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## TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

### Certificate of Approval

A certificate of approval was filed yesterday of the improvement of Bond street from Ninth to Tenth, Birch & Jacobson, contractors.

### License To Marry

License to marry has been issued to Charles Murgatroyd and Pauline Krueger.

### Goes To Pendleton

W. E. Buffum has gone to Pendleton on business for a week or more, in relation to placing some bonds for a local concern.

### Born

To the wife of James Porter, on Wednesday, a baby daughter, at their residence, 73 Exchange street. Both mother and little one are flourishing finely.

### Citizenship

Declaration of intention to take out citizenship papers was yesterday filed by John Sanberg, native of Finland, and by Pulius Demetrius Theodorakis, native of Greece.

### Young Men's Day

A week from the coming Sunday will be devoted by the English speaking Protestant churches of the city to the "Young Men"; that is it is to be a young men's day. Four or five speakers from Portland will take charge of the services and the day will probably be a notable one.

### Back From Portland

Dr. Owens-Adair was over from Sunnymead yesterday having come down from Portland a few days ago. She is well pleased with the progress made by her new tenants, Messrs. Tucker and Beebe who are putting Sunnymead Farm in fine shape.

### Large Run of Seals

A large run of seals appeared off the city front yesterday afternoon, one being a monster said to measure nearly 15 feet in length. This is taken to be indicative that salmon in large numbers are entering the river, it being a well known fact, that seals come way up the river following the salmon.

### School Exhibit

Several of the teachers have already started to send in some of the work being done by their pupils for the exhibit at the Seattle Exposition. Work from the primary grade of the Alderbrook school is in and it shows that the little folks can turn out some pretty fine and interesting papers. The work is neat and methodical and most of it is adorned in colors.

The great jungle scene in "Classmates" has received more notice than any other scene in any other play on the road this season. Norman Hackett plays the leading part in the play which is booked at the Astoria Theatre for April 24th.

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### Firm Changes Hands

The co-partnership existing between W. T. Scholfield and John Mattson has been dissolved, Mr. Scholfield purchasing Mr. Mattson's interest in the business and will conduct it in the future. Mr. Mattson has purchased the Hayseth ranch on Young's River for \$8,000 and will engage in the business of dairying and farming.

### School Entertainment

Pupils of the Taylor school will give an entertainment a week from Friday for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the piano debt. There is still about \$125 due on the instrument and the teachers hope that the entertainment will bring in quite a little to lessen this. An admission of 25 cents will be charged. The entertainment promises to be an interesting one and the teachers and pupils are making great preparations for it.

### No Bail Yet

Peter Andrews, one of the two men arrested on a charge of maltreating the 12-year-old Uppertown girl, had not managed to secure his \$300 bail by last evening and he was still in the county jail. The other man, Albert Peterson, secured his bail at once. During the hearing Peterson went on the stand and denied all the facts alleged, and thus far the prosecution has announced no witness other than the girl herself. She tells the alleged story in great detail.

### For Railway Station

A deed was filed for record yesterday in the office of the county clerk whereby Edward A. Taylor and Frank J. Taylor transfer to the A. & C. Railway Company a small tract of their lands on Clatsop Plains to be used as a railway station. At present the station called Carnahan is on the Taylor lands not far distant from where the present site is located, but there is a desire to have the station placed so that a road can be run directly from it to the Clatsop beach. The deed states that in the event the site ever ceases to be used for the purposes of a passenger and freight station it shall revert to the grantors.

### Baseball

Mr. Van Riper, instructor at the Athletic Club, states that he is now assured that the organization will be able to put a fine baseball team in the field this summer and is already preparing for a schedule of games. There seems no reason at all why Astoria should not take up baseball as a summer sport and have as much pleasure out of it as other towns do; of course the only real objection is that the only available grounds are up on the hillside and not easy of access. According to Mr. Riper the team will have a strong battery, and that of course is half of the battle.

### Irving Avenue Again

A communication was filed in the office of the city auditor yesterday from the firm of Foad & Stokes, Portland, and signed by F. R. Stokes, in relation to the damage done to the Foad & Stokes hall by the Irving slide. The communication states that a previous statement of the facts had been sent to the council, and charges that the damage to the building is due to improper and negligent methods in the improvement of the street. Mr. Stokes further states that the firm looks to the council to repair the injury and that the matter be given early attention.

