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TERSE TALKS OF THE TOWN

The Last Day For It—

This is the last day upon which to pay the water rates of the city and escape the legal penalty of 25 cents for delinquency. Don't forget it!

Eggs Very Dear—

A comparison of the prices of eggs here with the prices in the Chicago market shows that they are higher here than there.

Railroad Men Here—

Among the railway men visiting Astoria yesterday were noted the following: Traveling Freight Agent W. H. Ormsby, of the Northern Pacific, and General Agent F. N. Kallack, of the Pennsylvania lines, with headquarters at Portland.

Hence To St. Louis—

Last evening's Portland express out of this city bore away Mrs. Dr. Tuttle, of Fort Columbia, who was en route to the city of St. Louis to make an extended visit to friends and kinsmen there.

New Flagstaff Stepped—

Messrs. Birch & Jacobson, of this city, yesterday, stepped the new 40-foot flagstaff upon the apex of the roof of the Custom House of this port and made a good job of it. It is a fine, sheer pole, and with its new halyards and the national and department flags will make a fine showing day by day.

The A. & C. Situation—

The slide and derailment, at a point just this side of Rainier, on Tuesday last have been cleared away on the Astoria & Columbia Railway and remedied completely and the train service is back to normal schedules, much to the satisfaction and convenience of the traveling public.

State Officer Here—

Hon. O. P. Hoff, commissioner of Labor for the State of Oregon, arrived in this city on the noon train yesterday and is domiciled at the Parker House. Mr. Hoff is down on his usual official visit of inquiry and general inspection of labor conditions, and is being cordially welcomed by lots of Astoria friends.

More S. C. Exams—

Besides the examinations reported in these columns yesterday morning, for clerk, day inspector of customs, and deputy collector of customs, to be held at the custom house in this city in the 6th of January next, there will also be held at the same time and place an examination for the post of assistant engineer of tests, in the ordnance department at large.

Fresh Meat.

Spare ribs, pork tenderloin, and other meats fresh daily at Braden's new meat market. See ad, page 4.

Pilot Commission Today—
The final official meeting for the year 1908, of the Oregon State Board of Pilots, will be held in this city this afternoon, if Hon. Sylvester Farrell arrives down from Portland on the train. There is a big lot of business to be wound out and settled for the year and some of it of a very interesting nature, or is likely to be before it is disposed of.

The Clifton School—

Miss Warren, the county superintendent of schools, went to Clifton yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the school there, and returned last evening. Miss Warren says she found the school and its work to be in the best of shape. Miss Elsie Conklin is the teacher, and she has been there for three years now. There are only about 20 pupils, but the district takes much pride in its school, pays the teacher an excellent salary, and as a result Miss Warren states that under all the circumstances the school is one that may be pointed out with much commendation. Theo Falanges is the clerk.

Making Fine Progress—

The new home of the Pacific States Telephone Company, on Exchange street in this city, is a lively place these days, with the workmen finishing the building off in its lighter details, and the gang of 10 expert wiremen of the Telephone Company, setting up the big new switchboard and preparing to wire the same. Five huge reels of new cables arrived here yesterday for use in the finality of this work. Everything indicates that there will be no failure on the part of that company to make good its promise to throw open its new establishment in this city, thoroughly equipped for full and practical service on the first of January, or mighty soon thereafter.

Would Consolidate—

The municipalities of Seaside and West Astoria, each an independent city, are considering the question of consolidation, and it is also proposed to bring in the two unincorporated towns of Hermosa Park and Cartwright Park. It is said that the present water system in Seaside is proving inadequate in several respects, but inasmuch as the city has reached the limit that it may go on bonded indebtedness for this purpose, the plan to take in a wider territory seems to offer the only solution of the problem. The matter of consolidation is said to be somewhat complicated by the fact that the whole matter is now within the province of the initiative and referendum laws, all power having been taken from the Legislature. However the question is further complicated by the fact that it may prove difficult to prove in a satisfactory manner that West Seaside is legally incorporated. Most of the property owners of West Seaside are Portland men, though they are said to have taken part in the organization of the city. It is said that some of the city officials of West Seaside are also Portland men.

Hot Drinks
Coffee and Chocolate.



MR. A. M. SMITH IS ELECTED MAYOR

But Republican Win Much--Sea Wall Bill is Dejected However

A. M. Smith was elected to the mayoralty of the city of Astoria in the municipal election yesterday, by a majority of 107 over Mr. Elmore.

Save for the election of Mr. Smith the Republicans carried the rest of the ticket, generally speaking. The sea-wall amendment was defeated. The Port of Astoria bill carried, but the Chamber of Commerce bill went down an inglorious defeat.

