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New Clerk.—C. J. Carleton, of Salem, is expected to arrive here Monday to take a position as clerk in Fish Warden Van Dusen's office.

Still They Come.—County Clerk Clinton yesterday issued a marriage license to Mr. John Perila and Miss Edeth Rikkanola, both of this city.

Returns From Hunting Trip.—Arthur E. Petersen, the jovial proprietor of the Occident barber shop, returned this evening from a two days' hunting trip.

Died In California.—At her home in Grass Valley, Cal., on November 19th last, Mrs. S. P. Dorsey, the mother of Mrs. W. I. Howard formerly of Astoria.

Hunter's Licenses.—Since the law compelling hunters to take out licenses went into effect in June last, County Clerk Clinton has issued 468 licenses to the close of business hours yesterday.

With Bags Full.—Captain A. C. Fisher, Frank Patton and P. A. Stokes returned yesterday on the forenoon express, from a day's shooting on their preserves near Quinn's Landing. All bags were full of game and all hands reported a jolly outing.

Repair Jetty.—United States engineers working on the jetty at the mouth of the river have dispensed with the services of forty men. The contract for delivering rock is nearly done and the labors of these men were no needed any longer. About one hundred men are however, still employed as some repairs will have to be made on the jetty, which suffered considerable damage from the storm of the past few days.

Dies of Consumption.—After a brief illness Paul Peterson died yesterday at St. Mary's hospital in this city of consumption. The deceased was about 30 years of age and had no relatives as far as known. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Will Close Monday.—As Monday is New Year's day all the city, county, state, and federal offices will be closed. The post office will remain open the usual Sunday hours. Most of the business houses will also observe the day by closing.

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Wedded Yesterday.—Mr. R. S. Smith, the general railroad agent at Warrenton, was joined to Miss Mollie Denver, in the holy state of matrimony, yesterday afternoon by Rev. Luther D. Mahone, of the Congregational church. Their many friends wish them a safe and happy journey on their wedded life.

Not Yet Found.—The body of Harry Lamb who is believed to have been drowned at Altona a few days ago has not yet been recovered though diligent search has been made. The only trace thus far discovered is the finding of his pipe floating near shore. This seems to indicate that the unfortunate man was drowned.

Repair Weather Station.—Weather Forecaster Beale arrived here last evening from Portland on his way to the wrecked weather station at North Head. He had a complete set of Meteorological instruments which he will install in place of the old ones destroyed by the lightning. A lineman accompanied him to place the new apparatus in place.

Married in San Francisco.—In San Francisco last Saturday at St. Luke's church, Miss Carol H. M. Young, a daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Morris Young of Salt Lake City, was united in marriage to Dr. W. Millard Wadleigh, Rev. M. D. Wilson, formerly rector of Grace Church in this city, officiating. Dr. Wadleigh is the grandson of Mrs. A. Van Dusen of Astoria.

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Registration Dates.—On Tuesday morning next, January 2, 1906, County Clerk Clinton will open the registration books for the primary and general elections, closing them on April 10th; they will be kept closed until after the primary election on April 20th, and will be reopened on April 25th and remain open until May 15th. The general election takes place on Monday, June 4th.

Council Paid Off.—Warrants were issued yesterday by the city auditor to pay the salaries of the mayor and councilmen for the year 1905. The late Mayor Supernant, Councilmen Linerweber, Hansen, Stangland, and Robinson, did not miss a regular or special meeting and Councilman Linerweber has the distinction of being present at every roll call.

IT IS UP TO ASTORIA

To Build the Railway Line Hence to Tillamook.

ITS FIRST FRUITS ARE HERS

Proposition on Foot and Soon to be Submitted—Feasible, Practical and Valuable—Astoria Can if Astoria Will—Details Later.

It is up to Astoria! Will she take the initiative? Is her pluck equal to her pluck in 1802?

When Dr. August Kinney, eager with inspiration and hope of a railroad from Astoria to Goble and Portland, made practical demonstration of his dream by urging the popular enterprise of this city to a point where it effected the plausible and convincing exhibition of the possibilities of the scheme by way of a profile map showing its feasibility and a schedule of estimates showing it within the financial reach of the community, he and his fellow citizens took an initiative that cost them in the neighborhood of \$1000. A pitiful sum indeed when measured with the splendid results of that show of public spirit!

There is any amount of railroad building going on nowadays, on paper. Most of it with a purpose to prevent the building of railroads. Largely in the interest of big corporations that do not wish any interference with rights-of-way that they intend to utilize in the dim future, when they get good and ready; almost wholly in subversion of honest projects by clever people who would do right now, what these railroad combines are nursing for future exploitation. The press of the three coast states is ringing these changes continuously to blind the communities hungry for railroad improvement, because each of the great railways that dominate the coast have deliberate purpose in keeping down these ebullitions of local enterprise, and direct the publication of these projected lines, through their own press bureaus, for that sole purpose and that alone.

