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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Has Aspirations—

Herman Neindorf, a native of Germany, yesterday filed his declaration of intention to become an American citizen with County Clerk Clinton.

Off on a Hunt—

Clark Loughery, Jack Johnson and Frank Cook, all duly armed, with bags and dogs and all the appurtenances of up-to-date hunters, left up last evening for Scappoose, for a week's outing in the woods and the hunt of their lives.

Nearby Levies—

County Clerk Clinton yesterday received formal notice from the town authorities of New Astoria, that they had made a levy of three mills, for municipal purposes. Road District No. 12 (Vesper), also advised him of a ten-mill levy in that particular belief.

Weather Conditions—

The warmest day in November occurred on the 8th, when the thermometer registered 60 degrees, the coldest day being the 27th, when only 40 degrees were registered. The total downfall of rain for the month was 5.58 inches.

Engstrom-Hansen—

Miss Amanda E. Hansen became the bride of John Engstrom Tuesday evening at the parsonage of the First Lutheran Church, the Rev. Gustaf E. Rydquist officiating. The young people will make their home on the groom's ranch at Blind Slough after a few days' visit to Astoria.

A Chimney Blaze—

At a quarter past 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon an alarm of fire was turned in from Uniontown, to which three of the department stations responded swiftly, but soon returned to their houses, the fire being but a small chimney blaze in one of the thousand small homes out that way.

The Raft Broke Up—

It was reported on the streets yesterday afternoon that a large raft of logs belonging to the Tongue Point Lumbering Company, had broken up at the boom there and was adrift along the Point shores. The water was very rough all day up that way, and was no doubt responsible for the accident.

They Extend the Benefit—

So long as the people and the Governor intend to apply the "legal holiday" rule for the balance of December, Chas. H. Heilborn & Company, will extend the 20 per cent discount sale of furniture, for the same length of time; therefore the buyers of Christmas things in their line, will meet with the same valuable concession.

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BUSINESS OF COUNTY COURT

DECEMBER SESSION OPENED YESTERDAY—URGENT MATTERS ARE TAKEN UP AND DISPOSED OF BY THE COMMISSIONERS.

The County Court of Clatsop county met in called session yesterday morning for the purpose of auditing the accumulated claims against the county and ordering the issuance of warrants in behalf of such as were approved. The most of the day was passed in this work which, by reason of the holidays, had grown to a point of necessity and expediency that forbade longer delay. All members of the court were present, Hon. C. J. Trenchard, presiding, and Commissioners William Larson and John Frye, flanking him on the bench, with County Clerk Clinton in charge of the books and papers. After disposing of this phase of duty, the court informally considered the various road matters that needed scanning and while it made no orders, intimated to those interested the character of such orders when the day of release and operation should roll round.

The court also went into the merits of the several bids for the furnishing of the new court house, and after long and careful inquiry and discussion, decided that when it came time to enter into a contract in this behalf with all the formality attaching to so important an item of public expenditure, that the bid of the Van Dorn Iron Works, of Seattle, in the sum of \$5,593.00, would be accepted, and the successful bidders will be so notified in order that the work of getting up the supplies may go forward without any interval of waiting on the legal holidays. This bid was in excess of that of the Art Metal Construction Company, of which concern Glass & Prudhomme, of Portland, are the agents, by some \$800, but the court felt justified in waiving the difference in cost, in favor of the demonstrated difference in favor of the materials to be used by the successful bidding company; it being plain that the county would be largely the gainer by the choice made. The court will be in session today.

Foresters Elect Officers—

Court Astoria, Foresters of America, held their annual election last evening and elected the following officers: Chief ranger, J. Pederson; sub chief ranger, E. B. Winters; treasurer, F. P. Leinenweber; financial secretary, C. E. Foster; recording secretary, G. E. Dyer; senior woodward, H. Brownell; junior woodward, L. A. Minard; senior beadle, G. A. Olsen; junior beadle, G. A. Minard; lecturer, M. B. Hertzman; trustee, one year, E. Gearhart; trustee, three years, H. Scheel. After the election a social was held. Court Astoria is in a very prosperous condition both numerically and financially and offers to its members a good protection in case of sickness or disability. It is composed of 200 of Astoria's most prominent young men. Steps are to be taken after January 1st to induce every young man in the city to become members and if results are to be measured by the good of the members there will be no doubt of their success.

