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 THE ASTORIAN guarantees to its advertisers the largest circulation of any newspaper published on the Columbia river.
 A week back makes work a week behind, sometimes.
 Hoods and awnings are being put in place for the summer.
 L. C. Kinney is summoned as an additional U. S. circuit juror.
 The schooner *Argonaut* arrived in from San Francisco yesterday.
 And now comes the festive fly and makes a bridal chamber of your ear.
 Col. Copeland, the eloquent lecturer, is expected here about the 20th inst.
 The meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held in the hall of the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 3 P. M.
 Robb & Parker have the thanks of this office for a copy of their new map of the city of Astoria.
 Rev. Mr. Campbell has written declining the call recently extended to him by the Presbyterian church.
 The steamship *Idaho* sailed for Sitka and way ports yesterday, with 200 tons cannery supplies for Alaska.
 Parker & Philbrick have a handsome city map in blue and white, clearly outlined and can furnish copies for sale.
 New pocket maps of the city of Astoria for sale by Robb & Parker, real estate agents, Astoria, price \$1.50 each.
 Al Gates says that he is going to join the fire department, and then he won't have to serve on the justice court juries.
 The city assessment roll is now in the hands of the auditor and police judge. All applications for revision should be made before the 15th inst.
 The subscription toward the additional hundred thousand dollars railroad stock, now aggregates about \$75,000, so a number of the soliciting committee says.
 There will be a grand clearance sale to-day of choice strawberries received this morning by the Astoria Grocery and Canned Fruit company, at the old I. X. L. corner.
 The Chicago Comedy company which has been doing good business through the state, opens at Ross' opera house next Monday evening. Reserved seats at the New York No. city store.
 L. F. Cummings, recently from Westport, died at the hospital yesterday morning. Deceased was in the 38th year of his age. Death resulted from erysipelas. The funeral will be at Clatsop this morning.
 Yesterday afternoon while J. O. Hantorn's steamer *Fisher* was coming up from Ilwaco she ran into the boat of the pilot schooner *Gov. Moody*, smashing the boat to pieces. The steamer sustained considerable injury to her bow.
 It is reported that the Wm. Hume property, consisting of 20 acres in McClure's, the house and lot were postmaster Bell lives and the lot next to the Pioneer office were sold yesterday to Geo. Noland and C. R. Thompson for \$12,000.
 The steamship *Willamette* arrived from Seattle with a load of coal, for Portland yesterday. The steamer *Oregon* sailed for San Francisco with a light passenger and freight list. The *Willamette Chief* took to Portland 1,700 cases salmon to be shipped overland.
 Boat No. 37 of Geo. W. Hume's cannery that was stolen Tuesday afternoon was returned to the cannery early yesterday morning. The man claimed he did not know what he was doing when he took the boat as he was drunk at the time. He was not arrested.
 The life insurance companies, and the mutual assessment companies, and the beneficial organizations are considerably interested in the Johnstown disaster. The result will be financially important to many companies, for, of course, a large percentage of the 12,000 killed had policies and claims.
 Mention was made in *The Astorian* last winter of a suit brought by Norton Bros., of Chicago against the Jensen Cannelling company, of Chicago and C. W. Fulton went on to Chicago and there took testimony in the case. Last evening Edwin Norton, of the firm of Norton Bros., Chicago, and his attorney, Edmund Adcock, arrived, and will to-morrow take Mr. Jensen's testimony, when the case goes to trial.
 Mr. Henderson states that he has been authorized to accept and transmit free of charge a telegraphic transfer of funds for the Johnstown sufferers, when the dispatch is signed by the secretary of the relief committee. The sum of \$41 was subscribed at this office yesterday. Parties wishing to

