

STORY AT ASTORIA

One Yesterday Among Worst on Record.

SO SAY WEATHER OFFICIALS

Very Heavy Winds Prevailed But No Damage on Land Resulted—Bark Drifted on Middle Sands.

ASTORIA, Dec. 20.—The storm of last night and today was one of the most severe of which the local weather office has any knowledge, and rendered it impossible for any vessels to enter or depart from the harbor during the 24 hours ending at 5 o'clock this afternoon 2.50 inches of rain fell and early this morning the wind blew in squalls at the rate of 25 miles per hour and for some time it averaged 50 miles per hour.

Reports from the surrounding country show that similar weather conditions prevailed, but no serious accidents resulted.

The only accident in the harbor was to the French bark General Melindet, which dragged her anchor and went on the middle sands. It is not believed that she received any damage and will be taken off without difficulty when the storm abates.

Heavy Hail, but No Wind at Dallas. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 20.—Since 10 o'clock last night this section has been visited by the worst rain storm which it has experienced in four years.

Heavy Storm at Dayton. DAYTON, Or., Dec. 20.—A heavy wind has been blowing from the south some time, with a steady downpour of rain.

Flood Imminent. CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 20.—Early last evening a heavy rain storm commenced and it has been raining here almost continuously for the past 24 hours.

Worst Storm of Season at Albany. ALBANY, Or., Dec. 20.—The worst storm of the season has prevailed here yesterday and today. The rainfall this forenoon was heavy and the wind steady.

Williamette Rising Fast. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 20.—A heavy rain and wind storm has prevailed in this vicinity the last 24 hours.

COURT RULED AGAINST WIFE. RESULT OF MOVE OF ACCUSED SILVERTON INCARCERATED FOR LESS BAL.

SALEM, Dec. 20.—Judge Boise tonight heard the arguments in the habeas corpus proceedings brought by Benjamin W. Adams to secure a reduction of his bail, and dismissed the proceeding, whereupon the ground that the question of excessive bail cannot be tried by habeas corpus.

SALE OF LIQUOR WITHOUT LICENSE. COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 20.—J. W. Clark was found guilty today of selling liquor without a license.

Arrested for Gambling. COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 20.—Sheriff Cahill is continuing his anti-gambling campaign. The night he arrested Philip Love, who was fined \$25 for conducting a gambling house, he also seized all of Love's gambling paraphernalia.

ROOM IN LUMBERING. Several Mills Locate on Lewis River to Get Out Ties.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—The lumbering business in the vicinity of the Lewis River, in Clark County, has experienced quite a good-sized boom within the past few months.

FOREST GROVE MUCH INTERESTED. New Light and Water Proprietor the All-Absorbing Topic.

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NO EASTERN OREGON FAIR

FIRST AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORS SO DECIDE.

They Were Unable to Agree on Meeting Place—\$1500 Appropriation Will Thus Be Unused.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—Amdin, next year, there will be no fair in District No. 1 of the Eastern Oregon Agricultural District. This course was decided upon by the directors at a meeting held here this week.

Accused of Incendiarism. OREGON CITY, Dec. 20.—Thomas Jones and his wife, Charles Decker, were placed under arrest last night on a charge of setting fire to the Grange Hall, which was burned to the ground in that locality.

New Washington Postmasters. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The following Washington Postmasters were appointed today: O. N. Erickson, at Auburn; Z. B. Sutton, at Dole.

Washington Notes. The New Whatcom Commercial Club has arranged to take a new census of the city.

Charles Sweeney, of Spokane, has announced he is not a candidate for Senator next year.

The big three-kiln hopbush, known as the Alder hopbush, at Puyallup, burned to the ground Saturday night.

The Capitol Brewing Company, of Olympia, has sold to Bob Coleman, of Seattle, a block at Aberdeen for \$10,000.

Frank L. Bash, of Port Townsend, has been appointed as special agent in charge for the State of Washington.

The Tacoma Council has revised the salary list of the city. The new roll will add \$10,000 to the expense of the fiscal year ending February 1.

Dr. J. W. Ingraham, of Olympia, has been appointed as member of the State Board of Medical Examiners, vice Dr. F. A. Churchill, of Seattle, term expired.

The Whatcom Commercial Club and the City Council have taken up the matter of securing an appropriation from the Government for the dredging out of the Whatcom Creek waterway.

D. Williams, a woodsman, operating a camp near Lewis and Clark, was killed Monday afternoon. A fall from a tree over him and he lived but half an hour afterwards.

