

TO READERS.—The "Daily Astorian" contains twice as much reading matter as any other paper published in Astoria. It is the only paper that presents its readers with a daily telegraphic report.

TODAY'S WEATHER. PORTLAND, Sept. 14.—Fair weather. AROUND TOWN.

Drifted Snow flour at the Pat Market. Sweet cream in any amount at the Parlor.

Home-made chocolates, 20 cents a pound, at the Parlor. The office of the Lannetier has been removed to No. 37 Bond street.

Room for rent, furnished or unfurnished. Apply at Astorian Office. We guarantee our ice cream to be made of pure cream, The Parlor.

Wanted—Painters, none but first class need apply. B. F. Allen & Son. Cold lunch, pickled pigs feet, oysters, sheeps tongue, etc., at the National Cafe.

Frank Warren, the well-known caneyman of Portland, was in the city yesterday. Do you know Snodgrass makes Stamp Photos? Call and see them they are all the go.

An experienced ladies' nurse wants situation. References. Address 981 Exchange street. Crawford peaches, 100 boxes to be given away while they last, at 45 cents a box. Pat's Market.

The H. B. Borthwick Lumber Company received yesterday a scow load of 250,000 shingles from the Cowlitz river.

For rent—Furnished rooms with first-class table board. Apply Mrs. E. C. Holden's corner Ninth and Duane Streets.

Prof. Beggs will begin classes in dancing, Friday night. Children, Saturday afternoon, at 7 p. m. in Hawthorn hall.

Boquet De Cuba and Key West Gums are the finest five cent cigars that ever came to this market. Henry Roe, opposite brewery.

No German Lutheran services will be held on Sunday. The pastor is going to Kalama, Washington. Sunday school will be held as usual.

Miss Jennie Douglas will leave on the San Francisco steamer this morning on a visit with her brother in the Bay city for a few weeks.

Mrs. Frank J. Taylor and children anticipate leaving today for Portland, where they will visit with friends during the ensuing week.

Beginners and advanced pupils can have thorough instructions on the violin and piano by applying to J. H. Amme, a graduate of Dresden and Leipzig conservatory. Hotel Tighe.

The British bark Powy Castle, Captain Thomas, arrived in yesterday 29 days from Valdivia, in ballast. She is chartered to load wheat and will leave in tow for Portland today.

The lumber schooner Aurilla was towed to sea from the Knappion mill yesterday. She was bound for Fairhaven and carried a cargo of box shooks for the cannery at that place.

The steamer Maryland in charge of Captain Pickering, is now open for business, except on Saturday and Tuesdays, when she will be engaged on her regular runs. Apply at Fisher's dock.

Henry Roe, who conducts a cigar store in upper town, is enlarging his stock to accommodate the increasing patronage from that locality. He received a special invoice of goods yesterday.

Albert Dunbar, the popular drygoods merchant, is in Portland purchasing largely of notions and textile fabrics for the new store on Commercial street, which he will soon occupy. He is expected home today.

There will be no services at Grace church the coming Sunday, either morning nor evening, in consequence

of the repairs now being made to the church. The Sunday school, however, will meet at the usual time—12:30.

Captain H. B. Parker, who has been convalescing from a severe illness, left for Portland yesterday on the Hassalo. The captain's improvement has been phenomenal, considering that a short time ago he had little hope of recovery.

Eric Manulla is improving his property on Grand Avenue. A grading force is leveling the lot adjoining his present residence. Upon completion of the work, the structure now occupied by him will be removed to the more preferable location.

The Jewish day of atonement, known as Yom Kippus, was generally observed by all the Jewish residents in Astoria yesterday. The merchants closed their stores, and divine services were held twice at the residence of S. Danziger by Rabbi Levy of San Francisco.

The members of Prof. Stoddard's class in Riston Physical Culture will give an exhibition of the work at Fisher's hall tonight. They wish to extend an invitation to their friends to be present and to all who are interested in this work and intend joining the class this fall. It is important that those who wish to avail themselves of this kind of instruction shall either be present tonight or send in their names.

T. W. C. T. U. held a very interesting meeting yesterday afternoon at which the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Lienenweber; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Gearhart; recording secretary, Mrs. Ball; vice-president, Mrs. William Ross; vice-presidents from different churches, Baptist, Mrs. Bayles; Methodist, Mrs. Gerding; Congregational, Mrs. Bishop; Episcopal, Mrs. McCormac; Presbyterian, Mrs. Doeneka.

