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 We have just received a shipment of new and up-to-date
Imported Chinaware
 consisting mostly of odd pieces, selected patterns, from the leading makers, and will prove better value than the kind you have been paying more money for. See our line before buying.

ROSS, HIGGINS & Co.
 RELIABLE GROCERS.

TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Pay Water Rent.—Monday and Tuesday will be the last days left in which to pay the water rates and escape the penalty of 25 cents charged every one which is delinquent.

Funeral Yesterday.—The funeral of the late Hugh McLoughlin took place yesterday morning from the funeral parlors of the Pohl undertaking establishment, with the interment in Greenwood.

The Municipal Ownership League extends an invitation to the public to attend their meeting in the Fishermen's Hall on Astor street, Sunday April 8 at 2:30 p. m.
H. M. LORNSTEN, Chairman.

Dies Yesterday.—Early yesterday morning Jake Usitalo died at his home in Uniontown of senile exhaustion at the age of 75 years. The deceased had been a fisherman of the Columbia river for many years. The funeral will probably occur Monday.

Don't Forget to look up the business card of F. W. Gardner, the expert book-keeper, in this issue. It may have something of interest for you.

The Supreme Privilege.—County Clerk J. C. Clinton yesterday issued a marriage license in favor of Mr. Daniel P. Beecher and Miss Carrie Tangent both well known young people of this county and city.

Hotel Irving.—European plan. The only steam-heated hotel in Astoria; large and airy rooms; prices from 50 cents to \$1.50; well prepared and daintily served meals at 25 cents. Special rates per week or month for room and board to permanent guests. Our bus meets all trains and steamboats.

One Lone Deed.—There was but one deed filed in the office of the county clerk yesterday. August Larsen and wife to Karl E. Soderbork, warranty, consideration \$5, conveying Lots 9 and 10, in Block 15, at Warrenton.

Ladies.—We are now prepared to furnish you with our latest styles of up-to-date dress and street hats for the little misses. Our prices are right. At the Fair Eastern Millinery in the Star Theatre Building. 4-8

To St. Helen's.—A few of the members of Astor Lodge No. 6, K. of P., and of the Rathbone Sisters attended the district convention of the order at St. Helen's which occurred yesterday afternoon and evening. A banquet was enjoyed at the close and a fine time is reported.

Try a Can of Hill's Bros. High Grade Mocha and Java Coffee,

AND IF IT IS NOT THE BEST YOU HAVE EVER USED, WE WILL GLADLY REFUND YOUR MONEY.

JOHNSON BROS.
 GOOD GOODS.
 118-122 Twelfth St. Astoria, Ore.

BASE BALL.
 Sunday April 8th
 Astoria vs. Ft Stevens.
 A. F. C. Grounds.
 ADMISSION 25c.

Star Changes Hands.—The management of the Star theatre in this city will change hands tomorrow, the new proprietor being Mr. Gevurtz who was formerly in charge of the house. Mr. Hagar will go from here to Seattle, and perhaps to Victoria, and assume the management of a similar business in one of those cities. He and Mrs. Hagar will leave toward the end of the coming week.

Two More Cits.—Alfred Hansen, a native of Norway, and August Toya, of Finland, filed their declarations of intention in the matter of prospective American citizenship, with County Clerk Clinton, yesterday.

Pillbury's Best Flour, Minneapolis.
 \$1.75 per sack. Geo. Lindstrom & Co.

All Were Pleased.—The opening of the Fair Millinery parlors, under the management of Mrs. A. E. Peterson, yesterday, attracted large and constant crowds of ladies, who were all thoroughly pleased with the artistic showing made in dainty creations and rich materials incident to the exhibit. There is nothing too fine and new and exacting in the business, for this establishment and its management, and the house will soon be known as one of the completest and most up-to-date resources for fine and modern millinery on the coast. It is simply a question of ordering. Every demand will be promptly and accurately filled.

Leave your Panama hats at Scully's cigar store and get them cleaned in first-class style. 4-4-St.

Give Dance.—The Knights and Ladies of Security give a very pleasant farmers dance last evening at Hammond.

