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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—Western Oregon and Western Washington occasional rain today.

AROUND TOWN.

B. F. Allen & Son's holiday goods will be here this week.

Crawfish, cooked in wine, at the National Cafe.

Drink K. B. Cereal; Eat Nut Butter and Health Foods and be happy.

For Rent—Two of three furnished house-keeping rooms, 165, Tenth St.

The repairs to Youngs bay bridge will not be completed before Saturday evening.

Free with each package of H. O. Mush, 1 package of H. O. Pancake Flour, at A. V. Allen's.

For Sale—Cheap, an organ, in good condition. Apply at "The Hammond," opposite the railroad depot.

Reserved seats at the Webber concert will be placed on sale at Griffin & Reed's, tomorrow, Thursday, morning.

The name of Sidney Dell has been suggested in connection with the nomination for mayor on the non-partisan ticket.

A. R. Cyrus has moved his Real Estate and Insurance office to 436 Commercial street, opposite the Astorian office.

Pure whisky Harper Perfect whisky Harper every bottle guaranteed Harper. Sold by Ford & Stokes Company, Astoria, Oregon.

The ladies of the Degree of Honor, No. 58, beg to announce a cakewalk and dance to be given at Hawthorn hall on the evening of Monday Nov. 27. The best of music will be furnished and everybody invited. Admission 50 cents.

Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other. George W. Sanborn, Agent. Telephone 1311.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the study of the Presbyterian church. All members are requested to be present.

Fir cordwood at \$2.25 per cord long and 13.50 per cord sawed and delivered will be the price at the Astoria Wood Yard after Monday, November 13. Oak, Ash, Spruce limbs Vine maple, Hemlock, Slabwood and Slab bark also, at reasonable rates.

Colonel James Jackson came down from Portland yesterday to inspect the local division of the naval reserves. There has of late been a decided falling off of interest among the members, a reaction doubtless from the war excitement. An effort will be made to revive enthusiasm.

Don't walk when you can ride to Portland for nothing. Jones—he that pays the freight is now paying your fare. Only one condition, that is, that you buy \$20 worth of goods. The largest mail order business in Portland is done by Jones' Cash store. Send for his "Buyer's Guide," 108 and 110, Front street, Portland, Or.

The movement for a fund to purchase a sword for Capt. Clarke who commanded the battleship Oregon or her famous run around the horn during the Spanish war and at the battle of Santiago bay, is again under way in Oregon. Eighteen towns in the state outside of Portland have contributed. Astoria is not in the list.

All Astorians who visit Portland and desire spending a pleasant evening in company with polite people and in the enjoyment of an unexcelled musical program, should go to the Fredericksburg. Besides vocal and instrumental selections there are many other attractions to delight the visitors. The new management is making the Fredericksburg a well-merited success. BROWN & GRANT, Props.

Many Astorians have closely followed the Boer war by scanning the dispatches. There have been many discussions over the probable loss on each side. The telegram appearing in another page giving the official Transvaal report of casualties will renew the debates. This gives the total loss since the war to be only 99 killed and 30 wounded, an astonishingly low estimate, even if this report does not include the Free Staters. From the British accounts the losses would figure up ten times that number. It will be generally admitted that the Boer authority is doubtless more nearly correct. The British at present from their position necessarily suffer the greatest loss.

W. S. Coss, of Tillamook, is in the city getting signatures to a petition asking for the improvement of the entrance to Tillamook harbor. Astoria citizens are heartily in favor of the improvement.

Mr. J. McGuire, superintendent of the A. C. B. R., yesterday received a copy of the Natal Mercury, published at Durban. It was sent to him by Geo. Jordan who used to work for him in Portland, but who now is railroad carpentering in South Africa. The paper is dated Oct. 6, and is filled with local matter and telegrams concerning the impending conflict. The Durban merchants are great advertisers. The first three and the last pages contain nothing but advertisements and two of the others are half full. The paper is a daily. It cost but one cent to bring it from Durban to Astoria.

AN IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE. To make it apparent to thousands who think themselves ill, that they are not afflicted with any disease, but that the system simply needs cleansing, is to bring comfort home to their hearts, as a positive condition is easily cured by using Syrup of Figs. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and sold by all druggists.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL.

Dr. Bishop Replies to the Astorian's Answer.

ASTORIA, Nov. 22.—Editor Astorian.—I was much pleased with the communication from Mrs. Elmore, printed in your Tuesday's edition, protesting against Sunday football games, and I would ask permission to make some comments on your reply to it.

I see no valid objection to the noticing a Sunday football game by a newspaper if it so chooses. You say "the Astorian does not believe in populism, yet it chronicles Bryan's speeches and movements." Very true. But the Astorian shows its disbelief in populism by vigorous editorial arguments against those political doctrines. It does not palliate Bryan's offense by saying that he might be doing something worse, as preaching anarchy or rebellion for instance. But that is just the excuse the Astorian makes for Sunday desecration.

It is true that our young men could find worse ways of spending the Sabbath. But that is not the question, ought they not to be spending it in better ways? That is the question.

There is one other sophism in the Astorian's reply that I would like to note. "A journal that is supported by the general public is hardly in a position to direct the personal conduct of individuals." Contending against courses of conduct of masses is not "directing the personal conduct of individuals." In political fields the Astorian has protested most vigorously against the silver democracy and populism, but I do not imagine that my democratic or populist neighbors felt that it was "directing their personal conduct." It was attempting to influence their personal conduct, but not to direct it.

The attitude of the Astorian implies that the hostility to any decided movement that would tend to raise the moral standard of the city is such that it cannot afford peculiarly to take a positive stand in that direction. It is a sad comment on the moral status of the city, and is, as Mrs. Elmore implies, an all-sufficient reason why Astoria has not progressed as it seems it ought to have done.