Pleased With Astoria—

Two of the Alliance's passengers, Messrs: J. H. Callahan, of Battle Creek, Michigan, and W. P. Richardson, of Phoenix, Arizona, both lawyers, and both men of travel and experience, and critically observant withal, are still sojourning in the City-by-the-Sea simply because they have become interested in it and its people. They are remotely separated in so far as their homes and predilections are concerned, but they are a unit on the well warranted prospects for Astoria as a seaport and railway terminal for transcontinental business and the general uplift due her by reason of her magnificent location. They are taking in all points of interest in and out of the city, and spent the day yesterday on the West Side, looking up Warrenton, and Fort Stevens, and returned delighted with all they saw over there. It is hoped their predisposition in favor of Astoria will result in her securing some tangible manifestation in that line, notably the decision to cast their personal lots with the Astorians for the future, whereby the city would be a distinct gainer as well as themselves.

Three Conveyances—

Aside from the multitude of other instruments filed for record with County Clerk Clinton yesterday there were three conveyances sent in: Jasper Hovgaard to the Keystone Lumber Company, for land in sections 32 and 29, 4-9 west, consideration, \$3000; W. C. Smith and wife to F. W. Garstang, lots 7 and 8, block 19, The Plaza, consideration \$500; and W. K. Smith et al to Cecil Lewis et al, lots 3 and 10, block 11, Shively's Astoria, consideration, \$5.

RAILROAD MEN HERE YESTERDAY

GEN. MGR. H. C. NUTT AND GEN. SUPT. F. S. FORREST OF PORTLAND & SEATTLE SYSTEM WILL VISIT ASTORIA ON BUSINESS.

The special car of General Manager H. C. Nutt, of the Portland & Seattle Railway Company, was attached to the noon express on the Astoria & Columbia River road yesterday, and that gentleman, accompanied by Mr. F. S. Forrest, the new general superintendent of the P. & S. system, was aboard, and making a run over the lines of the company in order to acquaint Mr. Forrest with the properties and bearings of the system. They went over the west side lines as far as Seaside and Fort Stevens, and returned to the city last evening in time to connect with the 6:10 train up to Portland, and were accompanied over the Clatsop end of the road by General Passenger Agent Ralph Jenkins, of the A. & C. line and by Superintendent John McGuire, of the same department.

General Manager Nutt and party were met by Mayor Herman Wise and Secretary John H. Whyte of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, and these gentlemen made urgent demand that Messrs. Nutt and Forrest should be among the guests at the forthcoming dinner of the Chamber here on the 18th of the present month, which invitations were cordially accepted by both, and nothing preventing they will be on hand at that time to take part in the interesting discussion pending on the matter of the seawall and other related issues of the hour.

General Manager Nutt informed a reporter of the Astorian last evening that he had but just received the report of the engineer here on the seawall proposition and that he would give it his instant attention as soon as he reached his office, and would probably bring, or send the company's engineer down here for a conference as soon as possible.

May Attend Dinner—

Mayor Wise and Manager Whyte of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce extended General Manager Nutt of the Northern Pacific and Mr. Forrest the new general superintendent for the Portland & Seattle Railroad Company an invitation to attend the Chamber of Commerce dinner to be given on or about the 18th. Both of the officials accepted and unless something entirely unforeseen comes up they will be in attendance for the purpose of getting better acquainted with Astoria people. Mr. Nutt will if possible at that time bring an engineer to Astoria to look over the plans for the seawall and confer with Mr. Hegardt on this important question.

Mr. Nutt and Mr. Forrest took a trip to Ft. Stevens and Seaside in order that Mr. Forrest might see the road over which in the future he will have jurisdiction, as the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad from this time on will be presided over by Mr. Forrest as general superintendent, according to the published announcements of President Levy.

Fell Thirty Feet—

Yesterday morning while the Pacific Telephone squad was at work at the corner of Seventh and Commercial streets, a can, weighing about four pounds while it was in use up on the wires, but which weighed exactly 34 pounds when it struck the head of one of the workmen below, gaining a pound a foot for the distance it fell, came crashing down on the cranium of Mr. C. Costenbolder, cutting his scalp open for about three inches and disqualifying him for any further work for the day. He was taken at once to Dr. Henderson who soon had the ugly wound in comfortable shape and the wireman will be back on the job today or tomorrow.

