.
 N. W. Bowers of Warrenton was doing business in this city yesterday.
 G. F. Cheshire of Chicago was among the business tourists noted in Astoria yesterday, and was a guest at the Merwyn.
 J. M. Kennedy of Tacoma was among the visiting hundreds in this city yesterday.
 F. R. Grant of Spokane was doing business in Astoria yesterday and registered at the Northern.
 J. I. Osborne of Walla Walla was among the many visitors here yesterday and was a guest at the Occident.
 G. B. Andrews of South Bend spent the day in Astoria, going on to the metropolis last evening on the 6:10 train.

OUR JOINT OFFERINGS.

The Human Appetite.
 Of all the whimsical, shifting, unreliable, treacherous, exacting things in the world, the human appetite for the right thing to eat is, perhaps, the most unreasonable and imperious. There are those who humor it; others who defy it; and all men are more or less inclined to treat it with consideration. To find a place where these varying attitudes may be fostered, at the least cost in each case, and yet keep the appetite in proper and peaceful subjection, is always desirable information. One place that is conceded as perfectly adapted to this, is the Palace Restaurant, just opposite the Page building, on Commercial street, in this city. Try it once, and patronize it always; that is the rule of the Palace.

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Baseball At Cathlamet
 The baseball team of the A. A. A. will play the Cathlamet team on their grounds at that city on next Sunday. The steamer Wenona will run an excursion up there on that day and take all who desire to go. There will be plenty of music as a brass band will accompany the excursion.

Special Rates To Coast
 The Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Company, in connection with the Astorian & Columbia River Railroad Company, has just issued a joint passenger tariff naming round-trip excursion fares from stations on the "North Bank" line to the Clatsop beach resorts on the A. & C. under date of May 8th, and effective June 15th. The rates are very fair and range from the Spokane figure of \$20. to the Vancouver fare of \$40, and all are given the stopover privilege and points west, within reason, going and coming. It is a plain bid for the coast business and should be effective in establishing a big run to the south shore resorts; and it will make it a bit interesting for the rival liner that booms the north coast points.

Just a Bit Unchivalrous
 The recent attempt of the young men of the Astoria High School to disparage the efforts of the girls of that school to establish their place in the athletic interests of the school and to wear the insignia of their relation and attitude in this behalf, is not taking well with the community and the young ladies themselves are finding champions everywhere who are not slow to pronounce the affair as a bit unchivalrous, especially as to the extraordinary publicity that has been given it by the boys. It is hoped the matter will be dropped at once and that the girls will not be disturbed in their rational effort to fix their place and standing. Mere technicalities will not justify a wrong nor a rudeness.

Brakeman Injured
 Mike Graham, a brakeman on the A. & C., while enroute from Portland to Astoria and when near Westport, attempted to catch the iron rail on one of the freight cars, after turning a switch, lost his hold and came near going under the cars which were going at a fast rate of speed. He clung on, and managed to throw himself from the car and fell alongside the track. He was brought to this city last evening and taken to the hospital where Dr. Fulton attended him. An examination was made and although no bones were broken, one of his legs was badly swollen and the doctor applied hot cloths. Unless some internal injury was sustained, the injured man will be out in a day or two. Mike was a general favorite all along the line and in Astoria and his many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Suits For Poll Tax
 Complaint was made to Howard Brownell, deputy district attorney by H. C. Hilton, supervisor of road district No. 17 that a number of employees, mostly foreigners, had refused to pay their poll tax. Accordingly Mr. Brownell yesterday filed 15 suits in the justice court to collect the amount due from each and caused the wages to be garnished. Instead of paying \$3 the legal poll tax, the obstructionists will be compelled to pay about \$5 court costs in addition thereto. Supervisors in other districts will also bring suits against delinquents and a number are being prepared for residents of the Astoria district. It is impossible to dodge poll taxes or death and prompt payment will save time and costs.

Mission At St. Mary's
 A renewal of the Mission which was held last October, will open at St. Mary's church, Fifteenth street and Grand avenue, next Sunday morning at the 10 o'clock services. The exercises, which will continue during the week, will be of an exhortatory and intellectual nature. Each evening, at the 7:30 o'clock services, the principal lecture will be delivered by the eloquent Redemptorists, under the direction of Rev. Walter L. Polk, C. S. S. R. These men are especially trained for this class of work, and Father Polk is said to be one of the ablest in the field today. This will be the first time that Astorians will have an opportunity to hear Father Polk, who has made a marked impression in the South.

Excursion To Cathlamet.
 Sunday, May 16th, given by A. A. A. club. Big baseball game. Steamer Wenona leaves Callender dock at 9 a. m. Brass band will accompany excursion. Round trip, 50c.

