

GO, GREAT DAY IS HEATIER FORECAST

No Change in Temperatures Likely in Oregon, Although Rain to Fall Elsewhere.

NEW RECORDS ARE PUT UP

Ice Continues on Ponds and Lakes, Making Skating Pleasant for Large Outing Parties—Rise of Mercury Slight.

Into the mass of isotherms, isobars, high pressure, low pressure, barometric readings and all the other things that go to make the weather "dope," Acting Forecaster Drake thrust his fist last night and pulled out a prediction for today, reading, "Probably fair; southeast winds."

There will be little, if any, change in temperatures, he thinks. The attack the householder is making on the fuel piles will continue unabated. Many a coal reserve is being decimated by the present cold spell and the prospects that are made on the woodpiles can be compared only to the raids of the conflicting armies on a defenseless Belgian village.

Cold Worst Since 1854. The shift of the wind into the south-east may mean warmer weather shortly. There is a possibility that this may be the result, but weather signs were not strong enough last night to warrant the prediction.

It may be some slight consolation to know that yesterday was warmer than the preceding day, 24 degrees being the worst that the demon which rules the thermometer could register. This was at 4 A. M. yesterday and it affected milkmen mostly. Thereafter the mercury rose grudgingly and managed to get as high as 34 during the day.

Rain Not Yet in Sight. The suggestions are on the mend but by any substantial statistics produced by the weather man, but on the surface showing, the situation is improving. Room remains, however, for further moderation of the rigid weather conditions that have prevailed for almost two weeks.

Acting Forecaster Drake says Western Washington may get some rain soon, but he expresses doubt that Oregon will be blessed with a shower at an early date.

Rain is falling somewhere, it is pleasant to know, notably Southern California, New Mexico, eastward to the Mississippi Valley, in Minnesota, Eastern North Dakota, the St. Lawrence Valley and West Virginia.

Ice continues to run in the Willamette and Columbia rivers, but with good on ponds and sloughs, and with even the slightest snowfall, ideal Christmas weather would prevail.

18 MEAL THIEVES TO PAY

Luncheon Invaders Sentenced and Fined \$100 at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—Eighteen men arrested for invading a luncheon room were sentenced today in police court today and each sentenced to 30 days in the County Jail and \$100 fine, the total penalty amounting to \$3,600 imprisonment for each. Eleven men were sentenced to 15 days each at hard labor in the county stockade for persistent begging.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Table with columns: Name, From, Date, and Remarks. Includes Steamer Schedule and European and Oriental Service.

GUARDING AGAINST PLAGUE IS ADVISED

Passing Law Providing for Precautions Is Suggested by Federal Official.

CLEANING UP ALSO URGED

Dr. Marcellus and Harbormaster Arc Told Rats Should Be Examined, Too, and Other Steps Taken Before Danger Comes.

TRUCKLOADS OF CHRISTMAS PARCELS KEEP POSTAL CLERKS BUSY AT STATION WHERE FIVE TO SEVEN TONS OF MAIL ARE MOVING DAILY.



Force Sorting Packages in Postoffice Station at Fifth and Gilliam Streets, Near A. Campbell, Assistant Superintendent of Mails, Standing at Right Hand of Picture.

Health applying to precautions against plague so they will conform to the Federal act and having them passed by the Legislature in the form of a law, and cleaning up the waterfront thoroughly, were suggested by Dr. Ebert, of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, who was in the city from Astoria yesterday conferring with Dr. Marcellus, City Health Officer, and Harbormaster Sprer.

Dr. Ebert found no fault with the system along the harbor front so far as available facilities will permit, but he said there were many ways in which the work could be carried on if funds were allotted and properly applied. He said that it has been the experience of other ports that precautionary measures were much less expensive than waiting until there had been a few cases of plague among residents to begin the fight.

