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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

School Tax Levied—
School district No. 21, Young's River has levied a tax of 5 mills.

Closed Down—
The Peterson-Frye Logging Co., on the Lewis and Clark, has closed down the camp until after the holidays. The men were all paid up to date.

Will Be Painted—
A contract was awarded yesterday to the Allen Wallpaper & Paint Co., for painting the approaches and platform of the government signal towers at the foot of Tenth street.

But One Deed—
But one deed was filed for record yesterday it being that of John F. Johnson and wife to Joseph E. Hall. The property passing ownership was the SE. 1-4 of NW. 1-4 of sec. 15, N. 6 W.; 40 acres, and the consideration was \$1.

Nearly Recovered—
Richard Reynolds, who was severely burned by the explosion of gas, in a heating stove, on Tuesday night, is back at his old post nearly recovered. He is suffering slightly but not enough to interfere with his duties.

New President—
A new president has been elected for the A. & C. R. R. in the person of Francis B. Clark. He will make his headquarters at Portland after which the A. & C. will become part of the Portland and Seattle system.

Case Dismissed—
Lal Suighi, the Hindoo, who was charged with threatening to kill G. L. Saigall, was before Judge Goodman, yesterday forenoon. He promised to be good and not carry out his threats, and the judge dismissed the case, with the acquiescence of the complaining witness.

New City Physician—
The health and police committee of the common council held a meeting last night and accepted the resignation of Dr. F. V. Mohr as city physician, appointing in his place Dr. Clara Reames, who will be acting city physician until the next regular session of the council, when a permanent appointment will be made.

Gasoline Explosion—
A gasoline explosion was the cause of the partial destruction of a gasoline pleasure boat, last night about 7 o'clock. The boat, which is the property of Victor Bloech, is moored at the foot of Fifteenth street, and the owner was removing gasoline from the storage tank, when the gasoline ignited from a

lantern about eight feet distant. Considerable activity, with buckets of water held the blaze in check until the arrival of hose 2, when the fire, which had extended to the woodwork, was extinguished. The damage will amount to about \$60.

In Town—
Ben Worsely was in from Svenson yesterday. He reports everything being as usual, in his neighborhood. He is setting out five acres of Loganberries and will load up the market next season. Mrs. Worsely is at present at Stanford University, with her son. She has been ill for three weeks but is getting along wisely. She will remain there for the winter.

For What It Is Worth—
There is an unauthenticated rumor flying about the city that Mr. Benson, the head of the Benson Logging Company, at Clatskanie, has been in this city lately with a very definite purpose of securing a waterfrontage site upon which to erect a large lumber mill and docks. There is something pleasant in the sound of the tale and if it shall be verified, soon, or late, there will be plenty of people glad to have had the suggestion.

Should Comply With Law—
Master Fish Warden Van Dusen is in receipt of a letter from Deputy Fish Warden F. C. Brown, stating that W. A. Mack, water bailiff, has filed complaints against the Warren Packing Co., Barnes Market, Chlopek Fish Co., M. C. Mace, Portland Fish Co., Koessel & Frey, and Park & Kolb, for violation of section 6, chapter 55, laws of 1907, which requires packers and canners to furnish the fish warden with a sworn statement, showing the total number of every species of fish, bought or taken by them.



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CROSS ROUGH BAR

Two Sailers Come Over One Without Tug.

ROANOKE AND SENATOR LEAVE

British Ships Clackmannanshire and Walden Abbey Arrived in Yesterday—Ship St. Mirren and Steamer Craigvaar Arrive Down—George Loomis Due.

The bar yesterday was rough. At 8 a. m. the wind was blowing west, southwest, at a velocity of 20 miles, and the weather was cloudy. At 12 o'clock the wind had shifted to southeast, with a velocity of 30 miles an hour. At 4 o'clock the wind was still blowing from the southwest, but had increased to 45 miles an hour, with rain and fog. Three vessels passed out and two entered the harbor. It was rougher inside than on the bar.

The Buffon left up the river at about 11:30 a. m. yesterday.

The Senator, which arrived down on Thursday night left out for San Francisco at 8:40 a. m. yesterday.

The tug Daniel Kern is temporarily laid up at the foot of Seventh street. Some repairs to her boiler are necessary. Capt. A. W. Gray, her commander, left for Portland, on the Lurline, last night and will return Monday, when the repairs will probably be finished.

The new General Washington was inspected Thursday, and after a few minor changes, which are coincident with inspection, have been made, she will take her place on the Deep River route. She will probably make her first trip tomorrow.

The Rajore was brought up from the quarantine grounds yesterday and is now lying in the stream abreast the city. The full amount of the damage to vessel and cargo has not as yet been determined.