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GOVERNMENT TOO SLOW ON LAND CASES

WASHINGTON JUDGE DISCHARGES TWO DEFENDANTS ON THIS ACCOUNT.

SPOKANE, May 13.—A Spokane Review special from Moscow, says that holding that the Government had been given two years since the indictment of J. B. West and I. N. Smith, in connection with the North Idaho land frauds, in which to prepare to prosecute the cases, Judge Dietrich today disregarded the request of United States Attorney General Wickersham for a continuance and discharged both men. When the case was taken up in the Federal Court today United States District Attorney C. H. Lingenfelter of Lewiston presented a telegram received from Mr. Wickersham, in which he asked the continuance of the cases until such a time as the appeals in the Kester-Kettenbach, Dwyer-Robnett cases, now in the Court of Appeals at San Francisco, has been decided. Mr. Lingenfelter also made a statement that at his request the Department of Justice had appointed a special prosecutor, Peyton Gordon, for these cases.

Judge J. H. Forney, counsel for Smith, fought the motion for continuance on the ground that the Government had made no proper showing of cause for such delay, and saying that the effort was presumptive and an attempt to dictate to the court what it should do. Judge Dietrich then said that he was not disposed to allow the Government any more time and that he would discharge both defendants. S. S. Denning appeared as counsel for West. At the time he was indicted Attorney West was register of the land office at Lewiston, Idaho, and Mr. Smith, as an attorney, was charged with being intimately connected with the Kester-Kettenbach interests.

RARE, RARE BOYS!

Study Lessons By Arc Light At Dawn In Streets.

NEW YORK, May 13.—William and Albert Pike, 12 and 15 years of age were studying their lessons under an electric street lamp in South Orange, N. J., before daybreak Wednesday when they were interrupted by a policeman who considered it so strange that he took them to the station. The boys explained that they had gotten behind in their lessons because of the time they had to spend nursing their mother, who has been ill in bed for a long time. They had been up with her most of the night and when she finally dropped off to sleep at 3 o'clock they stole silently out of the house to study their books by a street lamp rather than risk the danger of awakening their mother by having a light in the house. They were released.

WANT HIM AGAIN.

Van Cleave, of New York Seems To Be In Demand.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The refusal of James W. Van Cleave to accept a fourth term as president of the National Manufacturers Association.



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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Alpha Society
 The Alpha Society of the Memorial Lutheran Church will meet this evening at the church parlors at Exchange and Tenth streets at 8 o'clock.

In From Nehalem
 Gus Gronell, a prominent farmer of Elsie was in the city yesterday. He reports surveyors in the field in his vicinity, believed to be for the extension of the Lytle road from Tillamook to Astoria via the Salmon berry route.

Jail Sentence
 Jacob Wilbert, accused of larceny of a watch from Harry Kangos was sentenced by Justice Goodman to pay a fine of \$25. As he had blown in all of his money between Saturday and Sunday night he will board the fine out at Pomeroy's bastille, a period of 12 days.

New Elk's Lodge
 Grand Deputy Exalted Ruler William Levins, of Baker City, will institute a new lodge of Elks at Marshfield on May 31. A number of Astorians will go down on the Alliance to assist in the installation ceremonies. The new lodge will start off with 60 charter members.

Mr. Earl Sharpstein, from the Inland Auto Company, of Walla Walla, Wash., is in the city, on a business trip. Mr. Sharpstein is an expert automobile and gas engine repairman and will take orders for repairing machines while here. Anyone requiring his services will find him at No. 16 Bond street.

Court At Cathlamet
 The regular term of the superior court of Wahkiakum county will convene at Cathlamet on May 24. A grand and petit jury will be called. The case of Mrs. Longtine, accused of attempting to kill Dr. Peacock will come up for trial. It is said the object of convening the grand jury is for the purpose of investigating county officers.

Working On Street
 W. A. Goodin has a force of men and teams on Irving avenue endeavoring to complete the work of grading under his contract with the city. Great difficulty is encountered by reason of several heavy slides during the past winter. Mr. Goodin expects to complete his contract by the first of June.

Inspect Roads
 County Judge Trenchard and Commissioner Moore will leave this morning for Knappa to inspect several roads in that district. Several petitions and requests for road improvements have been made by residents of Knappa and the object of making the trip is to allow the court to familiarize itself with the wants and requirements of the district.

Astray Notice.
 Notice is hereby given that two bay mares have been seized by the poundmaster and are now at the city pound. Owners can have same by proving property and paying costs. Otherwise the animals will be sold as required law.

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