Case of Mobile Is Cited. The case of the City of Mobile was cited. Dr. Ebert, though residents of New Orleans had been stricken, Mobile authorities have spent money in rat-proofing all docks, employing professional rat catchers, so the extermination of rats could be carried on from all quarters of the city regularly, and in cleaning up. He said that should Portland be unfortunate enough to have plague started, tremendous expense would be incurred in the same work, and in the fumigation of street-cars, trains, steamers, public places and the like.

In speaking of the efforts made to trap rats, Dr. Ebert remarked that the immense quantities of grain stored here and the leakage, when the cereal is being handled from cars to the docks and from there to ships, made the work difficult, for it provided food for the rats. In setting traps in grain docks he said there had been a mistaken idea that rats preferred fish or cheese bait to grain.

MR. LANG'S BARN BURNS

Structure at Country Home Destroyed, Loss Being About \$3500.

Fire of an unknown cause yesterday destroyed a large barn on the country home of Isador Lang, of Lang & Co., causing a loss of about \$3500, with partial insurance. Mr. Lang's country home is at Shattuck's station.

LITTLE STEAMER BATTLES WITH ICE TO TAKE PASSENGERS ACROSS COLUMBIA.



When eight lifeboat crews of the steamer Rose City race Christmas morning and the winner is picked, opponents will be pitted in a second race. The three boats are in three boats, for longshoremen working for the San Francisco & Portland fleet have signed their intention of entering the race. The move of the cargo workers, because the former dread losing to the landlubbers.

PLAGUE IS ADVISED

percentage of rats caught would be materially increased. As to the enforcement of the rat-guard regulations on ships, Dr. Ebert said that had there been any rats afflicted with plague on vessels berthed here they probably would have got ashore were it not for the guards on all lines. He said that while ships reaching the river from ports known to be infected with plague were put through the usual fumigation, rats often managed to get into the lining and other places where they were not disturbed by the gases, so lived and might set ashore here if measures of prevention were allowed to become lax.

REAL SNAPS Used Cars

Here are some REAL SNAPS in Used Cars. Look these cars over before you buy. PACKARD—6-cylinder, 6-passenger, electric starter and lights. STUDEBAKER SEDAN, 1913—Less Than 1/2 Cost. REGAL TOURING.....\$ 250. PEERLESS, 6-48, '13, 7-pas. \$1850. CHALMERS 30—4-pass., repainted, good running condition.....\$ 500.

The above cars are in good condition and are priced at less than real worth. To prove or disprove these statements, call and see them.

H. L. KEATS AUTO CO. Broadway and Burnside.

STAMP SALE RECORD

Cash Receipts at Postoffice Total \$9232.49 in Day.

WOMAN HOLDS BIG STEAMER

Captain Mason Did Not Have Heart to Leave Tardy Traveler. Carrying small Christmas trees at mastheads, boat davits and different parts of the superstructure, the flagship Beaver, of the "Big Three" system, was hauling away from Alinsworth dock yesterday afternoon, her 170 passengers smiling and waving good-byes to friends, when Captain Mason was hailed by Fred Wright, chief clerk of the company, to return for a belated traveler.

UPPER WILLAMETTE FREEZES ABOVE WILSONVILLE AND STOPS SERVICE.

Encountering heavy ice below St. Helens in the Columbia River, while a barrier is said to exist at Warrior Rock as far as river steamers are concerned, the steamer Joseph Kellogg, arriving yesterday afternoon from Kelso, was ordered to stop at Astoria, when Captain Whitcomb made a report of the conditions.

NEWS FROM OREGON PORTS.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The steam schooner Multnomah arrived this morning from San Francisco and after discharging her passengers here yesterday morning she proceeded to Portland.

The American steamer Henry T. Scott arrived today from Baltimore and after discharging 250 tons here she proceeded to Portland. Later she will go to Grays Harbor.

The steamer schooner Shoshone arrived this afternoon from San Francisco with general cargo for Portland.

