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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Western Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho, occasional rain, decreasing temperature today.

AROUND TOWN.

Stevy Christmas! Tom Rose is home for the holidays. E. M. Dixon, of Seattle, is at the Occident. Wm. T. Scott, of Portland, is at the Parker. A. Helming, of Portland, is at the Parker. M. B. Griswold, of Oysterville, is in the city. E. Paekel of Elsie was in the city yesterday. Harry M. Dunham, of Chicago, is at the Parker. Crawfish, cooked in wine, at the National Cafe. A. W. Lawrence, of Portland, is at the Occident. The steam schooner Homer is due from Eureka. W. D. Carlisle, of San Francisco, is at the Occident. The barkentine Tam O'Shanter is on her way to the Columbia river from San Francisco. She will load with lumber. L. A. Conn, of Fort Stevens, was in town yesterday. C. E. Miles and wife, of Portland, are at the Occident. L. J. Wade and George Billings, of Tacoma, are at the Occident. Strictly pure home-made nut candy of all kinds at the Bonbonniers. Buy your Xmas tree ornaments at the Parlor. Cheaper than in Portland. Go to the great store of A. Dunbar & Company for all kinds of holiday goods. Mrs. E. Vanlee and daughter, of Warrenton, were at the Parker yesterday. H. E. Calk and W. A. Bethlehem, of Fort Stevens, were in the city yesterday. The British ship Arabella sailed from Takla for the Columbia river on December 17. George B. Storey, of Portland, is in Christmas tree at the Swedish Lutheran church Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

Many merry Christmases are extended to Mr. Leo Herring. The Norwegian steamship Tyr, en route to the Columbia river, is at Port Arthur. The German ship Wandabek has finished loading and cleared at Portland yesterday. Ed. Schlegel, of the Astorian, went up to Portland yesterday with a trunk full of presents. The British ships Cambrian Warrior and St. Enoch were towed up the river yesterday. Ross, Higgins & Co. have for sale a quantity of choice mistletoe and holly, just received. Fresh Columbia river smelt; the first of the season, are now on sale at the "PAT" market. Sigfred Young, who is attending the State University at Eugene, is at home for the holidays. The Star Combination game board just received at Griffin & Reed's, on which 26 games can be played. Mr. Hoeller directs attention to the large, choice line of Lowney's chocolates just received at the Bonbonniers. A marriage license was issued yesterday to John Tyberg and Miss Caroline Hartell, both of Lewis and Clark. Ted Crawford, of C. H. Cooper's, and Walter Peterson, of the Western Union, will eat Christmas dinner at home. The barkentine Tam O'Shanter is on her way to the Columbia river from San Francisco. She will load with lumber. The A. Dunbar Company store will be closed all day on Monday. No goods of any character will be sold on that day. The steam schooner Dispatch arrived down from Portland yesterday and crossed out for San Francisco and way ports. Our line of holiday goods is now in. Remember we have the only line of its kind in the city. Portland prices. B. F. Allen & Son. Pure whiskey Harper Perfect whiskey Harper every bottle guaranteed Harper. Sold by Ford & Stokes Company, Astoria, Oregon. Your gentleman friend, father or brother would enjoy a fountain pen. The Waterman is the best; only at Griffin & Reed's. The German ship Noeido cleared yesterday at the custom house for Quasquetown with 195,500 bushels of wheat valued at \$25,000. Mr. Chris. Bell, a young Portland attorney, attended the party last evening. Mr. Bell served in the Second Oregon as corporal in Company H.

