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The DAILY ASTORIAN will be found as usual in Portland at the well-known stationery house of J. F. Handley & Co., 391 Washington Street. Orders for advertising left with this firm will receive prompt attention.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—Western Oregon and Western Washington; fair, except rain on the coast, and warmer.

AROUND TOWN.

J. P. Couch of Grant's Pass is in the city.

Crawfish cooked in wine at the National Cafe.

Charles Davis was over from Chicago yesterday.

Phlegly & Ridman are opening a general store at Canby.

Mrs. Ida Condit of Seaside spent Wednesday evening in Astoria.

C. F. Harrington of Brookfield is registered at the Astor House.

G. C. Flavel and Mrs. Flavel have gone to California to spend the winter.

H. B. Settem, the merchant at Knappa, is registered at the Occident.

The annual report of the water commission was filed at the auditor's office yesterday.

The steamer State arrived in from San Francisco yesterday with a large general cargo.

S. Lawrence and George Spurgeon of Vance, Washington, are stopping at the Parker House.

Mr. A. B. Hammond will leave New York for the Pacific coast on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Plans to reorganize the Athletic club are expected to arrive at a satisfactory stage of culmination within a short time.

For Rent—5-room house; hard finish; unfurnished. Rent low to right party. Apply at premises; 422 Irving avenue.

Any one of our local bowlers can make a hit with the Portland newspapers even if he can't with Portland alley-balls.

The French bark Louis Pasteur and the German ship Aldebaran arrived down yesterday loaded with wheat for the United Kingdom.

As soon as her captain arrives from the Sound the schooner Jesse will leave for the northern halibut grounds on her first fishing trip.

Sheriff Linville and Geo. Beasley have returned from Salem, where they landed Hilstrom, the slayer of Lake Mooers, in the insane asylum.

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The George W. Elder left for San Francisco yesterday with a cargo of flour, potatoes, paper and miscellaneous freight. She carried no passengers.

Sylvester Ferrell, one of the veteran salmon packers of the Columbia river, was in town yesterday to attend the stockholders' meeting of the Packers' Association.

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The reserved seat sale for "London Life," which appears at Fisher's opera house tomorrow evening, opens at Griffin & Reed's this morning at 9 o'clock.

F. M. Warren, the well-known canneryman at Cascades, was in Astoria yesterday in attendance, as a stockholder, on the meeting of the Columbia River Packers Association.

The Chrysanthemum Club has decided to hold its next dancing party on the evening of February 9th.

The "London Life" Company, which will appear at Fisher's opera house tomorrow night, bring all their special scenery and no doubt the house will be crowded.

The steam schooner Signal has finished discharging 600 tons of coal at the Pacific Coast Company's bunkers and has shifted across the river to Knappa, where she will load lumber for San Francisco.

The mammoth sardine packing concerns on the Maine coast have consolidated. The new concern will have a capital stock of \$8,000,000. The consolidated company will have under its management about 60 factories.

A select full-dress party was given by the young society ladies of Astoria at Page's hall last evening. The attendance was large, the music first-class and all present unite in pronouncing the occasion one of the most delightful of the season.

Deputy Sheriff Fraul and R. E. Carruthers are busy checking up the names on the "three-roads" petition, which is being compared with the records to determine qualification. This a tedious job and will require considerable time.

Fire burned the roof off of the old building adjoining the Linerweber tannery yesterday afternoon, doing damage to the amount of about \$50. The building is the property of Chas. Brown. The fire caught in the second story from a defective flue.

Mrs. Ida Hamblen of Pendleton, deputy supreme oracle of the Royal Neighbors, the ladies auxiliary of the Woodmen of America, will organize a camp of the order at Carruthers' hall this evening at 7:30 p. m. All Modern Woodmen and their lady relatives are earnestly requested to be present.

At Aberdeen, on Wednesday, the contract was let for building the block of nine stores to be erected on Market street by different parties. The lowest bidders were Shelly & McCaskey, their bid being \$1,491—with \$100 extra for putting in skylights. The contract includes simply the work, all material being furnished by the parties building. The foundation is already finished.

Captain Ladd, of the British ship Belmont, which arrived in from Manila, calls attention to the absence of a dry dock either at Astoria or Portland. He stated yesterday that it was necessary for him to go to Hong Kong after leaving Manila to put in at the docks. "Otherwise," he said, "we would have come direct here and the money would have been spent with your people."

The Native Sons and Native Daughters will give a banquet at Hanthorn's hall tomorrow evening. The organization has invited all members of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Oregon as well as the Native Sons and Daughters of Portland. A large party is expected from Portland and preparations are being made for a grand, good time.

Collector Fox of the customs office received a telegram from Senator McBride yesterday stating that a bill appropriating \$5,000 for a steam launch had just been reported favorably by the committee. The launch will be used by the local customs department in its inspectors' work in this harbor. A bill recently received favorable action appropriating \$1,200 for this purpose but the amount was discovered to be too small, and the matter was postponed in order to secure a larger appropriation.

