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Local Brevities.

Do not miss reading The Astorian's want columns.

Herman Walfrid Osterlund, a native of Finland, yesterday declared his intention of becoming a citizen.

Demonstration of Olympic Pancake and Wheat Hearts at A. V. Allen's today. Strictly Oregon Products, made by the Portland Flour Mills.

A certificate of approval of the completion of Thirteenth street from Exchange to Duane was filed yesterday with Auditor Anderson.

The St. Patrick day entertainment takes place this evening at St. Mary's hall. It is expected a large number of persons will attend to hear Hon. Frank Davey's lecture.

Joseph Gribler yesterday received a dispatch stating that John J. Kenney was ill at the San Francisco home of his parents with pneumonia. Mr. Kenney had been at Hot Springs for the

benefit of his health and at San Francisco was taken down with pneumonia. The dispatch stated that the attack was a light one.

It will be appropriate today to wear green of any shade, and quite as appropriate to dispense with the wearing of saffron-hued regalia. The day will be fittingly observed.

Mrs. Anna Olivér, an employe at the Parker house, died yesterday morning after an illness of a few days. She was about 35 years of age, and formerly lived at Haynes, Ore., where her parents are believed to reside. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

A mass meeting of fishermen is to be held tonight for the purpose of considering matters relative to the approaching fishing season. It is not at all likely that there will be any departures from demands made a year ago, and the price of fish will likely remain the same.

A. D. Rockefeller was yesterday given another hearing before the sanitary commissioners and dismissed from custody. It was shown at the hearing

that Rockefeller was not violently deranged and he was given a lecture that doubtless will have the desired effect upon him. The man returned to Seaside with his wife, who was called as a witness.

News of the Simon defeat in Multnomah county was eagerly awaited in Astoria last night, and The Astorian was besieged with inquiries. During the past few days the Simonites had made the election of Senator Fulton an issue of their campaign, and local sentiment was aroused in consequence. The result of the election gave general satisfaction in Astoria, and the emphatic defeat of the Simon ring was regarded as a fatal blow to that faction.

The street committee of the council yesterday opened bids for the improvement of Exchange street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth. Offers were presented as follows: Birch & Jacobson, \$1506.50; C. G. Palmberg, \$1546; J. A. Fastabend, \$1720. The estimate of the cost of the work filed with the auditor by City Engineer Tee was \$1960. The committee prepared a report recommending that the contract be awarded to Birch & Jacobson, and the necessary resolution will be presented at Monday night's meeting of the council.

Chief of Police Hallock yesterday caused the arrest of two boys who live near the corner of Sixth and Bond streets. The boys had been tampering with a drain. The drain runs from a vacant lot, but incidentally drains the entire block. The two boys stuffed the sewer with old sacking, and as a result the property was overflowed. The owners of the property complained to the police and the mothers of the boys were notified to have them at the city jail at 7 o'clock. The chief let the boys off, after delivering to them a lecture by which they will doubtless profit.

Sheriff Linville yesterday arrested two men giving the names J. M. Salling and L. S. Beatty and locked them up in the county jail. They are believed to have been implicated in the robbery of the A. & C. ticket office at Clatskanie some time ago. The men were at Seaside yesterday and their actions aroused suspicion. Salling was known to have had one of the stolen tickets in his possession, and a telephone message was sent up to Sheriff Linville. The sheriff met the men at the train and placed them under arrest. The case will be brought to the attention of District Attorney Allen today.

The \$5000 damage suit of Mrs. Charlotte Grimberg vs. the Columbia River Packers' Association was concluded in the circuit court yesterday afternoon and given to the jury. Attorney G. C. Fulton made an excellent argument for the Packers, while Messrs. Winton and Noland reviewed the testimony for the plaintiff. Both sides asked for specific rulings on many technical points of law, and Judge McBride's charge to the jury was necessarily a difficult one. The jury was instructed to bring in a sealed verdict. At 2 o'clock this morning the jury was still out. For the accommodation of the jurors Judge McBride remained up until after midnight.