Fears He Was Shanghaied.—From Portland comes the story that J. R. Lischer a janitor in the employ of A. B. Steinbach, believes that his son, Daniel was shanghaied aboard the British ship Eskasoni while she was laying at this port and it is said he has placed the case in the hands of the police who are investigating. Daniel Lischer, who is twenty-four years of age came to this city a week ago to investigate the cannery business with a view of engaging in it. On April four his father received a letter from him, stating that he had found nothing in the cannery business and had embraced a good opportunity to go to Manila. The letter went on to state in glowing terms the outlook for a pleasant and profitable trip, and then ends in a flat contradiction. The letter says: "I had no intention of leaving so, but the opportunity was too good to miss. If you do not get another letter from me notify the police. Mr. Lischer is of the opinion that the contradictions in the letter are explained by the supposed fact that it was written under compulsion, and that at the last moment his son had an opportunity to slip in an intimation of the true facts. Upon receiving this letter Mr. Lischer at once communicated with the Portland police who in turn laid the case before the Astoria police. A telephone message was received at the office of the police of this city the night before the Eskasoni sailed, intimating that there was some irregularity in the shipping of one of her crew. The case was investigated and it was found that the name of Lischer had been signed in the hand writing of the mate. The British consul at Manila will be communicated with by the police, in order that the case may be investigated at that end of the trip. Chief Gammel, however does not believe any shanghaing was done.

LADIES!
 Be sure to attend to the Fair millinery opening on Saturday, April 7th. Our styles are strictly up-to-date, and prices are much lower than ever before at this time of the year. You will not be disappointed.

LADIES!
 For a good shave go to the Occident Barber Shop. Five chairs. No long waits.

THE PICTURE WORLD.
 When you are in need of anything in the photographic line in the amateur way, kodaks, films, plates, cards, mounts, and all the technical details of the business, and want the best and last in the way of artistic development just go to Frank Hart, the druggist, and tell him so. That is all.

Baseball goods at Svenson's.

To Sing "The Palms."—At the First Methodist church this evening, being Palm Sunday, Mr. James Vaughn will render "The Palms" an addition to the choir service that will be greatly appreciated.

CLATSOP ORCHARDISTS.

Meeting of the Fruit Men of The County Is This City Yesterday.

At one o'clock yesterday afternoon there assembled at the Clatsop court house, about fifteen farmers and fruit men who are interested in the appointment of an inspector of fruit for this county.

Hon. J. Q. A. Bowlby was mere chairman of the gathering and Judge Frank J. Taylor was in charge of the records and secretary.

The prime object of the meeting was fully discussed and resulted in the unanimous choice falling to John Rist for inspector and a committee of two, W. J. Ingalls and J. W. Reith was named to circulate a petition for such an appointment. The petition will have to be signed by at least twenty-five citizens, and then presented to the county court, and the nominee must have the recommendation of the member of the Oregon State Horticultural Board for this district, before the court can consider, or make the appointment.

There is no reason to doubt all the requirements will be promptly and fully met and that the appointment will be made in due course; and such an issue is certain to be of conspicuous service to the fruit interests of the county.

At the meeting yesterday there were some apple exhibits made that were quite interesting to those concerned. Some of the fruit that is shipped in here by the merchants of Astoria and sold on the market at \$3.50 per box, were more than paralleled by other fruit of the same or equal stock and value, raised right here in the county, and which would, net a comfortable profit to the grower at \$1.00 per; and the logical conclusion was reached that the home-grown might just as well have the benefit of those values as the merchant of San Miguel, California, or any other outsider. And this will come in time.

BASEBALL GAME.

Astoria and Fort Stevens Nines to Meet on Diamond This Afternoon.

This afternoon the Astoria baseball team will meet the strong nine from Fort Stevens at the A. F. C. grounds. Both teams have been practicing hard for the contest and a good game is assured. The game will be called promptly at 2:30 and the price of admission will be 25 cents including a seat in the grand stand.

William Painter has been chosen as umpire.

The lineup of the two teams will be as follows:

ASTORIA		FORT STEVENS	
Weatherford	c.	Neary	
Iraake	p	Hoover	
Darragh	1st b.	Cooper	
Carlson	2nd b.	Linsay	
Anst (Capt)	3rd b.	Chilton	
Erickson	s. s.	Wright	
Larsen	l. f. Dellinger (Capt)		
Ansted	e. f.	Hathaway	
Crow	r. f.	Hulse	
Olson	sub.	Pfiffer	

LADIES!
 Attention is called to the grand opening sale of the latest up-to-date millinery at the Fair (Star Theatre building), on Saturday, April 7. You are cordially invited.

THE OLD GOVERNMENT.
 The perfection of whisky used in the medical department of the United States military and naval service. Also in hospitals. Recommended by the highest authorities as the purest stimulant for family use. Sold exclusively by Wm. Beck.
 Morning Astorian 65 cents per month.

THE NIMBLE COIN.

The nimble coin of the country never does so good a thing as when it supplies a man with a well-cooked and healthful meal of the sort he is hungry for. In this instance it becomes a blessing, and no pocketbook is the poorer for the expenditure; this is why everyone you see coming out of the Palace Restaurant carries such a grateful and satisfied expression of countenance. Just watch for a day or so, and the first thing you know you'll be a steady customer there. It is one of the certainties of Astoria life.