The Grace line steamer Santa Clara arrived this morning from the North Pacific via San Francisco with cargo for Portland.

The Puget Sound tug Gollah, which has been cruising off the mouth of the river for several days, came inside this evening after supplies. She will return to her station outside tomorrow morning.

COOS BAY, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The steamer schooner Yellowstone arrived from San Francisco today with lumber from North Bend.

Sailing from San Francisco the steamer Acadia Smith carried 160,000 feet of lumber.

The gasoline schooner Roamer sailed for miscellaneous freight for Port Orford.

The tug Gleaser from Gardiner arrived for freight for towns on the Umpqua River.

FLORENCE, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Rustler arrived yesterday.

LONGSHOREMEN RACE SEAMEN

Impetus Is Given to Christmas Day Program on Rose City. When eight lifeboat crews of the steamer Rose City race Christmas morning and the winner is picked, opponents will be pitted in a second race. The three boats are in three boats, for longshoremen working for the San Francisco & Portland fleet have signed their intention of entering the race.

HENRY T. SCOTT IN RIVER

Wm. Chatham Leaves for West Coast and Santa Clara Arrives. First of the Sudden & Christenson vessels to come here since that command established its New York Pacific Coast service, the steamer Henry T. Scott, arrived in the river yesterday and proceeded upstream. She is a replacement for the vessel which was recently, had grounded there and six tugs were endeavoring to float her.

United States Marshal Montag will offer the gasoline schooner Jack Burnham for sale at 10 o'clock this morning at the Postoffice building, the proceeds of which are to be applied on an account said to be due the Jones Cash store, at the instance of which the vessel was libeled recently.

See Co's DEPARTMENT advertisement with an image of a car.

PRICES CUT ON ALL USED CARS. BERLIN WINTON SIX LIMOUSINE. Only Run 500 Miles. A Great Sacrifice. WHITE "40," Five-Passenger. THOMAS, Four-Passenger, 70 H. P. OVERLAND "36," STODDARD-DAYTON, 45 H. P., Seven-Passenger. HUDSON, Seven-Passenger, Electric Starter, Fully Equipped. WINTON SIXES, All Models Thoroughly Rebuilt and Guaranteed Fully Equipped in Four, Five and Seven Passenger Bodies. WE MUST MAKE ROOM FOR OUR NEW CARS, AND THEREFORE MUST SACRIFICE OUR USED CARS. THESE CARS CARRY OUR STANDARD GUARANTEE. Call for Demonstration and Get Our Price. The Winton Motor Car Co. Factory Branch, Portland, Oregon, Twenty-third and Washington Sts. Main 4244. Open Sundays.

STAMP SALE RECORD. Cash Receipts at Postoffice Total \$9232.49 in Day. PARCEL BUSINESS IS BIG. Bulk of Yesterday's Mail Goes to California Points and Today's Probably Will Be Addressed to Puget Sound Points. More stamps were sold at the Portland postoffice yesterday than during any other day in the history of the office. When the stamp window closed receipts showed a total of \$9232.49, or \$642.49 greater than the day previous, when former records were smashed with a total of \$8589. However, the busiest day of the Christmas rush season from the standpoint of outgoing mail was Monday. Yesterday the tide turned slightly in the direction of incoming packages, and from this time forward until Friday noon, Christmas day, incoming packages will outnumber the outgoing. Earlier in the week most of the attention was directed to packages scheduled for delivery at points east of the Rocky Mountains, the bulk of yesterday's mail went to California. Today's preponderance is expected to be addressed to Puget Sound points and Thursday and Friday, which are destined to be the prime business days of the entire year, the bulk of packages will be addressed to local cities and towns. There are now 75 extra carriers, 75 extra clerks, 35 special delivery messengers and 10 automobiles busily engaged in handling the several carloads of mail which leave and arrive daily. The fact that the business is much heavier than heretofore is shown from the fact that the stamp sales are greater in local history. In fact, the fact that parcel post rates were reduced materially January 1, 1914. From 7 o'clock in the morning until 9:30 o'clock at night a continual stream of patrons has entered and left the Portland office. Twelve parcels have been delivered in the morning. Perhaps the busiest men in the building this week are Postmaster Myers and Assistant Postmaster Durand, who have served in all wrong as floor managers in directing the masses and serving them personally. "Every parcel that reaches Portland before noon on Christmas day will be delivered the same day," said Mr. Durand yesterday. "All mail received in the office is distributed to the trains within an hour of its receipt."

