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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Warrants Paid—
 City Treasurer Dealey paid out yesterday on the last general fund warrants called the sum of \$2000.

A Correction—
 The riot which occurred amongst the fishermen Thursday night was the men of the Warren Packing Company instead of the Booth Packing Company as was announced in the Astoria of yesterday.

Police Court—
 Joe Pompony and E. Le Roi appeared on a drunk and disorderly charge before Judge Anderson yesterday and received a fine of \$5 and \$10 respectively. The men had taken part in the trouble at the Warren Packing Company, the night before.

Walter Thomas Mills, a noted economist and lecturer, will be the chief feature at the meeting on May 9th of the Central Labor Council to be held in this city. Mr. Mills is the principal of the International School of Social Economy and editor of the Saturday Evening Tribune, of Seattle, Wash.

Will Attend Meeting—
 W. F. McGregor, president of the Yellow Fir Loggers' Association left for Portland last evening where he goes to attend a meeting of the association which will meet there tomorrow. The millmen have made a request for cheaper logs and as the loggers are all natural-born philanthropists their request will probably be granted.

Added Equipment—
 The Hoefler confectionery plant has been increased by two power machines for the manufacture of ice cream, making four in all and giving a capacity of 500 gallons daily. Mr. Hoefler has also received a five-horsepower motor to furnish the power for the machines and a half carload of shippers ranging from 2 to 40 quarts in capacity and intends making an effort to supply the outside trade.

Building Gasoline Engines—
 The Astoria Iron Works are turning out some fine gasoline engines now. They have just completed four five-horsepower Troyer marine engines for fish boats and for which they are receiving many orders as the engine is becoming popular. The new patrol boat for the Fish Warden's office will be equipped with one of their 15-horsepower three-cylinder engines, the same style as was put in the "Meta M." Work on this engine has been begun and is now being rapidly put together.

Begin Work on Patrol Boat—
 R. M. Leathers began yesterday to lay the keel for the new patrol boat for Fish Warden Van Dusen. The boat will be equipped with gasoline engines and be a model craft in every way. She is just what the warden's office has needed for a long time. Now that work has begun on her it will be rushed along to completion.

Bought Property—
 Ross, Higgins & Company have lately taken a forward step in the purchase of the property, in which their business is located, from the estate of D. K. Warren. It is impossible to learn the amount of the purchase price but it was a fancy figure as the property is a valuable one. It has 100-foot frontage on Bond street and has a depth of 250 feet. The company intends building a new warehouse in the new future and making other improvements.

Deep Sea Fishing—
 R. M. Leathers will build a deep sea fishing boat for Mr. Mariano on the same lines as the boats that are used by the deep sea fishers at San Francisco. The boat will have a length of 27 feet beam, eight foot 4-inch and depth of hold 35 inches. She will be decked all over and be equipped with a gasoline engine. This is a new departure here and without doubt will be a successful venture as it is impossible to get any deep sea fish here now in the market except what are shipped in.

Child Took Poison.
 A sad accident, resulting in the death of little two year old Inez Jennie Peterson, occurred yesterday afternoon at Tenasillibee island. The little girl, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson, climbed up to a shelf in her parents home and secured a box of sugar coated strychnine pills. The little one evidently mistook the poison for candy and it is not known how many she had eaten before discovered. As soon as it was learned that the child had eaten some of the poison a start was made for Cathlamet for a doctor but the sufferer died on the way. The funeral will be held at Cathlamet Sunday.

**BOATBUILDING PLANT
 VERY BUSY**

R. M. LEATHERS SECURES CONTRACT FOR BUILDING BOAT FOR GRAY'S HARBOR—ALASKA CHIEF ALMOST COMPLETED.

R. M. Leathers' boat-building plant, is having all the work it can handle now days. The great trouble is to find enough help. Yesterday Mr. Leathers closed a contract to build a 40-foot gasoline launch for J. M. Alexander of Gray's Harbor, which will be used as a tender for his coal storage plant there. He also wanted him to build eight fish boats for him, but Mr. Leathers was forced to turn the order down.