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WATERFRONT ITEMS

Gleanings of the Day in Shipping Circles.

PERRY ARRIVES IN PORT

French Ship Jules Gomme Grain Laden Arrives Down From Portland—Senator for Frisco—Steamers Roanoke and Columbia Due.

The handsome little Columbine swung in over the bar at sundown yesterday, and was soon at her moorings at the foot of Eighth street. Captain Richardson, his officers and crew are all well and hearty and glad to get back to the station after her three months absence. The captain says Astoria looked mighty good to him with the sun shining on her as he came in last evening, made him think of New York harbor and the city, as he has seen it many a time. The Columbine delivered coal and supplies at the Cape Flattery Light ship, and at Destruction Island, on her way in, and will now resume her regular duties on this station. The Columbine and the Heather are the show boats of this harbor anyway, and both are very popular here.

The Commodore Perry reached port yesterday morning after a four day cruise down the coast. Captain Tuttle is feeling very much better from the attack of rheumatism which he took to sea with him. While off Hecketta Head, the boys on the cutter caught 320 pounds of rock cod and the captain and his men generously disposed of the whole lot among their numerous friends in this port. As the jolly captain says, "You can't expect us to eat all those fish; we caught them for our friends."

The steamship Senator was an early arrival from Portland, en route to San Francisco yesterday morning. She took from this port as passengers the following people: In the cabin, L. E. Selig, John Rogers, J. C. Rudback, Lawrence P. Corbett, Mrs. E. C. Bowes, Mrs. Lillian Spencer; and in the steerage, R. Thomsen, E. Englebort, O. Selnas, Fred Orian, Gust. Carlson, Olof Bjorg, Peter Lee, and J. Johnson.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

The schooner Mabel Gale got away to sea yesterday on the morning tide.

The schooner W. F. Jewett was among the get-aways on the early flood yesterday morning.

The motor schooner Gerald C. arrived in yesterday evening, from Nehalem, with a full cargo of sardines.

The O. R. & N. Company's office on the big piers here, is to be equipped with a bigger safe. The office force were installing it yesterday.

The steamships Columbia and Roanoke are due to arrive from San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively tomorrow.

The steamer Cascades arrived down from the metropolis at 7 o'clock yesterday morning and left out at 8 o'clock for San Francisco.

The barkentine Portland is due down from Stella with a big load of lumber for San Pedro delivery, this morning, the Oklahoma going back for her yesterday noon.

The steamer Daisy Mitchell arrived in from San Francisco, late yesterday afternoon, and after a brief stay at the Callender pier, went on to the metropolis.

The Lurline got away for Portland last evening on her schedule with the following people in her cabin; J. W. Webb, C. J. Hawkins, F. B. Hart and F. H. Preske.

The French ship Jules Gomme, Captain Quattervaux, grain laden for Fal-mouth, came down from Portland on the hawsers of the Oklahoma yesterday morning and will get the quickest despatch possible on her long voyage as the captain hopes to make it by August 15th.

The steamer Major Guy Howard yesterday took down 3,000 feet of dock planking to be used in the repairs now underway on the pier at Fort Columbia. It was twenty foot stuff and made an awkward load for the post steamer

whose space for deck loads is not the amplest.

Captain Tom. Spencer, the former owner of the spanking motor launch "Elk," who recently sold the vessel to some Puget Sound people for duty in the Alaska fisheries, will leave out this morning for Bellingham, to make formal delivery of the boat to her new owners.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Ben Young came over from Ilwaco on the steamer Nahcotta yesterday afternoon for an over Sunday visit with friends.

Sheriff Thomas Linville was a homing passenger on the steamer Nahcotta yesterday. He has been on the north shore on private business for a couple of days.

Misses Baldwin and Hardy of Portland, arrived in the city on the Hassald yesterday morning en route the beach at Seaside.

M. Jesse Sterns, of Portland is in the city on a business trip.

George S. Shepard of Portland, came down yesterday, and is greeting his many friends hereabout, in the matter of his candidacy for a seat in the lower house of Congress.

L. C. Smith, of Detroit, is a business visitor in the city.

Miss P. E. Prouty of Knappa, is in the city and is domiciled at the Occident Hotel.

A. L. Pohl, of San Francisco, arrived in the city on the noon express from Portland yesterday.

Rudolph Johnson of Hammond was in Astoria yesterday.

Lewis Cunningham of Casey, Oregon, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hawkins left last night for Eugene, where Mr. Hawkins has accepted a position with the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company.

