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The meeting of the Push Club set for last night was postponed until next Wednesday night, at which time President Carnahan will announce his committees for the year.

According to the statement just made public by S. S. Gordon, cashier of the First National bank of Astoria, the total deposits at that institution are in excess of \$600,000. The amount of money on hand at the bank is in excess of \$122,000.

L. A. Segar was arrested yesterday by Sheriff Linville and today will be examined as to his sanity. Segar is 30 years of age and an ironworker. He is laboring under the hallucination that some one is trying to kill him. Segar's father resides at Seaside.

The Astoria Electric Company has

failed thus far to repair the damage to its plant recently occurring, and the office lights along Commercial street were again shut off last night. It is hoped the repairs will be finished today and that all the usual circuits will be in service tonight.

Rev. A. G. E. Rydquist, of Rock Island, Ill., has accepted the call extended to him by the First Lutheran church, of Astoria, to be its pastor. Mr. Rydquist is completing his theological studies and can not come before July. He is not a stranger in Astoria, as he spent 14 months here two years ago as acting pastor of the congregation.

Director Robinson, who has drilled the participants for the cantata "Esther," stated last evening that the dress rehearsal held last night was the most successful which he has ever witnessed. In view of the fact that Mr. Robinson has conducted many amateur

entertainments all over the western country, this statement is a decided compliment to local talent. Yesterday the seat sale for tonight's performance commenced at Griffin's, and by the noon hour nearly the entire sheet was sold. There will doubtless be packed houses tonight and tomorrow night.

Rev. Oscar Ostrom announces that he will conduct farewell services in the First Presbyterian church the second Sunday in February. After that date he will leave Astoria for his future field. There will be no services the next two Sundays, as Mr. Ostrom is visiting other points. Sunday school will be held regularly, under the direction of Miss Allma Nyland.

G. Y. Harry, state commissioner for the Lewis and Clark fair, will leave for St. Louis Monday to superintend the erection of the Oregon building at the Missouri exposition. The remainder of the material for "old Fort Clatsop" will be started tonight for St. Louis, and according to present schedule, will arrive in time to arrange for work upon Mr. Harry's appearance in St. Louis.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday under the terms of which Frank M. Warren and wife transferred to the Astoria Abstract, Title & Trust Company all of their holdings in the First Extension to Warrenton. The consideration was stipulated as \$6000. Another deed was filed under the terms of which the company transfers the same property to Mary E. Smith, wife of Walter C. Smith, for \$7000.

County Clerk Clinton yesterday granted a marriage license to two local Chinese residents, Go Fook King and Thin Foong Dee, who were later married according to the approved American fashion by Justice of the Peace Goodman. The bride is 20 years of age. The couple were married some months ago according to Chinese customs, and decided recently to have the ceremony re-enacted so as to comply with the laws of this country.

Rev. H. H. Brown, the new pastor for the First Presbyterian church of Astoria, was received at a meeting of the Portland presbytery yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church of Portland. Dr. Brown is from Florence, Wis., and came west about a month ago to take charge of his new work. After the meeting of the presbytery last night, Rev. Henry Marcotte was installed as pastor of Westminster church, East Tenth and Weidler streets.

According to Portland members of the barbers' union, an appeal will be taken to the supreme court in the case against H. L. Briggs. The state board of barber examiners is instrumental in having the case carried up to the higher court. This is the result of a decision rendered Monday in the state circuit court by Judge George, who declared the law creating a state commission for the regulation of the barber business to be invalid. Mr. Leabo, business agent of the barbers' union, said: "We believe the act creating the state barber commission is constitutional, and for this reason it has been decided to carry the case up to the supreme court."

It is highly probable that when the officers' school opens at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and at Fortress Monroe, Va., next September, at least four members of the Oregon National Guard will be recommended for the course of instruction. Adjutant-General W. E. Finzer, of the state guard, has been notified by the war department that a limited number of officers will be received from the various state militia organizations. The instruction of officers of guard regiments at the regular army schools is made possible under the provisions of the Dick law. The opportunity of studying at Leavenworth was offered Major Baker last fall, but was not accepted.

