

# WEST SIDE NEWS

## Daily Happenings at Warrenton, Seaside, Hammond and Fort Stevens.

### WARRENTON

WARRENTON, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Jacob Bozart is ill and it is feared that pneumonia will develop.

R. A. Abbott is building a pretty colonial cottage at West station for Paul and Rose West, to be known as "Columbia Lodge." The cottage will be of native finish, shingled outside, and will follow closely the design of the early colonial days.

Miss E. V. Hess, teacher of the Spikanon school, District No. 2, will hold an examination in the 8th grade next Monday.

That a man is as young as he feels was illustrated yesterday when R. A. Abbot, who is 64 years young, was seen carting upon the ice at Spikanon with the rest of the "kids." Mr. Abbot had not essayed to skate for twenty years, but he said the runners struck out just as they used to. He is a trifle lame today, but intends to try it again.

A new city hall will be erected on Main street some time this summer. Provision will be made for a lock-up and a meeting place for the council.

Jacob Bozart is making several improvements upon his Main street property. He is moving his warehouse and building an addition to his blacksmith shop, providing room for the establishment of a blacksmith shop.

At the last meeting of road district No. 1, the people authorized a tax levy of 10 mills to complete the road to Astoria and building a cut-off which will save four miles each way, from the beach by way of Skipanon. There was considerable opposition from Warrenton taxpayers, because of the fear that business might be diverted. It is thought that the road will be planked by June 1.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Crandel and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bane were visitors in Astoria yesterday.

S. B. Thomas of Tacoma has leased the Preston building and will establish a restaurant.

### FLAVEL

FLAVEL, Jan. 18.—The steam schooner Northland is loading about 900,000 feet of lumber from the Old Oregon Mill at Warrenton. The Northland expected to take a cargo up river, but owing to the heavy ice, anchored for a day off Astoria. The ice chafed her hull so badly that she ran to the Flavel dock and secured the lumber cargo, which was intended for the Big Bonanza, the vessel which the tug Samson cut adrift because of injuries to herself. The process of loading the Northland is slow, as only five cars per day are brought to the docks. The mill company has two scows loaded with 300,000 feet and as soon as the ice will permit they will be towed alongside the ship. She is bound for San Pedro.

The four masted schooner Balboa, Captain Burmeister, is also loading a million feet at this wharf from the same mill. She expects to get away for San Pedro about next Wednesday.

Section crews are filling in several washouts in the roadbed between Flavel and Hammond, which were caused by the recent rough weather.

### SEASIDE

SEASIDE, Jan. 18.—The precious early morning sleep of Seasideans was disturbed about 5 o'clock this morning by the furious clanging of the fire bell. Drowsy-headed men, scantily clothed and with anything but pleasant feelings, rushed frantically to the city hall with visions of an immense conflagration before them. Upon their arrival they were informed by Druggist Conn that a water pipe above the saloon of B. J. Callahan, adjoining his place, had burst and was flooding both buildings. Some of the more dis-

gruntled citizens hurried homeward, grumbling, to the warm beds they had left, while others volunteered to aid Mr. Conn. After two hours' work, with the aid of a plumber, the flow of water was stopped. The rear of Mr. Callahan's saloon and of the drug store were thoroughly flooded, but the damage was not great.

Mayor Miller, in a message to the council, recommends that the city cooperate with the county court in developing a plan to macadamize the principal streets of the city. The Development League, which contemplates a campaign of improvement, urges that all of the principal streets be treated with macadam and has promised its material as well as moral support. It is desired that Main street be macadamized two miles each way from Bridge street, and that a rock crusher be purchased to prepare its principal material for the improvement.

At the last meeting of the council it was decided to extend Madison, Kent and Exchange streets across the railroad track and a request has been made that the railroad company shall install suitable crossings.

The De Moss Lyric Bards will give an entertainment at the M. E. church tomorrow night.

### HAMMOND

HAMMOND, Jan. 18.—Iver Birkstol, lightkeeper at the Desdemona light house, and the life-saving crew at Hammond had a thrilling experience in the ice floes Wednesday. For a considerable time they were in peril and had it not been for the timely assistance of the engineer department at the jetties it is probable that the boats would have been crushed and the occupants lost. Birkstol attempted to land at the government wharf in a small boat. The ice closed about his boat so thickly that he abandoned his attempt to land there and tried to push through the drift and reach shore. He had proceeded only a short distance, when the heavy ice completely encircled his craft, leaving him helpless. The life saving crew, in a surf boat, tried to reach him, with the result that their boat was also stuck fast. After remaining locked in the ice about two hours employees of the engineers' department passed them a line and hauled them ashore.

