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Local Brevities.

Harry Casner was arrested yesterday for vagrancy and run out of the city last night. Police court receipts for the day aggregated \$150.

The Peniel Mission has removed from its former quarters on Commercial street, between Eighth and Ninth, to the W. C. T. U. building.

The steamer Harrison was inspected yesterday by Captains Edwards and Fuller. The vessel has been granted a permit to carry 20 passengers.

The famous McTavish monument is to be displayed in the window of the Foard & Stokes Company's store. It will remain there until the new city hall is completed.

T. E. Peiser, the photographer, has no connection whatever with Bell's gallery, and parties desiring to see or leave word for him will kindly take notice that his address is 525 1/2 Commercial street, room 5, over Peterson & Brown's.

The Warrenton mill, which has been closed down for a few weeks, will resume operations within a short time. There has been a change of management at the mill, which will hereafter be in charge of Superintendent Chambers.

J. P. Jacobson of Long Beach, found two pieces of new net on the beach Sunday. The buoy corks were marked "O. N." and the net was 40 meshes deep. The two pieces will measure 300 or 400 fathoms in length. The owner of the gear can recover it by applying to Mr. Jacobson and paying the advertising charges.

A. G. Williams, who has charge of the Examiner Marine Exchange of San Francisco, arrived in the city last evening on the Redondo. Mr. Williams was in Astoria 15 years ago and finds things very much changed. He is enjoying his vacation and will visit Portland and the sound cities before returning to the Bay city. The Marine Exchange maintains correspondents in all of the coast cities.

The Sunday school of the Presbyterian church of Astoria will give a basket picnic to Flavel, by boat, on Wednesday, August 10. The steamer Mayflower will leave Fisher's dock, at the foot of Twelfth street, at 9 o'clock

a. m. Ample accommodation will be provided for all who wish to go and the public is cordially invited to attend. A charge of forty cents for adults and twenty cents for children under fifteen will be charged to all not members of the Sunday school.

The many friends of Mr. W. H. Weir will be glad to know that he is again in Astoria and will remain throughout the balance of the special sale inaugurated here by Eilers Piano House, the most progressive piano firm of the Pacific coast. Mr. Weir was here last season, associated with Mr. F. N. Smith, both of whom won many warm friends by their courteous and gentlemanly manners.

Invitations have been received in Astoria announcing the wedding of Mr. Charles Humphreys, of Astoria, and Miss Nina Pearl Ostrander. The wedding will take place August 10 at the home of the parents of the bride at Cottage Grove, Ore. Mr. Humphreys is local manager for the Postal Telegraph & Cable Company, and will reside with his bride-to-be in this city.

Police Judge Anderson's 35th birthday anniversary was duly celebrated at Sunday's meeting of Astoria Aerle of Eagles. Judge Anderson is vice-president of the order. Joseph Gribler presided at the social session, and the Eagles' orchestra was present to assist in the program. Judge Anderson was presented with a handsome gold watch chain, bearing his initials and those of the order. An eagle, with diamond setting, is the emblem of the chain. Many members of the order were present to join in the celebration of the popular vice-president, who has been an energetic Eagle since the organization of the lodge.

F. S. Jones, of the Beehive, has just returned to Astoria from an eastern visit of five weeks. While away Mr. Jones visited St. Louis and Chicago. While he was in the Windy City the second strike of the packing house employes took place. Mr. Jones says the strikers charge that the employers precipitated the trouble for the purpose of defeating the election of President Roosevelt, and also that they are actuated by a desire to work off surplus stock. The increase in prices, the men aver, will amply compensate the packers for any loss that might be entailed. Mr. Jones states that prices are quite high at St. Louis—from 50 to 100 per cent above the average. The fair has had the effect of livening up

the jobbing trade, but business conditions in that section of the country are not as brisk as was the case at this time last year. Rains have hurt crops in some of the districts. While away Mr. Jones bought the fall stock for the Beehive. His house is one of 65 that buy jointly, and his eastern trip was made for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the buyers.

The report of the experts who examined the books of the city officials has been referred to the ways and means committee of the council for approval. The experts have recommended that all of the special funds be merged into one general fund. They point out that the general fund must make up any deficits that may arise in special funds, and that the city is responsible for all such funds. By merging the accounts much bookkeeping could be saved. The experts have also made several other recommendations, and upon these the ways and means committee will report probably at the next session of the council.

The regatta committee has decided to offer a prize for yacht models, and has invited entries from Seaside, Portland and Astoria. There are many yacht models in this city and it is believed that an interesting event can be pulled off in front of the grandstand. Prizes of \$5 and \$2.50 have been offered, and the entrance fee placed at 25 cents. Upon receipt of the fee the committee will issue a certificate of entry. On the first day of the regatta a big street parade will be held, commencing at 11:30. The committee has hung up a cash prize of \$30 for the best float. There is to be a fishing boat parade in front of the grandstand, and a prize will be offered for the best decorated boat.

Hiram Leinenweber, local manager for the Standard Oil Company, was yesterday "touched" for his gold watch. The timepiece is worth \$150 and disappeared from the vest pocket of the manager during his brief absence from his office yesterday morning. Some sneak thief entered the office while Mr. Leinenweber was at the company's tables. The loss of the watch was reported to the police and Captain Gammal, after some search, located it at a pawnshop. The thief had "soaked" it for \$7.50. The pawnbroker wanted Mr. Leinenweber to pay the sum, but the police would not stand for any such arrangement. The pawnbroker was unable to give a description of the thief accurate enough to lead to his arrest. Evidently the thief was not aware of the value of the watch, else he would have asked a greater loan on it.