The gasoline boat Alaska Chief, being built for the Alaska Cannery Co., of Shaken, Alaska, is almost completed and is awaiting the arrival of her engines and as soon as they arrive it will take about eight days to get her ready for launching.

A NEW CORPORATION.

O. L. Ferris, John A. Lee and F. N. Clark today filed with the county clerk articles of incorporation of the Columbia Trust Company.

This company will do a general banking business and will have its office and principal place of business in Astoria.

The new institution is capitalized for \$25,000 capital stock. This is divided into 250 shares at a par value of \$100 per share.

Sold Teddy Roosevelt—

The Miller Land Company have sold the launch Teddy Roosevelt to S. W. Saylor and she will be taken to Willapa harbor at once and put on the run between South Bend and Raymond.

No Shad in the Markets—

Shad seem to be very scarce this spring and none have appeared in the local markets yet, although the Portland markets have them. As soon as the seins and traps begin operations it is thought they will be more plentiful.

An Average Run—

The run of salmon so far this season is about the same as last year, some canneries claim they are a little ahead. There has been more small fish caught than last year and while the canneries are ahead the cold storage men are considerably behind and Schmidt & Co. have reduced the minimum weight to 23 pounds.

Carried Dog in Grip—

When the Occident bus drove up to the hotel yesterday a lady belonging to the Murray-Mack Company got out carrying a satchel which she sat on the sidewalk and proceeded to open it up when out jumped a dog. After it had frisked about for a little while she put it back in the satchel and carried it into the hotel. Expert George Clark, who was usual rubbering, and is the authority for this story, tried to steal the grip but his work was too coarse.

Case Was Dismissed—

The case of the State vs. Ben Talo, on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, was called in Justice Court today. The state was represented by Deputy District Attorney McCue while Howard M. Brownell acted as attorney for the defendant.

A jury was summoned and the case commenced when counsel for the state objected to further prosecution of the case on the grounds that the defense had tampered with the state's witnesses. Counsel for defendant denied having influenced in any way witnesses for the state but procedure under the existing circumstances was manifestly impossible and the case was dismissed.

Waiting For Books—

All property owners have been interviewed by Assessor Cornelius and Deputy Lehenweber and everything is in readiness to extend the assessment rolls as soon as the State Printer ships the books. From some unknown cause the State Printer's office is again behind the times in its shipping department and the assessor's office is compelled to wait for work that should have been completed earlier. It is expected the assessment rolls for this year will show an increase of half a million dollars over last year. The increase is due to advance in property values and the higher rating of timber. According to the new law assessments will be required to be given at the full value of the property. This increases the assessed valuation but it permits of a reduction in tax levies.

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HERMAN WISE

BEHIND EACH ARTICLE SOLD IN HIS STORE

A WAR JUNK COMING.

Astorians will view a novel sight within a week or two. A Chinese war junk is booked to arrive at this port in the near future. An agent for a company, which is taking the vessel to Portland, was in the city today looking for a dock. If a convenient one can be found the junk, which has already started in tow from San Francisco, will be on exhibition here four or five days. The managers of the boat intend showing it at the "Oaks" in Portland.

A. & C. R. WILL EXPLAIN.

Why The Fare Exceeds The Maximum Three-Cent Rate.

SALEM, Or., May 3.—The officials of the James J. Hill lines in Oregon, the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company are to be called before the Oregon Railroad Commission at no distant date and asked why their schedule of passenger rates between certain points on the line exceed the maximum of 3 cents a mile, which is pronounced "unreasonable, unjustly discriminatory and excessive."

The Railroad Commission, after a careful study of the schedules of passenger rates in effect on the line of the Astoria & Columbia River road, finds that where the traffic comes in competition with water rates, particularly between Portland and Astoria and in intermediate points, the rate is 3 cents a mile, but that the bare between Astoria and Seaside, a distance of 18 miles, is 75 cents, or at the rate of over 4 cents a mile, and the commission is of the opinion that the 3-cent maximum rate should be observed. The company officials will be notified of this decision and given a chance to be heard in the matter on probably May 21, the second regular meeting day of the commission, at 10 o'clock in the morning at Salem.

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