

Republican primaries next Saturday evening; the proportion is twenty delegates from the first ward, and fifteen from the second.

All the members of the W. C. T. U. are especially requested to be present at the regular meeting to-day, at 3 p. m., in the Y. M. C. A. hall, as there is business of importance to attend to.

Mrs. Matilda Amundson, a resident of upper town, died at four o'clock yesterday morning, in the 45th year of her age, of consumption. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss.

The salmon pack of 1908 was a big one, and has gone into the "big pack," but the coast of the salmon pack, but the pack of 1909 is expected to be of a similar character. It is estimated that the total salmon pack for 1908 was 1,200,000 cases this year.

San Francisco and California general, is now largely applied with cranberries, by this section, and aster variety, the Oregon takes a large consignment this morning for California, in thanksgiving tables.

The survivors of the A. & S. C. railroad, under engineer E. E. Cooper, reached this place on Sunday afternoon, at 7 o'clock. A cordial welcome was extended to all. Supper will begin at 8 o'clock.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will have an oyster supper at the Resene Club hall, on Sunday afternoon, at 7 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Supper will begin at 8 o'clock.

I have a little more out of it," writes an applicant on the subject of the Astoria real estate coin will invest your money for coin will invest in amount Mississippi thaws out next spring.

Person who has or may here on the public lands of the States, either by pre-emption stand law, shall have the right for church, cemetery or purpose any portion of said land, and the transfer of said purpose, no way vitiate their rights to their title to their home or pre-emption.

The Pioneer yesterday morning and yesterday afternoon, in an error, in the assertion communication had been received from the Astoria chamber of commerce, from F. C. Reed, regarding a seal flour mill. No communication has been received by the chamber of commerce from Mr. Reed, or any other person, regarding a proposed flour mill. Information to be reliable should be accurate.

Among the deeds filed for record yesterday, were signed and granted on the 18th of May, 1907, two and one-half years ago; for twenty 3, and 4, block 102, McClure's lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 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About the prettiest thing in the way of plunk that has come under the writer's observation, "day with the came to this office yesterday. Mr. Mill Co., compliments of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, about a one-inch thick, without a flaw or blemish, and as smooth as satin. It is sixteen inches wide, and 88 inches long. The man who made it understands his business. Call and see it before it is put in the Astorian's cabinet of things, rich, rare and curious.

The assessors of the different counties are supposed to not assess land filed on record in the United States Land office before it is assessed on final proofs. They do assess the improvements, and it is legal. If the taxes are not paid a judgment is obtained. After final proofs the land is assessed, the land office furnishing the county assessors with abstracts. The title is then in the hands of the assessors, and is not again in the United States except where fraud is shown.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. M. J. Kinney came home from Chicago yesterday.

Sheriff H. A. Smith returned from Portland last evening.

Misses Ella and Annie Pope returned from an extended visit to Portland yesterday.

Jas. Davidson, of Bay View, was in the city yesterday, investing in Astoria realty and thus laying the foundations for being a future millionaire.

W. B. Barr, civil engineer, is down from Albany, with a corps of assistants. Mr. Barr starts from here laying out the line of the Albany and Astoria railroad.

Increase in Postoffice Allowance.

The statement made in yesterday's ASTORIAN regarding the increased allowance for help in the postoffice in this city, was in exact accordance with the facts as stated by the chairman of the committee appointed by the chamber of commerce, to inquire into the matter, as reported by him to the chamber at the meeting Tuesday night. One assistant now gets \$900 a year, as stated, and the other assistant gets \$50 a month, as stated. The item was correctly reported in the chamber of commerce by the chairman of the committee and correctly reported in yesterday's ASTORIAN.

Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla if you want an honest, reliable medicine. Do not take any other which is alleged to be "about the same" or "just as good." Insist upon having Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is peculiar to itself. Sold by all druggists.

For Rent.

Dwelling house with 5 rooms and water. Apply to N. B. SCULLY.

Wanted as an Investment. One or two improved business lots. Enquire of W. B. ADAIR.

APPELLIMINARY EXAMINATION

Of Pierce, the Slayer of O'Brien, Who Was Promptly Discharged At the Appliance of the Audience.

