

FAVORS A WOOLEN MILL

THE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION WANTS ONE IN PORTLAND.

Committee Reports That It Is a Paying Proposition, and Will Issue a Prospectus.

A full meeting of the board of directors of the Manufacturers' Association was held last evening, President M. Zan in the chair.

The committee appointed to investigate the matter of establishing a woolen mill in Portland made the following report:

Portland, Or., Jan. 2-20 The Manufacturers' Association, Portland, Or.—Gentlemen: We, your committee appointed to investigate the matter of a woolen mill for the city of Portland, beg leave to submit the following report.

From all sources of information we are led to believe that such an enterprise will be a good-paying investment as conditions prevail at the present time and likely to continue in the future.

From all reports received from woolen mills in Oregon, we learn that they are retained on the amount of several hundred thousand dollars the last two or three months all mills having orders to their full capacity for the next six months.

We respectfully think the time has now arrived for some action to be taken in this matter, and an effort made to secure the necessary capital to build, equip and operate a three-story mill in our city.

We respectfully submit the following plan: This organization, through a committee appointed from and elected by the members, organized parties, organize themselves into a company with a capital stock of \$100,000—\$100 shares at the par value of \$100 each, payable not less than 10 per cent per month until fully paid up.

As a protection to the minority stockholders, we suggest that the amount of stock held by any one individual be limited to 10 shares, and that all stock for sale must be first offered and refused by the company before being sold to any outside parties.

The report was accepted, and a full discussion followed. The directors agreed to realize that this was the real thing now, and the time had arrived for this association to do something.

President Zan said that the association could give moral support, and its members might take all the stock they could. The question was as to the best methods of launching the proposition.

The association is in correspondence with Professor Tripler, of New York, with a view of having him come to Portland and give a demonstration of the liquid air. He asks \$1200 net for one lecture.

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CONTRACT LET FOR SHOPS

PORTLAND MAN WILL ERECT SOUTHERN PACIFIC BUILDINGS.

Sudden Death of an East Side Candy Dealer—News From Across the River.

The contract for the erection of the machine shops of the Southern Pacific Company was yesterday let definitely to J. P. Bridges, a Portland contractor, and the work of construction of this first building will be commenced as soon as the plans are ready.

The machine shops will be 24x175 feet, and the brick walls will be about 30 feet high. It will stand back on the open plain west of the present office, where the clearing was made last fall.

There will be considerable time before work on the foundation and erecting of the building will probably require from three to four months to erect this building. It will be modern and will contain the best machine tools and equipment that can be had.

There will be a considerable change in the trackage in the grounds also within the next few months. The recent purchase by the company of about five acres at the south end and on the west side of the main line was for the purpose of allowing certain changes in the trackage.

At the inquest held by the coroner yesterday morning, at the East Side morgue, the evidence indicated that George H. Freeman, found dead at his home near 10th and Commercial streets, had died of a heart attack, which may have been the result of a fainting spell.

The first evidence given was by the Italian who found the body Sunday, while they were keeping an appointment to meet at the residence of the deceased. The body was found bent forward, and in a very cramped position, in a narrow space.

It is believed that the deceased had been suffering from a heart ailment, and that the sudden death was the result of a fainting spell, which caused him to fall into the narrow space.

Probably Started by Rats. The only reasonable explanation of the starting of the fire in Captain Coleson's house, East Second street, Monday evening, is that it was probably started by rats igniting matches in the upper portion of the house, above the door.

By all means let our points have General Joubert's strategy truthfully emulated; and whether we sympathize with Briton or with Boer, or remain unimpartial to our impartiality, let our attitude be based on facts, not on fancy.

Real Estate Transfers. James S. Polhemus and wife to Prigland, 101 1/2 block 6, Highland, Dec. 29, 1899, \$1,000.

Births. December 31, boy, to the wife of Ludwig Folk, 628 Second street.

Deaths. December 31, boy, to the wife of Bertram F. Hancock, 403 Second street.

It is Said to Catch Fish for His Owner's Living. The following story is contributed to the Oregonian by an old subscriber. It is not vouched for.

A citizen who has an old friend residing on the lower Columbia was surprised and delighted to find that his friend had a fine mess of Columbia river smelt every few days after the smelt put in an appearance, and when they were selling in the market here was found to be about a few days ago he visited this old friend and found out how the smelt were caught.

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IN THE SEVERAL COURTS

JUDGE CAKE WILL CLOSE UP MANY ESTATE MATTERS.

About 250 Cases Since 1880 That Have Not Been Disposed Of—Notes of Litigation.

Judge Cake has had prepared for the record journals in the office of the clerk of the county court, a list of about 250 estates, dating back as far as 1880, which should be finally disposed of.

The list was made up from nine different books, containing several hundred pages each, by Miss W. Waldman, the court stenographer, and considerable time was consumed in the work of copying. An examination of the list has disclosed that in the first record journal there are 23 estates on file, in which there is no property, and in the other books there are many instances of the same kind.