Ends Dry, Hoarse or Painful Coughs Quickly. A Simple, Home-Made Remedy, Inexpensive but Unusually Effective. The prompt and positive results given by this pleasant, home-made cough syrup has caused it to be used in more homes than any other remedy. It gives almost instant relief and usually overcomes the average cough in 24 hours. (Get 2 1/2 ounces Pinex (50 cents worth) and fill the bottle with plain granulated sugar syrup. This makes a full pint—or family supply—the most effective cough remedy at a cost of only 50 cents or less. You couldn't buy as much ready-made cough medicine for \$2.50. Easily prepared and never spoils. Full directions with Pinex.) The promptness, certainty and ease with which this Pinex Syrup overcomes a bad cough, chest or in bronchitis, is remarkable. It quickly loosens a dry, hoarse or tight cough and heals and soothes a painful cough in a hurry. With a persistent loose cough it stops the formation of phlegm in the throat and bronchial tubes, thus ending the annoying hacking. Pinex is a highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, rich in gaultharic acid, and is famous the world over for its splendor in effect in whooping cough, bronchial asthma and winter coughs. To avoid disappointment in making this, ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex," and don't accept anything else. A guarantee of absolute satisfaction or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

See America First! GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. WINTER EXCURSIONS TO FLORIDA. On Sale December 29, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23. Final Return Limit May 31st. Jacksonville and return \$117.50. St. Augustine and return 119.80. Tampa and return 129.10. Palm Beach and return 136.00. Miami and return 139.60. Key West and return 150.60. Portland to Florida in four and one-half days; only one change of cars. Full information, ticket and sleeping-car reservations on application at City Ticket Office, 348 Washington Street (Morgan Building), and at Depot, 10th and Hoyt Streets. H. Dickson, Marshall 3071. C. P. & T. A. A 2286.

Lady in Legislature Upsets Dr. Withcombe's Message. Introduction to Say "Members" and Not "Gentlemen," as Customary for Time Immemorial, O'ing to Election of Miss Marian Towne.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—George Palmer Putnam, secretary of Governor-elect Withcombe, announced today that the new Governor had, after much consideration, decided to overturn one of Oregon's traditions. The election of a woman to the State Legislature is the cause of all of it. Dr. Withcombe is preparing his message to the Legislature and the first draft began as all messages have to that august body: "Gentlemen of the Legislature." It got by him and Mr. Putnam, for it was thought to be the only real way to begin a message. But in reading the document over today and considering its various passages, it occurred to the Governor-elect that something was wrong. "We say here, Mr. Putnam, 'Gentlemen of the Legislature,'" said Mr. Withcombe. "It had not occurred to me until now that there is all wrong there. It is a woman member of that body, Miss Marian Towne, of Jackson County. That introduction will never do." "Lady and gentlemen of the Legislature" and "Ladies and Gentlemen of the Legislature" were considered as substitutes, but finally the word "Members of the Legislature" was chosen.

GRESHAM REBUILDS FAST. Brick Structures to Rise Where Sunday's Fire Raged. GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—D. C. Ely, owner of the building occupied by the Bartlett Mercantile Company, destroyed in the fire here Sunday, announced today that he would rebuild with a brick structure on the east side of Main street at the corner of Second street. C. S. Osborn, Ben Mathews and Gust Larson are the first in the field to re-