Justice May's court room was too small yesterday for the crowd desirous of hearing the testimony in the case wherein Pierce, charged with the murder of Patrick O'Brien, took place in the court room of Judge F. D. Winton was employed to stand the prisoner and A. G. Hardey watched the case on behalf of the state.

Dr. A. Fulton was the first witness sworn. "I reside at Astoria as a regular physician, never saw O'Brien until I was called to attend to him, never saw Pierce before to-day. I saw O'Brien Saturday night at Central hotel, found him on back porch of hotel suffering from the effects of a gun shot wound, did not examine him fully but had him sent to the hospital. It was a few minutes after five o'clock when I was called to see the wounded man. I did not at that time ask the deceased any questions."

"Did O'Brien at that time use the name of defendant?" "I did not hear him mention the name, I only examined him at that time to see if he was seriously injured and found him badly hurt. I made an examination at the hospital and found four wounds or rather six but two of them were wounds of exit."

The doctor stated to the court the nature of the wounds. "The wound that I found in the spine was the wound that proved fatal. I also found a wound in the back which in my opinion would have proved fatal. At the time of being called to see O'Brien in my opinion he was under the influence of liquor. Two or three hours before his death he said to me, 'I think it a curious case with me.' I don't think any statement that he made was under the sense of impending death. The defendant never said anything in my presence about Pierce."

He said that he knew who shot him, but he did not say who did it. I did not take any notice of the condition of his clothing."

J. P. Hynes sworn: "I reside in Astoria. My place of business is in the same block as the Central hotel. I knew O'Brien; I have seen Pierce. I saw O'Brien and Pierce together in my store. My clerk attended to them. I did not hear O'Brien say anything about the object of their visit to my store. The name of my clerk is James Hynes. I did not hear O'Brien make any remark about him going out and taking up a claim, in Pierce's presence."

Frank Cook sworn: "I reside in Astoria; have lived here 7 or 8 years; I knew O'Brien; I know Pierce since the 1st of the month. I never saw him and O'Brien together prior to the shooting. O'Brien lodged at the Central hotel, but did not eat there all the time. After hearing some shots, I rushed upstairs and got into the hallway where I met Pierce, who said he will not bother me any more. I then went out on the porch and found O'Brien lying there. Pierce was armed with a pistol and a knife. I took them from him and turned them over to Officer McCarthy. When I first saw O'Brien he was lying with his face to the river; looked at his face and recognized him as O'Brien. I caught hold of Pierce and asked him to give himself up, which he did. I never knew of any trouble between O'Brien and Pierce. I saw O'Brien upstairs about an hour before the tragedy."

W. J. Barry called and sworn: "I knew O'Brien. I do not know the defendant. I saw him on the night of the tragedy, Officer McCarthy turned him over to me. The revolver and knife were now shown in evidence. 'I did not offer Pierce any reward for making a confession. Pierce said he did not see what else he could have done under the circumstances. I did not tell him not to say anything more unless by the advice of his attorney.'"

This closed the evidence for the prosecution. "After a recess of fifteen minutes, the examination was resumed on the part of the defense, which began with the testimony of Mrs. Bottom, who said: 'I have seen the prisoner before. I have seen O'Brien before. Last Friday night the prisoner and another man came in front of my husband's store, and a little after that O'Brien came up, and Pierce said 'You cannot get near enough to me for that.' I can hear the beginning of the conversation."

Charles Hill being sworn said: "I knew O'Brien; knew him four years. I have heard a good many persons say he was in the habit of seducing boys; he tried to do so to me. When he came to me, it was two years ago, in his room over my father's restaurant." Witness then told the court how the man attempted to seduce him. "At that time O'Brien played off drunk, but when he got me in the room he was sober. My father kicked him out of the house and told him to get out if he ever came in again."

Robert Carruthers, being sworn, stated: "I was acquainted with O'Brien. Saw him and Pierce near the Sunnyside saloon on Friday. O'Brien's reputation was bad." Mat Bay was sworn and testified: "Knew O'Brien; did not know the prisoner. O'Brien was cooking for me. I had a boy working for me who told me that O'Brien had made obscene displays in front of him."