The run of fish fell off materially Sunday night and receipts were poor at all of the packing houses yesterday. The decreased run did not worry the packers, who were glad of the opportunity to give their employes a rest. For six days the packing houses had been running overtime, but yesterday afternoon all of the fish docks were cleaned up. It was reported last evening that a new run of fish was outside the river, and it is expected these fish will enter today or tomorrow. The gillnetters, seiners and trappers all fared poorly yesterday, indicating that there were few fish in the river. The falling off in the run is not surprising, in view of the fact that the fish are not yet developed. Experts consider it remarkable that the salmon came in as soon as they did and have looked for a falling off. The next run of fish will probably last until the end of the season.

At the adjourned meeting of the council a few matters of minor importance were considered. There were but five members present when Mayor Surprenant rapped for order, Messrs. Kaboth, Nordstrom, Belland and Robinson being absent. Mr. Nordstrom dropped in before the business of the session had proceeded very far. A communication from Miss Dickenson with reference to the Franklin avenue sewer was referred to the street committee, while a proposal from C. N. Hess relative to a farming scheme was referred to the ways and means committee. Mr. Hess wants to effect a sort of partnership arrangement with the city for the conduct of a produce farm. A resolution was adopted directing the city engineer to report detailed information concerning the proposed improvement of Taylor avenue west from the end of Bond street. The street is to be improved to the width of 36 feet. A resolution was adopted which provides for the construction of a sewer on Sixth street from Exchange to Irving avenue.

At last night's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Judge Bowby made a statement relative to the organization of the Oregon Development League. It appeared from the statement of Judge Bowby that the league

has planned to have its members work in their own way, with the understanding that they keep in touch with each other and the central body. Secretary Higgins stated, referring to the Warrenton road matter, that Judge Trenchard had ridden as far as Meek slough, which has been bridged. It is now possible to ride from Astoria to Warrenton. The road has not yet been put in shape, but will be repaired. A letter from Henry S. Reed, secretary of the Lewis and Clark fair management, was read in reply to the request of the chamber that \$5000 be set aside for the erection of a suitable monument at Fort Clatsop. Mr. Reed states in his letter that the money can not be legally set aside for this purpose, and suggests that President Myers, of the state commission, be conferred with. The suggestion will be acted upon.

Sunday's ball game between the Pride and Fort Stevens teams was remarkable for the heavy hitting which characterized the contest. The soldiers had the locals faded for five innings and it looked like a cinch for the visitors. However, the Prides fell upon Pfeiffer for so many hits that they were not counted and turned defeat into victory. When the locals got their batting streak on they pounded the post twirler all over the lot. Sellinger, Stevens' left fielder, made a remarkable catch of Wroten's high fly. The ball came down along the front of the grandstand and Sellinger nailed it after a long run. In catching the ball the fielder fell, but did not drop it. He was given an ovation by the small but enthusiastic throng. The young man who undertook to umpire the game made some miserable decisions, that cost the soldiers the game. However, the visitors almost uncomplainingly stood for the bad decisions, and made a decided hit with that portion of the crowd which admires quiet, gentlemanly ball playing. The final score was 19-15. Stevens' catcher was injured during the game when Duval collided with him in running home from third. The soldiers seemed to lose interest after the fifth inning and tossed off the game.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Sam S. Goldsmith was down yesterday from Portland.
George Hibbert, editor of the Chinook Observer, is in the city.
George W. Buchanan, of Portland, was in the city yesterday.
C. W. Robertson and family, of Tacoma, are visiting in the city.
Pilot Commissioner Charles A. Payne was over yesterday from Chinook.
C. C. Dalton, attorney-general of the state of Washington, is in the city.
Hon. Benjamin Young is expected home today from a European trip.
Frank M. Warren, sr., was among the passengers down on last night's train.
Walter S. Davis, of Washington, D. C., was among yesterday's arrivals at the Parker house.
Miss Anette Morton, of Wilmington, N. C., is in the city, visiting with her brother, Swapon Morton.
Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Olmsted and daughter, of Portland, arrived in the city yesterday, and today will leave for Long Beach.
Mr. and Mrs. Seymour H. Bell, of Sumpter, are in the city, accompanied by their son, visiting with Mrs. Bell's mother, Mrs. Eastabrook.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCauly, S. D. McCauly and W. J. McCauly, of Ellensburg, Wash., arrived in the city last evening on their way to the beach.

The Bill at Hedrick's.

The bill at Hedrick's for the first half of the week, beginning with last night, proved to be the best yet presented in the new house, being a general bill of art, skill and comedy. The patrons never before more fully demonstrated their appreciation, for the house was packed at all three shows. The excellence of the entertainment and the perfect house arrangements are appealing to theatergoers, and the crowds at Hedrick's attest the public's appreciation of the effort which the new management has made for the convenience of his patrons. Mr. Hedrick is certainly delivering the goods in the show line.
The present bill is opened by the Fishers, with a clever novelty act, which proves conclusively that Baby Fisher is the cleverest youngster in the business. Miss Ada Julian's rendition of the illustrated song was all that could be desired, and the pictures are even more attractive than those heretofore shown. Mr. Carl Raymond, besides being a clever comedian, is likewise an elegant dancer and acrobat. Miss Montrose's vocal efforts have taken with the crowd, and, with her stage partner, Miss Montrose furnishes 20 minutes of enjoyable mirth. The bill will be changed on Thursday, and there will be matinees this afternoon, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

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