

## EXTRA SPECIAL

Today we received advise that another car of melons is enroute, this means **We Will Have to Hurry** and dispose of those now on hand, so today we begin the greatest melon sale of the season and offer you the finest melons in the city, the kind that are good and give you satisfaction in eating them. Come early and avoid the rush, be one of the first and get the pick of the lot. We guarantee everything we sell and sell all we guarantee.

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### Local Brevities.

First papers of citizenship were yesterday granted to Mattis Pirt, a native of Finland.

W. C. A. Pohl was yesterday appointed administrator of the estate of Andrew Anderson, deceased.

Wanted—A young lady of experience to take charge of books and also act as cashier. Apply at S. Danziger & Co.

City Physician Pilkington reports that there are at present no contagious disease patients in the city, the small-pox quarantine having been raised last Friday.

The county court will meet in adjourned session today. Bids for building the bridge over the north fork of the Klaskanine river will be opened and the contract probably awarded.

Lost—A necklace of pink coral beads, on Thursday afternoon, probably between Fourteenth street and Eighteenth on Irving. Finder will please leave at Astorian office.

Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Ball will entertain the members of the Epworth League and their friends at their residence on Ninth street and Harrison avenue this evening. All young people are cordially invited.

Andrew Bakka, aged 52 years, died Sunday at his West Astoria home, of consumption. He is survived by Mrs. Bakka and four children. The funeral will be held today, under the auspices of the Order of Pendo. The interment will be in Greenwood.

A. B. Dalgity yesterday entered upon his duties as deputy county clerk, vice C. W. Carnahan, resigned. Otto Gramms has been appointed regular mail carrier in Mr. Dalgity's place, and Adolph Minard is substitute carrier, pending an examination for the place.

It now seems quite probable that a baseball and football field in the east end will soon be secured. Because of the inaccessibility of A. F. C. park the attendance at the games has not been as great as otherwise would have been the case, but with a field in the east end, where there is car line connection, amateur sport would be well patronized. The directors of the Commercial Club have long desired to see

an east end field, and the assurance has been conveyed that the Astoria Electric Company will render financial assistance. It is likely a committee will be appointed to arrange for the field in time for the coming football season.

The improvement of Sixteenth street will cost the city a pretty penny. The work entailed an expenditure of \$28,911 in excess of the limit of 75 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property, and this sum must come out of the general fund. The cost of improving in front of the city hall property was \$1483.45, while the assessment against the school district is \$143.74.

Paul Strain, a Bond street clothier, was arrested yesterday for violation of ordinance No. 2809, which governs hawkers. The ordinance specifies that hawkers shall pay weekly license of \$50, and because Mr. Strain had neglected to secure this license he was arrested by Chief of Police Hallock. Strain gave \$100 cash bonds to appear for trial before Police Judge Anderson this afternoon.

The Commercial Club bowling team held its first practice game Sunday night. The men had not bowled for three months, but scored a total of 980 pins, or an average of almost 41. The alleys were somewhat dry, which cut down the scores, but are now being put in good shape. There is not the least doubt on the part of the local bowlers that they will be able to successfully defend the Feldenhelmer trophy, and also win the regatta trophy.

The ownership of the strip of property lying between Shively's Astoria and McClure's Astoria is still hanging fire. At the last meeting of the council City Attorney Smith was instructed to notify Mrs. W. S. Kinney to vacate the property. C. A. Bell, Mrs. Kinney's attorney, is now on his wedding tour, and writes Mr. Smith from Victoria asking that action be deferred until his return. With fine regard for the happiness of the bridegroom, the council agreed to be good until Mr. Bell returns.

Some of the Sacramento river fishermen quit work Saturday, to the disgust of at least one packer. The men who quit said they supposed it would not pay them to continue fishing, but the packer in question could not see things in this light and scored the men for quitting just at a time of the year when their services were most needed.