E. A. Pierce, the defendant, being sworn, stated: "Have known O'Brien four or five days. Met O'Brien when looking for the express office. He came up to me and asked if he could show me anything. I said 'I would like for you to show me the express office.' The next day he spoke to me making what business I was in. I told him that I was looking for a job. He said, 'I can probably get you a place at J. P. Hynes'. He then went with me and paid a bill, but I did not get the place. The next day he said he would get me a claim if your friend will stand by you. That night after a little talk with him I went to bed. The next evening he came to my room and wanted me to go around with him and have some fun. I said 'I am tired, and said my friend will go with you if then want and had a bath. When I returned to my room I found my friend and O'Brien in my room, they wanted me to go down and have some supper, but I did not go. The next morning I slept very late, but when I woke up I saw O'Brien in my room standing against the washstand. We both went down stairs, and went around town a good deal. Friday afternoon last we both met at the Central house. After a while we went to my room, and O'Brien laid on

the bed when I put the covering over him, saying you will catch cold. After a little while he asked me to lay on the bed, which I did. He then tried to overpower me. I knew it was no good to be afraid of him as he might get the best of me. I tried to get off the bed, but he held me there. My revolver was on the washstand. I tried to get it, but he would not let me up. After a while he let me up and said come let me introduce you to my cousin. I then tried to go out of the room, but I found the door locked. I did not lock the door. However, he let me go, and I went to supper. After supper my friend and I went to my room O'Brien came up after and my friend asked him for the knife I gave him. He did not give it to him, O'Brien asked us to have a drink. We did not go with him and drink, and he went out, and we went to bed. The next morning I slept late. In the afternoon O'Brien came into the room, when I said, 'You son of a gun, what do you want now?' He jumped at me and said, 'I will show you this' and grabbed me. I jumped and got my revolver and fired at him. He exclaimed, 'Jesus Christ!' and his arm went to his side. I thought he was going to pull a revolver, so I kept on firing until he fell. Mr. Cook then came up and took the revolver and knife from me, and then placed me in the custody of the police officer. I fired the shots in defense of my life and person. I am 18 years of age, was born in Massachusetts. I have been living with my relations back in the states. My mother died when I was five years old. I came out here with my father's consent. I bought the knife (shown in the evidence) to use in hunting when I went to Westport. I bought the revolver back here. The reason I came out here was that the business was dull where I was living, and I was discharged, and came out this way to get something to do. We first went to Westport; after staying there a week we came to Astoria, and as my friend is a carpenter, he got me a job. I was afraid of O'Brien when he made the jump for me, that is the reason I shot him."

This ended the testimony. After argument by Messrs. Winton and Hardey, Justice May discharged the defendant and the applause of the large audience.

TELEGRAPHIC SPECIALS.

MASKED TRAIN ROBBERIES.

GAINESVILLE, Nov. 20.—An attempt was made near Marietta, Indian territory, Monday night to rob the Kansas City mail and express; two masked men were discovered concealed in the brush near the Santa Fe track. This fact was telegraphed to the conductor of the south bound Kansas City train. Officers went from here on a special train to where the masked men were seen, but failed to find them. This is the second attempt to rob the mail train at this point in the last two weeks. E. F. Bunch, a notorious train robber is known to live in this vicinity. These attempted robberies are believed to be his work.

GOING TO A HIGHER COURT.

PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—This afternoon Mrs. Jennie Langford late plaintiff in the \$20,000 damage suit of Langford against Jones was buried from her late residence on Second and Carruthers streets at about the same time Dr. Henry E. Jones' appeal from the judgment in the lower court which awarded the deceased lady \$1,000 damages, was being argued before the supreme court.

Worked It For All It Was Worth.

A few days ago a youth to fortune and to fame unknown, arrived here, and last Monday night ran up against a modest little bar game, where he dropped \$40. He seemed quite resigned, and diving into his inside pocket, produced a blank check on the Spokane National Bank. "Well," said he, mournfully, "here goes; this is the last of it. I reckon I might as well back this away with the balance." He filled out the check for \$230, signed the name of "J. Baynet" to it in good round letters, fair to see, and passed it in; it was cashed; he got 16 big North American 20 dollar gold pieces for it, and the game went on. He went back his \$40, dropped the whole business, his pocket went out into the voiceless night "to see a man," and hasn't shown up since.