Friends of Chas. Burns, the missing cook of the Palace restaurant, have been sedulously working to disclose his whereabouts, but are unable as yet to report success. Letters have been addressed to Portland and also to other localities where the young man was known, asking in each case if his appearance had been noted, but to all such queries a negative response has been received. The impression still prevails that the man met with foul play.

"Our Friday morning breakfast will probably be the last meal served until the house is reopened," said C. S. Wright, of the Occident, yesterday. "It is unfortunate that we have to turn out so many patrons, but the duty is imperative under the circumstances. There is a bare possibility that we may be able to retain our roomers, but that cannot be definitely determined as yet. The repairing force will push the work with all rapidity, however, so that we will disappoit the hotel custom as little as possible."

Ted Cherry, accompanied by several companions, went angling for tom cod in his sail boat, the Whitehall, yesterday. A run was made to buoy No. 11, before any lines were swung to investigate the fish. The fun then began in earnest. Deponents state that within an hour or two a count revealed between four and five dozen of the flavorful beauties. After tiring of the sport, a resolution was passed that the haul in toto be presented to the crew of the Harry Morse. A cheer from the sailors greeted the donors after performing the gracious act.

Harry McDowell, night chef for the Commercial street restaurant conducted by Mr. Lee Herring, is prostrated with a sudden and malevolent attack of brain fever. Mr. McDowell is a guest at the Bay City house, and is being rendered every assistance possible, both by Mr. Herring and the estimable hostess, Mrs. Andrews. He was reported dangerously ill last night, although on the evening preceding he served his regular watch, which ran until an early hour in the morning. If his condition warrants, he will be removed to the hospital today.

A. B. Coonley, the popular confectioner, is still in Portland perfecting arrangements for his series of entertainments to be given at the Arion theater in that city. Mr. Coonley proposes to unmask in the most ridiculous light imaginable, any alleged spiritualistic phenomena, and his challenge is directed particularly to such sensational characters as Anna Eva Fay, Davenport Brothers, John Slater and the Brockway family. There are a number of local seance followers who do not believe that Mr. Coonley can accom-

plish all that he claims, but are patiently awaiting the termination of his Portland engagement before fully asserting their opinions in the columns of the press.

George Nelson, a fisherman, sometime ago preferred charges against several seiners for an infraction of the fishing law. The seiners were arrested, but subsequently acquitted before Judge Hughes, the testimony of the complainant being insufficient to convict. The seiners in turn, then imputed charges of perjury in recital. Nelson was taken into custody, but released on his own recognizance, pending his trial which was fixed for 7 o'clock last night. Judge Hughes was in attendance and awaited the appearance of Nelson, but on his failure to report adjourned court. Some one present said that Nelson was on the Washington side. The matter rests in statu quo.

Several days ago the Astorian published an article touching on the feasibility of protecting the road ways by sprinkling with crude oil. It was mentioned that the process was in favor in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and other cities of southern California, and was a practical and yet inexpensive method to preserve them for the emergencies of the harder winter travel. The Astorian's article was reprinted in the Los Angeles and Santa Barbara papers, with the result that a number of lawyers were precipitated by the discoverer of the process against the various counties so utilizing the oil. It seems that the method was duly patented by the discoverer, a departure which the California district attorneys contend is unlawful. At this writing the legal conflict waxes hot.

It is understood that the drinking fountain at the corner of Eleventh and Commercial streets contiguous to Griffin & Reed's stationery store, will be removed directly across the street adjacent to the fire station. In view of this departure, Mr. C. S. Wright of the water commission has had a spacious receiver made to be attached beneath the faucet and serve as a drinking tray for dogs and horses. The fountain was originally a presentation to the city by the loyal little children. As no provision was made by them to preserve its cleanliness, however, the proposition to change its site comes from the fire department, who agree, not only to keep it flawlessly dressed in an attractive coating of paint, but to see that its surroundings are at all times protected from impurities.