About one-half of the men who came north to fish this year have returned to California. Many of the Sacramento river men are regarded by packers as good fishermen, and every year secure brand new outfits.

Charles H. Markham, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Pacific, with a party of distinguished Californians, including Governor Pardee, arrived in the city Sunday by special steamer. Superintendent McGuire, of the A. & C., had a special train in waiting for the delegation and the visitors went over to the beach. They spent a most enjoyable afternoon, returning to Portland at night over the A. & C.

The police last night rounded up a really bad man, and in the police or justice's court today he will be afforded an opportunity of explaining his unseemly conduct. The man gave his name as John Allen. He is a fisherman and last evening amused himself, at the foot of Twelfth street, by commanding people to jump overboard. He had one of the longest revolvers ever seen at police headquarters, and it proved powerful persuasion. Several Austrian fishermen who were in the vicinity were stood up. It was related last night, and made to jump into the river, under penalty of death. Finally Allen himself fell into the river, and when Officer Thompson came along he found the disturber in the water. Allen gave Officers Thompson and Stark considerable trouble, but they landed him in jail.

The new Unique theater was opened last night, and from 7:30 until 10:30 the house was packed. Manager Hager spared no expense to neatly fit up his new playhouse, and the hundreds who saw the show last night were highly pleased with the arrangements. The seating capacity is more than 400, and the theater was constructed with a view to the convenience of the patrons. The interior is finished in red and the lighting arrangements are perfect. All in all, the theater is about as much as could be desired. Mr. Hager has an exceptionally fine bill this week, including a colored quartet that has made a great hit with the crowd. He has a team of German comedians on that is also taking with theatergoers. Last evening the members of the city council attended the late show in a body.

The ladies in charge of the coronation of the regatta queen held a joint meeting with the regatta committee yesterday, at which it was decided to hold that event on the forward upper deck of the steamer Bailey Gatzert, which is to make the trip from Portland with Admiral Campbell and invited guests, and will remain here during the regatta. Admiral Campbell was present at the meeting and showed great enthusiasm in his preparations and hopes for the success of the regatta. He left for Portland last evening. Photographer Peiser had his left hand badly lacerated by the explosion of the flash light preparation with which he was intending to take a picture of the crowd at the opening of the new Unique theater last evening. A number of stitches were necessary to bring the torn flesh together, but it is believed the hand will be saved entire.

The council last night straightened out the city hall contract muddle and adopted a resolution to settle the controversy between Ferguson & Houston and the city. It appears that the original plans showed that four steel cells, or dungeons, were to be installed in the jail, but the specifications made no provision for the partitions. Likewise provision for padding the contemplated padded cell was omitted. The contractors had been assured by the architect that the omissions were intentional. Last night the council discussed the matter, and finally adopted a resolution authorizing the contract without the building of the cells. The cells are to be partitioned off at a later date, if it is deemed expedient to do this. Work on the building will be begun this morning. The contractors are anxious to have a representative of the city on the ground when the start is made, and Chairman Hansen, of the public property committee, was instructed to wire Mr. Schacht, the architect, to be here.

The run of fish yesterday proved a disappointment. Fish were fairly plentiful Sunday night, but yesterday the men made poor catches. However, the catches Sunday night were sufficient to keep the canneries running the greater part of the day. The present season has been a great year for gillnetters, but the trappers and seiners have fared poorly. Two of the seiners are reported to have made some money, but all the others have not made expenses. The trappers are likewise behind. The gillnetters have done very well, everything considered, and nearly all of them

have made more money than during the 1903 season. This peculiarity of the present season will have a beneficial effect on business, because the gillnetters constitute the large majority of the men engaged in fishing. The seiners and trappers have been required to hire just as many men as heretofore, and the loss will fall on them. A few toles are entering the river, but generally the fish are still of an excellent quality.

On her regular trip to San Francisco yesterday morning the steamer Elder left Astoria with 138 passengers of which this city contributed 53. She had a load of 1163 tons of freight—by weight, which would measure about fifteen to sixteen hundred probably. Astoria furnished 391 tons of freight by measure.

