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

Astor Temple No. 25, Rathbone Sisters, will give another popular social dance at Logan's Hall Monday, Feb. 11. Admission, 50 cents.

Back from Portland—E. N. Clark, the real estate man, returned from Portland yesterday noon and reports river-water and really both high at the metropolis, and both climbing steadily.

Improving Rapidly—The many friends of Rev. Father Dellman, who has been ill at St. Mary's Hospital for some time, will find pleasure in the report of his convalescence, which is now assured.

That's the Place! Where? No. 523 Commercial street. You can get any kind of a Valentine at prices to suit you. Sentimental, comic and post cards. Come early and avoid the rush at Hart's Drug Store.

Make Good Use of It—There is an "odd and end" sale on just now at the popular shoe house of Chas. V. Brown. Don't fail to avail yourself of the unusual opportunity for bargains in footwear. It's up to you!

Re-Opens Irving Hotel—William Henschman, formerly of Portland but lately of Chinook, has leased the Irving hotel and will open it up. He will conduct a first class hostelry for the accommodation of the public.

We are going to move into the Spexarth Building, Commercial street, between 8th and 9th, the end of this week. Stock much be reduced in that time; in order to do so, will positively almost give goods away. Don't wait, come at once, or you will regret this opportunity. C. H. Cooper's Great Retiring Sale.

Do you feel sleepy and not a bit like working in the afternoon? Perhaps it's because of the kind of lunch you're eating—too heavy and too hard to digest. Why not try the Palace restaurant on Commercial street, where all the baking is done in those famous slow-process ovens, which turn out light, appetizing wholesome things? You'll save money, too.

SOME THING NEW
Kippered Mackerel
10c and 15c each
 Try them. Prepared at Astoria, Oregon.
Scholfield, Mattson & Co.,
 SUCCESSORS TO JOHNSON BROS.

For a
VICTOR OR AN EDISON
PHONOGRAPH
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Dell B. Scully, Notary Public, at Scully's Cigar Store. Any old hour!

For a Swell Ladies' Back Comb or Belt Buckle, go to P. J. Donnerberg's, 110 11th street.

Don't Forget—The Liberty Bell Social and Dance at Logan's Hall on Saturday night next, February 9.

Your last chance at the old stand—goods that are left will simply be sacrificed or given away, as we must move what is left the end of this week. C. H. Cooper's Great Retiring Sale.

Special Sale—We have a large assortment of umbrella jars which we will place on special sale on Saturday, Feb. 9, at a discount of 20 per cent. Chas. Heilborn & Co., Complete House Furnishers.

On County Business—County Road Master John Frye leaves this morning for the Nehalem to open operations for the county saw mill, and will keep it going until it shall have cut 300,000 feet of bridge and road lumber.

Some Estate Orders—Judge Trenchard yesterday made orders in the estates named as follows: Frank Mannon, deceased, fixing April 1 next for hearing final account of W. E. Schimpff, administrator. And same date for hearing final account of Ida M. Potter, executrix of the estate of H. H. Thompson, deceased.

Membership Social—The members of the First Methodist church gave a social last evening in honor of several of the congregation who are leaving the city, namely, Mrs. S. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoek, Mrs. Lars Bergsbick and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Julien. Those present report a most enjoyable evening.

Notice of Meeting—The regular monthly meeting of the Seaman's and Fishermen's Friend Society will be held in the class room of the Methodist church tonight at 7:30. Every member is requested to be present, as there will be important business to consider. The plans of the building will be presented and acted upon.

Chocolates and Bonbons

Hoefler's
Are the Best

BIG MASS MEETING

Called for Next Thursday, at Logan's Hall.

ASTORIA'S FUTURE INVOLVED

Rousing Meeting Last Night of Steering Committee of 15—Arrangements Made for the Civic Rally and Civic Results.

Last evening at 8 o'clock the following named gentlemen of the steering committee of fifteen, heretofore named to arrange for the mass meeting that is to be responsible for the re-organization of Astoria Chamber of Commerce, met at the Bond street quarters of the chamber, to-wit: Messrs. John Gratke, chairman; J. T. Ross, F. J. Carney, H. R. Hoefler, F. L. Parker, Dr. Ball, C. R. Morse, J. Q. A. Bowley, F. N. Clark (secretary), A. Schernekau, G. Wingate and Walter C. Stokes. These gentlemen brought their snap with them and infused it into the subsequent proceedings in a fashion that will serve for a rattling standard of procedure in the new Chamber of Commerce when it shall have been set up and launched.

