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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Signed by the Mayor—
Mayor Wise has signed all the warrants and ordinances passed at the session of the common council last Monday evening.

Daughter of Hans Larsen Dead—
Esther E., the 13-year-old daughter of Hans N. Larsen, died at the family residence, 2 Forty-third street, Tuesday evening. The funeral will take place from the residence Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. and the interment will be at Gray's River.

Socialist Candidate—
Yesterday the Socialist candidate for the office of district attorney for the fifth judicial district, J. Y. Kauffman, of Veronica, Columbia county, filed his petition for nomination to that office, with County Clerk Clinton in this city, in due form.

The public is hereby notified that H. F. Cutting is not, and for some time has not been in any way connected with the American Hospital & Relief Association of Portland, and has no authority to collect money or enter into cotract or do any business for the association. G. Hnderson, secretary.

Social and Entertainment—
The English Lutheran Ladies' Aid Society will give their first social entertainment this Thursday, April 23. at the corner of Eleventh and Duane. Refreshments server from 3 to 9 p. m. A musical program will be rendered in this course of the evening. A special welcome to the public.

Visitation Postponed—
Owing to the accident at the jetty yesterday morning in which Martin Johnson was injured, the proposed visitation of Beaver Lodge No. 35 and Gateway Lodge of Rebekah No. 77, I. O. O. F., of this city to Lewis and Clark Lodge No. 180 of Hammond (to commemorate the 87th anniversary of the foundation of Odd Fellowship in this country) is postponed as Mr. Johnson is the presiding officer of the Hammond Lodge.

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THOMAS LINVILLE'S WITHDRAWAL

BIG EX-SHERIFF CONFIRMS THE RUMOR AFLOAT YESTERDAY, AND GIVES HIS REASONS.

Thomas Linville, independent Republican candidate for the office of Sheriff of Clatsop county, has withdrawn from the contest.

This word is given forth upon the declaration of Mr. Linville, himself, made to a representative of the Astorian last evening.

The rumor was afoot here yesterday and was accompanied by a lot of gratuitous frills as to the method and manner and cause of his renunciation of the pursuit, such as usually attend matters of this sort and which are entirely beyond the issue at hand. Of course, coming from the Democratic field, the accounting for his withdrawal could not be expected to be at all complimentary to him; but his own statement in this relation is here and now appended. Said Mr. Linville, in answer to direct inquiries pressed by the reporter:

"Yes, I have retired from the field of local politics as an independent candidate for the shrievalty, of my own choice, on my own judgment; and not at the bidding, instance or persuasion of a living soul beyond that especial influence. I have scanned the recent primary vote cast for Mr. Pomeroy and I am convinced it was given him largely by the "open-town" element of the Astoria electors, aided and abetted by the Democrats who pose for the same local conditions. I am for a closed town, and a town so regulated as to make it habitable and respectable and I became convinced I could not command the prestige, on those lines, to warrant me in pursuing the quest. My previous record on this question is widely known and no doubt is held as to my convictions nor my measures of enforcing them; hence I deemed it the better part of political wisdom to withdraw and permit the dominant wish to have sway.

"It is known that I am diametrically opposed to dancehalls and gambling; that I will not stand for these things under any conditions whatever so long as I am officially empowered to suppress them. As to saloons I have fixed views that differ broadly from many people who would invoke every concievable statute and ordinance against them. I believe that in the interior towns of the State, where the populations are essentially a home-people, with homes to go to and stay in when they get there, that the Sunday law is wholly applicable and necessary; but here in Astoria there is a large floating population, without home or other comfortable resort, fishermen, loggers and other itinerants, to whom the open saloon on an idle day, is not always a source of reckless drinking and carousal, but rather, and often, a resort for comfort and harmless refuge.

"If I were sheriff of this county, you may be sure I would close the saloons on Sunday if the district attorney directed me to do so, whatever my private views might be in the matter. And another thing I desire to say, is, that I am heartily in favor of every candidate before the people of this county, committing himself, in an open, written pledge to the public, as to what he will do if the office he seeks shall be conferred upon him, so that the public will have something tangible to hold against him if he shall fail to do his promised work and his whole duty."

Mr. Linville denied emphatically that he had ever been approached by any interested parties, in Astoria, or from abroad, and that had such been the case, there would have been no withdrawal of his to chronicle in this instance.

Merely Negotiations—
The talk of the passing of the well known and popular stevedoring business of Brown & McCabe, which maintains an office and business in this city as well as at other points on the coast, by sale to Rothschild & Co., is denied at the Astoria office, where William A. Johnston presides as agent. The interest of the widow of the late Captain G. A. Brown has been in the market for some time, and this is the extent of the negotiable property of the old firm liable to be involved in any change that may occur. Had there been anything like a complete recession of the McCabe interests as well, Mr. Johnston says his office would have been advised of it very promptly.

