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Local Brevities.

Mrs. McKean will hold a closing-out sale of White Wash Suits at greatly reduced prices all this week, at Woman's Exchange, n Tenth street.

Fred Noe, son of L. T. Noe, is at St. Mary's hospital, suffering from an attack of typhoid fever. The young man is said to be getting along nicely and his early recovery is looked for.

The county court will meet in adjourned session today. Dougan & Hastie, the Spokane contractors, who were the successful bidders on the new court house, will be present at today's session and the contract will be entered into.

The Commercial Club baseball team yesterday arranged for a game with Rainier to be played here next Sunday. The Rainier team was to have played last Sunday, but rain prevented the game. The announcement was made last night that the Prides of Astoria had secured A. F. C. park for Sunday, so the Commercial-Rainier game may be called off if another ground can not be secured.

The Prides of Astoria have arranged a ball game with the Ilwaco team to take place at A. F. C. park next Sunday afternoon. The Prides played a double header a short time ago, defeating Chinook 14-3, and losing to Ilwaco, 6-3. The defeat at Ilwaco is attributed to a rank decision. The Prides expect to square accounts next Sunday. Their line-up is said to be strong, but will not be made public until Sunday morning. The game will be called at 2:30.

The gentlemen who have interested themselves in the swimming tank matter did not meet with the wharves and waterfrontage committee of the council yesterday, and the location for the public baths was not determined upon. Sheriff Linville said he believed the foot of Tenth street would be suitable. There is an open space north of the railroad track that is city property and the arrangement is such that a tank could be built there without much expense. Flooring, sloping from a depth of one foot to about five feet, will be installed, and wire netting used on the sides. A tank about 60 feet wide and perhaps 75 feet in length could

thus be built. It is expected the council committee and the enthusiasts who signed the petition will get together today and settle the matter of location. Parents are very much pleased with the proposal and the idea is commended on all sides.

Because of lack of evidence against him, Alexander Maveokefalos was discharged yesterday afternoon by Justice Goodman. He had been arrested upon a very serious charge, but the complaining witness was unable to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the court that there was genuine attempt at crime.

Probate Judge Trenchard yesterday made an order for sale of some of the real estate left by the late Thomas Logan. The property to be sold is lot 2, block 111, Olney's Astoria, and 160 acres in section 16, township 6 north of range 8 west. The city property is valued at about \$235 and the acreage at about \$1000.

Mayor Surprenant yesterday appointed the city delegates to the Oregon Development League convention, which is to meet at Portland August 2. The delegates named are: J. A. Eakin, Mrs. Samuel Elmore, Dr. H. L. Henderson, Mrs. Gearhart, Mrs. B. Van Dusen, Judge Goodman, Mrs. H. F. Prael, Frank Spittle, Mrs. George C. Flavel, E. W. Tallant, Herman Wise and Mrs. D. Morgan. The county is entitled to 10 delegates and each of the commercial bodies to 10 delegates, not including the president and secretary of each. Astoria will doubtless be well represented at the convention.

About nine-tenths of the people would be willing to make affidavit that yesterday was the hottest day of the present century in this city. The thermometer at the office of Weather Observer Masters registered 79, and people sweated in the heat and longed for the cool breezes of the evening. The idea of people complaining of the heat when the glass goes up to 79 will probably strike as humorous those unfortunate souls who reside in interior points. The highest point was reached by the glass at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The previous evening the thermometer was down to 55, and at 6 last night it stood at 75. In April Astorians enjoyed one day with a temperature of about 78, but no one seemed to be suffering then. The government glasses are located decidedly in the shade, so the official statement of

the condition of the weather hardly tells the story. The indications are favorable for continuance of the present fine spell. Reports from interior points conveyed the information that the weather was very warm, and large seaside crowds may be looked for during the week.

Mayor Surprenant yesterday spent most of his time writing his name. Claims allowed by the council the previous evening numbered something like 112, and a few ordinances brought up the total to about 120. The mayor's signature was necessary to every one of the warrants and ordinances, and his honor was at the office of the auditor during the greater part of the day.

Reports from the packing-houses yesterday were to the effect that there had been some improvement in the run of salmon. Catches, especially at lower harbor points, were very much better than those made on the previous day, and some of the boats came in with half-ton hauls. It is thought now there will be no further alarming scarcity of salmon and that the hatchery runs will begin to make their appearance within a few days.

Mr. James Keane and his excellent company produced the southern comedy-drama, "The Belle of Kentucky," at Fishers' opera house to a fair-sized audience last night. This play brought out the strength of the whole company and was handsomely staged, affording an evening's splendid entertainment. This evening the great military drama, "A Mexican Romance," will be the bill, and a record-breaking audience will no doubt be present. Mr. Keane has the best repertoire company ever seen in Astoria at popular prices and should do a banner business the rest of the week. Secure seats at Griffin's book store.

Jacob Baker, a well-known resident of Astoria, died at Hunter's Island, Wash., Monday night, while visiting there with friends. Mr. Baker had been keeper of the Sand Island light for two years prior to June of last year, when he was stricken with paralysis. Since that time he had been ill, but lately had felt so well that he determined to visit at Hunter's Island. The news of his death was a sad surprise to his friends in Astoria. Deceased was a native of Finland and 55 years of age. He had resided in Astoria for 25 years. Mrs. Baker and five children survive him. The funeral will be held tomorrow from the family residence, at 26 1/2 Astor street, and the interment will be in Greenwood.