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### Royal Hawaiian Singers

If there are any lovers of vocal music in town who have not yet heard the Royal Hawaiian Singers at the Jewel Theater, they should surely go. Astoria has little enough in the way of nice entertainment, and rarely is it that singers are heard here worthy of the name. The Hawaiians are fine, excellent; though to say that is merely trite. The members of this organization are known to many who have already heard them at the Oregonian grill in Portland, where they were for a long time, and they will be here for this week only. There is a sort of haunting rhythm about their native songs, and a sort of quality about their ballads in English, that are very attractive. To hear them sing alone, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," one of the songs of last night, is well worth a visit to the Jewel.

### Committee Will Meet

The special committee of the common council appointed to prepare an ordinance providing for licensing and regulating saloons, will meet in adjourned session this evening at the council chambers. It is understood that the Belland ordinance has been amended so as to close all saloons all day on Sunday, and providing for a penalty of from \$10 to \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second and a forfeiture of the license for the third. Several councilmen were interviewed yesterday and judging from the sentiments expressed the ordinance will pass in its amended form. The Curtis ordinance will also be considered and it is probable all provisions will be agreed to by the committee and submitted to the council Monday night for passage. No one but the committee will attend the meeting.

### The Ship St. Nicholas

The good ship St. Nicholas of the Columbia River Packers' Association, will leave for the north this morning going direct to Nushagak for the summer's fishing. The St. Nicholas left her moorings off from the docks yesterday morning and a great crowd on shore cheered her lustily. On every side were heard remarks about the fine character of the crew, for the fine and clean-cut young men made a fine showing. Mr. Belland, who will be in charge of the work up there again this summer for the packers' association, said with pride that he thought it was the finest set of men that ever left Astoria for the Alaska fishing grounds, and his opinion was corroborated by many others. The St. Nicholas dropped down to the lower harbor yesterday morning and today will start on her trip north. Mr. Belland will not leave for a week or so yet, and will go by steamer. In the crew were 91 whites, 21 Japs, 19 Filipinos, and 61 Chinese.

### The Crib Question

In accordance with the orders of the police commission the police ordered that the blinds be kept closed on the cribs on Sixth, Seventh and Eighth streets, and when the orders were issued and put into effect there was all sorts of protests and objection at the police commissioners and the police. But the protests come from a very few only. There is more than ample room for all on Astor street, or at least at a respectable distance from Bond street, and no one need be inconvenienced by the order. It is known that some of the proprietors on Astor street had already been planning to try to center the district on that thoroughfare, and they had planned to petition the police board to that effect, and naturally the new order pleases them. On the other hand one or more saloon men voiced decided objection, and one place is said to have threatened to openly defy the police commission and the police officers.

### Senator Fulton Declines

Hon. C. W. Fulton yesterday sent a message to President Taft declining the appointment of Minister to China. While the position carries with it a salary of \$13,000 a year, Mr. Fulton preferred to remain in Oregon. He will shortly go to Portland and open a branch law office, and will probably be there a major portion of his time. His family will continue to reside in Astoria, for the present, at least, and may eventually move to Portland, although the Astoria office will be continued.

### Rebekah Notice

Members of Gateway Lodge No. 77 are requested to attend a meeting to be held this (Friday) evening at 8:00 o'clock, important.

ALMA LAWSON,  
Secretary.

Ask the man who wears Benjamin clothes. He knows them. See Judd Bros., 557 Commercial street.

Norman Hackett, who will be seen as Duncan Irving in "Classmates" at the Astoria Theatre on April 24th, is winning fame all along the line for

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## THE EXPERTS' REPORT ON CITY'S BOOKS

IS PUBLISHED IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS REQUESTS IN RELATION THERETO

The Astorian has been asked several times for information in relation to the report of the city's finances made by the two experts, John Nordstrom and W. P. O'Brien, who were employed to go over the city's books. The report is herewith published in full, and contains little of interest to the general public except as it calls attention to the apparent fact that for the improvement on Irving avenue the contractor was paid as he went along, when his bid did not call for that method of payment. The report follows:

In accordance with instructions from the honorable ways and means committee we have checked over the receipts and disbursements of the chief of police, the city treasurer and the auditor and police judge, also all street contracts upon which payments were made during the year 1908, and desire to report as follows:

The books of the chief of police and the city treasurer were found to be correct. The accounts of the auditor and police judge, with the exception of two clerical errors, amounting to \$120, are also correct. A receipt bearing a later date shows the auditor has since corrected these errors, he having paid the amount to the city treasurer.

