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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Meet At 9:30—
Admiral Shepherd requests all the members of his staff to assemble at the O. R. & N. dock this morning at 9:30 sharp, for the purpose of participating in the ceremonies of meeting and escorting the Queen.

Going After Freight—
From all appearances there is a hot contest on as between the various transcontinental line agencies in this city for freight; a number of special traffic men being in the city to aid the local agents and representatives in attracting the bulk of these shipments their particular way and route.

Big Lumber Order—
An order for lumber that is said to be unusually large has been made by the firm of G. Elias & Bros., of Buffalo, to be taken for use in the construction of the Panama canal. It will be all secured at the mills in this vicinity, and is for shipment during September and October.

Off On Picnic Today—
The Finn Sunday school, from the Scow Bay church, will take its annual outing today, under the supervision of the pastor and the teachers. The little people will leave for Deep River on the steamer General Washington, and, perhaps the Julia B., at 8:15 o'clock this morning; and it is needless to say will have a happy time of it on the opposite shore.

New Special Rate Made—
The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company has added to its rate sheet a brand new rate, of one-half the old, covering shipments made strictly for exhibit purposes and covering the whole range of articles liable of such use. This will be of advantage for shippers who may desire to exhibit at the Oregon State Fair at Salem next month.

Will Fish The Coast—
Captain Obee, the gentleman who is determined to exploit the deep sea fisheries of the north Pacific Coast, is now in San Francisco, and has chartered a small steamer that exactly suits his purpose. He has had his deep sea gear sent down to him by a friend here, and will fish his way back to Astoria, from the Bay City, and is due to arrive here next week.

Snake Bit Him—
The woman snake "charmer" in one of the street shows put her finger in the mouth of one of her snakes yesterday. "Huh, that's nothing," said a logger who had been seeing things through the bottom of a glass. "I can do the same thing." The woman didn't demur, and he put a finger into the snake's mouth. The mouth snapped together with a vicious clash, making a bad bite in the finger.

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Now At Raymond—
Charles Wirkala, formerly of this city, has become enamoured of Raymond over in Washington, and has bought a home and business there. He is now in this city to attend the Regatta festivities, and when they are ended he will go back to Raymond, taking with him his family and his household goods. There are many friends in Astoria to wish Mr. Wirkala success in his new home and venture.

The World of Side Shows—
Astoria is simply rife with interesting side shows set up on all corners, with banners waving and strung-lunged "barkers" giving out their insistent and cheerful calls. E. J. Arnold, to whom the general concession was granted for the Midway attractions has brought down his best people and there is endless fun and amusement on all sides. Today all will be full blast and there will be no need for an idle hour until the closing moment of the Regatta season.

After His Horses—
A. B. Rector, the well known contractor, of Vancouver, who supplied most of the horses for the seining grounds at this end of the Columbia river this season, was in the city yesterday, gathering up his stock and shipping it out on the up-river boats to the home barns at Vancouver. He furnished animals to eight of the big outfits here, and had 120 horses in the service. Mr. Rector is working about 60 teams on the street work at that Washington city.

Law Breakers Overhauled—
Deputy Fish Warden Link C. Burton, of the Washington service, and Water Bailiff, W. A. Mack, of the Oregon staff, on Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, just three hours after the salmon fishing season closed by operation of law, caught two traps at work on Cottonwood Island and arrested Roger Riesly, the proprietor, with 1500 pounds of freshly caught fish; and Mr. Brown, of the Oregon service, caught Theodore Nasser, at Puget Island, on the same day, and under practically the same conditions. Both men will have to answer in court for the infraction of the law. It begins to look as if there were new and pleasanter conditions of harmony

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between the great fish departments of the two states, when these officers thus work successfully together along their lines of duty, and it is better so, indeed.

An Interesting Question—
In conversation with an Astorian reporter yesterday, Anton Naterlin, a fine looking, up-standing, hearty fisherman, stated that he had fished the season through, up in the Pillar Rock waters, and that he had cleared just \$1700 for the season. Mr. Naterlin did not say this in a boasting way but simply to signify that he had done well, and was anxious to know if the figure had been exceeded by any other fisherman. Not knowing the Astorian presumes the mere statement of this young man's luck will draw forth any news there may be of a better showing in this relation.

New Dignities Added—
Giles B. Johnson, the well known and popular representative in this city, of the A. & C. R. R. Company, has been made general agent here for the company, and has been given as assistant at the depot, in order to permit Mr. Johnson to pay more attention to the freight interests of the line, the local affairs being dispatched by Mr. McShatko, now at the Twelfth street office, and by Mr. S. H. Sheedy formerly of Grand Forks, B. C., and just arrived to take over the depot work. This will be pleasant news to Mr. Johnson's many friends here and elsewhere.

