

**TOWN TOPICS**

The owners of the British ship *Cypromene* are defending themselves in the United States district court today against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, which is attempting to secure an award of \$5,000 by reason of a collision between the sailing vessel and the steamer *Hassalo*. The accident occurred during a fog opposite Coffin Light rock, in the Columbia river, on the night of October 4, 1902. The *Hassalo* crashed into the *Cypromene*, which was anchored in midstream. The contention of the libellant is that the ship had no right to be anchored where she was. The *Cypromene* is owned by H. Fernis & Sons, who are represented by Williams, Wood & Linton, W. W. Patton, J. N. Seal, Wirt Minor and H. F. Conner are proctors for the libellant.

The second story of the elegant Estacada hotel is up and the building is being roofed. Lots are still selling to beat the band, buyers well understanding that the great water power at that place, and the monster electric power plant, costing \$750,000, now being erected by the Oregon Water Power & Railway company, means something. It has already cost the railway company \$5,000,000 to get to where it is at Estacada, and this terminal town will show the wisdom of that corporation's investment. Lots go up \$50 to \$100 each on March 1. Oregon Water Power Townsite Co., apartment 5, Oregon Water Power & Railway Co.'s building, First and Alder. Catch on before the big advance.

The detectives have learned that Charles King, the victim of a "big mitt" game to the extent of \$135 last week, has gone to his destination at Walla Walla, Wash., to which city he was bound when he was roped in by confidence men in this city. King promised to remain in Portland and make complaint against the swindlers, but he disappeared. The police do not believe that his money was returned. Chief of Police Hunt is in communication with the Walla Walla officials and has asked them to have King return to Portland. Until he comes here no action can be taken against Fred McCrosky, the saloon man, in whose place on Irving street the robbery occurred.

After two months remarkable selling of men's apparel, Paul Strain is taking this week to get his big stock of clothing in shape for a tremendous clearance sale to begin on Saturday. "I have cleaned up every dollar of my indebtedness," Mr. Strain says, "and my stock is now perfectly free from any obligations. But I find myself with an immense assortment of winter garments on my hands, and as I will never carry over a dollar's worth of goods I will offer such bargains during this sale as will put even my previous efforts to the blush. I will be in it this time to clean out everything in the house, and everything will have to go."

The White Corner is now in the midst of its great annual clearance sale, and prices on everything in the store have been slashed about in two. This big general store has entrances on Second, Yamhill and Third streets, and since the recent splendid improvements is noted as one of the most cheerful, light and airy places in the country. Its stock of merchandise embraces dry goods, ladies' garments, furs, men's underwear, crockery, lamps, dishes, tinware, notions, groceries, etc. It is the largest general store in Oregon, and its shelves are burdened with almost everything humanity consumes.

Because he got out of range of Allan Riley's gun Sunday night, a sneak thief probably saved his life. The Riley house is at 511 Clay street, and Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. Riley retired early. They were awakened by a strange head protruding through a window in the bedroom. Mrs. Riley screamed, the burglar retreated and the window fell with a crash. Mr. Riley seized his revolver and ran to the front door, but the thief had escaped in the dark. The bedroom window had been pried with a jimmy.

Portland G. A. R. posts will observe Lincoln's birthday with exercises at Grace Methodist Episcopal church, Friday evening, February 12. Hog, George Brownell will deliver the oration. The exercises will open with prayer by the pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Lathrop. Col. James Jackson, United States army, retired, will give a eulogy on Lincoln. Major Bell will deliver Lincoln's famous Gettysburg address. The Veterans' double quartet will sing and Chaplain Bardon will close the services.

While you wait! Shoe repairing at your convenience. We call for and deliver free of charge all over town. Men's shoes sewed on \$8, 75 and 90 cents. Ladies' shoes, 40, 50 and 60 cents. Best whole rubber heels in the world, 40 and 50 cents. Half rubber heels 35 and 40 cents. Boys' and children's shoe repairing at very low prices. Goodyear Shoe Repair Co. Ring us up. Main 203, 252 Yamhill street, near Gas company's office.