PAY BACK TAXES.

Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Pay Michigan State Treasurer.

LANSING Mich., April 7.—The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad yesterday paid into the state treasury \$640,758 for back taxes. This is the first road to pay up its taxes under the recent decision of the supreme court upholding the Michigan ad valorem tax law of 1901. The railroads while contesting the new ad valorem law continued paying their taxes each year under the old specific tax law. They now have to pay the difference and pay in addition a penalty of one per cent, per month for delay in complying with the terms of the new law. This penalty in the case of the Chicago & Northwestern amounted to \$106,140. These heavy payments of back taxes from the railroads will go into the primary school fund. It is estimated that the aggregate amount which will be received by the schools of the city of Detroit at once will be \$800,000 and schools throughout the state will receive their due proportion. For the paying of the 1905 taxes the railroads have the remainder of April before the one percent a month penalty will run against them. For the previous year since the ad valorem law went into effect the penalty is already running.

SNOW CAUSES DAMAGE.

Two Lives Lost and Much Property Destroyed.

CASPER, Wyo., April 7.—Snow melting in the foothills combined with the heavy fall of moisture during the past ten days has caused unprecedented damage in central Wyoming.

The Belgo-American Oil Company is the principal loser. Its great oil reservoir, situated on the little Popoagie river, has been completely destroyed and 100,000 barrels of oil lost. The Belgo-American Company has sustained other losses which will bring the damage high into the thousands.

Near Shoshone, John Truison, a well known railroad contractor attempted to cross Muskrat river during the flood. He was swept off his horse and although his cries attracted a number of railroad graders, they were not able to save him. The body was found far below at the confluence of the Muskrat and the Big Horn rivers.

At Fort Washakie, a freighter, known as shorty, is believed to have been drowned with his entire outfit, consisting of a four horse team and woggon. He was making his regular trip when last heard of, ten days ago.

LEADER IS ARRESTED.

MOSCOW, April 6.—A newspaper says a man was arrested at Zurich today as the ring leader of the gang which robbed the Mutual Credit Bank of this city of \$437,500 on March 20th and is identified as the former chief cashier of the Moscow postoffice discharged from the service for participating in the December strike.

DEEPER CHANNEL

G. S. Shepherd Favors Forty Feet on Columbia Bar.

IS CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

George S. Shepherd, Aspirant for Congressional Honors, talks interestingly on Policy He Would Pursue if Elected.

George S. Shepherd, candidate for the Republican nomination as representative in congress for this district in Astoria for a few days seeing old friends and incidentally looking over the field for the coming election.

Mr. Shepherd is well known in this city having attended the annual regatta here for several years past, and for the past two years has entered the sloop Albatross in the races.

In speaking of the situation politically, Mr. Shepherd stated that he was much encouraged over his prospects for the election, and that everywhere he had been the outlook seemed most favorable.

"I am most deeply interested," said he, "in Astoria, this lower Columbia section. I was a sailor myself, and so the shipwreck of the state probably is near my heart than to the average person."

"I consider," continued Mr. Shepherd, "that the deepening of the channel of the Columbia river bar to a depth where all sea going ships can enter with



safety and dispatch, in any kind of weather, of the utmost importance, and the foremost question to come before the people of Oregon.

"I believe that it is entirely possible to obtain a depth of forty feet on the Columbia bar, and I shall put forth all my energies toward securing the desired appropriation for this end, if I am selected as Oregon's representative at Washington.

"In order to properly develop Oregon that our people may have an equal chance to compete with Puget Sound and San Francisco, in the struggle for Oriental trade, it is necessary for the Columbia bar to be deepened to that point where the largest steamers can enter, and it is my intention to work for this end, if I am chosen by the people.

"If I am elected to congress I will cruise on the bar for a month or more in order that I may thoroughly familiarize myself with the conditions there and will thus be able to speak from a knowledge obtained first hand.

Mr. Shepherd is a member of the Portland city council. He came to Oregon thirty years ago and has practiced law in Portland for the past eleven years, with the exception of about one year when he shipped before the mast to study navigation, and has in the course of his travels examined the harbor improvements in the different parts of the world.

So Canada is going to bring the Bell telephone and its competitors under railway commission control and compel connections with independent companies, ringing the bell, as it were!

The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

LEST YOU FORGET.

Is it not about time you were getting that buggy fixed up? It may need new rubber tires or perhaps some other repairs. If so, take it to Andrew As' Company. They also do all kinds of blacksmithing and repair work.

N. A. Ackerman, 421 Bond St., does all manner of taxidermy, furniture upholstery, carpet cleaning and laying, mattress making a specialty and all work guaranteed.