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Will Improve Alleyway.
The common council will order the improvement of the alleyway from McGregor's mill East to the old Tongue Point saloon. The street will be redecked, new posts will be put in where old ones have been knocked out and all the logs removed.

Ninth Street Contract.
Contractor Goodin states that the contract has not been drawn up yet for the improvement of Ninth street from Bond to the water front, although it was ordered two weeks ago. The ordinance provides that the improvement must be completed by August 1, but from present indications it will be impossible to commence work much before that time.

Government Rejects Bids.
The bids heretofore received by Capt. Goodale for heating and lighting the barracks at Fort Stevens, have been rejected by the department at Washington and new bids will be advertised for in a few days.

Many Visitors Here.
The city is full of visitors coming from various points along the river to loggers are in the city and will assist in the celebration. All the small steamers carried full lists of passengers, the steamer Jordan bringing over 75 from the North shore.

Take out First Papers.
Eric Nilson, a native of Sweden, Johan Pettari and Thomas Maatta, natives of Finland, were granted first citizenship papers yesterday by County Clerk Clinton.

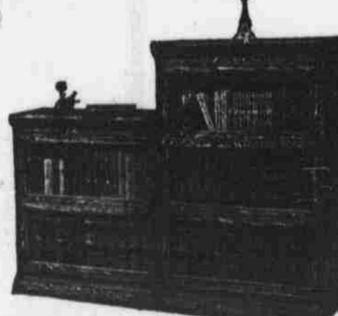


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Complete House Furnishers.

Charles V. Brown Leaves.
Charles V. Brown left for Buffalo, N. Y., last evening to attend the grand edge of Elks, as representative from Astoria lodge. He expects to be absent about one month.

One Mail Delivery.
The postoffice today will observe the usual holiday hours as provided by the government. There will be one delivery by carriers this morning. The window at the post office will be open between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30 P. M.

Final Citizenship Papers.
W. P. O'Brien, book keeper of the Astoria Box company, was given his final citizenship papers yesterday. Mr. O'Brien feels highly elated over the fact that he is now a full-fledged citizen of the glorious United States.

Mums Close for Fourth.
The Clatsop mill company, Tongue Point Lumber company and the Astoria Box factory closed down yesterday and will remain closed for several days in order to give the hands an opportunity to enjoy the Fourth.

Fish Running Good.
George Kaboth returned from his seining grounds up the river yesterday morning. He reports that the fish have been running good and he has averaged over a ton a day since he commenced operations. The largest days catch was 3800 pounds. He will return tomorrow.

Lower Columbia Base Ball League
OWANPUNPUN CLUB
vs.
SEASIDE
July Fourth, 3 P. M. Sharp.
A. F. C. GROUNDS.
Price of admission, 25 cents.

Quiet Humor.
For two hours he kept his audience in the best of humor with himself, and his little talk was punctuated with applause. His humor is of the quiet sort, which appeals to the highest order of intelligence, and the laughter which greeted his efforts was interspersed with tears over his pathetic moments.—The Evening Post, San Francisco.

Extra Dry.
The Davenport lecture was a succession of stories told with whimsical dryness, redolent of human nature and illustrated in an off-hand and apologetic way by sketches on an easel board. The cartoonist told of Senator Hanna, of Sam Rainey, of Admiral Dewey, of Gladstone and of Thomas B. Reed; to each character and caricature attached a good story.—San Francisco Chronicle.

All members of Astoria lodge, Knights of Pythias and visiting knights are requested to meet at the Castel hall for the purpose of participating in the parade today.

The family restaurant of Astoria is recognized as the Hess restaurant. The best meals and the best service in Astoria. 120 Eleventh street.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH
Calls For Bids on Improvements on the M. E. Church.
Bids have been asked for by the trustees of the First M. E. church, calling for construction and masonry work, painting, plumbing and electric wiring to be done on addition to the present edifice.