Jens Hansen was defeated by Mr. Prael. Mr. Curtis defeated Mr. Higgins. Mr. Kaboth won over Mr. Schmitz by the narrow majority of only two votes on the face of the returns. It was stated last night that there was a slight discrepancy in the vote in the fourth precinct that gave Mr. Kaboth the majority of two. Hints were also made of one or more mistakes. It was said last night that a recount in this precinct might change the result in favor of Mr. Schmitz.

While all the precincts except the fourth were counted early in the night, the fourth was not completed until 1:10 o'clock this morning. It was a close election in many respects, but the closest of all the contests was between Kaboth and Schmitz. Despite the fact that there were various gentlemen upon the fourth precinct board

of the highest standing, it may be possible that there was some slight error in the count there. The figures on their face showed a slight discrepancy last night, it is said.

Judge Trenchard was defeated for the water commission. Mr. Kearney won over Mr. Wentjar by 57 votes.

Mr. Smith was naturally highly pleased by his fine victory, and he received many congratulations last night. The extraordinary change in the political situation that swept over the city during the several days preceding the election is difficult of analysis, but the change was sufficient to elect Mr. Smith. The so-called "open town" electors made a big fight for Mr. Smith and for Dr. Logan, and one of the funny things of the election was the zeal that the so-called "church wards" showed for Dr. Logan. Their zeal for Dr. Logan was hardly exceeded by the zeal for him displayed by the redlight district voters.

The chamber of commerce bill simply was slaughtered.

Mr. Belland and Mr. Stangland were re-elected in their ward. Mr. Carney beat Mr. Karinen by only a few votes. Mr. Fox was elected over Mr. Robinson. The table below shows the accurate figures of the election:

Candidate—Office.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
S. Elmore, Mayor	86	48	55	172	106	91	106	664
A. M. Smith, Mayor	127	50	89	198	136	100	71	771
Olof Anderson, City Auditor	185	86	138	345	218	167	169	1306
Thomas Dealey, Treasurer	179	83	132	348	216	164	155	1297
C. A. Abercrombie, City Attorney	170	84	129	345	213	160	146	1247
J. F. Kearney, Street Superintendent	67	61	94	250	171	65	73	781
A. S. Wentjar, Street Superintendent	135	37	57	114	71	125	101	724
A. S. Tee, Surveyor	150	79	124	311	197	135	134	1130
C. W. Barr, Police Commissioner	64	26	29	103	60	43	79	404
R. Carruthers, Police Commissioner	37	34	30	114	86	56	43	420
W. C. Logan, Police Commissioner	96	37	70	146	91	83	50	573
J. E. Ferguson, Water Commissioner at Large	96	55	73	188	125	95	75	707
A. Young, Water Commissioner at Large	115	26	40	70	168	109	84	651
H. F. Hansen, Councilman at Large	110	40	81	171	104	78	55	639
H. F. Prael, Councilman at Large	81	55	69	193	136	103	112	749
FIRST WARD								
Charles Wilson, Councilman, four years	199	71						270
F. J. Carney, Councilman, two years	76	69						145
Fred Karinen, Councilman, two years	115	26						141
Assmus Brix, Water Commission, eight years	155	81						236
Frans Kankkonen, Water Commission, 4 years	197	69						266
SECOND WARD								
George Kaboth, Council, 4 years				179	180			259
Chris Schmidt, Council, 4 years				70	187			257
C. J. Curtis, Council, 2 years				79	189			268
C. R. Higgins, Council, 2 years				64	173			237
F. A. Fisher, Water Commission, 8 years				115	303			418
I. Bergman, Water Commission, 4 years				105	231			336
H. G. Van Dusen, Water Commission, 4 years				39	128			167
THIRD WARD								
C. A. Lieneweber, 4 years					196	154		350
A. L. Fox, 2 years					130	82		212
J. J. Robinson, 2 years					109	98		207
WATER COMMISSION								
Gust Holmes, 8 years					98	114		212
C. J. Trenchard, 8 years					138	65		203
J. W. Welch, 4 years					174	112		286
FOURTH WARD								
L. O. Belland, 4 years						108		108
J. F. Bowers, 4 years						64		64
P. L. Stangland, 2 years						137		137
WATER COMMISSION								
P. Gimre, 8 years						91		91
M. Young, 8 years						74		74
Sofus Jensen, 4 years						127		127
SEAWALL								
Yes	49	39	69	156	113	71	43	540
No	129	29	65	142	95	79	100	636
PORT ASTORIA								
Yes	67	56	91	221	130	85	68	718
No	107	19	42	93	73	60	74	468
CHAMBER COMMERCE								
Yes	27	29	47	101	66	30	17	317
No	142	44	89	212	153	102	131	873

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With Rubber Concern—
John Ker, of Portland, assistant secretary of the Mexican Rubber Culture Company, came down to Astoria yesterday and will remain here for a day or two in the interests of his concern. Various well known Portland business men are at the head of the rubber company, which is entering upon this business on a

large scale. Mr. Ker is a nephew of Governor Chamberlain. One or more Astoria men are already interested in the venture.