There are 20 or 30 cases where no administrator or executor was ever appointed. There are other cases where there was property which may or may not have been legally accounted for by the administrator or executor, but no reports have been submitted showing the same.

In the contempt proceedings instituted by Miss Alice Gibson, administrator de bonis non of the estate of E. J. Partridge, deceased, against George M. Weister, former administrator, Attorney A. King Wilson for the plaintiff, and Attorneys W. Williams, W. L. Linton and J. W. O'Brien for the defendant, were granted 10 days time to file briefs. The supreme court, over a year ago, decided that there was due diligence in the case.

The final account of H. Cook, administrator of the estate of A. C. Macdonald, deceased, was approved. The receipts of \$2000 were audited and the balance of the estate was approved. The administrator was also empowered to accept \$600 in settlement of a contract with the Pacific Express Letter Company.

The final account of Benjamin R. Patton, executor of the will of John R. Patton, deceased, was approved, and he was discharged. Inventories in the matter of the estate of Thomas J. Black, deceased, were filed. The property in Multnomah county is valued at \$2500, and that in Halsey, Linnton county, at \$2500.

An account was filed by the administrator of the estate of Mary M. Overhizer, deceased, showing \$164 receipts from rents and interest on the estate.

Divorce Cases. Antonio Decio has filed suit against Rosa Decio on the ground of cruel treatment, and other cause. He avers that she committed a suit against him for the same cause.

It was a Gambling Debt. In the suit of Dudley W. Evans against James E. Ray, to recover \$121, in which Ray was arrested as an absconding debtor, it being alleged that he was about to leave the state, Attorney Schnabel yesterday filed an answer setting up that the debt was a gambling debt, and not collectible.

Another Trial Denied. Judge Frazer yesterday denied a motion for a new trial in the suit of J. M. Huber against Charles W. Miller, and the defendant.

Deaths. December 31, George H. Freeman, age 54 years, 247 Everett street; carcinoma.

Marriage License. C. E. Rogers, age 46; Annie Akin, 22. When the hair is thin and gray, Parker's Hair Restorer will give you a healthy skin, 50c.

TRUTH ABOUT SANTA CLAUS

One Who Disapproves Governor Geer's Idea in the Matter.

MARSHFIELD, Dec. 25.—To the Editor:—In the Oregonian of December 21 Governor Geer has an article on the belief in a Santa Claus by children, in which he says:

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DECEMBER WEATHER

Month Just Past a Trifle Cooler Than the Average.

Temperature. Precipitation. In inches and hundredths.

Table with columns for DATE, Temperature (Max, Min, Mean), and Precipitation. Data for Dec 1-31.

Means ... 47.7 38.5 43.1 5.91

Summary. Mean atmospheric pressure, 30.10; highest pressure, 30.52, on the 22d; lowest, 29.4, on the 15th.

The following table shows the mean temperature for the month of December in the years given:

Table showing mean temperature for December in years 1872-1899.

The average precipitation for December for 25 years was 7.08 inches.

Total deficiency in precipitation during month, 1.17 inches; total precipitation from September 1, 1899, to December 31, 1899, 45.83 inches.

Programme for Tonight's Meeting at First Baptist Church.

Following is the programme of the interdenominational meeting to be held to-day, in the First Baptist church:

Afternoon Session. 3:00—Devotional service, leader, Mrs. L. E. Rockwell.

Evening Session. Rev. Alexander Blackburn, D. D., president of the National Union, presiding.

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two trials, both verdicts being in favor of the plaintiff. Concerning the alleged abuse of the defendant by Attorney Henry E. McGinnis, in his argument to the jury, the court said 'Thompson on Trial' showed considerable latitude in arguments, and the court did not think Mr. McGinnis went beyond the limit.

New Suits. James B. Montgomery has commenced suit against Carl E. Skogler to foreclose a mortgage for \$300 on lot 12, block 14, Albina.

Guardian for a Spendthrift. John Epperly yesterday petitioned the county court to be appointed guardian of the property of his nephew, Charles Schmeiser, a spendthrift.

Decisions. Judge George today, at 1:30 o'clock, will decide the motion for a new trial in the case of Peter Berborg, convicted of larceny, and a like motion in the case of Charles Law, convicted of selling lottery tickets.

Court Notes. Judgment by default in favor of J. S. Polhemus against Charles Ohio, for \$230, was rendered by Judge Frazer yesterday.

IS IT POSSIBLE? Here is a Correspondent with a Word of Praise for Somebody. PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(To the Editor)—I note the content of your issue in your issue of the 29th.

Steel Rail Prices. The yearly average price of steel rails, at the mills in Pennsylvania, from 1867 to 1897, were as follows:

Table showing steel rail prices from 1867 to 1897.

The Clearwater "Trace." Despite reports to the contrary, indications rather go to show that there will be no permanent trace between the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N. in the Clearwater country.

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