

TO ASTORIANS.

The DAILY ASTORIAN will be found only in Portland at the well-known stores, houses of Dr. Bascom & Son, and Washington Street. Orders for advertising left with this firm will receive prompt attention.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 29.—Western Oregon, occasional rain, slowly increasing temperature.

AROUND TOWN.

County court meets next Wednesday.

B. D. Sigler of Portland is in the city.

Silas E. Smith was in the city yesterday.

M. J. Daly of Portland is at the Oregon.

H. A. Pike of Portland is at the Occident.

Crawfish, cooked in wine, at the National Cafe.

Larry Owens of Portland was in the city yesterday.

Jas. C. Spencer of Clifton was at the city yesterday.

Al Utzman of New Astoria was in town yesterday.

W. M. Thorne of Beazley was in town yesterday.

J. L. Bowman of Portland is in Astoria on business.

E. Harris of Portland was at the Parker yesterday.

J. T. Leamy of New Astoria was in the city yesterday.

The Elmira expects to leave out for Nehalem Saturday.

Good girl wanted for housework, inquire at this office.

Hugh Parker of Fort Columbia was in town yesterday.

N. Poston of Portland was at the Occident yesterday.

Miss Harriet Talant is visiting with friends in Portland.

W. L. Whitmore of Chicago is registered at the Occident.

Mr. A. Bier of Corvallis was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

John Kinnan of Portland was registered at the Occident yesterday.

Strictly pure home-made nut candy of all kinds at the Bonbonniers.

J. O. Spencer, the Clifton cannery man, was in the city yesterday.

The British ship Principality cleared yesterday at the custom house for Europe. She carries 42,368 sacks of wheat valued at \$53,365.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Chutter and Miss Chutter are visiting in Portland.

Robert McIntosh and Henry McIntosh were over from the lightship yesterday.

The trial of Herbert Ingalls charged with assault and battery will take place tomorrow.

The steamer George W. Elder arrived from San Francisco with freight yesterday.

Nicely furnished, pleasant room with water, gas, bath, etc., for rent. Inquire at this office.

Fresh Columbia river smelt; the first of the season, are now on sale at the "PAT" market.

The German ship Wanzeck, with a cargo of grain for Europe, arrived down from Portland yesterday.

The steam schooner Signal, with a cargo of lumber loaded at Knappton, sailed for San Francisco yesterday.

Two or three parties are negotiating for the purchase of the schooner Jessie and an early sale will probably be announced.

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

Professor Clyde Phillips of the mechanical department of the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, was in town yesterday.

Owners of a new cannery to be started in Alaska yesterday let the contract for the outfitting to the Astoria Iron Works.

Lieutenant Commander Sherman last night held the regular quarterly inspection of the Second Division, Oregonian concerning the Astoria Street Railway. Two or three who were credited with the communication denied that they wrote it.

The Second Division, naval reserve propose to have a boat house and will use the \$100 allowed by the state, for that purpose. They have under consideration the advisability of buying Capt. Jack Reed's boathouse and enlarging it for their purpose.

According to Representative Tongue, who is a member of the river and harbor committee, there is some chance for a river and harbor bill passing soon of congress notwithstanding the reported interview of Chairman Burton. This statement allows some hope for the forty-foot channel project.

The city council held a very short special session last evening. The "soil resolution" was rejected, the members only voting the two months' pay for the mayor and councilmen allowed before the present charter went into effect. Two small printing bills were allowed and the council adjourned.

The snow schooner Wahklakum with a cargo of lumber for San Francisco arrived down yesterday. She will be towed down by the Samson.

Hear the Nashville Students tonight at Fisher's opera house in their time open, "Cindy's Wedding." Seats now selling at Griffin & Reed's.

The three roads postman was being pushed hard yesterday. It is said 500 names were added, leaving 200 to be secured before the first of January.

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

Two boys, who claimed Portland as their home, were found on the streets about 4 o'clock yesterday morning,

Their excuse seemed flimsy and they were kept in jail until train time when they went back to Portland.

Do not fail to go and hear the shouting tenor of the Nashville Students tell you how "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jerico," at Fisher's opera house tonight.

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 Norwegian steamship Thyrus sent to Portland by the Santa Fe company to finish a cargo of flour for the Orient, arrived down the river yesterday and went to sea.

Mr. Will Talant has returned from a business trip to San Francisco. He witnessed the Berkley-Carlisle football game which, he says, was a fine exhibition of the sport.

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, 421 Bond Street.

Hear the funny man of the Nashville Students company sing "Miss Virginia" at Fisher's opera house tonight, and come and hear the beautiful negro ballad, "Just a Little Niggy."

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.

Much speculation was indulged in yesterday concerning the authorship of a letter appearing in yesterday's Oregonian concerning the Astoria Street Railway. Two or three who were credited with the communication denied that they wrote it.

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The original Nashville students will appear at Fisher's opera house tomorrow evening and their performance will undoubtedly be largely attended. This famous company was organized in 1889, and has seen eighteen years of continual success. The reason of this is that their manner of performance was original. They present the negro as he appears in church, camp-meeting and also sing the songs of the cabin home and of the plantation. Their music is so wild, melodious and striking that it holds the audience spellbound to such an extent that it is generally difficult for the singers to leave the stage on account of the demand for repetition. The entire company will appear in a program complete with all the latest jubilee melodies, plantation, river and cabin songs. Secure seats at once.

