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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Reported Ill— Mrs. Z. Tellow, of Hammond, wife of the plumber at the fort, was reported ill yesterday. Her condition is not dangerous and she is expected to recover in due time.

Will Visit Springs— C. F. McDermott, of Hammond, who has been a sufferer from a complication of diseases, will leave the latter part of this week for Carson Springs for a month's outing and recuperation.

To Become a Citizen— Louis Larsen, a native of Norway, yesterday made application to County Clerk Clifton to be admitted to full citizenship. The application will be heard at the September term of court.

E. R. Howes Estate— In the probate court yesterday a petition was filed by the administrator in the estate of R. E. Howes, deceased, asking for an order of court to sell the 1-16th interest of deceased in the pilot schooner Joseph Pulitzer. The order was allowed.

Cordier Estate— An order was made in the P. C. Cordier estate yesterday, allowing the executor to sell the one-eighth interest in the pilot schooner Joseph Pulitzer to the Port of Portland Commission. The commission has purchased the schooner and the order was made to give a good title of decedant's interests.

Social Postponed— The Elks' social which was scheduled for last evening was postponed for one week on account of the death of W. J. Ingalls. Next Tuesday night the social will be held in an impromptu court formed and the cups alleged to have swiped 24 angel cakes will be tried before a jury. W. F. Gratke will be the prosecutor, and nearly every attorney in the city has been employed by the defense. Serious charges have also been preferred against Loyal Knight W. E. Gratke.

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Taken To The Asylum— Attendants Cameron and Reed of the state insane asylum arrived in the city yesterday and escorted Johan Salin, who had been adjudged insane, to the asylum. An order was made that his guardian be required to pay \$10 per month for his care.

Crystal Theatre— Manager Newman, of the Jewell, who has leased the Herman Wise building formerly occupied by A. Jaloff has christened the new theatre "The Crystal." He expects to have the new amusement palace open to the public by June 1st.

Citizens Applications— All persons desiring to be admitted to full citizenship must file their applications with the county clerk at least 90 days prior to the sitting of the circuit court. There will be a term in June but nearly all applications will have to go over until the September term of court.

Work At Ft. Stevens— Yesterday morning six teams were taken to Ft. Stevens to make the excavation necessary for the building of the signal store house and other buildings for which Ferguson & Huston have the contract. A force of men are already on the ground and the work will be pushed forward to rapid completion.

Chinook Citizen Dead— The death was announced yesterday from St. Mary's hospital, of A. J. Peterson, of Chinook, who has been a sufferer for the past two years from the ill incident to advancing age, his death being superinduced by a recent attack of pneumonia. Mr. Peterson was 76 years of age and entered the hospital on March 26, 1907. He was buried when he died. Notice of his funeral will be given later.

Districts United— Some time ago a petition was presented to county school superintendent Emma C. Warren asking that the school district of Jewell and Banake creek be united, as there were no children in the Banake district, and the Jewell district needed the school apportionment. Miss Warren complied with the law and the matter will be voted upon by the two districts at their annual election.

Poll Tax Comes High—

Yesterday morning Constable Sayre went to the Hammond Mill where he pinched three men who had refused to pay their poll tax. They were brought before Justice Goodman and admitted they had failed to pay the tax required by law. Inasmuch as they had failed to comply with the law and had been enjoying all the privileges of American citizenship, Judge Goodman assessed each of them \$10.60. Had they paid their poll tax to Supervisor Hilton as requested, it would only have cost them \$3. The \$7.60 was assessed for being obstreperous. Several other delinquents names are in the hands of the district attorney and they will also be given an opportunity to explain and pay the costs.

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Died In San Diego—

The many friends of the family in Astoria, will be grieved to learn of the death of little Sadie Gaither, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gaither, formerly of this city, and who are now dwelling at San Diego, Cal. She passed away on Monday last, the 17th instant.

Will Have Good Home—

Before County Judge Trenchard and judge of the juvenile court yesterday morning an order was made committing Clara Wroten, whose true name is Clara Bunnell to the care of the Boys' & Girls' Aid Society of Portland. The evidence disclosed the fact that both her father and mother were dead, that she was not bright and very backward in her schooling and was thrown in the company of immoral persons.

Funeral of W. J. Ingalls—

The funeral of the late Walter J. Ingalls will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence on the Lewis and Clark. The funeral will be held under the auspices of Astoria Lodge of Elks of which the deceased was a member. The launch Pilot will leave Fisher's dock at 8:45 this morning to convey all who desire to attend the funeral. Rev. W. S. Short will conduct the services. The interment will be in the family plot on the Lewis and Clark.

Charles Darrah Buried—

The funeral services over all that was mortal of the late Charles Darrah took place yesterday morning at St. Mary's Catholic church, and the attendance was very large and indicated plainly the high estimate in which the young decedent was held in this community, as did the numerous and beautiful floral contributions. Rev. Father Waters officiated, and interment followed in Greenwood cemetery.