The popularity of the La Veras cigar has built up an important industry in Astoria. When Mr. Schoenbaechler commenced the manufacture of this brand of cigar Astoria was already well supplied with other high-class goods, but the excellence of the output of the local factory has given smokers ample reason to patronize home industry. Mr. Schoenbaechler has just removed to new and more commodious quarters in the building just erected on the south side of Commercial street between Eighth and Ninth, and has a large force of workmen engaged in the manufacture of the fine grades of goods for which the factory is noted. Call for the La Veras cigar, and a trial will convince you that it is better than any other bit article on the market.

At Monday night's meeting of the council Councilman Lebeck called attention to the fact that the city was at present without sufficient fire protection. He stated that, ever since the new order of things had been brought about following sale of the old city hall, the city was liable to extensive damage by fire, and he thought the two steam engines owned by the city should be repaired. Mr. Hansen, formerly chairman of the fire and water committee, said one of the engines, the Amoske, was perhaps serviceable, but that the other, the Silsby, was unfit for use. Mr. Leinenweber said he believed both engines were useless, and expressed the conviction that, if the city was going to fall back upon steam engines, it had better buy new ones. The discussion was informal and no definite action was taken.

City Surveyor Tee stated yesterday that he could not understand how any one could reasonably claim title to the strip of property which lies between the McClure and Shively claim lines. A rock located on what is now Thirteenth street was the dividing point between the two claims, and north from this rock there was a gradually widening strip of property that neither of the old settlers regarded as his property. When the federal government passed the act granting to the state all property between the harbor line and the high water mark, provision was made that cities should con-

tinue to enjoy ownership of streets extending north from the high water mark. Now, this particular strip was donated for street purposes, so the city claims absolute title to it. The state gave a deed to the strip to W. S. Kinney, since deceased, but it is the contention of the authorities of the city that the state deed would not hold good, as the government had previously arranged for city ownership of all such land. Settlement of the question is of great importance to several property owners, who are anxious to build on Thirteenth street. Mr. Tee says the strip is five feet in width at the widest end. City Attorney Smith will try and settle the matter before the next meeting of the council.

The following appears in the current number of the Tacoma Lumberman from its Astoria correspondent: "The E. C. Graham Lumber Company has been organized here by F. C. Graham, who has been through the various stages of lumbering and has become well acquainted with the business. He was with J. A. Veness, at Winlock, Wash., for several years, commencing at the bottom of the ladder and climbing to the top. He then went to the Tongue Point Lumber Company, where for a long period he was assistant manager, but, having ambition to do business on his own account, he resigned this lucrative position and will now take his chances with the balance. He will wholesale the products of the Tongue Point company, and also of other mills in this vicinity. Mr. Graham has many friends in commercial and social circles, and will no doubt be highly successful in his business."

An official directory of the state of Oregon has just been issued by Secretary of State Frank I. Dunbar. The directory gives the names and addresses of all state officers, as well as those of United States senators and congressmen, together with the names and addresses of the principal county officers, district judges and prosecuting attorneys. It is a very handy little publication, neatly arranged, and gives the time and place of meeting of the various state boards. The Astorians whose names appear in the directory are: Secretary of state, Frank I. Dunbar; United States senator, Charles W. Fulton; master fish warden, H. G. Van Dusen; state land agent, Oswald West; pilot commissioners, George Noland and J. C. Campbell; clerk of the pilot board, L. Lebeck; health officer, Dr. H. L. Henderson; member of the state board of health, Dr. Alfred Kinney; member of the board of regents of the state normal school, Benjamin Young; boatman at Astoria, James Keating; prosecuting attorney of the Fifth judicial district, Harrison Allen. From this list it will be seen that Astoria has fared pretty well in the distribution of state offices.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. C. Boyle of Portland was in the city yesterday.

F. H. Madison of Portland was in the city yesterday.

E. P. Tobin, representing the Pacific Paper Company, is in Astoria.

Will S. Martin, a well-known Portland commercial traveler, was in the city yesterday.

C. H. Glean, representing the Pacific Coast Company, was down yesterday from Portland.

City Attorney A. M. Smith and Police Commissioner W. J. Cook went up to Svensen last night.

Marshall J. Kinney was down from Portland yesterday. He returned to Portland on the night train.

P. C. Holland, a Walla Walla newspaperman, passed through the city yesterday en route to the beach.

Nace Grant returned yesterday to Portland. He has turned miner and goes to Lane county to take charge of the Lucky Boy mine, owned by Peter Grant.

Hon. J. Bruce Polworth of Cathlamet, Wahkiakum county, Wash., was in the city yesterday. He is now preparing to remove to Astoria to enter into a law partnership with Smith Bros. The offices for the new firm are being arranged for.

Work is Nature's Tonic.

The young man who starts in life looking for a soft job is not apt to make a success in life. What this country wants is more men and women of industry, who will devote themselves to the tilling of the soil, the development of the country and the production from the soil of at least a portion of their living.—Bellingham Blade.

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