Born, December 23, at the residence of Thomas Dealy, this city, to the wife of W. E. McCormack, a daughter. Our prize \$375 organ will be drawn New Year's eve. Chances given on every \$2.50 purchase of holiday goods. B. F. ALLEN & SON. The Christmas War Cry appears in an artistic cover and contains a number of striking illustrations and brightly written articles. Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other. George W. Sanborn, Agent. Telephone 1311. Just received, a consignment of 100 boxes of No. 1 apples. For sale to close them out at once at from \$1 to \$1.50 a box. Frank Woodfield, 505 Bond Street. W. C. Barnett has disposed of his interest in the Seaside sawmill to W. F. McGregor and N. P. Socanson. He will continue, however, as manager of the mill. Roslyn coal is the best and most economical coal for household use in Astoria. Try it once and you will have no other. George W. Sanborn, Agent. Telephone 1311. The Redman and ladies of Pochahontas had a Christmas tree for the members and their families at Ford & Stokes' hall last night. A most pleasant evening was spent. With the view of closing out my entire stock of latest improved air-tight heaters, I am now offering them for sale at a discount of 15 per cent. W. J. SCULLY, 431 Bond Street. The Wizard Oil Company closed its Astoria engagement last night. The company has given thorough satisfaction and Mr. Gallagher and his clever specialists will receive a hearty welcome on their next visit. For a few days only, cream-mixed candy 15 cents a pound; plain American candy 10 cents a pound. Chocolate creams 30 cents a pound, and everything else in proportion, at the Parlor. These goods are made fresh for Christmas. A number of Astoria young society ladies entertained the gentlemen with a dancing party at Hawthorn hall last evening. The ladies managed the function with rare ability and the occasion was one that will be pleasantly remembered. Professor Hegge's children's class of fancy dancers invite their friends to their Christmas tree and entertainment, from 7 to 10 on Tuesday evening, at Ford & Stokes hall. Spectators dance after the children are through from 7 to 10. Tickets 25 cents each. Elias Parst is under arrest for theft. Two charges are preferred against him. He is accused of stealing a watch from a seaman in Uppertown, and also abstracting the timepiece of Erick Anderson in Untertown. He was taken into custody yesterday. W. W. Jacobs, Nebalem's justice of the peace, was in Portland yesterday, says the Oregonian, on his way to visit his old home in Virginia, after a residence on the Oregon coast of 13 years. The people of his portion of Tillamook county, Mr. Jacobs says, are still waiting patiently for the railroad, which is to connect them with Portland as well as being the coast towns closer together. Although Nebalem is less than 30 miles from Tillamook, the county seat, the trip involves more trouble than one between Astoria and New York, as county roads are poor, and so the ocean beach forms a portion of the journey. The extension of the railroad from its present terminus at Seaside, down through Tillamook and Lincoln counties, to connect with the Corvallis and Eastern at Yaquina bay, is devoutly wished for, as it would open up untold wealth which now lies dormant on the Oregon coast. Vessels have frequently cleared at the custom house here for Guam, says the San Francisco Commercial News, and people interested in shipping often felt curious as to where they were going, as no vessels with cargoes or in ballast ever went from here to Guam, a small island, now, since the Spanish war commenced, a United States naval station in the South Pacific. Vessels clearing for a foreign port, as a rule, clear for their ultimate destination, via any other ports they may have to touch at on their way to that place. But there was considerable surprise at the custom house Saturday, when the five-masted schooner Louis cleared for Honolulu, via Marquessa, a place about 1,500 miles to the southwest of the port for which she cleared. It is learned that the big schooner was carrying a cargo from a nitrate port to Honolulu, got damaged in bad weather encountered, and put in at the Marquessa, where she discharged her cargo, and then came to this port for repairs. Her repairs have been completed, and now the insurance people, who are interested, have insisted that she go down to the Marquessa group, in latitude 12 degrees south, again take on board her cargo and carry it to its destination in latitude 22 degrees north.

Mr. Thos. Davies of Portland is in the city, on business connected with the settlement of the Northwick estate. Mr. Davies was an Oregon volunteer, a member of Company H. Says the Albany Democrat: "The Dalles is a prosperous city. Two of the merchants there run full page advertisements in the two daily papers of that city. Such men give a city a reputation that is wide spread." Each conductor and motorman, on one Portland street car line has been presented with a box of cigars as a Christmas token of appreciation from a number of persons of the road. "And slow and sure comes up the golden year." The employa of Mr. Leo Herring "set" upon him yesterday, but it was a silver tea set and Mr. Herring was not offended but, in fact, was immensely delighted. The present consisted of four pieces of a handsome design on a solid silver tray and a thing of beauty that will be a joy forever. Many a hearty health laugh rings through the house when "Human Hearts," which will be produced at Fisher's opera house next Wednesday evening, is playing; many a soul-reviving tear is shed. The drama is replete with interest, incident following incident so closely that it seems that the author's invention must find its limit. But not the act, which alone is worth seeing—a silent story effectively told to a hushed audience who struggle with tears. Seat sale opens Tuesday morning at Griffin & Reed's. Special happenings were few in Astoria yesterday. The day was given up to Christmas shopping and very little consideration for the news gathering was manifested. Buying was brisk and silver and gold rattled into the dealers' coffers from early morning until almost midnight. The shopping was not confined to gift buying. The Christmas dinner was joyously remembered and the delivery wagons of the grocery stores and the markets were kept on the rush carrying good things for the table. All things point to a plentiful, prosperous and joyous Christmas. R. Olson, an able seaman on the British ship Craighorn, fell from a yard arm and broke his neck Friday morning, says the Oregonian. He, in company with about twelve others, was ordered aloft to loosen sails for the purpose of drying them out, when he lost his foothold and fell to the deck, a distance of eighty feet. His death was instantaneous. At the inquest held last evening his age was ascertained to be 21, and nativity Norway. The British consul in Portland will see that his parents at Bergen, Norway, are informed of their son's untimely death. The accident, it is thought, was the result of Olson's going aloft without properly fastening his shoes, as they came off his feet as he was falling. W. W. Jacobs, Nebalem's justice of the peace, was in Portland yesterday, says the Oregonian, on his way to visit his old home in Virginia, after a residence on the Oregon coast of 13 years. The people of his portion of Tillamook county, Mr. Jacobs says, are still waiting patiently for the railroad, which is to connect them with Portland as well as being the coast towns closer together. Although Nebalem is less than 30 miles from Tillamook, the county seat, the trip involves more trouble than one between Astoria and New York, as county roads are poor, and so the ocean beach forms a portion of the journey. The extension of the railroad from its present terminus at Seaside, down through Tillamook and Lincoln counties, to connect with the Corvallis and Eastern at Yaquina bay, is devoutly wished for, as it would open up untold wealth which now lies dormant on the Oregon coast.

