

TO ASTORIANS.

The DAILY ASTORIAN will be found on sale in Portland at the well-known...
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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—Western Oregon, fair, decreasing temperature.

AROUND TOWN.

C. J. Copper of St. Louis is at the Hotel...
P. Peterson of Bay Center is at the Parker...
Fred Allen of Portland is at the Parker...
The German ship Nordde sailed yesterday...
George Anderson of Knappa is at the Parker...
Crawfish, cooked in wine, at the National Cafe...
M. Babler of Fairhaven was in the city yesterday...
The pilot schooner Futilizer went to sea yesterday...
E. G. E. Wist of Tillamook is registered at the Parker...
The British steamer Arab, on the Portland tramp line, is due...
Strictly pure home-made nut candy of all kinds at the Bonbonniers...
The British ship Huttell Hall, with a grain cargo, crossed out yesterday...
George C. Flinders and wife of Portland were registered at the Occident yesterday...
The German ship Principality, with wheat, arrived down from Portland yesterday...
The German bark Seawater, with a grain cargo for Europe, will leave Portland today...
William Beasley brought in a large wildcat and a raccoon as the result of a hunt yesterday...
The British bark Dunnegan arrived at Quosonstown on the 24th, 12 days from Portland...
Fresh Columbia river smelt; the first of the season, are now on sale at the "PAT" market...
For Rent—Cottage of 4 rooms. New, with modern conveniences. Inquire at No. 119 Eleventh street...
Pure whisky Harper Perfect whisky Harper every bottle guaranteed Harper. Sold by Ford & Stokes Company, Astoria, Oregon...
The rowing club will soon inaugurate a series of entertainments, the proceeds of which will be added to the boat house fund...
Our prize \$375 organ will be drawn New Year's eve. Chances given on every \$2.00 purchase of holiday goods. B. F. ALLEN & SON...
Miss Kate Uphur started on last evening's train for Washington, D. C., where she will spend the winter months visiting friends...
Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other. George W. Sanborn, Agent. Telephone 1311...
Mrs. E. A. Fulton, who has been visiting her sons in this city for several weeks, started yesterday for her home in Pawnee City, Nebraska...
The Scandinavian Benevolent society will give an anniversary dance on the evening of January 10. It will be exclusively for the members and their families...
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 W. C. T. U. will hold their regular meeting this afternoon in their room, corner of Eleventh and Bond, in the building formerly used as regatta headquarters...
Lieutenant W. A. Sherman commanding the Oregon naval reserve will inspect the Second division tonight. He has held the quarterly inspection of the two Portland divisions...
With the view of closing out my entire stock of latest improved airtight heaters, I am now offering them for sale at a discount of 15 per cent. W. J. SCULLY, 431 Bond Street...
The reserved seat sale for the Nashville Students in their opera of Clady's Wedding, Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday matinee, opens at Griffin & Reed's this morning...
The tournament for the A. F. C. medal will take place on the club's alloys this evening. As several of the club's members have won the medal twice, it is expected that some one will take it permanently at tonight's contest...
The following Astorians were registered at the Portland hotels yesterday: A. J. Johnson, W. A. Sherman, W. A. Snodgrass, Mrs. Wm. E. Kinney, F. Smith, John Davis, C. H. Hilborn, G. Knoz, John Hopkins and H. C. Ingalls.

Pears'

To keep the skin clean is to wash the excretions from it off; the skin takes care of itself inside, if not blocked outside. To wash it often and clean, without doing any sort of violence to it, requires a most gentle soap, a soap with no free alkali in it. Pears', the soap that clears but not exoriates. All sorts of stores sell it, especially druggists; all sorts of people use it.

One of the Astoria Woodyard Company's wagons was overturned yesterday on Tenth street between Exchange and Franklin avenues. The bad condition of the street was the cause.

Herbert Ingalls was arrested yesterday by Constable Wickman charged with assault and battery upon the person of a Christian named Jung Fun. He will be tried in the justice court.

Judge McBride will hold a one day's term of the circuit court, January 4. Several decisions will then be announced and the time for hearing cases to come before the regular February term will be fixed.

For a few days only, cream-mixed candy 15 cents a pound, plain American candy 10 cents a pound, Chocolate creams 20 cents a pound, and everything else in proportion, at the Parker. These goods are made fresh for Christmas.

The last business meeting of the present council will be held tonight. The most interesting matter that will come up for action will be the resolution to pay salaries to the mayor and councilmen despite the charter provisions to the contrary.

At a meeting of Temple lodge, No. 1, A. F. and A. M., held last evening. The following officers were installed by East Grand Master B. Van Dusen: J. N. Griffin, W. M.; H. I. Schofield, S. W.; O. I. Peterson, J. W.; J. Q. A. Howley, Trns.; E. C. Holden, Sec.; O. F. Heilborn, S. D.; E. L. Finney, J. D.; H. Christensen, S. S.; Geo. F. Welch, J. S.; L. Harwig, Tier.

The salmon fleet from the Fraser will be much larger than usual this season, and already eight vessels have cleared, with cargoes totaling nearly 140,000 cases, while the ninth vessel, which is now on the river, will take a larger cargo than any of the others. In addition to these heavy shipments, a steamer is now on the river loading salmon for Japan.

The Original Nashville Students, which appear at Fisher's opera house next Friday and Saturday and Saturday matinee, is the only colored company that was engaged as a concert attraction at the World's Fair. This celebrated band of singers appeared in the Festival hall day after day to tremendous audiences. The exposition authorities also used them in many of their night fetes, providing them with an electric launch, and sending them all through the lagoon singing their beautiful songs to the multitude gathered. Seat sale opens this morning at Griffin & Reed's.

