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**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**Juanita Club**  
The Juanita Club will give a dance at the Athletic Club hall tonight. It is a leap year party and admission is upon invitation only.

**Old Man Dies**  
Frank Wilson, 84 years of age, for many years a sailor, died Sunday at his home on Water street, presumably from paralysis. The old man lived alone, but had been receiving medical attention. Very little is known of his life or relatives.

**Dead At 70 Years**  
Matt Raekala died at his home on Evening street, in the eastern part of the city, yesterday morning, after a long illness. He was 70 years of age. The decedent was a native of Finland and lived with relatives here.

**The Ball a Success**  
The grand ball given by the West Baseball Team, at Logan's Hall on Saturday night last was one of the prime successes of the season, and it is said, will soon be repeated. The attendance was very large and the affair an entire success from every point of view.

**"Sunset" a Certainty**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowers, of Warrenton, were in the city yesterday en route to Portland for a visit of a few days. While there Mr. Bowers will conclude negotiations for the opening up of the Sunset Beach property and the erection of a fine hotel there in time to entertain the guests of the coming season.

**Quigley Is Convalescent**  
Arthur Quigley, the Skamokawa man who cut his throat last week in an attempt to kill himself, is doing quite well at St. Mary's hospital, and unless unforeseen complications set in will probably soon be as well as ever. His mind seems perfectly clear, but the source of his troubles has not been ascertained. He can talk with perfect facility.

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**Fumigated Rooms**  
Dr. Reames, the city health officer, fumigated two of the rooms at the Adair school yesterday. One or more of the pupils from those rooms had been ill with diphtheria.

**School Roof Leaks**  
Certain minor repairs were to have been made to the walls of the Adair school yesterday, but it was found that the roof is leaking quite badly in several places and it was thought best to repair the roof before any interior work was done. The chimneys of the Adair, Shively and McClure school have all been cleaned.

**Death of Pioneer**  
Word was received in this city yesterday morning announcing the death at Salem of John Baker, one of the best known pioneers in the State, who has reached the honorable age limit of 93 years. He was the grandfather of R. Bonham, of this city, and that gentleman left up last night for the Capital City. Mr. Baker crossed the plains to Oregon in 1847.

**District Levies**  
J. C. Clinton, the county clerk, yesterday received the following district levies from throughout the county: road districts—New Astoria, 5 mills; No. 9, at Svenson, 10 mills; No. 11, at Westport, 3 mills; School levies—No. 12, at Necanicum, 7 mills; No. 3, at Clatsop, 1 mill; No. 6, at Hammond, 11 mills; No. 19, at Lewis and Clark, 4 mills.

**A Sunday Wedding**  
At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hoegli, 53 West Astor street, on Sunday evening last, the lives and interests of Miss Inga Hoegli and Mr. G. Rostad were merged in the happy bonds of matrimony, Rev. G. A. Rydquist officiating. There were a number of guests present and a splendid wedding supper was served. The young people have many friends to wish them a bright and successful future.

**Sailor's Sudden Death**  
Julius Peterson, a sailor on the steamer Eureka, while on her journey to the Columbia river Sunday, died on board of the vessel as the result of a hemorrhage. He was at work on the deck when the blood began to flow from his mouth and nostrils. He was immediately given such care as was possible under the circumstances, but soon thereafter died. The body was taken to the Gilbaugh establishment upon the arrival of the Eureka here. Peterson was a native of Sweden, 33 years of age, and was a member of the Sailors' Union at Eureka. It is expected that instructions will be received from the union in relation to the body.

**In Probate Court**  
Upon the hearing of the final accounting in the matter of the estate of George Sieverson in probate court yesterday it was ordered that the administrator pay over the balance of the funds in his hands, \$774.75, less attorney fees and other minor charges to the sole heir, Theodore Sieverson. In the matter of the estate of Conrad L. Anderson, the administrator, I. C. Anderson, showed a balance in his hands of \$292.50 out of a total of \$300. The expenses of administration as reported were \$7.50. The hearing of the final account was set for February 1. In the estate of B. C. Byrd the funds still in the hands of the administratrix were ordered paid to the heirs, and the administratrix ordered to make report to the court. In the estate of Henrik Patree the final accounting was approved and the administrator discharged. The final account was approved and the administrator discharged in the estate of Abram Kallunki.