The Roanoke came down from Portland during Thursday night and left yesterday at 6:30 a. m.

The British ship Clackmannanshire, from Santa Rosalia, arrived in yesterday in tow of the Wallula. Capt. Kerbyson, the master, who by the way, is well known in Astoria and Portland, reports having an exceptionally fine passage, the winds being favorable throughout. The voyage of 6300 miles was made in 50 days. Yesterday morning the vessel sailed up to the bar, with Capt. McVicar, pilot, and was picked up by the Wallula and brought in safely. The wife and child of Capt. Kerbyson are aboard the vessel, and it is not Mrs. Kerbyson's first trip, as she accompanies the captain on all his voyages. He expects to be in Portland for about three weeks, before starting on his next trip. Captain Kerbyson reports that in latitude 5 N. longitude 116 degrees, 30 minutes, he spoke the American four-masted schooner Balcor, which reported all well. The Balcor was lumber-laden, bound, probably, for the west coast.

The British steamer Craigvaar cleared at the custom house yesterday. She came down early in the morning carrying a cargo of 218,843 bushels of wheat valued at \$209,550.

The British ship Walden Abbey which left Newcastle on May 18th reached this port yesterday afternoon and is anchored in the harbor. She crossed the bar under sail and after passing in shipped a heavy sea that partially destroyed her steering wheel but fortunately no further damage was done. The Tatoosh picked her up about this time and brought her in.

The Lurline was in on time yesterday afternoon and picked up a number of passengers from different points on the river for Astoria. Holiday shoppers made up a goodly portion of the passengers from different points on the river for Astoria.

Her cargo was as good as she generally carries, and when she left up last night she had a large passenger list, and a pretty good sized deck load.

The American ship St. Mirren arrived down at 10 a. m. yesterday. She is wheat laden, and will leave for the United Kingdom probably today.

The oil steamer Geo. Loomis is expected down early today, en route to San Francisco.

Notice to Mariners.
Capt. Johnson of the American schooner Albert Meyer reports having sighted

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on December 7, 1907, in latitude 48 20 minutes north, longitude 124 05 minutes west, part of a vessel's deck containing a small hatchway with combings attached.

The Alliance and Breakwater will both leave Portland tonight for Coos Bay and will arrive down during the early morning.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

Sermon themes as follows, morning: "The First Christmas Gifts." Evening: "Christ, the World's Master"—a Christmas meditation. Interesting music at both services. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

Presbyterian.

Christmas services: Morning worship, 11 o'clock, "The Manger—from the other side." Evening worship, 7:30, "The Lost Parables." Miss Reba Hobson, choir director. Male chorus at evening service. All are invited. The Sunday school will hold Christmas exercises, Monday evening, at 7 o'clock. W. S. Gilbert, pastor.

First Norwegian Ev. Luth.

Service at 10:45. Evening service at 7:30; Sunday school meets at 9:30 a. m. Theo. P. Neste, pastor.

Christian Science.

Services at 634 Grand avenue at 10 a. m., subject, "Christ Jesus." All are invited. Sunday school at 11:15.

Holy Innocents Chapel.

Fourth Sunday in Advent. Morning and evening service, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11:15 a. m. Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th. Morning service with sermon celebration of holy communion offertory on behalf of aged clergy fund.

Norwegian-Danish M. E.

Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m., with Mr. Albert Carlsen, superintendent. Services will also be held on Christmas day at 11 a. m. Scandinavians are cordially invited. O. T. Field, pastor.

First Lutheran.

Morning service in Swedish at 10:45; evening service in English at 7:30, theme for sermon, "The greatest unifying Principle in the Christian world." On Christ-

mas day there will be early morning service beginning at 5:30. A large chorus has prepared fine music for this service. Miss Sundquist will assist, playing violin obligato to the solo parts.

A children's entertainment of unusual merits has also been prepared of which announcement will be made later.

A cordial invitation to our services is extended to all.

PERSONALS.

A. R. Church, of Portland, was on a business trip to Astoria yesterday. He left up on last night's train.

Phil McDonough, of Bearcliffs, is in the city and will leave for home this evening.

J. W. Hartley, of Clatsop, was a visitor to this city yesterday.

Miss Mildred Baker, of Salem, who for some weeks has been the guest of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Bonham, departed for her home via the 8:20 express yesterday morning.

J. M. Dougan, the contractor for the Clatsop county court house, arrived in this city yesterday from Seattle, to inspect the work now drawing to a close on that handsome edifice.

Morning Astorian, 60 cents per month delivered by carrier.

Wm. Semal is registered at the Occident from Coos Bay.

D. G. Hughes was over from Ilwaco yesterday.

G. F. Winslow, of Oysterville, was in

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