aid in this most worthy charity can leave their names and the amount subscribed at this office to-day. The sum will be telegraphed to Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, to-morrow.
 The closing exercises of district No. One to-morrow will be as follows: The first, second and third grades will close with literary exercises. In the first and second grades exercises will begin at 1 P. M., and in the third at 2 P. M. In the fifth sixth and seventh grades examinations will close at 12 M., after which the pupils will assemble at the usual hour in their respective rooms to receive their certificates of promotion, where good byes will be said until the beginning of another school year.
 A contract has been let by the O. R. & N. Co. to Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins for the building of twenty-six miles of road from Rockford to Spokane Falls, and work has been ordered to begin at once. The construction of this road will give the O. R. & N. Co. a direct line from Portland to Spokane Falls, and is an invasion of the territory of the Northern Pacific. It is an offset to the lines lately run through the territory of the O. R. & N. Co. by the Northern Pacific. The work of laying the track on the O. R. & N. Co.'s line across the Cosur d'Alene reservation will be begun as soon as twenty miles of track from Winona through Pleasant valley to Saltz junction is completed. The O. R. & N. Co. seems determined to make a vigorous fight against the encroachments of the Northern Pacific, and will not wait for the great fight for the supremacy between Henry Villard and Elijah Smith, which is to come off at the Oregon & Transcontinental company election on the 17th.

JUST WANTED TO KNOW.
 And Willing to be Rapidly Informed.
 Time, fifteen minutes after arrival of San Francisco steamer: scene, Astorian office: dramatic personae, two elderly females, one youngdo, one old man, one heavy walking gent, one juvenile performer.
 Enter, the troupe.
 "What is the size of this place how far is it from San Francisco what is its latitude and longitude what is that piece of wood on the wall did it come from here what is the tere do well I want to know and did that really get eaten up that way is that Washington territory across the river do you belong to the office?"
 "No ma'am, the office belongs to me, that is Washington territory across the river: that wood got eaten up by the tere do just that way; it didn't come from here it came from the Sound: it is a piece of the stern post of the steamer *Quickstep*: the tere do is a marine worm that bores timber: the latitude of Astoria is about 46° 15' north: longitude about 124° 4' W: it is 555 miles from San Francisco: it has 6,000 people."
 Then she said "Oh!"
 Old man, loquitor.
 "Where is the site of the Astor fort what were those boats catching we saw what are all those poles sticking up out of the water do you raise wheat here how many newspapers have you how long are you here how much good timber around here do you have much rain what nationality is your people is there much game here is this fresh or salt water?"
 "Brackish at flood tide: plenty: Scandinavian Russian German, English, Irish, Italian, Greek, all American: large amount rain: immense quantities good timber: eight years: seven: no sir: fish traps: salmon: that brick residence east of here."
 The old man, having fired, fell back. Young lady in centre of stage.
 "How funny the streets look we are from Bawston my paw and my maw and my brother and this young gentleman Mr. Boway?"
 Mr. Boway jerks his head forward: Miss Bawston continued:
 "Do many people get drowned here maw just look at that man going past why you have street cars haven't you what is that funny noise I don't think this is a prohibition town do you work on this paper I have a friend in Bawston who works on a morning paper his wife never knows what time he's coming home to supper they board seems to me you have nothing but water around here will we have time to go up on one of those hills is that clock right?"
 "Yes, miss."
 Then the writer grabs his hat and flees to Scotty Johnson's to see if the *Solide* has finished loading for Iquiqui, and Mr. Boway and the kid tackle Selig.

SOME PERTINENT REMARKS.
 Present Needs of The Fire Department.
 The condition of the apparatus of the Astoria fire department is not in all respects satisfactory.
 THE ASTORIAN is no alarmist, and has no desire to deal in sensations, but matters regarding fire extinguishing facilities need overhauling.
 On such a day as yesterday, with a wind blowing strong from the west, a fire if it once got headway would sweep the city, and those of us who were able to get out of the way would be in as bad a fix as the Johnstown survivors; and folks in London and Oshkosh and Kalamazoo and Chicago and Pittsburg would be sending money and misfit pants to the Astoria sufferers.
 The first thing needful is one thousand feet of new rubber hose. There is now but 2,000 feet effective hose in the department. Talking about hose, THE ASTORIAN suggests that it isn't economy to pay \$1 and \$1.15 a foot for hose when San Francisco councilmen can get it, with three years guarantee for 87 1/2 cents a foot. A dollar is just as good in Astoria as in San Francisco. THE ASTORIAN respectfully suggests to the council that a thousand feet of best quality rubber hose at lowest ruling rates is a necessary adjunct of the department.
 Both engines need a little looking after and overhauling. Alert H. & L. need a new truck. They can "get along" with what they have, but economy suggests a first class state of efficiency right through.
 There are plenty of firemen, and good ones. Half dozen cool men working under intelligent orders are better than a mob of excited people, but when a fire breaks out time is worth \$25,000 a second, and when the engines are stationed two things are necessary—that both engines shall sustain steam power enough to pump continuously and that the hose will carry water to the nozzle without bursting.
 At present these two essentials are not matters of actual assurance in our fire department.