Boosted Him Off—
Just as the "hostler" engine of the A. & C. was crossing the gangway at Fourteenth street yesterday afternoon, four lads on bicycles came swinging off the O. R. & N. dock, bound for the city center, and one of them, on reaching the rails, slowed down and began doing some fancy stunts, apparently unobservant of the approaching engine. When he did notice it, he did not have time to peddle out of line, and the engine, then slowed down to a "creep" quietly boosted him off the track and gave him a start that carried him clear of all danger. The engine was stopped and the engineer got down and looked over the little chap, and finding him unhurt and a lot wiser than he was a minute before, climbed up and went his way to the depot.

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Dance at Uniontown.
On Saturday evening next, the 25th, the Uppertown Band intends to give an enjoyable dance at Suomi Hall in Uniontown; and it will be delightfully managed, Gentlemen, 50 cents; ladies free.

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EDUCATORS GATHER AT ASTORIA

CLATSOP COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE OPENED YESTERDAY WITH LARGE ATTENDANCE AND MARKED INTEREST.

The Clatsop County Teachers' Institute convened yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the county court house, and in the chambers of the circuit court, and was opened by singing "America," following by the Lord's Prayer, recital by the teachers.

The thanks of the teachers are due to Miss Emma Warren, Clatsop county superintendent, who, by her careful arrangement of the program, and gracious supervision of its enforcement, has made the opening of this Institute most enjoyable as well as instructive.

The organization was completed by the appointment of Mr. Branstrator, of Seaside, as secretary and the enrollment of teachers present, of whom there were 68.

Prof. L. R. Traver of Monmouth was assigned to the primary section, as instructor in reading. Prof. Traver is normal in his methods, forcible in application and most interesting in his instruction.

Prof. H. D. Sheldon of the University of Oregon, following in this section, on numbers and gave a very helpful and bright talk. In the advanced section Prof. Sheldon gave geography, from the "Standpoint of Children's Interest" and was followed by L. R. Alderman on arithmetic. Prof. Alderman made this usually dry subject bristle with the electric touches of a born educator.

The Institute greatly apreciated Prof. Sheldon's talk on geography and are still puzzling their brains over Instructor Alderman's red cube.

A chorus of girls from McClure school sang "Rose of the Moorland," and an encore was repaid by "A Flower Song." This class showed the fine training of Miss Utzinger who has charge of the Institute music.

Dr. Sheldon continued the instruction in the advanced section by illustrating a few of the vital factors which condition memory. The "Question Box" was a valued contribution to the day's work as conducted by Professors Sheldon, Travers and Alderman.

At the afternoon session the Institute opened by singing "Flow Gently Sweet Afton," Mr. Charles H. Jones, leader, with Mrs. Huden, accompanist; a piano solo, "Love Song," from Mary Smith, was finely rendered by Miss Wilma Young and in response to a strong encore, Miss Young played "Spring Song" by Liebling.

Mr. Charles H. Jones of Salem was here given the floor in behalf of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly.

L. R. Alderman, Eugene superintendent, present the subject of "Agriculture," giving a most interesting account of a unique and successful, practical experiment in agriculture where children learned by doing.

A song was then rendered by a strong chorus from Taylor school, "Heigh Ho! Merry June," a spirited number. The class showed their excellent training by Miss Barker; and the accompanist was Miss Miller.

Dr. H. D. Sheldon then followed with an excellent talk on the "Note Book Problem in the Teaching of History."

Prof. Alderman followed with "Some Dont's," valuable in their wealth of suggestions.

In the primary and intermediate division Prof. L. R. Traver gave an able exposition on reading in the primary grades, calling attention to the points of accuracy, independence, distinctness and tone and clearly illustrating each point.

Prof. Sheldon concluded the afternoon primary section work with a talk on "Child Study" which was thoroughly appreciated.

The evening session was devoted to the programmed discourse of Professor Sheldon upon the working and achievements of the National Educational Association, at Los Angeles, last year; and his summary of that great event, where 15,000 teachers were assembled, was replete with interest for the last one of his hearers last night, and did immense credit to his faculty for carrying massed information and intricate facts through time and delivering them with pungent interest and exact clarity to delighted listeners a year later.

Miss Annette Stinson gave an instrumental solo entitled "La Pappilon, by Laverelle; and to cordial plaudits responded with the "Farewell"; both numbers being charmingly played and happily received.