STEAM VS. SAILS. The Steamships Are Crowding the Sailing Vessels Out of Existence. The comparatively low rate at which the Galena was chartered has apparently frightened shipowners who have been figuring on 45 and 50-shilling freights out of Portland, for two of the en route fleet, the Otterpool and Roby, have been headed off and have been towed into San Francisco, says the Oregonian. The Otterpool was taken in without delay but the Roby was kept off the heads for three days waiting for orders before a tug was finally sent out to take her in. San Francisco exporters have considerable faith in comparatively high rates prevailing for a long time, as they are reported to have taken several new crop ships at 25 63. While there is but small likelihood of freights ever again soaring to the heights reached in the past, it is apparent that the failure of British and Scotch yards to turn out any new sailers, and the continued loss of the old ones, together with the retirement through old age of many others, is being felt. At present rates there would be a lot of money in operating sailing ships but owners are afraid to invest, as it is the general belief that the completion of the Nicaragua canal will make sailing vessels very poor property. Many well-known sailing vessel owners who have sent vessels to this port are filling the gaps in their fleets of sailers with tramp steamers, which are expected to eventually fill the place of the sailer. Among the ship owners best known in this port is the firm of Andrew Wier & Co., owners of the "Bank" line, of Glasgow. They own the Allegiance and Forthbank, now en route to this port; the Comitebank, which has just left, and the Abyss, Clydebank, Dunbritton, Falklandbank, Fernbank, Gifford, Hawthornbank, Heathbank, Isle of Arran, Leverbank, Mensock, Perseverance, River Falkock, Thorniebank, Tronbank and a number of other "banks" well known in Portland through their frequent visits here. This firm has nearly always kept its fleet up to a total of nearly 40 vessels, and until a few years ago did not own a single steamer. Within the past five years they have added a modern tramp steamer to the fleet whenever they lost a sailer, until now they own ten large steamers, nearly all ranging from 2,000 to 2,500 tons net register. Two new steamships have been added this year to take the place of the sailing ships Laurebank and David Morgan, lost two years ago while en route to Portland and Puget sound, respectively. SOLIFINE. The Greatest Discovery of the Age—No More Rubber Goods. Solifine, a leather preservative, the meaning of the word is, you fill in the pores of your soles and uppers of your shoes, and make them absolutely waterproof. Does a person need rubbers after shoes are treated with Solifine? Not you will also save expenses of patching and resoling. Invaluable to manufacturers for treating leather belts. For harness, buggy tops and working men's gloves. Buy your shoes of stores that have this scientific leather preservative. They are up to date with superior improvements. For sale by Peterson & Brown, and other shoe dealers, harness makers and grocers in general. If they cannot supply you, send 25c to H. Miller & Co., 312 First Street, Portland, Or., for a trial can. A SUGGESTION TO THE LADIES. If you are in doubt as to what to give HIM for Christmas or New Years, you will make no mistake by selecting something from the large stock of Theodore Bracker, the pioneer tobacco merchant. Mr. Bracker's stock comprises all the leading brands in foreign and domestic cigars, elegant meerschaum and briar pipes, cigar holders, in fact everything to delight the heart of the most fastidious smoker. THIS IS WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH PORTLAND. The Plaindealer. The Southern Pacific through freight trains are enormous ones nowadays. An exceedingly large amount of freight is being transported over this road and out of the city. The Yreka Journal has the following to say: "The Southern Pacific is sending 1,000 empty cars into Oregon, with which to remove the products of that state—down this way to San Francisco. There is said to be a big surplus of all products in that state this year."



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