Word was received from Phoenix, Ariz., yesterday that Strauthle Saunders, of this city, had died near there. The young man was in his 18th year and went to Arizona some months ago for the benefit of his health, being afflicted with consumption. He lived in the open air continually and it was thought for a time that the change was benefitting him. Recently, however, he became worse and passed away suddenly. The body will be interred in the southern territory. Strauthle was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Saunders, who live on Exchange street adjoining the Baptist church.

Judge McBride is among those who has come to regard Sheriff Linville as an efficient officer, and who hopes to see the sheriff re-elected. Judge McBride has had opportunity to observe the work of the sheriff, and he says Mr. Linville has saved Clatsop county more than \$3000 during his five years of office holding by procuring evidence against criminals that ordinarily would have developed at trials. Practically all of the offenders arrested by the sheriff have pleaded guilty before Judge McBride, the sheriff having presented evidence to District Attorney Allen that made the conviction of the accused a foregone conclusion, and left him no other course than that of throwing himself upon the mercy of the court. Bailiff Chance, who is now well along in years, is another staunch admirer of the sheriff, who always relieves the venerable bailiff when juries are out at night. The sentiment in

favor of the renomination of the sheriff is very general, and there is little question that he will again be elected to the office which he has so well filled.

Police Commissioner W. J. Cook returned to the city last evening after an absence of almost two years. At Portland he met Mrs. Cook, who was returning from Albany. Because of the accident at the Cook home last evening, Mr. and Mrs. Cook hastened to their residence, and Mr. Cook could not be seen. It is somewhat singular that Mrs. Cook had a premonition that some accident would happen before the return of her husband. Talking with Mrs. A. A. Cook in Portland yesterday before the receipt of a telegram that Mr. Cook would meet her in Portland, Mrs. Cook said she knew something would happen before he returned. When her husband arrived safely her fear was dispelled, and both Mr. and Mrs. Cook were ignorant of the accident until their arrival here last night.

John M. Crawford, general superintendent of the fish hatcheries of the state of Washington, arrived in the city last night from Kalama and Willapa, where the hatcheries have just been closed down. He will go to Chinook today to visit the plant there. The Chinook hatchery will probably be closed down within a few days. Mr. Crawford, who is one of the authorities of the nation as to fish culture said in conversation with a newspaper representative that he believed the run of fish would be good this season. "It depends altogether on the stage of the water," Mr. Crawford said. "High water will set back the run, just as it always does, but the fish will be available, even if they are not caught." Not long since Mr. Crawford had occasion to observe the habits of a Columbia river fish that promises to become a valuable commercial article, and which is to be extensively propagated by the Oregon fisheries department. This salmon is called the Columbia river sockeye. Some experts say it is the blueback, but those who have studied it closely are of the opinion it is a small silverside. In quality it is the equal of the sound sockeye. This species of salmon spawns at Wallowa lake, and Mr. Crawford says the Indians call it "Iowa." The old-time Indians observe a sort of religious custom in preparing this fish for food and never use any other method of cleaning it except that of spitting it down the back. He is satisfied the name of the eastern Oregon lake comes from the Indian word "Iowa."

RODENTS WORK RUIN
Hotel Fire in San Francisco Caused by Rats.

San Francisco, March 16.—Rats caused a \$10,000 fire and a panic among the guests in the Manhattan hotel at the intersection of Market and Fell streets last night. The shouting of the alarm throughout the hostelry threw one woman into hysterics, caused another to faint and created the wildest excitement.

In the general alarm following the discovery of the fire there was a hasty exit of most of the occupants of the fourth and fifth floors to the floors below. There were a few of the guests, however, who remained calm and assisted the firemen materially. Among them were William G. Lorigan, Justice of the Supreme Court of this state and his wife. They uncoiled the fire hose from its reel and dragged it up a flight of stairs to the fifth floor, where the firemen were struggling with the flames. Mrs. Lorigan was not in the least affected and when the fire was under control quietly descended to the lower floor with her husband.

It was a needless alarm that aroused the sleeping inmates of the house, for the firemen checked the blaze before it had acquired any great headway. The principal damage was confined to the dining room on the fifth floor.

Alfo and Billie.
Vigo, Spain, March 15.—This morning King Alfonso and Emperor William reviewed the Spanish warships. Emperor William today sailed for Gibraltar.

Senate Confirms Nomination.
Washington, March 16.—The senate today confirmed the following nominations:
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