Call for Bids.
Sealed proposals will be received at the Astoria National Bank until July 15 at 2 P. M., for the construction, masonry work, painting, plumbing and electric wiring for addition to the First M. E. church, Astoria Oregon.
Information at office of Ferguson and Houston, Architects.

Continues Crusade.
Sheriff Linville, while at Seaside last Tuesday night, closed a game which was being run in a Japanese curio store at West Seaside. The sheriff said numerous reports had reached his office that in intoxicated men on the streets had become a great nuisance and that he was determined to rid the city of the stigma. He added that no gambling of any description would be tolerated at the beaches this season.

Lane Will Not Be Here.
Mayor Surprenant yesterday received a letter from Mayor Harry Lane, of Portland, in response to an invitation to participate in the dedication of the new City Hall. Mayor Lane declined the invitation owing to prior engagements in Portland on that day.

Will Be Guest of Patton.
Homer Davenport, the eminent cartoonist, who is to lecture here Thursday night, during his sojourn in the city, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patton. A strong friendship of years standing exists between the Davenport and Patton families.

New Show at Fisher's.
Next Monday evening the Snell-Adridge repertoire company will inaugurate a week's season at Fisher's opera house and will produce a new play every evening during the engagement. The company is now on its way from Eureka, California, and will arrive Wednesday or Thursday on the steamer Alliance.

Muma Funeral.
The funeral of the late Peter Muma was held yesterday morning from Pohl's undertaking parlors under the auspices of Beaver lodge, I. O. O. F., a large delegation of the lodge members being present. Rev. W. S. Short preached the funeral sermon. The interment was at Ocean View.

Reserved Seats.
Those desiring tickets for the Davenport lecture which is to occur at the opera house Thursday night, may have them reserved at Griffin's book store Wednesday morning without extra charge.

Kiln Commences Burning.
The new brick kiln at John Day commenced burning the first kiln of brick and expect to have them ready for delivery in about two weeks.

Lewis and Clark to Celebrate.
The citizens of Lewis and Clark will celebrate the Fourth of July today on the Sunflower dairy farm. One of the events of the day will be a flag pole raising for a new flag presented to the residents by O. I. Peterson.

Taylor-Cornell.
The wedding of James W. Taylor and Mrs. Catherine Cornell was solemnized yesterday afternoon by P. J. Goodman, justice of the peace.

County Court Session.
The county court will meet in regular session tomorrow. Considerable road matters will come up for consideration.

Attention Redmen.
Members of Concomly tribe, Improved Order of Redmen, will meet at their hall today at 12:30 o'clock to participate in the Fourth of July parade.

Attention Foresters.
Members of Court Astoria, Foresters of America, are requested to meet at their hall today at 12:30 o'clock to participate in the Fourth of July parade.
A. Y. ANDERSON, C. F.

Attention Maccabees.
All Maccabees will meet at their hall at 12:30 o'clock today to participate in the Fourth of July parade.
GEO. LAYZELL, Com.

A full and complete line of farm implements, farming tools, wagons, buggies of all kinds at R. M. Gaston's farm implement warehouse, 105 Fourteenth.

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BOMB'S WILL BURST
All in Readiness For Today's Celebration.

PROGRAM IS COMPLETED

Festivities to Commence This Afternoon Will be Great Parade. Exercises at Dedication of City Hall. Program of Sports. Grand Display at Night.

Arrangements for the celebration today have been completed. In order to give the people from the country districts an opportunity to witness the festivities, the exercises and sports will not take place until the afternoon.

The line of march will be as follows: Starting East on Commercial to Bond west on Bond to Seventh south on Seventh, to Commercial east on Commercial to Seventeenth street, south on Seventeenth to Exchange, East on Exchange to the City Hall where the exercises will take place. Following is the official program:

The police, band and G. A. R., will form on Ninth street at 12:45 o'clock south of Commercial street; the Coast artillery on Tenth, right resting on Commercial. Knights of Pythias on Tenth in rear of Coast artillery, Foresters, Maccabees and Redmen and other civic bodies on Tenth street between Commercial and Duane on the west side in the order named. The Boy's Brigade and Liberty Car on Eleventh street between Commercial and Duane, the business floats and wagons on Twelfth between Commercial and Duane, the carriages on Twelfth; fire department on Tenth between Bond and Commercial.