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**D. M. C. D. Dance**  
Judging from the interest that is manifest in the leap year ball to be given in the Athletic Club hall tomorrow night, under the auspices of the D. M. C. D. club, the event promises to be one of the social successes of the winter season. The young ladies have extended invitations to their chosen gentlemen friends, and in other details the leap year aspect of the party will be carried out. The overture will play at 9 o'clock sharp and the indications are that one of Astoria's most brilliant social assemblages will then be gathered there.

**Granted The Rights**  
Dr. B. Owens-Adair has granted the rights of way across her valuable lands to the proposed electric line to Seaside, and thus now nearly every one of the large land holders along the route has given the required 60-foot strip. On the part of Dr. Adair this action is taken to be especially generous, as her lands are very valuable. She grants a mile of the right of way. It is hoped that the work of securing the remaining rights of way, from the smaller property owners, will be a comparatively easy task. Many of them have already given. H. G. Van Dusen, who is actively engaged in the work, stated yesterday that the whole matter now looks very promising.

**Debate With Tillamook**  
Announcement is made by Mr. Imel, principal of the High School, that selected representatives from the school will meet a debating team from the Tillamook High School in this city on January 20. The subject of the inter-school debate will be on the question of municipal ownership of public utilities. In the two societies in the local High School there are now 14 entered in the try-out debates, and after each society, the Alfred and the Wauregan, have selected their best members, then the teams from the two societies will debate, and the winners will meet the Tillamook team. The time for the try-outs is very short and it is probable the first one will be held on the opening day of school, next Monday.

**Moneys Paid Out**  
City Treasurer Dealey yesterday paid out the sum of \$1617.75 in general fund warrants and \$804 on street improvement warrants. There is still a considerable amount of money in the hands of the treasurer on which the warrants have been called and interest stopped, for despite the official call of the warrants and the numerous allusions to the matter in the papers some of those who hold the warrants don't seem to want to get their money. One business firm that received some of its money yesterday seemed disposed to growl because the money had been lying there without earning them any interest, though it is difficult to see what else could be done, unless the city treasurer would go in person and beg them to come to his office and get their money.

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TALKS AND ACTS**

**INTERESTING AND BUSY SESSION LAST NIGHT—MANY THINGS UP.**

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night the question of the election of officers for the ensuing year did not come up, though there had been an understanding in the minds of some that it was to be the annual meeting and the occasion to select officers.

The special committee appointed by President Scholfield, for the purpose of canvassing the financial situation and to make suggestions in relation to the officers for the coming year, did not make a report, either. It seems that the committee had not met, or taken any action and hence was unable to make a report. At the last meeting the Chamber voted for such a committee to consist of five, but after the meeting it appears that some of the officials deemed it best to have a larger committee and for that reason nothing was done pending an increase in the size of the committee. There was some criticism expressed over the lack of action, though not applied particularly to any individual. However, it seems that there is an imperative haste required in studying the situation, as there are sufficient funds to carry on the work for several months yet.

President Scholfield announced incidentally last night that it would be the last time he would sit as president, as at the time of the next meeting he will be in attendance upon the legislature at Salem.

Several of the members appeared to be in the mood to speak out in meeting last night and one man wanted to know about the proposed oil company, which has promised much for months. This member, Walter J. Ingalls, thought he had been bilked a little in the contract he had signed in relation to the oil company, as he had been voluntarily given a more favorable contract. Mr. Ingalls wanted to know why.

"Because you must have looked easy," was President Scholfield's facetious explanation. Inasmuch as the Chamber had somewhat enthusiastically endorsed the project Mr. Ingalls apparently deemed his question still unanswered. One of the most interesting things at last night's session was the introduction of a proposed bill which the Chamber was asked to endorse and present to the Oregon Legislature for passage into a law. This bill has been given publicity before in this city. It provides that "any county or town" of the state may levy a special tax not exceeding four mills for advertising the county or town.

Mr. Curtis, the attorney, was present and pointed out that such a law would not be in harmony with the present laws of the state in relation to taxation, and the matter was sent back to the committee on laws for further consideration. The passage of such a law would doubtless prove to be such an extraordinary departure from the settled laws of the land pertaining to municipalities that perhaps the whole effect of it can not readily be seen now, but some are disposed to think such a law would prove wholly evil and disastrous, while others see in it only a quitable means of making

everybody pay for the advertising that a Chamber of Commerce gives a city, upon the theory that all should join in paying, as all supposedly join in the benefits.