Addition To His Barn—

Hiram Leinenweber, of this city, is a devoted lover of fine horses; and when, yesterday morning, he found that one of his handsome driving mares had presented him with a sound and pretty little horse-colt, his joy was complete. He fussed around about the acquisition as though it was something else altogether. But he was so earnest about it and took such pleasure in it, it was pretty good fun watching him.

More Wood In Sight—

William Chadwick, of Morrison, was in the city yesterday morning, and reports the season progressing finely down his way. Speaking of the projected spur about to be put in at or near Morrison, by the A. & C. Railway, Mr. Chadwick said that it would be a decided advantage to him and to several of his neighbors, who are now compelled to burn up scores of cords of good wood, in excess of what they can use in their homes; for the spur will enable them to send 20 or 30 cords a week into this city for sale, rather than sacrifice it in that way. All of which sounds good and it is hoped the project may yield all that Mr. Chadwick hopes for it.

The Howling Cats—

Volume 1, number 1, of the Astoria "Howling Cats," the latest acquisition to the Astoria press, made its appearance yesterday, under the editorial management of Gearhart A. Larson. It is a sprightly four-page sheet, devoted to the general annihilation of such people and institutions as its school boy editor happens to be "fornix" and its text is as full of sparkling and biting denunciation as only a newspaperman of his tender years would dare frame up; but all the same it was well put together, and the typography was clear and decipherable as could be expected, being all done with the same pen and ink bottle. For advertising rates, apply direct to Master Larson.

Masonic Reception—

The full membership of Temple Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., of this city, met at the lodge room last evening, and tender a fraternal reception to Rev. W. Seymour Short, rector of Grace Episcopal church, using the occasion to make manifest to that able Christian gentleman and brother, the deep appreciation of his Masonic brethren for the long years of good work and upright example he had achieved in the 22 years of his residence here. A number of feeling addresses were made, to all of which Mr. Short made due and adequate response, the sum of expression being the high mutual regard and fraternal honor existing between this estimable citizen, soon to depart for new spheres of usefulness, and the men who have known him best, and send him forth with the highest sanction that may be given him. It was one of those assemblies that are not forgotten in a life time.

ENGINEER CURTIS REPORT ON SLIDE

FULL TEXT OF HIS FINDINGS AND SUGGESTIONS IN THE GRAVE MATTER.

To the Honorable Chairman and Committee on Streets and Public Ways of the City of Astoria: In accordance with request, I have made an investigation and consultation with your City Engineer to determine the cause of landslides in a portion of Adair's Astoria and suggest a general outline of a plan for stopping them.

There appear to be two drainage basins where trouble exists, these two basins being separated at the lower end by a ridge which extends North to Franklin Avenue in the neighborhood of Thirty-sixth Street. The water courses in both these basins run in a general direction from Southeast to Northwest, from points South of Irving Avenue. In both these basins the general conditions are similar and I think the remedies would be similar. It should be said, however, that in the easterly one, most of the water from which comes down, 38th Street, conditions are not nearly so bad as in the other, and the occasion for radical changes does not seem very pressing.

The cause of the trouble seems to be twofold. First, the obstruction of natural drainage by grading of lots and streets without the substitution of adequate artificial drainage; second, the seepage of water confined by natural obstruction much further up the hill, which will be discussed in detail further on.

Under the first heading it seems evident that if the artificial drains provided were ever sufficient for the purpose intended, they are now so badly out of repair that they no longer serve the original purpose. The most effective remedy probably consists of opening the natural water courses, commencing at the river front and digging trenches throughout the entire length of the main water channels. These trenches should be excavated down to some material impervious to water or, if this is impracticable, to some material which will furnish a stable and unyielding foundation for suitable drains. It is also important that if closed drains are constructed they should be large enough to allow for inspection and cleaning from the inside and strong enough to allow for inspection and cleaning from the outside and strong enough to withstand reasonable pressure from the unstable ground above.

I understand one difficulty in the way of this scheme would be the fact that the two channels suggested could not be constructed on streets but would run diagonally across private property. It will be exceedingly difficult, however, to provide suitable drainage by following street lines.

In the first place, such a system i. e. on street lines would be partly in excavation and partly on embankments. This is very likely to cause breaks in drains of any material, on account of the difference in the solidity of the foundations.

In the second place, the square turns at street corners are almost certain to leak as soon as any deterioration takes place in the drains.

In the third place, any drains which do not continuously follow the bottom of the main water courses will almost certainly fail to catch some of the seepage water from the sides. If some such scheme as above suggested were carried out throughout this portion of the sliding districts North of Irving Avenue, I think there would be little further trouble from the first of the causes mentioned.

It remains to consider the second. An even casual inspection discloses the fact that there are many springs emerging from the slopes of the hill, the sources of which are not at first apparent. A pretty thorough investigation convinces me that these are largely caused by the extensive swamps lying from about 400 to 1000 feet South of Irving Avenue and from 350 to 400 feet above the river and shown on the map submitted by the City Engineer with the report of September 2, 1902. I do not believe these slides which are causing so much trouble will be stopped till these swamps are thoroughly drained. So far as we have been able to ascertain by soundings within the limited time at command, the depth of these swamps is from 20 to 25 feet. I should recommend draining them at two places, namely, at A and C on the map above mentioned, by cutting down the natural outlets sufficiently below the bottoms of the swamps to allow all the water free outlet, and then extending these channels throughout the entire length of the

swamps. The last part of this proposition would be the most formidable in the present state of the material in them it would be impossible to dig trenches without practically removing all the material in the swamps, as it would almost certainly come in from the sides as fast as removed.