Among the first matters to be despatched was the naming of the date and place for the proposed mass meeting of citizens that shall be the nucleus of the new and active agency, and this was determined by a successful motion that said meeting transpire on the evening of next Thursday, February 14, at Logan's Hall, at which time and place it is expected that every Astorian will do his whole duty by the cardinal object of the call.

It was ordered in this connection that invitations be addressed to Tom Richardson, secretary of the Portland Commercial Club; to Walter C. Smith, president of the Columbia River Land Company; and F. J. Carney was requested to send an express invitation to Secretary Chas. B. Merrick, of the Oregon Retail Grocers' and Merchants' Association, to be present and address the convention, each and all upon subjects analogous to the occasion, and Chairman Gratke was directed to send the telegrams of invitation without loss of time, and to secure an advance outline of the speeches these gentlemen are to favor the assembly with.

Music was ordered, of the best, and lots of it; Mr. Stewart being appointed to secure the Mandolin club, and Mr. Ross was charged to have the brass band in conspicuous evidence, on that night.

The following sub-committees were named last night and they will contribute largely to the eclat of the big gathering on Thursday of next week: On Advertising—F. N. Clark, Clark, On Reception—F. L. Parker, F. J. Carney, A. Schernekau, On Music—J. T. Ross, On Stage—John Gratke, On Applications—F. N. Clark, Walter Stokes, H. R. Hoefler, and Frank Woodfield, C. R. Morse, F. L. Parker, A. Dunbar and Harry Wherrity.

The following named gentlemen were chosen to act as ushers at the mass-meeting: F. N. Clark, H. R. Hoefler, Walter Stokes, and Frank Woodfield. The slogan last night was, "For a Chamber of Commerce of 500," and the spirit that begets such results was in full swing and will be plainly in evidence on the great night that is to see the awakening of the civic forces of Astoria, and their application to her new and hearty future.

There must be no holding back from this great call for the good of the city; the man of place and power and wealth and the man of ordinary tenor and quiet pursuits and of no wealth must, alike, be out on what occasion, just to show Astoria what resources she possesses when the hour is at hand for her revivication.

Wake up! Pass the word! Prepare to talk, and do, and declare for the good of the city you dwell in! You are here, your family, business and interests are here! Therefore, it's the best place on earth!

New Dancing Club—A new dancing school was formed at Kearney's hall last night. The officers are: J. Leahy, president; W. Paulson, treasurer; A. Nelson, secretary; and Fred J. Brown, teacher. The first public dance will be given Saturday, Feb. 16. After that date instruction will be given on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week.

SLIGHT DISTURBANCE.

Four Combatants Cause Some Excitement on Commercial Street.

They were two young men on trouble bent and it took the best efforts of some of Astoria's highest officials to prevent their reducing the Chinese population of this city. They met a couple of celestials who refused to give them the right of way and trouble began. Things were getting for a while and the big plate glass windows of Herman Wise's store came very near suffering. The mayor came out and seconded the efforts of Police Commissioner Martin Foard to quell the disturbance. The air was full of Chinese and American exclamations during the next few minutes, but the arguments of the officials prevailed and peace settled once more over the disturbed area.

First Official Visit—The Right Rev. Charles Scadding, D. D., Bishop of Oregon, will make his first official visitation to Grace church parish and to the mission of Holy Innocents today. He will arrive on the noon train and confer with the chapel guild and vestry at 3:30. The Apostolic rite of confirmation will be administered at Grace church in the evening at 7:30 o'clock, at which time the bishop will preach. The community generally is cordially invited to be present at this service. The bishop has identified himself with Oregon's interests, so he is interested in Astoria. The bishop expects to return to Portland on Saturday morning.

Restored to Liberty—Yesterday noon Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy gave the freedom of the city, county and state to Olaf Peterson, the ex-dog-catcher, of Astoria, who, by reason of his predisposition to drink and dope, has been a prison charge on the county since the 3rd of last August. Peterson was fitted out with new garments from head to foot and was handed a bunch of official admonitions which it will stand him in hand to observe with some good faith, unless he wants to change his habitat to the long-sustained confinement awaiting him at the Oregon asylum for the insane.

Wants Re-Imbursement—Frank Spittle, the attorney, was before the county court yesterday contending for the claim of Patrick Lawlor, of Seaside, for re-imbusement in the sum of \$500, paid for certain property bought by him at the late tax sale, and which, it appears, should not have been included in the list. Deputy District Attorney J. A. Eakin represented the county and the issue was still under argument at the hour of adjournment.

Henry Laxell Buried—The funeral of the late Henry Laxell occurred yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Astoria aerie of Eagles. Interment was at Greenwood cemetery. Rev. G. E. Rydquist, pastor of the First Lutheran church, conducted the services.