Forfeited His Bail—
Shortly after midnight yesterday morning the air on Commercial street became blue from a stream of profanity from the mouth of M. Parber, an attache of one of the street shows. He was talking to some man across the street, the profanity bubbling from him as the result of some trivial quarrel. Police Officer Houghten arrested Parber and took him to the police station where he deposited \$10 bail for his appearance in court yesterday afternoon. He did not appear and therefore his bail was forfeited. Five minutes of vulgar swearing cost Parber at the rate of \$2 a minute. He is known to the police of Astoria who have had trouble with him before.

Farewell Party—
A goodly number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Asp last evening and vigorously rang the door bell, the occasion being a farewell in the form of a surprise party. The evening was spent in playing games and quiet conversation. Mrs. Christal Bussing delivered a recitation in a telling manner and responded to an encore. A splendid luncheon was served, after which Mrs. E. N. Bussing presented the hostess with an elegant piece of silverware, immediately followed by a presentation to the host of a handsome fountain pen by S. Wentjar. The hostess was also the recipient of other gifts through the evening and all went home feeling that the evening was well spent and expressing their sorrow at losing so good a friend and neighbor.

AMUSEMENTS.

Last Night at the Astoria Theatre.
A fair house last night greeted the return of the Claman players in the beautiful comedy-drama entitled, "Wife in Name Only." A beautiful story as told in four acts. It is a play of high standard, and the plot revolves around an old gusher in sunny southern Texas. Dick Morley, an old rancher, has but one hobby—and that is of striking natural gas on his land. Old Grizzly Marsh, a hermit, gets permission to erect a small hut on Morley's land, where he might spend the balance of his life in peace and solitude. Old Grizzly is taken down with the fever and is found dying in his rude hovel by "Wildcat," Morley's daughter. She takes him to her father's home where he is nursed back to life. And to show his gratitude he makes "Wildcat" his heir to all his gold and effects, including a mortgage on her father's home. Grizzly is murdered by the heavy, Alvin Charlock, in order to secure the mortgage. "Wildcat" explodes a torpedo in an old oil gusher on her father's farm; the experiment is successful. The farm is worth a million, and as usual, the villain tries to get possession of the farm, by murdering Dick Morley, but is foiled, as always is the case, and "all is well that ends well." The cast was well represented by a strong company. Bright and pleasing specialties were introduced by Earl Hicks, Miss Evangeline Claman, Miss Gladys Fuller—and that ever popular comedian, Ben Claman. The company will remain the rest of the week. Tomorrow evening the funniest comedy ever written, "Tom, Dick and Harry." Band concert at noon and 7 o'clock in the evening.

WATERFRONT STORIES TOLD YESTERDAY

SKINCH II. NEARLY CAUSES A SERIOUS ACCIDENT—DOCK AND WHARF NOTES.

The beautiful motor boat "Skinch II." belonging to Chester Fox and Dr. Vaughn, was launched yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock, from the ways at the R. M. Leathers yards with an engineer on board, and her owners as well. When the flyer struck the lower skids, those below water, she made a heeling dive of it. Messrs. Fox and Vaughn being thrown swift and violently over the side, without any sort of warning. Mr. Fox, who is no adept at swimming, was in a precarious position for a moment, and had not Dr. Vaughn gone instantly to his relief, there might have been a very sad story to darken these columns this morning. But, despite the dismal run of luck that struck the Skinch at the outset, no one feels like cherishing any dubious feeling about the accident; but, on the contrary, the dainty craft is held to be the queen of the waters hereabout, and it is hoped she will demonstrate it today or tomorrow in good fashion, though she has some master-built craft to go up against both from home and abroad.

The steamer Lurline arrived down yesterday evening with 74 people in her cabins, and will probably do more and more tomorrow and Saturday, in the way of Regatta guests for the City-by-the-Sea. She went back last night with a fair passenger list and below she had 50 head of horses belonging to the A. B. Rector barns at Vancouver. The Lurline will stay down until the hour of 10 p. m. tomorrow, Friday night, and on Saturday night she will not leave up for Portland until midnight; making river trips on each night and joining in the grand marine parade on Saturday night.

Yesterday afternoon a square-rigger was reported off the Columbia bar and her identity lies between the British ship Aberfoyle, Captain Williams, from Hobart, and due in this harbor; or the American ship Henry Villard, from Bristol Bay, Alaska, with the men and pack of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company, of this city. This morning will settle the question without doubt.

Captain Archie Cann, who for a few weeks, has abandoned the piloting of greater craft in and out over the Columbia bar, is amusing himself by flying around Astoria waters in his swift little motor boat, the Myrtle, and has just returned from the metropolis, from where he made it home in a dozen hours traveling time.