The grain fleet was still further thinned out Wednesday by the departure from the mouth of the river of the Button Hall and the Neelie, says the Oregonian. The Principality arrived down at Astoria in the morning, and will probably get to sea today. The Wandisk left down yesterday morning, and will be followed by the Seestern this morning, which cleared yesterday for Queenstown or Falmouth for orders with 84,742 bushels of wheat, valued at \$46,600. The Seestern was dispatched by Eppinger & Co., and has been in the river but 15 days. One or two other ships in the river are well under way toward finishing, but it is uncertain whether they will get through in time to figure with the 1899 fleet or be carried over to give the end of the century fleet a good start. It has been several days since any of the deep water fleet have arrived in, but some of them are looked for before the end of the year.

The extremely popular farce comedy "A Hot Old Time" is Manager Selig's New Year attraction at Fisher's opera house Monday next. It was one of the most pronounced hits of last season. For the present tour everything is new and of an exhilarating character. A notable gathering of comedians, dancers and lyric artists make up the perfect comedy organization. The grace, beauty and chic of the performance is furnished by a bevy of attractive young girls. In fact the three acts of "A Hot Old Time" fairly blaze with unique specialties. The play itself holds the record for containing more vocal and terpsichorean novelties and laughs than all the other farce comedies combined. Prominent in the company are John Jess, Ada Henry, Ada Melrose, John and Bertha Gleeson, Pearl Revere, Hylda Pryme, William Finley, Jack Darlington, Frank Hodges and the greatest of all novelty dancers, Annie St. Tel, known through the East and all Europe, "The Bounding Antelope." Seat sale opens Saturday morning at Griffin & Reed's.

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.

LADIES' TA.—MADE SUITS.

Ladies who go to Portland and desire some... way of tailor-made suits will do well to remember that they can be well fitted at I. D. Boyer's 17th Fourth street, in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Not only does he keep a strictly first-class cutter for men's wear, but also one exclusively for ladies' work, and all can rest assured of getting not only good work, but the best of materials, as Mr. Boyer is an expert on woolen cloths.

precincts now are: No. 1, from Smith Point to Second street; No. 2, from Second street to Seventh; No. 3, from Seventh to Tenth; No. 4, from Tenth to Fourteenth; No. 5, from Fourteenth to Twenty-first; No. 6, from Twenty-first to Thirty-fifth; No. 7, from Thirty-fifth to the eastern boundary of the city.

One of the most enjoyable parties of the season was given last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Taylor, on East Exchange street. The entire house was beautifully decorated and besides the large contingent of Astoria young people, there were a number of invited guests who came down from Portland expressly for the occasion.

The flags of four great nations are now represented at the mouth of the river. The vessels are the American ship Clarence C. Bennett, from Shanghai; the German ship Nereus, from Elao Chou; the French bark Louis Pasteur, from Limerick, and Julie Verne, from Nazare, and British ship Colony, from Taipeh. With this fleet, the street car line eight years ago, he continued, "there were thirteen canneries running in Upper Astoria, and the employees, with their families, were filling our line, which paid well. Then the packers came. They followed the canning companies, which was almost as bad for the town and its property-holders. Now there is only one cannery to be operated in Uptown. Everything is against the town and a man might as well get out as quick as he can."

The stockholder of the street-car company was feeling very blue over the foreclosures of a few days ago of the \$2,600 mortgage on the line by the trust company, of Portland. He was also disheartened over the failure of the Kastner (alleged) syndicate's option, which expired yesterday.

These two simultaneous blows hit the prominent and optimistic Astoria street railway stockholders very hard.

Yesterde... There are some who claim

that the cunning hand of the Astoria Company, A. B. Hammond, manager

is behind the whole situation, and the default in complying with the option; all with the purpose of buying it for the trust company's debts. The persons in support of that claim, point out that

Mr. Hammond is the most active bear

on the Astoria situation, and never

omits a chance to belittle the situation

of the seaport boomers by the rear ocean.

They point out to his removal of his business offices, and

residence to Portland and his refusal to lead any movement for securing the railroad shipment at Astoria.

The interest in the bonds of the street

car company has been unpaid for

several years. The line is running

under direction of the receiver, but

with the old officials still in charge.

The travel is very light as the average

Astorian prefers to hoof it along

the soggy plank walks, where their webs have a fine chance to grow.

Even, the town is not in so bad a

condition as the dispossessed stockholder claims.

In himself, he is a hard worker in his business in his line and there are many industries that make a large payroll in the little town of "big expectations."

Intentionally or not, the writer does

Astoria service in pointing out the

unpleasant fact that our tendency

commercially is not upward. This city

cannot expect the canneries to support

the present population of Astoria, for

the contraction in that industry is

inevitable. Astoria will not only not

grow under present conditions but she

will decline.

Astoria has a railroad without com-

mon point rates, giving us all the dis-

advantages and none of the ad-

vantages of railway communication.

The line is but a feeder for Portland and Astoria is doing the feeding. It is now

rumored that the railroad offices will

be moved to Portland and some re-

cent happenings tend to confirm the

rumor.

What are we going to do?" We

might curse and we might cry but

neither will bring business and popula-

tion to Astoria. Work, hard, intel-

ligently directed effort, persistently

made, is palpably the one thing left

for Astoria to do.

In a discussion of the "street-car"

letter yesterday a gentleman remarked,

"It seems to me that in trying to

remove the transportation restrictions

that prevail against us we have tried

to work too much alone, or, what is

more useless, tried to work with Port-

land, whose leading business men are

universally opposed to all that we ask.

Our natural allies in this fight are the

farmers, yet we have made no effort

to secure their organized assistance.

We should have sent representatives

who can intelligently discuss the sub-

ject to every grange and to the state

grange. The proposition should have

been presented personally to delegates