Water Rates Due—Today and tomorrow are the last days on which water rates can be paid without the 25 cents delinquent charge, Sunday being the 10th, and therefore exclusive.

High School Benefit—The Astoria High School gave a successful social last evening at the A. O. U. W. hall for the benefit of the track team. The hall was filled past its seating capacity with auditors of the excellent musical program rendered. A dance followed and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Said Gain Here—Said Gain, Chinese Interpreter for the United States Immigration Service, and son of the well known Said Back of Portland, was in Astoria yesterday on official business, returning last night to the metropolis.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. T. Zimmerman of the firm of Zimmerman & Mills of Portland, is in this city on business.

J. Wirkkala and wife are down from Quincy on a honeymoon trip.

L. S. Mason of Altoona was in Astoria yesterday.

A. S. Coats of Aberdeen is in this city for a short visit.

J. W. Collins of San Francisco is registered at the Occidental Hotel.

G. T. Coleman came down from Portland yesterday on business.

William Dixon of Chinook was in Astoria yesterday.

J. Craig came over from Ilwaco yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bullock were over from Deep River yesterday.

Swepson Morton of Knappton is visiting this city.

A TRIAL PROVES THE WORTH OF OUR \$4.00 and \$5.00 SHOES FOR MEN
 They are the height of fashion but not the extreme. Full of comfort and good service for the man that walks much or little.
 They come in various leathers. All sizes and widths in stock.



Wherity, Ralston & Company
 The Leading Shoe Dealers.

RAILROADS NOTES OF INTEREST

FAVORABLE CHANGES IN A. & C. LOCAL FARES CONTEMPLATED FOR THE COMING SEASON—CHOICE OF ROUTES.

General Manager G. W. Talbot was at his desk in the Astoria & Columbia River railway offices here yesterday morning and quite busily engaged in conning the multitude of affairs passed up to him by his subordinates at this end of the line, for his final determination. He kindly paused in his work long enough to invest a reporter of the Astorian with the following pertinent and interesting facts: Mr. Talbot intimated that there would soon be somewhat of a revision of local passenger rates hereabout, effective, presumably, for the summer schedules, among them the cancellation of the existing commutation rates in effect between this city, Seaside and intermediate points, over the indiscriminate trouble; to be followed by the establishment of a commuters' scale amenable to general use, and at very fair figures.

He also said the revision would include a reduction of the regular fares westward from here, and the establishment of a cheap single fare rate in the seaboard territory, to prevail through the summer season.

Speaking of the coast extension of the A. & C. to Yaquina and Tillamook Bays, Mr. Talbot said the route determined upon from Nehalem to Tillamook Bay points was via the coast line entirely; and that from Seaside south to the Nehalem, while not yet actually chosen, would, in all likelihood, also run by the sea, conclusions that will ensure a magnificent scenic route hence, to the Lincoln county seaport.

The general manager was, naturally, very much pleased with the outcome of the company's legal resistance to Mr. Lydie's injunction against the A. & C.'s surveyed lines in Tillamook county where the same touch Garabaldi, as passed upon by Judge William Galloway in the circuit court at McMinnville, on Friday last.

Marshall J. Kinney Here—Marshall J. Kinney, the Portland capitalist, came down from the metropolis yesterday forenoon to visit his brothers, Dr. Alfred Kinney and Dr. August W. Kinney of this city, and attend to business connected with his interests in the Clatsop Mill Company.

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 Reed Building, on 11th St., Between Commercial and Duane Streets.

5 pairs of Sox, good woolen to cotton Sox, regular price 25c to 3 for \$1.00 at Wise's removal sale 5 pairs for \$1.00.

HATS, formerly \$2 to \$4 now 55 cents at Wise's removal sale.

All new Neckwear and Suspenders worth from 50 to 75 cents now 35 cents at Wise's removal sale.

Boys' Suits reduced from 75c to \$2.00 at Wise's removal sale.

25c caps for 15c at Wise's removal sale.

\$1.25 and \$1.50 Umbrellas reduced to 85c at Wise's removal sale.

Men's Suits reduced from \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$7.50 Wise's removal sale.

Winter Overcoats as well as top coats reduced almost one-half at Wise's removal sale.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Clatsop county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the court house as follows:

For State Papers—Commencing on Wednesday, February 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 16, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civic government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, algebra.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, and school law.

For County Papers—Commencing Wednesday, February 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 15, at 4 o'clock p. m.

First, Second and Third Grade Certificates: Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government.

Primary Certificates: Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, arithmetic, reading.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, physiology.

MISS EMMA C. WARREN, County Superintendent.