The steamer Alliance came in yesterday morning from Coos Bay with big business on all decks; and it is said that among her passengers was Governor George E. Chamberlain, bound for the Capital City, after a brief visit to the lower coast port on business; but this has not been verified as yet.

Lightship No. 67, from the Umatilla reef, entered port yesterday afternoon, and went direct to the government buoy station at Tongue Point. She comes down to have some minor repairs made, and may go on the ways at St. Johns to have her bottom cleaned of barnacles.

The Wheeler tug Geo. R. Vosburg came in yesterday morning, from the big sea barge Nehalem, with the river of that name. The barge was loaded with 175,000 feet of splendid spruce logs, which were discharged at the Clatsop mills docks at once.

The British ship Donna Francesca, was dropped to a point opposite the Flavel pier yesterday morning, and will remain there until the Regatta closes, serving as flagship for the three-day season of pleasure.

The steamer Nahcotta came over

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from Megler yesterday afternoon with 80 people from the Northshore beaches, who came to be on hand at the opening of the Astoria Regatta.

The steamer Cascades came down the river yesterday morning, and cleared for the California coast, going over the bar later in the day.

The swift steamer Spencer was down from Portland on her 1:30 dot yesterday, and brought a big crowd of Regatta visitors.

PERSONAL-MENTION

Mrs. Lola Wilding, of Seattle, is visiting her brother, C. V. Brown and wife.

The Birthday Club spent a pleasant evening at Mrs. Swanson's last night. Capt. C. L. Stoneberg, of Portland, arrived yesterday to take part in the Regatta festivities. He states that there will be many Portlanders here during the balance of the week.

Mr. Wortman, of the big Portland house, of Olds, Wortman & King, is in the city and will spend a day or two of the Regatta season here.

Captain Nick Webber, of Salem, accompanied by Mrs. Webber and family, arrived in Astoria yesterday, to remain through Regatta week.

A. B. Galloway, representing the Blake-McFall Company, of Portland, is a Regatta guest in Astoria, and enjoying his visit.

Mrs. Martin Foad, and the Misses Freda and Marta Foad, with Mr. Guy Sanborn, have returned to the city after a pleasant two weeks' outing at the Foad cottage at Seaside.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thorndyke and Miss Thorndyke, departed yesterday on the steamer Spencer, for Portland, and an extended trip into the beautiful wilds of Colorado. During Mr. Thorndyke's absence, the Leader will be in the careful hands of his partner, H. E. Penick, with Harry Minchew, at the local desk.

Mrs. George Kaboth and children have arrived home from a delightful outing of seven weeks at Woodburn, in the Willamette Valley. They could not afford to miss Regatta week at home.

Frank Parker, the young son of Captain and Mrs. Thomas Parker, will return to Stanford University on Saturday next and take up his third year course there.

Miss Mary Nutson has come down from Portland to spend Regatta week with the home-folks and her host of friends.

Hon. David M. Dunne, collector of internal revenue, at Portland, is in the city for the Regatta season, and to meet with his wide circle of old-time friends in this city.

ASTORIA BUYING FROM SAN FRANCISCO

MERCHANTS HAVE REVOLTED FROM EXCESSIVE CHARGES FROM THE METROPOLIS

The new rate sheets of the Richardson steamship line, operating the Loop Lumber Company's steamers, have been received in this city and it is said that the new rates are practically just about half of what the old rates were. It is announced that the Richardson Company is prepared to keep its rates on the low basis where they now are, and the effect of the new arrangement may mean a rate war or a lowering of the rates by the other competing companies.

In relation to this question of rates, the rather startling information was learned by The Astorian yesterday that "fully 85 per cent of all the merchandise used in the city of Astoria now comes from San Francisco." That means that the Astoria merchants have revolted against the charges of Portland merchants and also what are alleged to be the high and unreasonable charges of the A. & C. railway company.

That the Portland merchants are already awakening to the changed condition of affairs is known, yet it is not probable that they can influence the matter to any appreciable extent. It is even said that San Francisco merchants are now contemplating the construction of a depot here for their supplies, so that they could make heavy shipments and then deal them out as required by the local merchants.

"You may say that fully 85 per cent of all the merchandise used in this city and locality now comes from San Francisco," said a gentleman yesterday who is familiar with the entire situation. "For my part, I should not be sorry if the other 15 per cent were also lost to Portland. We have been held up and gouged too long."

The Richardson Company operates the steamers F. S. Loop, the R. D. Inman and the Johan Poulson. The Poulson will sail again from San Francisco on August 29.

Whether the consumers will be able to participate in the lessened charges is not yet made plain, though apparently that should result from the new lessening of original expense to the merchants.

At Logan's Hall.
Scandinavian Sangerfest will be held at Logan's Hall, August 29th.
Stenographer, 447 Commercial street.
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