Following an operation for kidney trouble, Homer H. Hindman, a cattleman of Baker City, died at St. Vincent's hospital yesterday. The operation was performed two weeks ago and the patient appeared to be recovering when a sudden and unexpected relapse came. Mrs. Hindman was with her husband when he died. The body was sent to Baker City for interment. Mr. Hindman was 42 years of age and is survived by his widow, one son and two daughters.

A suit brought by Frank Sedgast to collect \$150 on a note from Mrs. Amelia Veigath, is on trial before Judge Sears

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In the state circuit court today. It is alleged that Mrs. Veigath, who was formerly Mrs. Campbell, signed the note jointly with her former husband, and is liable for its face. Mrs. Veigath contends that the note is outlawed.

At the residence of Mrs. James Pailing, the Rev. A. S. Coats of the First Baptist church, was given a reception by his congregation last evening. Dr. Coats leaves for California tonight. He was presented with a purse containing \$150, and his wife with some pieces of fancy work. Speeches and a musical program were rendered.

On Thursday, February 16, the Montavilla Assembly of United Artisans will be presented with the banner offered by the order to the lodge making the greatest increase in membership. This makes the third time that the Montavilla Assembly has won the banner, and they are now entitled to retain it permanently.

The tidest people in the city will tell you that the Union laundry, Second and Columbia, leads anything and everything in the neatness with which it does its white goods laundering. It may be that the Union's steam heated ironer, the only one in Portland, has something to do with this excellence of work.

Some people don't like worms in their food, so they buy Violet Oats for breakfast. Violet Oats are made in Portland, from selected grain that is thoroughly scoured before crushing. White House Cook Book free for 20 coupons, and there is a coupon in every package. The book contains 530 pages.

Andrew Hellender, an employe of the Portland Lumber company, was badly injured in the company's yards early this morning. He was piling lumber, when the pile fell over on him, breaking the pelvic bone and crushing him. Hellender was removed to Good Samaritan hospital.

Suit to foreclose a mortgage on a five-acre tract of land, brought by Mary L. Steel against A. C. Rowland and the Victor Land company, is on trial before Judge George in the state circuit court today. The mortgage was given to secure a note of \$1,000, given May 13, 1890.

Rev. John Dawson of Roseburg will, with his family, arrive in Portland next week. He will act as pastor of the Good Shepherd Episcopal church, Albina. For several years Mr. Dawson has been engaged in missionary work in Southern Oregon.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Congregational church will give a literary entertainment tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Miss May Caldwell will play the piano, and Mrs. Jordan Purdine will sing. Rev. E. L. House will speak.

At Albina hotel, corner of Goldsmith street and Albina avenue, Thursday evening, February 4, the ladies of the Circle Point, G. A. R. Post, No. 17, will give a card party, to which they extend invitations to all G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans.

Alleging that she was pounded over the head with a cane and subjected to other indignities, Bell Baker filed a suit in the state circuit court yesterday to recover \$1,500 damages from Myer Kutter, a pawnbroker at 69 North Third street.

Baker's Seven-X glycerine soap is made in Portland, and is the perfection of toilet soaps. Not a morsel of grease or other impurities enter into it. Indeed, it is a skin beautifier and preservative. Druggists sell it.

The congregation of the First Evangelical church will assemble this evening at East Sixth and Market streets, and celebrate with exercises appropriate the payment of the mortgage on the property.

We are not superstitious, but we believe in signs—electric signs. We believe them. They talk all night. Let us figure with you. Northwest Electric Engineering Co., 309 Stark street, Portland.

A pedro party will be given by City Point Circle No. 111, Ladies of the G. A. R., next Thursday evening at Albina hotel, corner of Albina avenue and Goldsmith street.

Special Officer J. A. Mott has resigned. Patrolman Gasset has also turned in his star to the police department and will take the special beat vacated by Mr. Mott.

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Steamers for The Dalles will leave Alder-street wharf 7 a. m. daily (except Sunday). Phone Main 914.

Free dispensary for worthy poor. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 1 p. m. St. Vincent's hospital.

Free Viavi Health Talks, Thursday, 7:30. Lewis building. Ladies invited.

Your Watch will keep time if repaired by E. V. Lamotte, 449 Gilliam street.