The Republican Club of Spokane organized Wednesday night the following officers: President, Charles T. Uhlman; vice-president, T. R. Rockwell; secretary, W. Y. Perot; treasurer, W. M. Shaw.

The widow of John C. Schultz, a miner recently killed at Leary, has sued the companies operating the Leary mines to recover \$18,000 for her husband's death.

Stade Labor Commissioner W. P. C. Adams will probably be succeeded early during the coming year by A. M. Root, of Springfield.

Superintendent McLean, of the Medical Department, has announced that he will release Isadore Schoppa, the Seattle murderer, from the asylum Saturday.

R. E. Gilbert, who was indicted by the United States grand jury for railroading, is ready for trial at the United States Court, at Tacoma, Wednesday, and was sentenced to seven years at hard labor in the McNeill Island Penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$10,000.

Charles Cleary, president of the First National Bank of Everett, has resigned, and all the stock has been purchased by the Everett National Bank. It is understood that the bank will be used and additional stock will be added.

The Aberdeen Commercial Club has effected a permanent organization, with the following as officers: President, A. J. West; vice-president, Seth C. Baker; secretary, Phil Locke; treasurer, Samuel Benn; executive committee, J. J. Cannon, J. P. Sullivan, J. C. Hogan and N. G. Kaufman. It is the plan to increase the membership to 200.

F. J. Laer, of New Whatcom, whose 100-acre farm was burned to the ground in the winter of 1896, has sued the city for \$4500 damages. He alleges that his contract for city water included the keeping in repair of the pipes and mains, and that owing to defects therein it was impossible to secure water to quench the flames.

Mabel Annie Wilson has commenced suit against the Seattle & Benton Railway Company to recover \$20,000 damages resulting from injuries received in the collision that occurred near Hill's brickyard in October. The plaintiff alleges that her husband, John Wilson, was killed, her face permanently disfigured, and the eye of her right eye permanently lost.

The Walla Walla Red Cross Society, which has had in contemplation erecting a hospital for the relief of the poor, has secured a monument for the purpose of placing a monument over the graves of the soldier dead, and has again revived the fund question and has called upon four of the leading secret societies to arrange a public entertainment, the proceeds of which are to go to the fund.

A case of considerable importance has now been handed the Superior Court at Port Angeles. It was an action brought by the city against certain property-owners to foreclose a lien created by a deed said to have been the cause of the city's present embarrassment, as the canneries were not operated at night.

Flah Commissioner A. C. Little is outlining a plan by which he means to establish a bureau for the purpose of establishing a patrol work on the Sound and the waters of Puget Sound and the Columbia River for 10 months out of each year.

In his biennial report to the Legislature he says that he has secured an appropriation sufficient to cover the expense of purchasing and operating at the expense of the state either two steam launches or two gasoline launches. One of these he wants for patrol work on the Sound and the other for similar operations on the Columbia River.

ROSEBURG POULTRY SHOW.

First Annual Exhibit Opened Under Favorable Auspices.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 20.—The first annual exhibit of the Douglas County Poultry and Pigeon Stock Association opened here this morning. The officers in charge are: F. L. Calkins, president; W. W. Browning, of Ogden, Utah, judge; F. M. Mathews, superintendent; F. B. Haman, secretary; W. B. Norman, treasurer; J. B. Morris, doorkeeper.

All the available space of the two large rooms, occupying the entire first floor, is filled with fine coops. These are occupied by a collection of the finest pure-bred poultry ever brought together in Southern Oregon. Among the heavy-weights of the display are a bronze turkey weighing 22 pounds, a best Brahma cock weighing over 11 pounds, and a pair of Pekin ducks weighing 14 pounds.

A fine collection of Belgian and Angora

GALLERY OF NEW MEMBERS OF OREGON LEGISLATURE.



T. J. KIRK, REPRESENTATIVE FROM UMATILLA COUNTY.

ATHENA, Or., Dec. 20.—T. J. Kirk, Representative from Umatilla County, was born in Platt County, Missouri, August 12, 1859. In 1896 he crossed the plains with his father, and located in Linn County. In 1901 he removed to Umatilla County, where he has since made his home.

Impression is strengthened by the rumor that at the coming session of the Legislature the bill for the appropriation for this appropriation will be repealed.

The present Board of Directors is: L. J. Rouse, of Walla Walla County; J. J. Corbett, of Grant County; George E. Bell, of Baker County; William Hunter, of Union County; and Columbus Wells, of Malheur County.

At the meeting this morning the members were reported in attendance except Mr. Corbett. The reason for the decision not to hold the fair next year is a disagreement as to the place. Mr. Corbett was reported to insist that the meeting be held in Grant County. All the other members were united in according the privilege to Walla Walla. As the law provides that no dissenting member is sufficient to defeat the effort to hold the fair at any given place, and Mr. Corbett was reported as obdurate, the other members would not go against their wishes and decided to have no fair at all.