CHILDREN ENJOY.

The pleasant favor, gentle action and soothing effects of Syrup of Figs, is in need of a laxative and if the father or mother be constipated or bilious the most gratifying results follow its use, so that it is best usually remedy for children and every family should have a bottle.

The Albany and Astoria Railroad.

Almost before even the citizens of Albany are aware of it graders will commence work upon the Albany and Astoria railroad, and then, and perhaps not until then, will some of the credulous be convinced that the building of the road is an assured fact.—Albany Herald, 19.

Real Estate Sales in Warrenton.

The following sales have been made in the town of Warrenton, by the Astoria Real Estate Co. Mrs. C. D. Dugan, Iowa, lot 5, blk 8, \$100; S. T. Harrison, Skippan, lots 1 and 2, blk 8, \$225; Mrs. Little B. Cox, Portland, lots 9 and 10, blk 8, \$225; Mrs. A. J. Haddell, Knappa, lots 1 and 2, blk 12, \$225; Wm. Mathias Knappan, lots 13 and 14, blk 8, \$200; I. H. Toung, Hillsboro, lot 9, blk 9, \$100; Sid Campbell, Skippan, lots 3 and 4, blk 12, \$200; L. Wilson, Skippan, lot 3, blk 9 \$100; H. Toung, Hillsboro, lot 15, blk 15, \$200; H. A. Smith, Astoria, lot 7 and 8, blk 7, \$225; Wm. Ulenhart, Astoria, lots 15 and 16, blk 8, \$225; lots 9, 10 and 11, blk 7, \$225; lots 15 and 16, blk 13, \$225; H. Jackson, Astoria, lots 15 and 16, blk 2, \$200; Whitcomb & White, lots 14, 15 and 16, blk 11, \$225. 33 lots sold and 2 more spoken for; 55 gone in a week out of only 290 lots, and to accommodate those wishing to buy on the installment plan; we are authorized to sell these lots for \$25, cash, and the balance \$30, each month, until paid.

ASTORIA REAL ESTATE CO.

New Dress Goods.

And Trimmings. Dressmaking neatly done. Mrs. A. RAPPLEYEA & Co.

Ludlow's Ladies' \$300 French Shoes.

also Flexible Hand turned French Kids, at P. J. GOODMAN'S.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Specials to The Astorian.

PHRESOTT, Ont., Nov. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Branning were found dead in their house this morning. The woman bears marks of violence, Branning killed his wife then took poison.

FLOODS AT ELMIRA.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Nov. 20.—The flood reached its greatest height here this morning without doing any serious damage in the city, other than filling cellars and caving in sewers etc. The railroads are badly damaged.

STIRRING THEM UP.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Chauncey M. Depew in his speech at the chamber of commerce dinner scored New York millionaires for not coming to their world's fair. "New York," said the railroad president, "is lagging behind in her public support. Her millionaires and the great body of her business men as well as her great corporations are not yet responding."

HAVING FOUND THE WORLD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—Miss Elizabeth Bisland of the *Compensation Magazine* who is racing with Nellie Bly of the *New York World* to see who can make the quickest time around the world one going east and the other going west from New York, arrived yesterday on the fast mail train.

A FATAL COLLISION.

PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—This morning at the Portland and Willamette valley railway train No. 1 which left this city at 7:45 was approaching Oswego at the usual rate of speed a hand car with several section men aboard came from the opposite direction causing a collision in which the hand car was thrown off the track, instantly killing F. Forbes and seriously injuring B. Neller, two section men. Neller had one of his arms broken and sustained a deep cut in his forehead and back of the head.

THE UNION PACIFIC'S PLANS.

BOSTON, Nov. 20.—The Union Pacific officials announce authoritatively that they will build through to southern California, and that part of the contract has already been let. Los Angeles will be the terminal city and Redondo the Pacific seaport. Work will be completed within two years.

NO OFFICIAL REPORT YET.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Dr. Valente, the Brazilian minister, has not yet been officially requested to ask the