E. H. Moorehouse & Co., at Seventh and Alder. Telephone Main 1343.

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S. H. Gruber, lawyer, 617 Com'cl. Bldg.

**Chiefly Personal**

Mrs. William Dumdi and Mrs. Della Dumdi of Coifax are visiting in Portland.

C. L. Fitchard, game warden, is in Portland from Cottage Grove.

State Fish Commissioner H. G. Van Dusen of Astoria is registered at the Imperial.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Saylor and daughter departed last night for California on the steamer Oregon. They will visit points of interest before returning home, and expect to be absent several weeks.

Charles Sweeney, well known as a banker and mineowner, is in the city from Spokane.

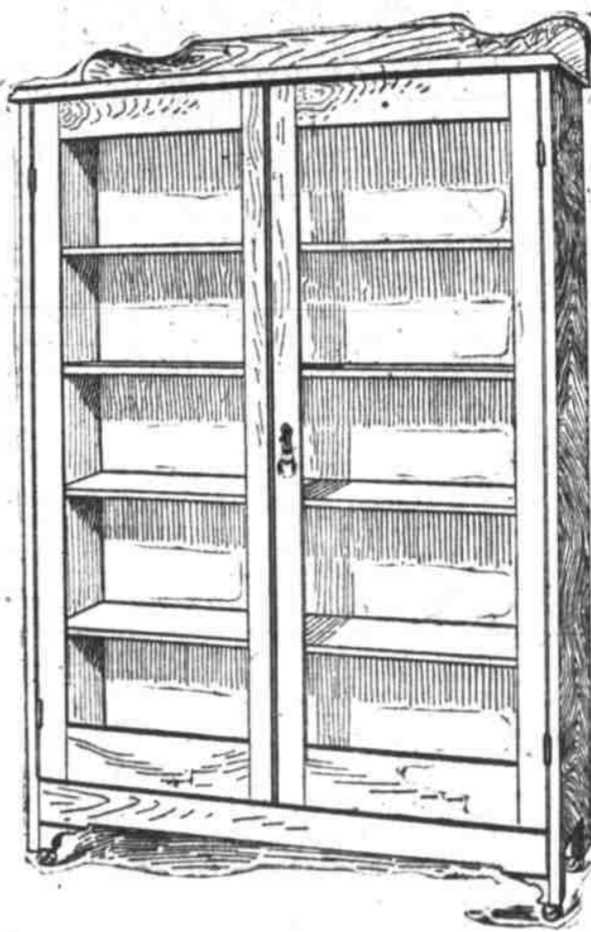
**Quick Work.**

Burned out on the night of January 17. Received a check in full on the 21st from the Oregon Fire Relief association. N. E. Tomlinson.

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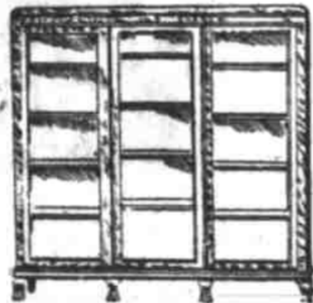
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- \$10 Oak Book Case ..... \$ 8.80



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- \$25 Quartered Oak Case ..... \$18.50
- \$23 Mahogany Case ..... \$17.50
- \$21 Oak Book Case ..... \$16.00
- \$14 Oak Book Case ..... \$10.50
- \$11 Oak Book Case ..... \$ 9.00

**HIGHEST BRIDGE IS ON THURMAN**

The bids on the proposed Thurman street steel bridge will be received on February 19, and the city officials hope to have the work completed and accepted before many months have passed. The question of assessment is still causing considerable discussion, but does not appear to be formidable enough to delay the improvement.

**BLAUVELT'S SINGING METHOD.**

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**SELLWOOD FERRYBOAT.** It will be fully two months before the Sellwood ferryboat, now being built at the foot of Spokane avenue, is ready for launching. The frame has been completed, and the work of putting the planking on has been commenced. Some difficulty has been experienced in securing the proper kind of knees. These first obtained were condemned by Superintendent Johnston on the ground that they did not meet the requirements of the contract.

**EDISON THEATRE—East Side, 205 Burnside, Belmont Vancouver. For Ladies, Gentlemen and Children. Grand Opening, Saturday Night, Feb. 2.**