If the sale of seats for a public performance is any indicator of the attendance to said performance, and it certainly is, then there will be a record-breaking audience at Fishers' opera house this evening when the curtain goes up on "Queen Esther," which will be given for the benefit of the public library. At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon there were 20 unsold seats in the house and these were going rapidly. The cantata is the talk of the town, the interest everywhere manifested being seldom accorded local talent. Perhaps never. Last night the last rehearsal was held. It was a full dress affair, and all the stars and their satellites were in attendance. Mr. Robinson, the distinguished director, afterwards said that it was the most

perfectly conducted dress rehearsal that he ever attended, and he has been passing up and down the earth, hand in hand with Queen Esther, for so many years. The curtain will rise on the first act of the cantata at 8 o'clock sharp, and it is earnestly requested by the managing ladies that the audience will be in the seats at that hour, in order that the performance may not be interrupted by late arrivals. A notable acquisition has been gained at the last hour. Will C. Hoyt, who has for the past year been associated with Mr. Robinson in the production of "Queen Esther," arrived in the city Sunday and will assist in staging the cantata. The young man possesses a truly wonderful baritone voice and will do special work at both the performances. His solos will be introduced between the acts. This new feature is being looked forward to with keen interest.

The members of the public property committee of the council expected a protest would follow their selection of the foot of Third street as a city dumping ground and were not surprised in consequence. However, they feel that the complaint is not a just one, for the reason that the people living in the neighborhood will not be seriously inconvenienced. The talk of protesting to the government officials against throwing garbage in the river is absurd, for the reason that the government has no jurisdiction inside the harbor lines. The property belongs to the city and the council may do with it as it sees fit. It is thought probable several remonstrances against the proposed dumping ground will be presented to the council Monday night.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Marion Trenchard was held yesterday from Grace Episcopal church, where services were conducted by Rev. William Seymour Short. The remains were taken to Oceanview cemetery on the noon train and there interred, only members of the family being present at the grave. Many beautiful floral tributes adorned the casket, the most noticeable, perhaps, being those sent by the Ladies Guild of Grace church, the Native Daughters and the Wells Fargo boys. The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: P. L. Cherry, Granville Reed, Frank J. Taylor, B. Van Dusen, F. Spittle, H. W. Christensen, Thomas Byrie, S. D. Adair, V. Boelling, H. G. Van Dusen and A. L. Fox. The passing of Mrs. Trenchard is generally mourned in the city, for she had endeared herself to all with whom she had come in contact. Her last hours were peaceful, and she suffered no pain whatever toward the end.

Charles V. Brown yesterday received a telegram from Port Townsend, Wash., announcing the accidental death of his brother, Clarence Joseph Brown, who was drowned at an early hour yesterday morning. Mr. Brown left last night for Port Townsend, to attend to the funeral arrangements. Charles H. Abercrombie accompanying him as the representative of Astoria lodge of Elks, of which deceased was a member. The dispatch received by Mr. Brown was brief and stated that the accident occurred shortly after midnight, while the unfortunate young man was on his way home. He fell through a defective sidewalk into the waters of the sound and was drowned before assistance could reach him. The funeral will be held at Port Townsend. Deceased was 36 years of age and was born at Port Canby. He spent his early life at Port Townsend, where his father was connected with the army, and some years ago came to Astoria, being at that time connected with one of the lighthouse tenders at this port. Later he was married and removed to Alaska, but Mrs. Brown contracting consumption, both removed to California, where deceased resided until the death of his wife about a year ago. He then returned to this city, but recently, upon the death of his father at Port Townsend, had gone to the sound city to assist in settling the affairs of the estate. His father is said to have left him between \$6000 and \$8000. The young man was very well known here and news of his untimely death was received with many expressions of sorrow yesterday. Much sympathy is expressed for C. V. Brown, brother of the deceased, who only a month ago went to Port Townsend to bury his father, who lost an aunt and three cousins in the wreck of the Clallam, and who has now lost his brother.

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