The McCrea-Ford Company's studio was closed yesterday and will remain closed today because of the death of Rev. James McCrea, of Columbus City, Iowa, father of Mr. J. P. McCrea, Mrs. A. M. Ford and Miss M. E. McCrea. Rev. Mr. McCrea was almost 56 years of age, and had spent his long life in charge of United Presbyterian churches in his native state of Ohio and in Indiana, Nebraska and Iowa.

Miss Agnes Fitzpatrick has been chosen queen of Skamokawa's fourth annual regatta, which will be held Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20. The regatta is given by Mystic union No. 52, Order of Washington, of that place. Miss Fitzpatrick received 2293 votes. The next largest vote was cast for Miss Bessie Marshall, who received 967 votes. A total of 3404 votes was cast for half a dozen candidates. Miss Fitzpatrick is one of Skamokawa's most charming young ladies and her election is a popular one. She will be known as Queen Agnes. Her maids are to be: Miss Alice Lamont, Miss Katie Johns, Miss Grace Carson, Miss Annie Peterson, Miss Sarah Fitzpatrick and Miss Rebecca Fitzpatrick. The pages are Harold Masten and Lester Silverman; the flower girls, Eva Masten, Enger Elde, Ellen Abramson and Ada Fredrickson. Extensive preparations are being made for the regatta, which will undoubtedly eclipse any other similar event ever held at Skamokawa. J. L. Mitchell, supreme secretary of the Order of Washington, and other officers of the supreme union are expected to be present, and big crowds are expected from Astoria and Portland.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

F. A. Fisher and family have returned from their Seaside cottage. Miss Etta Strauss has returned from a two weeks' sojourn at the seaside. Dr. Smith, the Portland dentist, is enjoying his annual outing at Astoria, a guest of the Cole hotel. Mr. James, a student of Albany College, is spending a few days in Astoria, looking after business matters. Mr. C. B. Lamb, of the Pacific Navigation Company, accompanied by Mrs. Lamb, took passage on the steamer Elder yesterday for home.

#### OFF FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR.

A number of Astorians will start for the great St. Louis fair early next month, among whom there will be a bunch of Herman Wise's customers, who are wise enough to buy their clothing, hats, etc., at Herman Wise's elegant store. On the evening of the 29th of this month Mr. Wise gives a dance for the benefit of his customers: there will be cakewalks and fancy dancing for presents, and at about 11 o'clock that night it will be decided which of Herman Wise's clothing customers shall receive the first-class round-trip tickets to and from the famous St. Louis fair. Mr. Wise gives a number with each ten-dollar purchase.

#### FOR SALE.

Steamer Volga, length 67 feet, 16.4 feet beam, depth 4 feet. For further particulars and price call on Warren Packing Co., foot of Seventh street, city.

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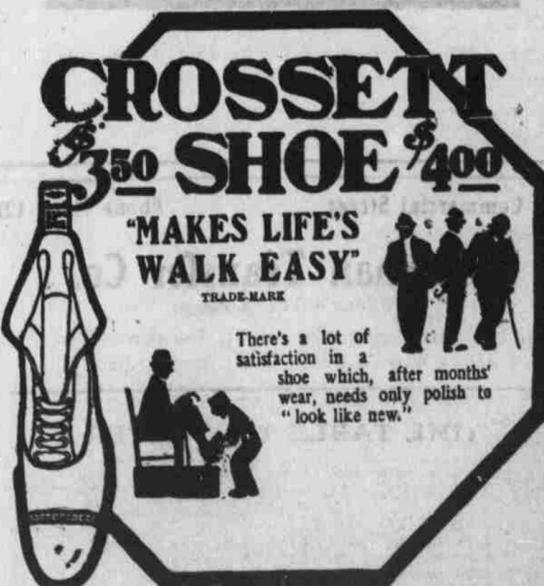
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