Professor Traver prefaced an earnest plea for culture, with some humorous stories from his, apparently, inexhaustible fund of fanecdote, and then passed to an elaboate and startling explosion of the vast premium, in actual money expenditure on the vices and follies and foibles of life, as against that expended for the maintenance of the finer cults of life, and education particularly. It was intensely interesting to its last word.

This morning the congregated teachers will meet at the Lurline dock at the foot of Eleventh street, to board the fine launch, Pilot No. 2, for a cruise to the Northshore points of interest, and including the jetties and Fort Stevens on the home-stretch, providing the weather is propitious. In default of which, adjournment will be taken at once to the court house, where the suspended program of the forenoon will be taken up and disposed of, in time for noon adjournment to the parlors of the First Methodist Church, at which comfortable rendezvous, the lunches of the throng, prepared for the abandoned bay trip, will be discussed with all the pleasure of a picnic anyway.

The program for today is as follows:

9:00, Music; 9:10, "Training of the Reason," H. D. Sheldon; 9:55, section work; 11:20, "Language," L. R. Traver; 1:15 music; 1:25, "Oregon's School System," L. R. Alderman; 2:05, section work; 3:15, "Impressions of the N. E. A.," H. D. Sheldon.

Following is a full list of the visiting teachers from over the State:

Ethel M. Gerding, Knappa; E. L. Keezel, Hammond; Anna J. Young, Albert; A. E. Koenig, Maud Dobbins, Rose A. Matson, Doris Bailey, Helen W. Dickenson, Alice Goddard, Astoria; Mabel Snelling, Beatrice Robinson, Seaside; E. V. Hess, Warrenton, Maud Yoder, Seaside; Mary Garner, Nellie H. Gerding, Astoria; Anna Belisle. Lewis & Clark; Mrs. Margaret Barry, Mary Dealey, Astoria; Anna F. Hodgkins, Fernhill; Dell Young, Seaside; Sophia M. Anderson, Svensen; J. Gertrude Hulse, Mrs. Jennie Busey, Esther E. Anderson, Gertrude Harvard, Astoria; J. V. B. Branstrator, Seaside; A. L. Clark, Kathryne Shively, Dora Badollett, Astoria; Arabelle Davis, Seaside; Mrs. A. L. Fulton, Miss Wunsch, Clara G. Barker, Astoria; Maude Furlay, Clatsop; Blodwen Davies, Elizabeth Mullen, Nellie Anderson, Astoria; J. F. Santee, Knappa; C. F. Willcut, Astoria; J. Ralph Santee, Knappa; Betsy Wooten, Grace M. Kent, Mrs. A. E. Huden, Mary C. Miller, Astoria; F. W. Tandy, Westport; I. N. Garman, Faye E. Ball, Astoria; Mrs. Ethel H. Smith, Olney; Anna M. Powell, Astoria; Worley H. Steppe, Fort Stevens; James Springer, Elsie; Florence Reynolds, Augusta Holmes, May Utzinger, Jessie Sands, Astoria; A. T. Lee, Warrenton; Belle Mottley, Hammond; Maret L. Settem, Astoria; Hattie McCreadry, Warrenton; Lucy B. Morton, Estella M. Thomson, Astoria; Mary M. Holst, Hamlet; M. Virginia Keene, Albert; Lillie Lewis, Emma Knulsen, Ester Larson, Astoria.

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BUSINESS SESSION OF PRESBYTERY

ROUTINE BUSINESS—REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW ONES—GRATIFYING GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP.

The business session of the Portland Presbytery was held yesterday and adjourned at 5 o'clock. The session was opened by devotional services conducted by Rev. E. N. Allen. Several letters of dismissal were granted.

The condition of the church in the state was reported by Rex. D. A. Thompson and showed it to be very flourishing. During the year a net increase of 636 members making a tota of 5161. The members of the Sabbath schools number 5635. The reports of the committees on self support and home missions were adopted. The committee on temperance presented a report which was approved. A resolution was adopted that the Presbytery continue its support of the work of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League and recommending that all churches unite in prayer on the day of their regular prayer meeting just prior to the June elections for the purpose of local option.

The aternon session was devoted to the reports of committees and the appointment of new committees.

NOTICE.
Members of Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., are requested to attend a regular meeting to be held this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock. Visitors welcome.
OLOF ANDERSON, Secretary.

Notice.
The county court desire that the citizens of Clatsop county may have an opportunity to visit and inspect the new court house and the officers having kindly consented to keep their offices open for that purpose. Wednesday and Thursday, April 22 and 23 are fixed as the dates. Between the hours of 8 a. m. and 12 m., 1 p. m. and 5 p. m., also 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. All are cordially invited.
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