You say that the game last Sunday was not played under the auspices of the A. F. C. But it was played on their grounds with their consent. Many of our leading business men are members of the club, and also I understand the pastor of one of the leading churches in the city.

Sunday football games and similar sports have not been uncommon in the past, but I have never heard that these members have made any protest. It is just this fact, that the leading and controlling element in the city seems to lack either the inclination or the moral courage to make a proper stand against the evils that are so prevalent here, that makes the outlook for the city so dark.

I agree with you that attacking Sunday football games alone will not help matters. Sunday desecration is only one symptom of the deeper lying evil. It is also the evils of gambling and drinking. So long as men prefer those things to better things, so long will they do them, and so long will Astoria continue to be what it is.

Not until Astorians as a whole realize that sin is weakness and righteousness is strength is there likely to be any material change for the better in the affairs of our city.

J. S. BISHOP. Any effort that will tend to raise the moral tone of our city is certainly commendable. The Astorian, however, must respectfully decline to be put on the defensive in this matter for it has not been and is not a champion of Sunday football.

AS GOOD AS HOME AND MOTHER. The Possibilities of the Pianola Described by an Aeolian Co. Man.

The pianola recitals at the Occident hotel are creating a considerable stir in town. Some people had an idea that the instrument made machine music, like a music box, and many more people knew nothing about the pianola until the representatives of the Aeolian Company now stopping at the Occident began their recitals. They will be here only during the present week and everyone desirous of seeing and hearing one of the most astounding inventions of this century should call at the hotel and make themselves known. Messrs. Bruce and Ballard extend a cordial invitation to all. They willingly show the instrument whether you intend to buy or not.

Discussing this wonderful pianola that plays so well any piece on any piano. Mr. Ballard, the company's advertising manager, said yesterday: "This is the only article I ever tried to sell about which there is no necessity for lying. A drummer would appreciate that fact, I can tell you. The pianola is such a marvel, such an unqualified success—it performs its work with such unerring facility and perfection that it instantly appeals to all intelligent people. In fact its very marvelous features make it impossible for one to describe it except in the superlatives, and the public always looks askant upon hyperbole and high talk. Whereas the truth is we get dozens of letters from actual customers telling us over and over again that we do not make our claims strong enough for the pianola—that nothing we could say would be appropriately strong. These letters come unsolicited from people who have bought pianolas and who are enjoying them in their homes now."

"All of the fundamental things we

asset in our advertisements are strictly true. The pianola plays any piano. Anyone can play it. You can play any piece of music at sight without previous practice. The Aeolian Company manufactures the music rolls for the pianola, publishing every important piece of music that appears. In our catalogue of music you can now select from about 5000 pieces including the bulk of all the classical and standard musical literature of the whole world. And you may be very sure that the company will keep right up with the times in getting out all the new music. Furthermore we cut new special music for any owner of an instrument at regular catalogue rates, no matter if that is the only copy of the special piece we ever sold.

"It took the company ten years and cost a round million of dollars to perfect the pianola and place it on the market. It is practically indestructible, with ordinary usage, and an iron-clad guarantee to keep it in repair goes with every instrument. Although most people this far in America pay cash we give easy terms to people on the Pacific coast who so desire.

"There is a perfect furor about the instrument in Europe, on the Continent, in England and in the Eastern states, for in those sections it was first brought out and the people are recognizing its great importance. Nearly every great artist like Melba, the DeLukas, Sauer, Rosenthal, Paderewski, have bought our instruments, frankly testifying to the artistic merit of the pianola and welcoming it as a great help. When you start to mention some of the advantages of having a pianola in your house you don't know where to begin. Perhaps a comprehensive way of putting it is if you have a pianola you practically have a magnificent pianist always in the house ready to produce the finest music at any moment according to your will.

The pianola should not be confused with automatic instruments. It has 65 fingers that strike the piano keys in the place of your ten fingers as in old style hand playing. You pump gently with your feet (just like organ playing, only much easier) and the 65 fingers hit the notes, you controlling the expression with the greatest ease by means of little levers placed conveniently for your hands. At the first trial before you are used to the pianola you can play any piece of music you want far better than half the average competent hand pianists in the world. And in a week's time, at the furthest, you can produce in a really fine way the greatest composition of the greatest master. You can take your pianola and live over again all the concerts, operas and magnificent musical occasions of your memory, you can fascinate yourself as well as your friends. I would as soon think of swimming a river when there is a bridge across as to try hand playing now that I have my pianola.

"There is no dream, mind you. But come around to the Occident and we will prove any and all points that I have mentioned. As a choice between home and mother, and the pianola, I am inclined to think that I'd like to go back to home, sweet home, once more, but I'd want to take my pianola with me."

CITY POLITICS.

Non Partisans Will Put a Ticket in the Field Saturday.

City politics is beginning to absorb public attention. There are signs of activity in both camps and the coming campaign promises to be full of interest.

The republican ticket is looking for a head and will feel uneasy until it finds one. Since Mr. Dement declined to act in that capacity numerous names have been suggested, but the office offers few inducements to the right kind of man and the committee is at sea.

The non-partisan ticket will be nominated Saturday night and there will be no trouble about the head. Mayor Bergman will unquestionably be renominated. The republican candidates for police judge, treasurer and perhaps superintendent of streets are likely to be endorsed by the Saturday convention. The retiring police commissioner will be renominated.

Considerable speculation is heard regarding the non-partisan nominee for city attorney. It is understood that at least two legal lights can be induced to try conclusions with Mr. Welch.

The work of the republican convention still causes talk. Nearly every man has a theory fathered largely by his affiliations. These theories embrace nearly everything political, from purely local matters to the control of federal patronage.

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