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SHORT STOPS.
 Now the boys go barefoot.—Clatsop county butter of very fine quality is offered for sale at very low prices.—The fisher fleet is fortunate in few casualties this season.—Large quantities of wood are arriving.—The little steamers are all busy.—The river boats are handling considerable salmon.—School closes in district No. One to-morrow.—Bash people are talking picnic.—Chama meet with slow sale.—Smokers on street cars are a nuisance.—Oysters and ice cream don't go well together.—Herman Wise has a Fourth of July advt.—The Astoria building and loan association is prospering.—Of 700 assessment blanks that city assessor Dickinson sent out he only got 230 back, and some of those were more of a hindrance than a help to him.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
 V. Boelling to N. H. Webber and R. P. Graham, lots 9, 12 and 13, Necanicum Grove; \$300.
 State to G. Wingate 293.34 acres in secs. 6 and 34, T. 9, N. R. 7, W.; \$293.34.
 L. E. Abercrombie and wife to Amelia Holt, lots 3 and 4, blk 5, Bradbury's addition to Ocean Grove; \$400.
 Emma C. Dillon to Alex. Campbell and Geo. W. Bell, lot 7, blk 52, McClure's Astoria; \$300.

"The Base of Grades."
 There is always considerable difficulty about what "the established grade" is, whenever city street improvement is made. At present there is a discussion as to the proper grade on Second street.
 Ordinance No. 17, passed in the year eighteen hundred and oversaw few, says
 "The low water line, which is fourteen and ninety-eight hundredths of a foot below the stone water table at the northeast corner of the Astoria custom house is hereby established as the base of grades for the streets of the Town."
 There is a grade mark or monument in the court house yard, placed two years ago by the U. S. engineers, and that, it appears, makes the grade one foot and eight-tenths lower.
 There is a little uncertainty and a little dissatisfaction regarding the aforesaid, though it would appear from the record that the ordinance quoted is about as near being definite as anything regarding this much mixed matter.
 There has been so much monkeying with the grades of the streets that a good many of the streets that to build are afraid to put \$20 gold pieces into residences, etc., lest they might find the street way up or way down, about the time they had the aforesaid castles in Spain erected. Hence these steers.

A Pleasant Affair.
 Last evening immediately after the weekly drill of company "H," O. N. G., Capt. Will A. Sherman announced to the company that this being the twenty-sixth anniversary of his birth he extended them an invitation to go to Rucker's restaurant and partake of refreshments, which they all did. And after doing justice to the viands set before them returned to the meeting room of the company where Capt. Sherman presented them with a life size bromide photograph of himself dressed in full regimental uniform. The picture is beautifully framed and will be much prized by the company. Speeches were made by the members wishing their commanding officer many happy returns of his birthday and on retiring giving him three hearty cheers.

Notice.
 People on streets that are being improved will save money by having their pipes raised to the grade.
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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

PERSONAL MENTION.
 Mrs. Dr. Stone, of Ilwaco was in the city yesterday.
 Geo. Noland returned from a business trip to Portland yesterday.
 J. M. Hughes of Portland is in the city visiting his father, Ed. Hughes.
 M. B. Goldstein, manager of the Chicago Comedy company is in the city.
 Mrs. F. D. Winton returned from a trip to Portland yesterday on the *Telephone*.
 Miss Louisa Pineshower returned from a six weeks' visit to Portland last evening.
 J. H. D. Gray, J. A. Devlin and H. B. Thibault and wife went to Portland last evening.
 Mrs. A. E. King of Ilwaco came up on the *Crazy* last evening and went to Portland on the *Telephone*.

A Government Inquiry.
 Major W. A. Jones, U. S. engineer corps, is in the city. He is here for the purpose of inquiring into the matter of fish traps as affecting the channel of the Columbia river, etc., embracing the whole subject. He has been detailed by secretary of War Proc., for this purpose, and is eminently qualified for the work. The investigation and inquiry begins to-day.

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