If, however, the outlets are deepened as suggested, it is probable that the material in the swamps would decrease much in bulk, and increase in density.

The foregoing has reference to the district between 35th and 39th Streets, South of Irving Avenue. There are small streams, also, coming out of the hillsides from 33rd to 35th Streets. One of these originates in a small swamp probably 400 feet above the river, but the present indications are that there is not much need of doing any more here than digging a good ditch at the outlet of this little swamp and leading the water by some suitable drain to a connection with the drainage mentioned above for this basin.

I fully concur in the statement of Mr. Tee in the report of September 2, 1902, above mentioned, with regard to the practice prevailing throughout this district of tapping various springs and creeks in the hills for household use and then permitting the waste water to run at large. This practice contributes towards the trouble experienced from sliding ground, besides being unsanitary.

It is barely possible that the opening of some of the steets running North and South far enough up the hill to tap the swamps would stop some of the trouble. I do not believe however, that this plan would be nearly as effective as the one first suggested for the objections above mentioned to a drainage system confined to street lines. It seems to be essential to provide for the entering upon private property to have any adequate system of drainage and almost equally essential to provide for an elastic scheme of improvement which may be suitably modified as the work progresses.

It is practically impossible for anyone to estimate accurately before hand what the work will cost, and draw up a contract that will cover all possible contingencies. If this is attempted one of two things is almost certain to result. Either the system will not prove satisfactory because obstacles will arise which could not be foreseen and provided for before hand, or in the attempt to guard against all possible happenings, a plan will be provided which may subsequently prove to be more expensive than is necessary.

I have not undertaken in this report to indicate either by maps, or otherwise, the exact alignment of the main drains, still less of the laterals. To do this with even reasonable accuracy will require considerable work either by boring or open trenches across the probable channels, at frequent intervals.

In conclusion, I would say in brief that the trouble with Adair's Astoria seems to be that, at present, there is a pretty well developed irrigation system, instead of a drainage system. T. H. CURTIS.

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Up From Hammond—

J. H. McDermott, of Hammond, was in the city yesterday and reports business in that thriving burg as good. The large number of men employed at Ft. Stevens has added an impetus to business and the monthly pay roll is quite large. He states that Mr. Gustafson, who has the contract for the buildings of the non-commissioned staff officers has completed the foundation and the buildings will be completed within the time limit of the contract.

New Session Laws—

The new session laws of the last legislature have been completed and County Clerk Clinton expects a supply today. Many changes have been made in existing laws and it has been difficult for both Mr. Clinton and the attorneys to give an intelligent opinion on the laws passed. Several initiative laws enacted by the people were also enacted by the legislature and they will appear in the new session laws. Among the new laws is the recall and the proportionate representation, the latter probably effecting the representation of Clatsop county in the next legislature.

Key Improvement—

Acting upon the suggestion of Mayor Smith, Surveyor Tee, the Mayor and Chairman Fox of the street committee, will go to Portland this week to investigate the different street improvements in vogue in Portland with the object of adopting the most feasible and least expensive for the improvement of Commercial street from Ninth to Fifth. This street is upon solid ground and the property owners are willing to pay for the most approved and up-to-date improvement as an advertisement for the city. Upon their return they will report to the common council and the improvement suggested will be acted upon. If it proves a success the same will be used on other streets in the city.

Word From Sunnymead—

Mr. Tucker, one of the tenants of the fine Sunnymead farm, belonging to Dr. B. Owens-Adair, has just returned from Portland, where he went to purchase a herd of 16 graded Jersey cows from the Ladd Farm barns, also a fine full blooded registered Jersey bull, which, added to Dr.

Adair's band of 65 good cows, will begin to make a first class showing for a splendid dairy there. Mr. Judd, of Marion county, but now one of the representative men of the Haselwood Creamery, of Portland, visited Sunnymead last week and was greatly pleased with the farm and its promising conditions and market improvements, all of which he was able to judge very accurately, since he has been a practical and successful farmer all his life and a deep student of fine horses and cattle. Messrs. Tucker and Brebe, the lessors of Sunnymead, were delighted with Mr. Judd's impressions of the property.

Church Announcements—

There will be services this evening at 8 o'clock at the First Norwegian Lutheran church. Rev. White of Silverton will preach. All are cordially invited to attend.

Elks Notice.

The members of Astoria Lodge No. 180, B. P. O. Elks, are requested to attend the funeral of our late brother, Walter J. Ingalls, which will be held from the family residence on the Lewis and Clark river at 10 o'clock tomorrow, Wednesday morning. The launch Pilot will convey the lodge to the residence and will start from the Ross, Higging & Co. slip at 8:45. R. J. PILKINGTON, Exalted Ruler. J. C. CLINTON, Secretary.

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