For the month of September, 1908, the records show Dan Belcher to have drawn \$75, regular wages, for driver, and \$42.50 for acting as police officer. We believe Mr. Belcher paid the man who took his place as driver, for the city did not do so. In making assessment of improvement of Astor street from Sixth to Eighth, the board of assessors based estimate of cost according to one of the higher bids instead of on the lowest bid submitted by E. A. Gerding, the contractor, and therefor charged the property owners \$210 more than the amount paid for the improvement of said street. Refund to the property owners should be made accordingly.

The lowest bid for the improvement of Irving avenue from the east line of Shively's to 4th street contained two propositions, one for \$15,539.62, and one for \$15,100.00, the latter being on condition that that 80 per cent of the work done each month would be paid for at the first meeting of the council in the following month. Contract was entered into with the contractor at the high figure and payments were made each month in accordance with the proposition submitted with low bid. We find that during the year 1908 several thousand dollars have been paid to contractors as payments for the amount of work performed each month on certain streets, while the ordinance "providing for the time and manner" of improving said streets declared "that payments shall be made within 90 days from the time the improvement shall be accepted." If streets are to be paid for as were these, bids should be called accordingly, thereby giving small contractors with limited capital an opportunity to bid on large contracts as they would be assured of 80 per cent of amount each month with which to continue work during the following months.

JOHN NORDSTROM,  
W. P. O'BRIEN.

### Dissolution Notice

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between William T. Scholfield and John L. Mattson, under the firm name of Scholfield & Mattson, has been this day dissolved. Mr. Mattson retiring. Mr. Scholfield will conduct the business in the future, assuming all the obligations of the firm as well as the accounts due it. We also desire to thank the public for the liberal patronage in the past and to solicit a continuance of the same.

WILLIAM T. SCHOLFIELD,  
JOHN L. MATTSON,  
Astoria, Ore., April 15, 1909.

"A young American actor in a young American play," is Jules Murray's announcement this season. The actor's name is Norman Hackett. The play is "Classmates." Both will be seen at the Astoria Theatre on Sunday, April 24th.

Duncan Irving, the leading role in De Mille's great American play, "Classmates," will be played by Norman Hackett at the Astoria Theatre on April 24th.

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## PERSONAL MENTION

H. L. Finley, of Grant's Pass, is in the city on a visit with friends. He reports excellent prospects for fruit in Southern Oregon this year.

Jacob Bosshard, of Warrenton, was in the city yesterday.

S. Harris and wife, of Hoquiam, are visiting friends in the city.

Judge J. W. Knowles, of La Grande, was in the city yesterday.

John McDonald, of Portland, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

F. L. Haggerman, of Portland, a member of the state board of pilot commissioners is in the city looking over the shipping situation.

F. H. Tucker and wife, of Springfield, Or., are guests at the Occident.

Miss Francis E. Norburg is visiting friends in Portland.

Mrs. Bell Saunders of Springfield, Or., is registered at the Occident.

Ross F. Linville, of Portland, was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

John Felts and family of Warrenton, left yesterday for their old home in Kansas where they will remain sometime on a visit. Mr. Felts was employed in the Old Oregon Mills and will return to Astoria when the mill starts up.

W. H. Ormsby of the Northern Pacific was in the city yesterday on business.

Mrs. Brenham Van Dusen left yesterday for Oakland, Cal., on a visit with friends.

F. R. Hudson, of Portland, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. C. J. Trenchard left for Portland yesterday morning on a few days' visit with her daughter.

James R. A. Bennett left last evening for Tacoma where he was called on account of the illness of his mother.

Geo. F. Baringer and wife, of Portland, registered at the Occident yesterday.

T. A. Bove, of North Bend, was among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

Phil McDonough, of Bear Cliff, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

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William Roberts and wife to William Ober, E 2 of NE 4, the NE 4 of SE 4, and lots 1 and 2 and 3 of S 35, T 7 N, R 10 W; \$1.

Haak Lumber Co et al to Detroit Trust Co, SW 4 of the SE 4 and SW 4 of S 32, T 4 N, R 6 W; \$10.

U S patent to Joseph E. Cox, NE 4 of SW 4 of S 26, T 4 N, R 8 W.

Angelina A. Cox and Joseph E. Cox to H. L. Cox, NE 4 of SW 4 of S 26, T 4 N, R 8 W; \$1.

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