Grant County has had the fair three times, Baker four and Union four. As neither Walla Walla nor Malheur has been so favored at all, it appeared to most of the directors that Walla Walla's desire should be granted. In the past Walla Walla, which has a large population, has been in touch with railroads, and was not thought to take much interest in industrial fairs. But of recent years there has been a material tendency towards agriculture. In some of the little valleys about the Snake and the Imnaha Rivers are found fruit lands, which are said to rival the orchard paradises of Eagle and Pine Valleys in Union County. Some good fruit has been produced in that section of Walla Walla and its people take much pride in the agricultural possibilities developed. They were especially anxious to secure the fair this year, partly because of this and for the reason that Walla Walla has never had it. Unless more of a spirit of compromise is shown by the board, or the legislation which is pending, the fair for next year seems little hope for fairs in future.

After an arbitrary defeat of Grant County's representative this year, Walla Walla will not be in mood to accept that county's offer to hold the fair in future. If the appropriations for these fairs is not cut off entirely, members of the board believe the only thing to be done is to fix by statute a certain time and place for holding the fairs, or delegate the power to a majority of members.

Washington Industries. The E. J. McNeely Company, operating a 10-block shingle mill at Everett, will build a \$10,000 capacity sawmill adjoining its shingle mill.

Laborers in doing assessment work on mining properties of the Buckley Mining Development Company, in the Carbon River district, struck and opened up a body of quartz that assays well.

An experienced clay worker of Seattle, who is at Aberdeen last week, with a view to establishing a brickyard, if suitable clay for the purpose can be found. He gathered samples from different points and took them with him to Seattle, where they will be burned and tested.

Mr. Thatcher failed to get water power sufficient to operate a electric light plant on the Pataha, but has secured power with substantial encouragement and aid by citizens of Pomeroy, the plant will be put in.

The mills and logging camps of Whatcom County are preparing to close down for the holiday season. The logging camps will cease work about December 22, and resume about January 1. The single mills generally will remain closed down for six weeks or a month, on account of the dullness of the market under the present conditions.

The report State Dairy Commissioner E. A. McDonald is now near completion, and will, by the end of the year, be ready for transmission to Olympia. The report is now showing a bright outlook for the growth in the dairy industry, but presents some very interesting and pertinent facts concerning the work done by the Commissioner's office in the enforcement of the laws relating to the sale of milk and dairy products.

The large mills of Bellingham Bay will not be allowed to dump slabs into the waters of the bay, as has been the practice for some time. The Government has taken cognizance of the matter, as a result of complaints made by steamboat men to the revenue officers. The mills were notified a week or two ago to cease the practice December 15. The Bellingham Bay Improvement Company's mill has under construction a large open-pit slab burner, and the slabs will be conveyed to it by a flume several hundred yards long. The water for the flume will be supplied by the use of a large centrifugal pump, which will draw the water from the bay. The mill will be allowed to close down until the burner can be completed.

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President Hill did not arrive in time to participate in the important event. There were no ceremonies, and chance settled what train had the honor. The tunnel is 11,513 feet long, and cost several millions.

HIGH AND DRY AMONG DRIFT LOGS.

Late Storm Changed Position of Stranded Lightship.

ASTORIA, Dec. 20.—During the blow yesterday the lightship, which is stranded on McKenzie Head, carried away her anchor cable and drifted onto the beach a distance of fully 90 feet. She is now lying high and dry among the drift logs.

FOR PARDON OF CRIMINAL.

Governor Gear Asked to Grant Life-Term Prisoner His Liberty.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—E. O. Miller, of Crook County, was at the Capitol today interceding with Governor Gear for the pardon of J. H. Campbell, who is serving a life sentence in the Penitentiary for the killing of Isaac Swearingen, at Newsum Creek, Crook County, in 1886. Miller is a brother-in-law of Campbell.

Swearingen had forbidden Campbell to enter his premises, and during the farmer's absence Campbell came to the Swearingen home at the request of Mrs. Swearingen. When Campbell's presence in the house became known, Swearingen an altercation ensued with the result that Campbell shot Swearingen.

Received at Asylum. George McLeod, aged 33 years and a resident of Southwick, Idaho, was received at the Asylum today, on a commitment from Josephine County. Willemena Scholtz was admitted to the Asylum today from Dayton, Yamhill County. She is 65 years old.

THLUMMA COUNTY BOUNTY TAX.