It was also announced that there is a movement on foot to remove the two lighthouse tenders that now make their headquarters here to Bellingham. The Chamber will strenuously oppose this, and B. Van Dusen and others talked on the manifest injustice of any such a change. The commerce of the Columbia river imperatively demands the presence of the tenders here.

Manager Whyte stated that there are many inquiries about the logged-off lands. One concern has asked if it could get possession of a large tract. There have been about 300 letters received in regard to logged-off lands.

The suggestion was made that the Chamber make an arrangement with some reputable realty firm of Seattle to become an agent for Astoria and Clatsop county lands, the idea being that much good could be accomplished in this way. Nearly all who come to Oregon first stop off in Seattle. It was also suggested that the same arrangement be made in Portland; and that it might be a good idea if a large electric sign advertising Astoria were maintained at the Portland depot. Mr. Finlayson followed this up by going it one better. He suggested it might be a good plan to have a phonograph, or a man with a megaphone, to meet all the Seattle trains, and either the man with the megaphone or the phonograph could then sing out the advantages of Astoria. Mr. Finlayson did not state whether he meant this facetiously or not, but the other suggestions seemed to meet with favor.

**Adair Drain**  
The recent heavy rains have caused much trouble with the old Adair drain and in several places it has broken in. The entire drain is said to be in such a wretched shape that it no longer carries off the streams of water that naturally collect in that basin, and as a result the householders in that locality have suffered somewhat. Superintendent of Streets Kearney has had men working there for several days past and the men were busy all day Christmas and Sunday. The Irving avenue improvement in that section has also apparently caused some of the water to find new channels, and this is the source of additional trouble. The councilman who made the famous statement in the council chamber at the last meeting about the sliding ground being all "imaginary" would be highly edified to meet some of the people down at 35th street and Irving, just for one slight example. "In one place," said Mr. Kearney yesterday, "the ground has three distinct movements—east west and north."

**REALTY TRANSFERS**

W. C. Smith and wife to Albert J. Kucheman and wife, lots 1 and 2, block 26, The Plaza; \$500.  
Johanna Owens Smith and Charles C. Smith to W. A. Sherman, lots 14 and 21, block 2, Hill's first addition to Ocean Grove; \$200.  
George A. Cashel and wife and Mark M. Menaker and Ruth Knopf to Charles V. Haylund, 40 acres in S. 13, T. 8 N., R. 8 W.; \$375.  
Lambert Lawson to Jeannette Lawson, lot 3, block 19, town of Alderbrook; \$100.  
Adolph Hoch and wife to J. C. Butt, lots 15 and 16, tract 1 of block 9, Olney's Astoria; \$800.  
Theodore Bracker to Clara Goldsmith et al undivided half of lots 10 and 11, block 115, Shively's Astoria; heirs of L. K. G. Smith.

**HONEYMOON IN THE CLOUDS.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—A honeymoon in the clouds, says the Record-Herald today, is the remarkable arrangement for a wedding trip made by Charles A. Coey, prominent in automobile circles and an enthusiastic aeronaut. His marriage with Miss Carrie Hume Lewis of Kansas City, Mo., will take place in that city next Saturday morning. Mr. Coey shipped his immense balloon, the Chicago, and his de luxe automobile to Los Angeles a week ago. Immediately after the marriage ceremony Mr. Coey and his bride will start for the California city, where they will spend two months in motoring and making balloon ascensions.

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There can be no questioning the generally admitted fact that the play of "Arizona", as presented at the Astoria theatre on Sunday night last was the finest dramatic presentation made here this season. The production was Hollis E. Cooley's triumph, borne out by a group of earnest, competent people, none of whom failed at any point in the long and powerful story, one of the best ever written by Augustus Thomas.

The house was about half-filled when it should have overflowed with an audience that would have been as pleased as were the few that saved the advantage of attending. There was a lesson in faithful work in this rendition of the famous play of the plains. There was an excellence maintained throughout that made it a masterpiece and gratified everyone who witnessed it. In point of painstaking, ardent and arduous work, no distinction may be made as among the 17 players in the cast. Everyone gave a standard presentation of their individual work, the missing of it all contributing to one of the rarest entertainments furnished here in many a day.

There were no delays, no hitches, no waits, no blundering; all was smooth and clean and alluring from beginning to end, and the vigor and snap and resonant tone of the play was faithfully sustained at every line and situation.

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