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portion of Clatsop county. The deed was issued by the state and the consideration was stipulated at \$5,429.42.

There will be divine services in the German Evangelical Lutheran church at 11 o'clock this forenoon. Rev. P. Doescher of Portland will officiate.

The lady who left a purse containing money at Mrs. Ross' millinery store on Saturday afternoon can have same by calling at the store and paying for this notice.

Auditor Anderson reports that sundry license receipts have been coming in unusually well during the present month, and since April 1 he has received fully \$500. It is believed the second quarter will exceed the record of the first quarter of the year.

Mayor Suprenant and the members of the committee on public property will meet today at the city hall for the purpose of going over the fire escape ordinance and agreeing on a measure that will be satisfactory all around. A plumbing ordinance will also be drafted at this meeting.

A. W. Patterson, who was down from Clifton yesterday, reports that preparations for the approaching fishing season are now about completed. The fishermen of Clifton will deliver their fish at the old Cook cannery for the Columbia River Packers' Association. The fish will be brought to the city in launches.

The Molly Hogans' entertainment last evening in honor of the birthday anniversary of H. L. Knight and as a farewell to Dell B. Sculey was largely attended. A literary and musical program of rare merit was rendered and during the evening light refreshments were served. It was one of the most thoroughly enjoyable sessions of the organization.

At the conclusion of the republican convention yesterday the county committee got together for the purpose of organizing. The session of the committee was a brief one and adjournment was taken after the election of W. H. Barker as chairman and C. H. Abercrombie as secretary. The committee will immediately make preparations to carry on a vigorous campaign.

Beaver lodge of Odd Fellows has elected the following delegates to the state convention, which meets in this city March 17: James W. Welch, Dr. T. L. Ball, John Hahn and Olof Anderson. The state convention of the Rebekah lodge will also meet here, and the delegates from Gateway lodge are Miss Munson and Miss Alma Johnson. The state encampment of Odd Fellows will meet here at the same time.

Yesterday was the second day of the spring season, and the weather was positively hot. The sun shone gloriously the whole day through, and the streets were thronged with prettily dressed women and anxious politicians. It was an ideal Astoria day and strangers in the city were charmed with the weather. Weather Observer Masters, a recent arrival from Spokane, claims the credit of the fine weather, and will receive it so long as the weather continues.

Mrs. M. C. Wire of Albany, president of the Columbia river branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, arrived in the city last evening from Woodburn, where she addressed the Salem district Epworth League convention yesterday. Mrs. Wire, who is a very pleasant and able speaker, will deliver an address at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock today on the subject of missions.

Dan J. Ingalls, the veteran republican, who lives at Skamokawa, Wahkiakum county, Wash., but claims Melville as his residence, furnished much of the fun at the republican convention yesterday. When precinct nominations were in order the precincts of Melville and Chadwell, Lewis and Clark valley towns, were asked to send in their names. "Haint no nominees there," responded Mr. Ingalls. "Bout eight years ago we elected a fellar justice of the peace out at Chadwell and he died, and we haint had none since. What's the use of a justice of the peace in a quiet, well-behaved town like Chadwell or Melville?" Else did not send in

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any nominations for the reason, as a delegate from that precinct explained, that there were but two republican voters now there, all the others having moved away. This would tend to indicate that, even if Olney goes back on them, the democrats will have a lead-pipe cinch on Elsie. Olney once did this very trick in a presidential election, to the everlasting humiliation of the unfrightened.

The entertainment given at Suomi hall last night by the members of the Finnish band was an attraction that packed the hall. The feature of the evening was the presentation of the comedy, "Courtship Under Difficulties," which was artistically produced. The musical numbers, vocal and instrumental, were excellent. William Panttaja officiated as director. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour, and, after refreshments had been served, the merry-makers dispersed.

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There was much speculation yesterday as to whether or not the use of John Frye's name before the republican convention was authorized. Most of the delegates seem to believe that Mr. Frye would not permit his friends to put him up against Sheriff Linville, but the statement was made by a county delegate that Mr. Frye had authorized use of his name. Mr. Goodin withdrew from the race the previous evening, but there was never a chance that Mr. Linville would not get the nomination. If he is elected he will have held office for seven years, provided, of course, he completes his term, which will be a record in this county. His unanimous nomination yesterday was surely a tribute to his popularity.

Two measures that ought not receive a single vote will be submitted to the voters at the forthcoming state and county election. These bills are those providing for direct primary nominations and local option. The direct primary bill is in direct conflict with every American principle. It requires that direct nominations can be made only by those parties which polled 25 per cent of the vote cast for congressman in the next preceding election. This would shut out the prohibitionists, socialists and other parties of small strength, and in some districts perhaps make matters rather embarrassing for republicans and democrats. In order to vote a man must divulge the nature of his political faith, which is contrary to American freedom. The local option law is merely an absurd measure which will entail numerous elections, at the expense of the taxpayers. Those who have studied the two bills, democrats and republicans alike, say they are the most ridiculous measures ever passed by the legislature.

From the records of the police board it appears the resignation of Police Officer Stark is not due until April 15. Police Commissioner Barker moved that the officer be requested to hand in his resignation April 15. It is generally believed Mr. Stark will not comply with the request, as the charter specifies that policemen can be discharged only for cause. Stark's case is covered by section 42 of the police board regulations, which reads as follows: "All charges against any member of the force shall be in writing, signed by some responsible person sworn under oath, except when made by the chief of police, and specify the offense and the date of its alleged commission with convenient certainty. They shall be filed with the board of police commissioners. On the reception of any charges as herein provided the board of police commissioners shall, at their first meeting thereafter, proceed to investigate the same, and take such action thereon as the board may deem proper in the premises." There is another provision which empowers the board to remove any police officer for any cause which it may deem sufficient, but attorneys say it is irregular to dismiss an officer without charges having first been filed against him. The motion to appoint Joseph Sinnott in Stark's stead was made by Commissioner Cook.

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Both of the reservoirs of the Astoria water system are to be cleaned about April 15.

There will be services at the Swedish Lutheran church at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The sermon will be delivered in the Swedish language.

Marriage licenses were yesterday issued by County Clerk Clinton to Ernest

Stoddard Page of Berkeley, Cal., and Bessie Leonora Ross of this city, and August C. Greenbrook and Andrine Johnson, both of Astoria.

At a dancing party given last evening at Hanthorn hall prizes were won by Miss Eva Messinger and Mr. Erickson, the latter of Portland.

Among the deeds filed for record yesterday was one transferring to John E. DuBois 4,342.7 acres in the southern

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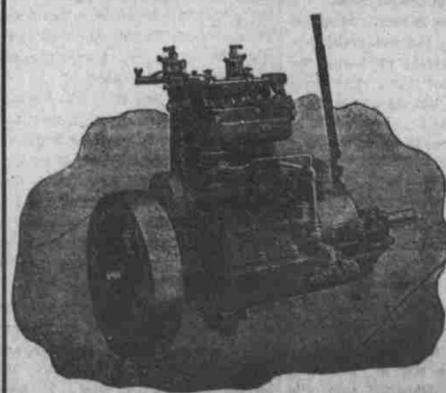
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