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Treasurer Pays Out—
 City Treasurer Dealey yesterday paid out the sum of \$1500 on street improvement warrants, on Ninth, Jerome to Kensington, and Astor, Sixth to Eighth.

All is Serene—
 Announcement is made by the Central Labor Council that the differences between the Carpenters' Union and Axel Johansen, the contractor, have all been amicably settled.

Off For Capital—
 Secretary H. M. Lornsen, of the Fishermen's Union, will depart on Sunday morning next for Portland and the Capital City, for the purpose of attending the Oregon State Convention of Labor, and giving his personal attention to the fishing interests of the Columbia, as they shall develop at Salem in a legislative way.

He Helped—
 In the account of the rescue of the man who fell into the water east of the fire engine house Sunday night the Astorian gave much of the credit for the work done to one of the firemen. It seems that Fritz Barnhopf, an employee of the brewery, is the man who was first there and who assisted very materially in the rescue of the man from the icy waters.

Public Schools—
 School statistics of the month ending January 6, as compiled for Superintendent Clark, show that the total number of pupils in attendance was 1414, of this number 724 being boys and 690 being girls. The average daily attendance was 1346, the per cent of attendance being 97.6. The number of visits by parents was 17, and the number of visits by members of the school board was 11.

Tenth Street Sewer—
 It is quite certain that the Tenth street sewer is badly choked, or badly broken, somewhere along its line from Exchange street northward to the river, and in need of instant attention from the street department. It hardly serves a lateral sewer on its route for that distance and will soon become decidedly offensive unless remedied. It may be one of the effects of the recent fierce gale and the subsequent congestion arising from it, but whatever it is, it is in urgent need of complete overhauling.

False Alarm—
 At 6:30 o'clock last evening an alarm of fire was turned into the department through Box No. 17, at the corner of Commercial and Twelfth streets and the department made a fast response to it, but all search for fire or threat of fire was vain, and the apparatus were sent back to the stations. An examination of Box 17 revealed the fact that it had not been opened nor used and the conclusion was accepted that the wires were crossed for an instance in the neighborhood and the call was sent in by contact.

Hot Drinks
 Coffee and Chocolate.


Horse Taken Up—
 Police Officers Thompson and Wilson discovered a horse wandering about the streets late Wednesday night, and it seemed determined to get down to the river. They chased it away from the Ross-Higgins dock and finally captured it on the Callender dock. The horse was very thirsty and was after water. The officers gave it a drink from a bucket, and later one or two more buckets of water, all of which it drank greedily. The animal had evidently been shut up in some yard where it could get no water and finally broke out. That it was not under shelter during the storm was indicated by big icicles that hung to its mane.

The District Schools—
 As far as is known the various district schools through the county have been able to continue their sessions during the past week of snow and storm. At all events no reports to the contrary have been received at the office of the county superintendent of schools, and therefore it is believed that the country children managed to brave the bad weather. Mrs. M. Lowe is acting in the place of Miss Emma C. Warren, the superintendent, during her vacation in Southern California. A letter just received from Miss Warren states that she is enjoying her trip south very much. She is in Los Angeles and will return about February 6.

Cruelty to Animals—
 A warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of "Vegetable Charlie," one of the Chinese market gardeners whose truck farm is south of Smith's Point. Charlie is accused of cruelty to animals, inasmuch as his horse was left outside during all of the past week of snow and cold. Neighbors aver that they saw the poor horse out in the storms without anything to eat, and that they complained to the Chinaman about it, his only response being that there was nothing to eat for the horse in the stable. The warrant was issued at the instance of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Brownell, and is based on complaint made in justice court. From all accounts the horse was used very badly. Numerous complaints have been made at various times in relation to this same horse, for its master at times beats it cruelly.

Low Death Rate—
 According to the tabulated statement of deaths occurring in the city of Astoria during the year 1908, as compiled by Dr. Reames, the city health officer, the percentage of deaths was remarkably small. The total number of deaths was 130 from all causes, and with a population of approximately 15,000 this leaves a death rate of less than 1 per cent. Not counting

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ten accidental deaths, by drowning and otherwise, the death rate is exactly .008, and this probably can be claimed as a death rate that is not excelled anywhere in the United States. If the men who died above 70 years were excluded from the reckoning, though of course they should not be, the per centage would be ridiculously small. All of which points to the claim often made that Astoria is one of the healthiest cities in the United States.

Investigating Its Rights—
 It is said that President Hugh Fitch of the Portland Stevedores' Union, has been in the city for the past 48 hours, conferring with the officers and members of the local union of that craft, with a view to determining what course shall be pursued in the event the master of the French bark Asineres, now lying off the Tongue, waiting to be hauled alongside the Hammond Lumber Company's docks for a lumber cargo, shall attempt to load his vessel with his own crew. Just how the matter will terminate is, as yet, an interesting problem to all concerned; but the contention of the union stevedores is, as nearly as can be ascertained, that if this custom is permitted to become engrafted on the port, that every French ship that comes to the Columbia will insist on the same practice, to the certain and extensive detriment of the workers in that field of labor and a distinct financial loss to the port itself, let alone the establishment of the untoward precedent; and it is said the local men will endeavor in all practical ways to discourage the proposition, once for all. The issue of the matter will be looked for with exceeding interest from more than one direction.