A roller skating club has been organized here which nightly enjoys this popular sport at Ford's hall. Among the members are Fred Getty, Frank Stout, William Brown, Dora Brown, Anna Carlson, P. J. Glanze, Frances Glanze, Otto Bolhorn, Frank Timb, Fred Norton, Ed Ringsmith and several soldiers from Fort Stevens.

The Ladies of the Maccabees will give a dance at Red Men's hall February 9. Refreshments will be served.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pifer was gladdened yesterday by the arrival of a baby girl.

### FT. STEVENS

FT. STEVENS, Jan. 18.—This post has 60 1st regiment rolls a quartet of veterans whose aggregate term of service will probably equal, if not exceed, that of a similar number of men in any post in the United States. Each of the quartet has reached the rank of sergeant of one grade or another and each has earned distinction in some form. These four men have served in the army an aggregate of 90 years, and each is determined to remain in the service until the period of retirement, when the beneficent government will provide for them in their declining years by allowing them three-fourths pay with \$15 additional.

Probably the case of Post Commissary Sergeant H. Laskowski is the most unique of any of the quartet of veterans. When he arrived in this country from German Poland in 1882 he had served in the horse artillery, under the old Emperor Wilhelm. His record was an unusually excellent one and on that account the recruiting of-

fers waived the usual prohibition against enlisted non-English speaking men and accepted him into the service, assigning him to the 13th infantry, in which he served continuously for sixteen years. He was originally assigned to Company C and he remained with that company—eight years, of which he served as first sergeant—until 1898, when, just prior to the Spanish-American war, he successfully passed an examination as commissary sergeant and was appointed to that position, which he has since held.

While stationed near the Mexican border with his regiment in 1887, Sergeant Laskowski assisted in the capture of that most wily and cruel of Indian chiefs—old Geronimo—who gave the government more trouble than any single red man in history, and who was only recently released from Fort Sill upon his promise never again to incite his followers to an uprising. Two years later the sergeant helped to open Oklahoma Territory and the Cheyenne-Arapaho reservation. He possesses three medals presented by the government for distinguished marksmanship, he having participated in all rifle competitions between 1887 and 1894. He has served in Porto Rico, Fort Lawton, Fort Davis, Nome, Alaska, and at Vancouver Barracks, coming to Fort Stevens last October, included in his service was one year spent as instructor of volunteers.

Although he was born in New York State, First Sergeant W. H. Baldwin of the 34th company, is as loyal a Westerner as any native son of Oregon and when he completes his 30 years of service four years hence he intends to pass the remaining years of his life on the Pacific coast.

"I was born in Rockland county, about 20 miles from New York city," said the sergeant today. "I was back there on a visit a few years ago, and the place looked as it did when I left there years ago. Men who were old when I left looked just the same, their farms hadn't changed a bit, and they still clung to the idea that the world began and ended in New York. I asked them why they didn't sell their worn-out land, come west and farm on land where they didn't have to keep their fingers under ground all the time to keep the crops up. The invariable reply was: 'This land was good enough for father, and I reckon it is good enough for me.' That's the prevailing notion there, but it doesn't appeal to me."

Sergeant Baldwin is fat and happy, despite his 26 long years of service. While some of the youngsters are bewailing their fancied hardships in the service, Baldwin is looking calmly and not impatiently ahead to the time when he can retire and spend his last years in ease and comfort. He spent ten years in the 5th and 8th cavalry and the remaining 16 years in the artillery service. Prior to coming to Fort Stevens in 1899 he was stationed at the Presidio and in New York harbor.

During the next three months about thirty men will be discharged at the expiration of service, as few men at this post re-enlist. It is feared that it will be difficult to recruit the companies to anywhere near their normal strength.

Duty Sergeant R. N. Davidson of the 33rd company, enjoys the distinction of making the highest individual score of 492 contestants at the annual rifle competition at Seaside, N. J., last year, making a score of 312 out of a possible 350. There were 41 teams of 12 men each in the contest and although an infantry team won the team contest, Davidson captured the individual trophy. He is the proud possessor of 12 distinguished marksman medals. He enlisted 20 years ago. He served five years in the 8th infantry; 8 years in the 16th infantry and two and one-half years in the 17th infantry. Four years ago he was transferred to the 33rd company coast artillery, with which he has since served. Davidson participated in the battle of San Juan hill in Shafter's army corps and served two years in the Philippines.

Sergeant A. L. Cauley of the 34th company is another veteran whose 19 years of service have not been a drudge. At present he is major domo of the post railroad station, acting as operator, ticket agent, baggage

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