Here For Business—

N. W. Bowers, the well known owner of the beautiful "Sunset" tract at Clatsop has arrived back in Astoria after several months spent at his Idaho home at Meridian, and intends to stay with his scheme of development for the Sunset Beach property and the building of the twin hotels he has projected there until they are finished. His daughter, Miss Eva L. Bowers came down from the mountain country with him and she will remain here and attend school, until the balance of the family shall arrive later on.

Will Hold Sale—

The ladies of the First Methodist Church will hold their annual sale of fancy articles, dolls, etc., and will give a supper in the lecture room of the church, Thursday, December 5, at 4:00 p. m.

Temperance Ladies—

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet at their rooms today at the usual hour.

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THE CITY DADS IN SESSION

COUNCIL MAKES TAX LEVY OF 17 MILLS ON VALUATION—OTHER BUSINESS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES.

The City Council met in special session last night, the city attorney having given his opinion that the city fathers could make the tax levy and elect a successor to Councilman Lebeck who has resigned.

When the roll was called all were present except Councilman Logan, who came in later, stating that he had been at a dinner party, and was there to do business, if any could be done. On account of the legal holidays the council was unable to take decisive action on any matters other than the tax levy and quite a number of petitions and remonstrances were referred to the proper committees.

The different committees of the council presented no reports for the reason that any report they might make could not be acted upon.

Among the petitions presented to the council were six applications for liquor licenses from August Byzny, Wm. Boek, Chas. Bertleson, Aug. Rantio, Wirkkala & Punsita and P. H. Peterson. These petitions were referred to the committee on health and police.

A petition was received from H. M. Lornsten and 70 others asking the council to pay no attention to the cry of "hard times" but to proceed with city improvements as usual. This matter was referred to the committee on streets and public ways.

A protest was presented against the issuance of a license for a saloon on the corner of Ninth and Commercial streets, signed by 15 neighbors which was referred to the committee on health and police.

A petition signed by 100 citizens was read, asking that the council elect Oswald Gustafsen as a successor to the retiring councilman, Leander Lebeck. No action was taken on the communication.

It was at this point that Councilman Logan entered, and was greeted by his conferees with applause, his appearance making a complete council. When Councilman Logan was told of the petition asking the council not to pay any attention to the cry of "hard times" he arose and addressing the mayor and, through him, the council made a speech that aroused the enthusiasm of his fellow councilmen, and those on the back seats. He said that there were no hard times in Astoria and there were not going to be, a sentiment that was echoed by all

the members of the council and the mayor.

Dr. Mohn asked for a month's leave of absence and the only action that could be taken was to refer the petition to the committee on health and police.

The resignation of Leander Lebeck as councilman was read and accepted, a unanimous vote of thanks being tendered to Mr. Lebeck for his good services as councilman. A short recess was taken to allow the committee on ways and means to prepare a report on the tax levy and on the reconvening of the council the following report was read:

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 4, 1907.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Astoria.

Gentlemen:—We, your committee on ways and means of the common council, hereby make the following estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the City of Astoria for the year 1908 to-wit: Taxation based upon a 17 mill levy and a valuation of \$2,080,618.

One-half of 1 mill tax for library purposes	\$1,040.30
One-half of 1 mill tax for public park purposes	1,040.31
Fines and forfeitures (estimated)	1,800.00
Saloon licenses (estimated)	19,900.00
Sundry licenses (estimated)	4,400.00
Disbursements:	
Auditor and police judge and experts	2,000.00
City treasurer	1,080.00
Superintendent of streets	1,140.00
City attorney	1,380.00
Janitor	900.00
City Pount	200.00
Police department	9,000.00
Fire department	12,160.00
City lights	5,400.00
Elections	800.00
City cemetery	600.00
Public property	3,000.00
City surveyor	2,400.00
City printing	1,500.00
Bond interest	12,500.00
Public library	1,010.00
Health department	850.00
City park	1,010.00
Salary Mayor and Councilmen	1,000.00
Litigation	600.00
Miscellaneous	3,000.00
Street repair	3,000.00
Total	\$64,630.00

On the reading of the report a motion to adopt same was carried. The council then adjourned to meet on Monday, December 15th, which it is hoped will be a regular session.

For Thirty Days More—

Chas. H. Heilborn & Company will fall in line with the extension of the "holidays" so far as their 20 per cent discount sale is concerned, and the big advantage will belong to the Christmas shoppers as well as to the ordinary buyer.

The Astorian, 60 cents monthly.