Not a single voter put in an appearance to register at the county clerk's office yesterday up to 3 p. m. This is bad, all round. If voters would realize the importance of getting in early a great deal of future difficulty could be averted. After a while the rush will be so great that few will get upon the rolls without being obliged to wait an hour or so for their turn at the desk. Then, too, there will be a goodly number of those procrastinating fellows who will be shut out from the voting booths on election day because of failure to comply with the law. The law provides plenty of time in which

to complete the rolls. If any voter is shut out because this time has elapsed he can take himself into hand when he starts out to kick the fellow who is to blame.

County Clerk Wherity is in almost daily receipt of letters which it is impossible to answer. Here is one from W. A. Wheeler of Tillamook. Can anyone of the Astorian readers supply the information? The letter follows: "Please tell me all you know about Frank F. Girard who abandoned his homestead the W half of the S W quarter of section 11, N W quarter of N. W. quarter of section 14 and N E quarter of N E quarter of section 15, township 4 north and range 6 west, and Harry Goshen who also abandoned his homestead the W half of E half of section 27, township 4 N and range 6 W. Where they went, where they are now, when they left their claims, if they are dead or have any heirs, in fact anything you may know about them. Please answer as soon as possible."

Two billion of dollars is an immense sum even when used in connection with the foreign commerce of a great country, like the United States, and the completed totals of the year 1899, showing exports and imports aggregating \$2,975,331,261, passes the best record of previous years by approximately \$200,000,000. Exports contributed \$1,275,436,641 to this amount, exceeding the record breaking shipments of 1898 by \$50,000,000, notwithstanding a heavy falling off in our breadstuffs trade, and indicating the splendid strides which our manufactures are making in the introduction of their output abroad. Imports were \$799,834,620, an increase of \$165,000,000, but still leaving a balance of trade in America's favor of \$475,632,021, and adding a large amount to the already large total held abroad which can be drawn upon by our merchants and manufacturers. In 19 years the bureau of statistics shows that there has been a net excess of exports over imports of \$2,162,156,916, showing clearly the position which America is securing as the leading creditor nation of the world.

This occurred at Salem but it is good enough to repeat for Astoria consumption: Arthur Hodges, county clerk at Prineville, was married to Miss Geener, at Salem, on the 17th. Mr. Hodges proposed to his wife in an entirely original way. The following is said by The Dalles Times Mountaineer to have been the proposal: "My dear Miss—: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for your hand, and I shall use all fair and honorable means to secure the nomination. I know there are many candidates in the field, and I hesitated long before entering the race, but now I am in to stay. My views on love and matrimony have often been expressed in your hearing, and I will not repeat them here. You know I favor gold standard of love—a 100 cent dollar love—and a maintenance of the standard after marriage. If you decide to confer upon me the honor I speak of, fix a date for a caucus with your mother. I have no objections to her acting as temporary chairman, provided it is clearly understood that I am to be chairman of the permanent organization. Should the result of the caucus prove satisfactory, we can soon hold the primaries and select the date and place of the convention. I have never believed in long campaigns, so if you have decided to honor me I will ask to make the convention date as early as possible." The young lady telegraphed back: "Caucus unnecessary. Nomination unanimous. Come at once and fix date of ratification."

IS INSANE, SURE ENOUGH.

Head Physician at Asylum Passes on Hilstrom's Mental Condition.

The question of the mental condition of Matt Hilstrom, who killed Lake Mooers at Lewis and Clark last week, has been passed upon by the authorities at the state insane asylum at Salem.

In answer to an inquiry Dr. Williamson, the oldest asylum physician in point of service, said that there could be no doubt that Hilstrom is insane. The usual symptoms of insanity are observed, and while the patient is not violent his actions show that he is demented. Hilstrom will be kept in the most secure wards at the asylum, in order that he may have no opportunity to do mischief.

The precautions taken against possible attempts on the part of Hilstrom to do any further murderous work are in line with the urgent recommendations of a member of the lunacy commission before which Hilstrom was examined in this city. The only deviation is that it was this physician's opinion that Hilstrom should be incarcerated in some place of detention throughout the remaining years of his life.

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MEETING OF THE CANNERYMEN

Managers of Packers Association in Conference.

PLANS FOR SEASON DECIDED

Encouraging Reports on Immediate Outlook for Salmon Industry—Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia River Packers Association was held in this city yesterday; the stockholders present being F. M. Warren, S. Farrell, J. O. Hanthorn, Claud Hanthorn, J. W. Cook, S. Elmore, B. A. Seaborg, W. G. Goslin, Benjamin Young, F. C. Reed, T. B. McGovern and John Emberg.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Elmore, who presided in place of President Hammond on account of the detention of the latter in New York.

The annual reports of the officers were read and the meeting of stockholders adjourned after electing the following directors:

Samuel Elmore, George H. George, J. O. Hanthorn, B. A. Seaborg, J. W. Cook, M. J. Kinney, A. B. Hammond, T. B. McGovern, Edwin Stone, W. H. Barker and W. G. Goslin.