"Whoop 'er up," remarked a citizen yesterday. He was talking about the Astorian. "Tell it to them straight and if talking does no good, howl. Some of our business men may not like it, but that is only because they want to sleep. Seattle bragged herself into fame and fortune. Her newspapers and her business men talked, and talked loud and long. They shouted for commercial slumber in Seattle and they howled so persistently that the world listened. Whoop 'er up. How! And as we wake up we will howl with you and make Astoria."

The British bark Dunnegan arrived out at Quosonstown last Saturday, after a passage of 153 days from this port, thus appling the average for the other ships of the July fleet, which has reported out with very good passages to their credit. The Dunnegan is the sixth vessel of this season's grain fleet, and none of the others made a slow passage. The Samantha made a run which is not beaten every season, going home in 102 days, and the Lomene was the next on the list, with a 117-day passage to her credit. The Pegasus was out 121 days, the Natuna 125 and the Gunford 126 days. As anything under 120 days is considered is considered a fine passage, it will be seen that the advance guard of the fleet, with the exception of the Dunnegan, is making very good time.

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SEND THAT COMMITTEE

SENTIMENT OF BUSINESS MEN There is Good Reason for Energetic and Prompt Action by Astoria.

There is a general feeling among the business men of Astoria that this city should initiate at once a movement for a commercial alliance between Astoria and Spokane.

A challenge to the chamber of commerce has been issued by the Central Construction & Navigation Company which that body so far has ignored and it is the general sentiment that if the chamber of commerce declines to act, there should be a public meeting called for the purpose of selecting a committee of investigation to inquire into the plans, accomplishments and responsibility of the company building the portage railway and ascertain if it is advisable for Astoria to make overtures to the company; the committee also to interview the leading men of Spokane.

It is said that one or two Astorian's insist that no action be taken until "the C. C. & N. Co. extend a formal invitation to the chamber of commerce." That is a childish excuse. This is not a matter of social enlightenment, Astoria is interested in the enterprise only as it affects her. The investigation of the C. C. & N. movement, if it is undertaken, will be undertaken as a purely business proposition and should be made whether the company so desire or not.

It was only in response to adverse public criticism that an officer of the company challenged or suggested an investigation. That was a practical sensible reply and the suggestion should not be ignored simply because the company does not issue an engraved formal invitation with R. S. P. V. in one corner, or whatever present society rules decree.

A commercial alliance with Spokane is extremely desirable for not only has that city great natural resources, but her business men are of that pushing, generous, enterprising disposition that "make things go."

It was demonstrated long ago that Portland will fight any movement that tends to utilize the Columbia harbor. A few selfish men control the situation in Portland and they will build every effort to continue the discrimination against Astoria.

A few of our citizens are afraid of being "gold-bricked" again and fight shy of the new transportation scheme. It is well to be cautious and for this reason an investigation—an independent, practical, thorough investigation is considered necessary. If the chamber of commerce hesitates, a public meeting will doubtless be called in a few days and action be taken. A committee then appointed will not go up to The Dalles and Spokane as formal guests of the C. C. & N. Company.

News came from the cape yesterday evening that the steamer Harrison, arriving in from Tillamook bay, was in distress at the mouth of the river. The tug Escort hurried to her assistance and brought her up to the dock.

The wind was strong and the sea was rough when the Harrison was crossing in and at No. 10 buoy her crank shaft broke. She cast anchors, but they didn't hold well, and the vessel would have been taken out to sea had not the tug gone to her aid.

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Woman's Best Friend Dirt's Worst Enemy FAIRBANKS Washing Powder. Image of a woman and a box of Fairbanks Washing Powder.

THE EFFORT WAS A FAKE

ENTERPRISE OF PORTLAND Her Leading Business Men Oppose a Line to the Orient—The Flour Trade.

The advertised effort on the part of Portland people to get the Union Pacific to establish an Oriental line from Portland was not initiated, or at least was not carried out in good faith. The plain, unvarnished history of that alleged effort is a biting comment upon the manner in which Portland's leading business men control the situation for their own gain and against the interests of the state and against the upbuilding of their own city.

The O. R. & N. Company has established an irregular line to the Orient by securing a number of tramp freight steamers. Until these charters expire (August, 1900) the O. R. & N. admits that it will discourage the establishing of another Oriental line to Portland. The Portland Flouring Mills Company has a contract with the O. R. & N. Company by which the former secures all the space it requires on the latter's freighters to the Orient. If there is room for more cargo other shippers can fight for it.

By reason of the wheat speculators' combination and the railroads' grain rate agreement wheat is lower at Portland than at any other port on the coast. The Portland Flouring Mills, grinding low price wheat and having a monopoly over other Oregon millers in the matter of direct transportation to the Orient, has an advantage it is loth to relinquish. Mr. Evans, the big Eastern Oregon millman, and other Oregon flour manufacturers have been obliged to send their flour to San Francisco and the Sound to get steamer connection with their Oriental customers.

When the agitation was under way to get the Union Pacific to establish a regular line from Portland to the Orient, Mr. T. B. Wilcox was sent east to talk up the matter. In this appointment was shown the insincerity of the pretended movement. Mr. Wilcox is manager of the Portland Flouring Mills and his influence would be against the establishing of the line until his company's monopoly expired. It is hardly necessary to state that the line was not established.

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