The proposed game of baseball which was to have been played in Portland tomorrow between the Multnomahs of that city and the invincible home team, is postponed at the suggestion of the Multnomahs until Saturday, September 23. The excuse offered by the Portlanders, that a game tomorrow might interfere with the tennis tournament now in progress there, is, of course, the flimsiest apology possible to imagine. The real reason is, the Multnomahs are incompetent for a scientific contest, and curiously to think, harbor a belief that by surreptitiously practicing for another seven days, they can save themselves the humiliation of a whitewash. Being congenial of their purpose, Captain Ross will likewise drill his aggregation, and inflict fully an overwhelming defeat as though the competing athletes had met as first proposed.

County Commissioner H. Lewis, of the John Day, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Lewis is a progressive and enterprising farmer and is an enthusiastic supporter of good county roads. Mr. Lewis says the people of the John Day are beginning to build a county line road. About one mile of construction is necessary and the residents of the John Day will bear the expense. The work will be commenced shortly and when completed the John Day people will have easy access to Astoria. Under the new charter about a mile of the pipe line road has been excluded from the city limits. The farmers intend to put this portion of the road in good condition also, so that teams from the John Day can come to Astoria at any season of the year. Mr. Lewis says that the backward season has not injured crops in his neighborhood and but little, if any, hay was spoiled. The farmers in the John Day section, he says, have all full crops and will supply the Astoria market during the fall and winter with their produce.

The German ship Neck arrived in yesterday from Nagasaki, in ballast. Captain Ulrich died at sea on August 20, of dysentery, and the vessel since then has been in command of First Officer Reiners. After leaving Nagasaki, Captain Ulrich complained of being ill. The Neck passed through the Sangar straits and the captain was advised to remain at the port of Hokodate until his trouble could be diagnosed. Captain Ulrich, however, refused and succumbed to his illness in a few days afterward. The body was buried at sea the next day and Officer Reiners took command of the ship. The Neck met with unfavorable weather on the trip and arrived overdue about 19 days. Captain Ulrich was in Astoria about 15 years ago, in command of a small German vessel. The Neck picked up a pilot yesterday morning and sailed into the harbor in tow of a tug. A British bark, supposed to be wheat laden and bound for Europe, was sighted Monday last leaving the Sound. The Neck is chartered to load wheat and will leave up for Portland as soon as a tow boat arrives.

The facts about the deal with the government for the extension of the Astoria water service to Fort Stevens

are that the water commission proposed to sell the government a certain quantity of old pipe at a figure which induced the war department to entertain the matter. After considerable time had been consumed in going through the red tape negotiations necessary to authorize the purchase, an officer was detailed from the quartermaster's department to visit Astoria and inspect the pipe. He came, at considerable expense, looked the pipe over, and made a formal report recommending the purchase of about six miles of it. Another delay ensued, but Commander Holbrook was finally directed by the department to proceed with the purchase of the pipe. Meanwhile, a trust had been formed by eastern manufacturers and the price on new iron pipe was substantially advanced. When Commander Holbrook came to close matters he was politely informed by the water commission that the government must pay the same proportionate increase on the price formerly fixed on the old pipe as the trust was asking for new pipe. Of course Commander Holbrook was not authorized to buy any pipe at the advanced figures, and all he could do was to return to Ft. Stevens and report the change situation through the proper channels to the department at Washington. It is needless to say that this is the last that has been heard on the subject of an extension of the Astoria water service to Ft. Stevens. Within a few weeks after Commander Holbrook's report, an advertisement, dated Vancouver barracks, appeared in the Oregonian asking proposals for the boring of an artesian well on the Ft. Stevens reservation. Subsequently a contract for the work was let and it is now in progress. The government will create its own water supply at Ft. Stevens and the Astoria water commission can consign its old pipe to the scrap pile.

CAPTAIN DOWNS IN TOWN. He Met Superintendent McGuire in Consultation Yesterday on the Ft. Stevens Extension.

Captain Thomas Downs, assistant quartermaster, United States Volunteers, was domiciled at the Occident yesterday. The captain is here to assume control of such construction work at Ft. Stevens as is embodied in the railway spur, the water works and the barracks. Learning that a part of the government contract was to survey and build a sufficient layer of track to connect the fortifications with the A. & C. line, the captain was in consultation with Superintendent McGuire yesterday in an effort to shift this very onerous responsibility onto him. Mr. McGuire referred the captain to President Hammond in Portland.