A meeting of the board of directors was subsequently convened, at which the plan of operations for the coming season was discussed in detail. The officers elected were A. B. Hammond, president, Samuel Elmore, vice president; J. O. Hanthorn, 2d vice president, George H. George was re-appointed secretary by Mr. Elmore, acting instead of Mr. Hammond. An executive committee was also appointed consisting of the same members as last year with the exception of J. O. Hanthorn, in whose place W. G. Goslin was selected, Mr. Hanthorn being promoted to the chairmanship of the auditing committee.

It is understood that the report of the vice president showed a condition of affairs resulting from the operations of the last season which was entirely satisfactory to the stockholders.

Mr. Elmore was seen after the meeting adjourned and stated that the outlook for the coming season was very encouraging. He said that the canneries designated for operation during the coming season were the Elmore, Hanthorn, Kinney, Eureka and Rooster Rock, on the Upper river, and that arrangements had been made which would more than double the output of the operated canneries. There was no intention, Mr. Elmore said, to antagonize the outside canneries, but that every effort would be made to co-operate with them in conserving and promoting the best interests of the entire industry. One gratifying feature reported for the year by the superintendents and others in direct charge of the canneries; Mr. Elmore said, was the change in the attitude of the fishermen toward the Association, who were beginning to realize that instead of being a detriment to their interests the Association had proved of immense benefit in increasing prices paid for both the raw and finished product and otherwise establishing the industry on a steady and solvent basis.

Mr. T. B. McGovern, who came out from New York as a representative of the Eastern stockholders expressly to attend the meeting, was seen by an Astorian representative on the prospects for the coming season.

Mr. McGovern stated that there was nothing relating to the immediate affairs of the Association that he cared to state for publication, further than that the management and outcome of last season's operations was more than satisfactory to himself and those whom he represented.

As to the outlook for the coming season, Mr. McGovern said that in all the years of his experience in the industry he had never seen prospects better. "There has never been a time," said he, "when the stocks of Columbia river salmon have been so light in the first hands. The output for last year was far below the demand. This is true of not only Columbia river goods but also of all other grades of salmon. The market is higher than ever known before and in my judgment is destined to go even higher."

Being asked the reason for the unusual demand Mr. McGovern stated that, in his opinion, it was due to the remarkable improvement in business and the general prosperity of the people. "Never has there been such a bright outlook for all kinds of industrial occupations as at this time in this country," said Mr. McGovern. "People in New York and all over the East and Middle West are buying more largely of all classes of goods and better grades than ever demanded heretofore. The future is most encouraging and it is only natural that our particular commodity, Columbia river salmon, should share in an improvement that is universal."

Mr. McGovern will leave Astoria for New York this evening, and after a few days there on business for his firm, will return direct to New York.

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A story of terrific weather is told by Captain T. A. Ladd of the British bark Belmont, which arrived in from Manila, by way of Hong Kong, yesterday. "The weather was so bad that we were obliged to go away out of our natural course," said the captain, "starting across off the coast of Japan. Gale succeeded gale during the 70 days of our trip. On January 9 a hurricane sprang up, and the glass went down to 28.10. The wind was simply awful; it couldn't have blown harder. We lost nearly all of our sails which made our trip exceedingly difficult." The captain says Manila is in a frightful condition, commerce being absolutely at a standstill. While he was laying in the harbor he could frequently hear the booming of cannon in the mountains off in the distance. "But," said the captain, "the Manila men are not worrying much, for they are expecting a great deal from Uncle Sam's commerce when the war is over." The experiences of the Belmont were practically duplicated with the steamer Tee in North Pacific waters, the vessel having just reached Victoria. The Tee left Victoria two weeks ago Tuesday, entering the Lynn canal in due season, although she had experienced bad weather from Wrangel Narrows north. In Lynn canal a terrible blizzard was blowing and Captain Gosse decided to spend the night in William Henry bay, 45 miles from Skagway. The storm increased during the night and was blowing big guns, carrying clouds of snow with it when daylight broke in the morning. At 8:30, finding that anchors were dragging, and that there was danger of the steamer being driven on the rocks, Captain Gosse rang to the engineer for full steam ahead, and holding his anchors started in the teeth of the storm. It was a hard fight, lasting all day, but the brave little steamer won out and landed her passengers safely in Skagway. During the trip Captain Gosse and Pilot Steele, who were on the bridge all day, could not discern the shores of Lynn canal, so thick was the snow falling, or, rather, being driven, as a biting wind was blowing down the canal. The officers rubbed each other's faces in snow to keep them from freezing. When the schooner reached Skagway she was one mass of ice.

NOTICE TO FISHERMEN.

All fishermen who are fishing now, or who intend to fish the coming season, are requested to send in their applications for licenses, with the required fee, to the fish commissioner without delay.

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