Sheriff et al Sued—
 Complaint has been filed in the circuit court of Multnomah county against the American Surety Company, of New York, R. W. Bruns, its agent, Frank S. Kelley, and Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy of Clatsop county. The plaintiff is L. A. Porter. The gist of the suit is that the plaintiff, Porter, owed the defendant surety company a sum of money; that meantime he had done some contract work at Fort Stevens wherefore the government owed him \$270 and in payment sent him postal orders for that amount. In its effort to collect its debt the defendant surety company is alleged to have interested Sheriff Pomeroy, though as far as the complaint is concerned not the slightest intimation is made anywhere of any criminal or civil proceedings having been brought against the plaintiff. The complaint states that the defendants did "unlawfully, maliciously, wantonly and wickedly conspire for the purpose of wrongfully extorting money from the plaintiff, and to that end did unlawfully conspire together to arrest and imprison said plaintiff."

The complaint further states that he was "arrested and imprisoned" in the office of the sheriff from 2 o'clock in the afternoon to 7 o'clock at night. Damages in the sum of \$10,000 are asked by Porter for the alleged false imprisonment. Porter had signed over the postal orders as a result of what he alleges to have been the conspiracy to intimidate and arrest him.

Have You Been There?
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MAYOR APPOINTS HIS COMMITTEES

DIVISION OF COUNCIL LABOR SEEMS TO BE EXCELLENTLY WELL DONE.

Mayor Smith yesterday afternoon filed the list of his standing committee appointments. The full list is herewith given:
 Ways and Means—Prael, Curtis, Belland.
 Health and Police—Karinén, Fox, Schmidt.
 Streets and Public Ways—Fox, Belland, Wilson.
 Fire and Water—Leinenweber, Wilson, Stangeland.
 Public Property—Stangeland, Curtis, Prael.
 Wharves and Waterfront—Schmidt, Karinén, Leinenweber.
 From the standpoint of the politician who likes to figure out things this list of committees is more or less interesting, though on the whole the committees are apparently most excellent ones. In fact, it would not be possible to appoint a committee of the council that would not be a good one, because of the men in the council. It may be noticed that the three men who did not get the chairmanship of any committee are Belland, Curtis and Wilson, and it is known that the new ordinance which Councilman Curtis is about to introduce will provide for a judiciary committee, which he by reason of his profession and as the introducer of the ordinance, would naturally expect to be the head of. That would leave Wilson and Belland as the only men who would have the chairmanship of committees. Of course it should not be forgotten that there are nine councilmen and only six committees, so that each man could not get the premier place on a committee. Hanssens place on streets and public ways is taken by Fox; Kabotha place at the head of the committee on fire and water is now taken by Leinenweber. It is likely to be said that Mayor Smith has done well in appointing his committees, for those that are together probably will do excellent "team work," and it is not an easy or pleasant task to formulate the committees so as to please all. Belland is the president of the council, so he is not lacking in recognition of his services, and this leaves Wilson as the only man who has not been yet distinctively recognized in some way though of course Mr. Wilson is on two important committees, streets and fire. Some of Mayor Smith's presumed political opponents seem to have been dealt with in gracious spirit.

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FIGHT WILL BE WAGED IN MANY STATES TO PRESERVE THE BIRDS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—To measure the contents of Uncle Sam's game bag during the new year is the object of a concerted effort in which sportsmen from every section of the country are joining the National Association of Audubon Societies in this city tomorrow. Detailed records of each day's shoot are to be secured from every true sportsman and required by law of every one else. It is proposed, in all states where the Audubon and sports interests will urge the crying need of legislation to this effect. Unless the annual inroads upon the rapidly decreasing game of America are thus determined, the leaders of the new movement declared to-day, shooting as a healthy recreation will soon be killed in almost every region of the continent.

That the health, crops and woods, as well as the sport, of many extensive localities are to-day seriously menaced by the extinction of game birds will be demonstrated by the latest results of the scientific investigations of government authorities at Washington. Water fowl and shore birds will be shown in their natural capacity of destroying the anopheles mosquito as well as many other recognized distributors of deadly germs. Gulls and many other varieties of sea and inland water birds will be proven by ornithological experts to be wholesale destroyers of grasshoppers and a multitude of the insects which cause an annual crop and forest loss of nearly a billion dollars, or more than the entire national debt as recently announced, according to the most recent calculations of the government Bureau of Entomology. The case of Salt Lake City, whose people have erected a monument to the gulls that saved all their crops from destruction by an insect plague, will also be cited.

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law is already in force the addition of a law to enforce the recording of all game birds and animals shot will be urged. It is proposed, in order to protect the true sportsmen and to detect market hunters, to punish failure to report the season's shoot by a forfeiture of license and false returns by proceeding as against perjury. Special blanks for the purpose are being prepared as an attachment to all hunters' license cards.

When the purpose and necessity of this widespread checking up of the nation's game bag is realized by the people at large, the labor of compiling the records of the individual progress of millions of hunters will be begun. In this gigantic task the officers of the National Association of Audubon Societies have been pre-empted by the hearty assistance of the director of the National Conservation Commission, a coordinate branch of which their organization has become by the special invitation of the authorities at Washington. This conservation movement they will forward as one of their principal activities for the new year, together with their regular work of education, bird care on reservations and legislative campaigning for general bird protection.

"The conservation of the dying races of the game birds and animals of this continent is an object for which we are finding every true sportsman ready and eager to cooperate with us," said William Dutcher, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, at its headquarters, 141 Broadway, to-day. "The proposed census is the only sure way of determining the extent of the existing commercial bird butchery and the means to check it. Though we shall, of course, have to fight the organized and financially powerful market hunters at every step toward this and I feel sure that the support of the sportsmen will help us greatly and that we may rely upon the support of every patriotic American as well. The whole public debt of this nation has just been reported as \$997,349,751, with a known annual loss of many millions more than this due to the growing inroads of the insects which our game birds destroy. I do not think Americans can ignore this subject much longer."

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