While talking railroad with Superintendent McGuire, Captain Downs suggested that an extra morning and evening train be scheduled between Astoria and Ft. Stevens. "Where would the traffic come from?" asked the superintendent. "I told contractor Conn that he would need 15 additional laborers on the buildings out there," said the captain. "In fact, he will probably need more than that number, as he has only 10 or 12 bricklayers and no carpenters as yet. I conclude that he will gather these men up here, and it would be nice to have them run back and forth to their families." Superintendent McGuire smiled and replied that it would require between five and six hundred dollars per month to run that train.

Captain Downs has been stationed at Cincinnati for a protracted period. He regretted leaving the "Queen City," but the laws of the army are as inexorable as death and taxes and he was coerced into the change. The captain thinks he will finish his work at this point by April 1st next. He left last night for Portland, and while there, will visit Mr. Hammond and Major Jacobs at Vancouver, who is chief quartermaster for this department.

If other business does not intervene, Captain Downs will return tomorrow.

LETTER FROM MR. HAMBLETT. Having a Good Time and Will be Home With John Griffin Tomorrow.

"Oh, but I was sick. Don't say a word; the train's good enough for me to get home on." The foregoing opened the preliminary paragraph of a newly letter from Harry Hamblett which reached the city yesterday. It will be remembered that Mr. Hamblett and Mr. Griffin took passage on the Columbia for San Francisco several days ago. Mr. Hamblett, in particular, felt buoyant over the prospective journey and it was with great difficulty he could repress his enthusiasm for this frolicsome outing with the siren billows. It is, therefore, a matter of regret that he should have found disappointment in a pursuit for pleasure. Otherwise, it seems that the jaunt has been a veritable bonanza in the line of recreation. Mr. Hamblett says that the Golden city is afire with brilliancy, that the streets are jammed with humanity day and night and that all in all, it is just such a place as Astoria would be, provided the cit-

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FOR THE SCHOOLBOY. The glory of Oregon's future will soon rest with her school boys of today; their obligations will be great. Let them be in no wise handicapped. Proper clothing is just as essential as proper books. To meet the present's every demand, we have arranged a special sale of children's clothing. This sale opens today and includes every article necessary to make up a complete wardrobe, whether for the schoolboy or schoolgirl. Today we quote especially boys' clothing.

Boys' Suits. 50 suits especially suitable for school wear will be offered as a leader. These suits are made of all wool, cassimeres and fancy tweeds; the coats are double-breasted and well lined throughout; the pants are knee length, all sizes. These suits formerly sold for \$3.50 and \$4.00 but during this sale they go for \$2.50.

Boys' Cotton Sweaters. Full line in stripes and solid colors such as blue, garnet and navy at 50c.

Sailor Blouse Suits. We have a full line of sailor blouse suits, middie suits and vestee suits that are both suitable and serviceable for the younger boys. These are of blue serge and blue cheviot, fancy and mixed tweeds with plain and fancy knits, with black silk sailor knot attached; sizes three to eight years at \$2.45 to \$7.00.

Boys' Knee Pants. In corduroy, tweeds, serges and chevots, all well made and sewed at 25c to \$1.00.

A full line of tablets, slates, drawing books, sponges, pens and pencils, etc.

Another very nice line for school wear is the Kantwearout brand, these have double-breasted coats, knee pants with double knees and seats and come in fancy worsted Scotch tweeds, cassimeres, serges and chevots, sizes nine to fifteen years \$2.25 to \$7.50.

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Gray's RACKET STORE. We are closing out our entire department of tinware and granite ironware at prices below wholesale. These are first quality goods and are manufactured by the following firms: St. Louis Stamping Co., Haberman Mfg. Co. and Kieckhefer. In fact any factory brand you want. This is a rare opportunity for merchants and parties who wish to buy at wholesale. Following is the list of prices: 5c tin dipper, sale price...10c 5c coat hangers...10c 5c bone graters...10c 2 muffin rings, sale price...10c 5c can openers...10c 5c pint cups...10c 5c stove lifters...10c 1 qt. graduated measure...10c 14 qt. granite dish pans, sale price...25c 3-qt. granite coffee pots...25c No. 25 sauce pans, worth 40c sale...15c 12 qt. dairy pails, sale price...5c 8 qt. granite milk pans, sale price...10c Milk strainers, sale price...5c No. 9 granite tea kettles, sale price...45c Granite colanders, sale price...15c Granite rice cookers, sale price...25c 510 Commercial Street.

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