First Company Meeting—
The regular drill meeting of the First Company, Coast Artillery, was held at the armory last evening, with fully 75 per cent of the membership present, with Captain Abercrombie and his full staff of officers in charge, the drills of the evening were carried through and indicated a sharp and steady improvement in every detail of the work. There was a general overhauling of all arms and equipment, preparatory to inspection, and other routine matters were promptly and properly disposed of, all to the credit of the new and popular organization.

Annual Sale.
The ladies of the Alderbrook Presbyterian church will give their annual sale on Thursday, December 10, in the church parlors.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spittle are going to Portland on this morning's train, and expect to be gone several days.
Dr. Emil Enna was down yesterday on his customary musical quest, and had his cheerful smile with him. He would not be recognized without it.
C. A. Strong, of San Francisco, was in the city yesterday on matters of business.
A. C. Spencer, of Portland, spent the day in Astoria yesterday on business of importance.
L. H. Sims, of San Francisco, was noted here yesterday among the multitudinous tourists of the hour.
A. B. C. Denniston, of Seattle, was doing business in this city yesterday.
H. S. Guenther, of Ilwaco, was over yesterday on matters of business.
W. R. Hollister, of Ilwaco, spent the afternoon in Astoria yesterday.
H. Rodgers, a well known drummer of the metropolis, was here yesterday for a few hours, on business.
F. N. Pollock, of Portland, was here yesterday and quartered at the Occident.
Alexander Gilbert, of Seaside, was up yesterday, on business, and spent the day among his friends.
G. R. Manson, of Detroit, was in Astoria yesterday, and was registered at the Merwyn.
J. E. Spender, of Missoula, was registered at the Northern Hotel here yesterday.

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On Friday Next.

The Hon. Peder Svensen, of Tronjem, Norway, a member of the Norwegian parliament and a lecturer and orator of distinct renown, will lecture at the First Methodist Church, at 8 o'clock on the evening of tomorrow, Friday. All Scandinavians are invited to attend. There will be no charge at the door.

Attached In Port—

Suit for the recovery of the sum of \$15,000, alleged to be due from V. Tordesen, et al, the owners of the Norwegian steamship Admiral Borresen (which was about to leave out from this port yesterday morning, on her way to Shanghai, China), to the firm of W. R. Grace & Company, Inc., of Portland and New York, has been filed in the circuit court of Multnomah county; and in this behalf, an attachment was levied on the vessel and cargo here yesterday, by Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy, of this county. There are several technical questions involved in the process, and the issue of the suit will be watched with interest all through the Columbia Valley. Sheriff Pomeroy left up for the metropolis on the Lurline, last evening, to confer with the attorneys for Grace & Company, Messrs. Williams, Wood & Linchome of that city.

Condition Serious—

It was said last night that the condition of Madeline Longtine, the Cathlamet girl who is ill at St. Mary's hospital, is serious. The prosecuting attorney-elect at Cathlamet, Mr. Olsen, was in the city yesterday in relation to the matter.

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- Frankfurt Sausages.....10c
- Bologna Sausages.....10c
- Blood Sausage.....10c
- Liver Sausage.....10c
- Head Cheese.....10c
- Ham Sausage.....15c
- Smith's Pig Pork Sausage.....12c
- Shoulder Roast Pork.....10c, 12c
- Whole Shoulder Roasts.....11c
- Shoulder Pork Chops.....12c
- Loin Pork Chops.....15c
- Loin Rib Roasts of Pork.....15c
- Pork Hocks.....8c
- Fresh Pig Feet.....5c
- Smith's Pure Lard in 5-lb. pails.....65c
- Sirloin Steaks.....10c
- Tenderloin Steaks.....10c
- Best Porterhouse Steaks.....12c, 15c
- "T" Bone Steaks.....12c, 15c
- Round Steak.....10c
- Best Pot Roasts.....7c, 8c
- Beef for Boiling.....5c, 6c
- Prime Rib Roast Beef.....10c, 12c
- Pickled Pork.....12c
- Dry Salt Pork.....12c
- Smith's Pig Hams.....15c
- Breakfast Bacon.....15c, 17c
- Fresh Eggs.....35c dozen
- Your choice of several different brands of Creamery Butter.....70c
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