Invocation, by Rev. Father Waters. Song, "America," by the audience. Reading of the "Declaration of Independence," by Mrs. Haddock.



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You will find here a good assortment of various styles and all sizes at prices which will make the purchase easy.

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Embroidery and Lace Trimmed INDIA LINEN DRESSES for girls age 8 to 14. Prices \$1.00 to \$3.75 Our store will be open until noon today.



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This week. Don't miss this great sale of Ribbons, as our prices are positively lower than any other firm in Astoria.

No. 6 Ribbon, regular price 5c at 3c
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No. 8 Ribbon, regular price 9c at 5c
No. 12 Ribbon, regular price 12c at 8c
No. 22 Ribbon, regular price 20c at 10c
No. 40 Ribbon, regular price 25c at 12c
No. 60 Ribbon, regular price 30c at 15c
No. 80 Ribbon, regular price 35c at 19c

WE CLOSE AT NOON TODAY

Morse Department Store.
The Place Where Everybody Likes to Trade.
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Mail orders solicited. New Idea Patterns 10c.

Oration, Hon. G. C. Fulton.
Music by the band, "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean."
Hon. John H. Smith, on behalf of the City of Astoria, will present the new City Hall to Mayor Surprenant.
Address, by Mayor Surprenant, accepting the new City Hall.
Invocation, Rev. W. S. Short.
After these exercises the new City Hall will be thrown open to the public for inspection. Immediately after the exercises, the sports will be given in the following order:
Soldiers' wall scaling contest, by the soldiers from Fort Stevens, on Fourteenth, between Commercial and Duane.
Foot race for boys under 12 years, Commercial street from Seventeenth street west; 75 yards; first prize, \$5, second, \$2.50.
Footrace for girls under 12 years, Commercial street from Sixteenth street West, 50 yards; first prize, \$5, second, \$2.50.
Wheelbarrow race, four to enter, Commercial street, from Fifteenth street West. Prize \$5.
Boys' foot race, under 16 years, Commercial street from Fourteenth street West, 75 yards; first prize, \$5, second, \$2.50.
Girls' foot race, under 16, Commercial street from Fourteenth street West; first prize, \$5, second, \$2.50.
Sack race, four to enter, Twelfth street North to Bond, 50 yards; first prize, \$5, second, \$2.50.
Fat man's race, four to enter, Bond street, from Twelfth West; prize, \$5 hat.
Three-legged race, four to enter, Bond street, Eleventh street East; first prize, \$7; second, \$3.
Eggf race, four to enter, Bond street, from Eighth West, prize \$2.50.
Gressed pig race, Customs House square; prize, \$5.
Pie eating contest, four to enter, corner Ninth and Commercial, prize \$2.50.
Bicycle race, four or more to enter, Commercial street between Tenth and Fourteenth streets; prizes, first \$7, second, \$3.
Log rolling contest, corner Duane and Eleventh streets; prize; \$10.
The following have been selected to conduct the races: Judges, Charles Gammal, Thomas Linville, Johy Frye; an nunciator, C. J. Curtis. All prizes will be paid at 8 o'clock in the evening of the Fourth at the office of Chief Engineer Foster, chemical engine house.
There will be a grand display of fire works in the evening commencing at 9:30 o'clock.

Bent Her Double.
"I knew no one for four weeks when I was sick with typhoid and kidney troubles," writes Mrs. Annie Hunter, of Pittsburg, Pa. "And when I got better, although I had one of the best doctors I could get, I was bent double, and had to rest my hands on my knees when I walked. From this terrible affliction I was rescued by Electric Bitters, which restored my health and strength and now I can walk as straight as ever. They are simply wonderful." Guaranteed to cure stomach, liver and kidney disorders; at Charles Rogers' drug store; price 50c.

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