They have an immense effect in checking local endeavor along these lines and ninety-nine communities out of a hundred are humbugged into desuetude and soon become entirely oblivious of their original hope, and take what they can get when it comes, which is, practically, never.

Lately the Oregon press has been having a good deal to say about two or three projected lines into the Nehalem and Tillamook countries and Mr. Lytle, the successful builder of the Columbia Southern, has been named in conspicuous fashion with one of the exploits; but there is nothing of certitude even in this most-encouraging feature of the several enterprises now under consideration.

There is always an alternative within the reach of any city or county or both, or other live community, that has aspirations of this sort, and that is, TAKING THE INITIATIVE. Astoria did this once with magnificent success and she is going to be urged to do the like again, with a still more feasible project, namely, the starting of an ASTORIA - NEHALEM - TILLAMOOK railway of her own.

Why should she wait for the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, the Southern Pacific, or any other great trunk line, to do what is well within her own power of accomplishment? She took the bit in her teeth for the launching of a scheme to build sixty miles of railroad and came through with abundant success simply because she had the sand to START IT INTELLIGENTLY and she can do, the same good work with the smaller proposition to build forty miles of road that involves no heavier nor more discouraging phases of engineering and construction.

Why should she sit down supinely and wait for the consummation of a valuable commercial design of this sort at the hands of some powerful concern that can afford to take its time in the doing of it, so long as it holds the whip-hand in naming the day it shall be started at all. It is well inside her means to determine the possibility of the plan, by doing just as she did before; having the survey made and the mapping done along with a careful estimate of the cost of construction, and the correlative estimates of the productiveness of the territory utilized in the work. At least she can take the first hand and make a demonstration that shall compel recognition of her determined enterprise and force the coalition of such other agencies as shall feel the pinch of her progress and come to time with a show-down of capital and enter-

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prise that means consummation of the project.

For years to come the City of Astoria will be the one depot for the vast timber resources of the Nehalem forests and the Nehalem and Tillamook farms, dairies and fisheries with all their endless wealth of produce and there is no early reason why she should wait for this while some big and wealthy corporation takes its own time about despoiling her of the market and revenues certainly indigenous to the scheme.

It is feasible. All engineering of the sort is feasible now. Barriers that were wont to paralyze the skill and ambition of surveyors, have become mere stepping-stones to their success, and there are but two momentous obstacles confronting the builders of this line: Circumventing Tillamook Head and the grade over or around Necanic Mountain. If the way about, over, under or through these impediments is wanted, it will be found and it will be utilized, just as the treacherous quick-sand flats along the line of the Columbia river were overcome, by the determined wit and energy of the men paid to find the expedient.

The question above all others, at the present moment is, WILL ASTORIA TAKE HOLD and go it alone, as she did before, and demonstrate the practicability and value of the undertaking? That once done, there will be no want of encouragement of the most material sort ready at her hand for the full and final completion of the work.

THE FIRST FRUITS OF THIS ENTERPRISE BELONG TO ASTORIA.

On Special Mission.—W. S. U. Ren, the well known Oregon City attorney, was the city yesterday in the interest of the Oregon Power League, of which he is one of the promoters and officers. The league has for its object the framing, presentation, and enactment of so-called popular legislation. It desires a membership of 500 and has secured about one-fifth of this number to date. He will remain here today, returning to the Willamette Valley on tonight's express.

Early, But Valuable.—There is a good deal of misinformation abroad about the qualifications for a voter at a general state election in Oregon, and one of the commonest blunders is that held by some people that one must have been in the county for ninety days and in the precinct for thirty days next preceding the date of the election. There is but one true qualification and that is that the voter must have been in the State for six months next preceding the day of election. If he is 21 years of age, he has nothing else to consider, being American born.

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New Astoria Items.—Arthur F. Fletcher of Fort Stevens died yesterday while undergoing an operation for rupture. Forty men in the engineer's department at Fort Stevens have been laid off owing to the damage done to the jetty during the recent storms, though a number have been retained to make necessary repairs on the big work, another consequence of the gate. Geo. Prescott is reported to have taken a

bad fall through a hole in the Hammond sidewalk, after dark, striking his side viciously on a neighboring picket fence. He will recover.

Death of Mrs. Olsen.—Mrs. Marie Olsen of this city passed away at an early hour yesterday morning of cancer from which she had been a sufferer for some time. The deceased was a native of Norway and 43 years old. A husband and three children survive her. The funeral will occur tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the K. of P. hall, Rev. W. S. Short, of the Grace Episcopal Church, officiating. The services will be conducted under the auspices of the Rathbone Sisters of which the deceased was a member. The interment will be in Greenwood cemetery.

Any phase of hunger can be daintily gratified at any hour of the day or night at the Palace Restaurant. The kitchen and dining room service are of the positive best. Private dining rooms for ladies. On call inspires regular custom. Try it. Commercial street, opposite Page building.

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