

Last Week of Our Annual Sale...

IT POSITIVELY
CLOSES SATURDAY NIGHT
FEBRUARY 3

C. H. COOPER

TO ASTORIANS.

The DAILY ASTORIAN will be found on sale in Portland at the well-known stationery house of J. F. Handley & Co., 291 Washington Street. Orders for advertising sent with this firm will receive prompt attention.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Western Oregon, Friday, rain. Eastern Oregon, fair.

AROUND TOWN.

Fred Bladefel, of Olney, is in the city.

Henry Kaylor, of Long Beach, is in the city.

Mrs. R. G. Prael is visiting friends in Portland.

Crawfish cooked in wine at the National Cafe.

Mrs. J. B. Nye, of Portland, is a guest at the Occident.

Bond Street Fish Market—Telephone number, 2183.

J. C. Gonnell, of Ilwaco, is registered at the Occident.

A. L. Reed, of New York, is registered at the Occident.

W. G. Prescott, of Jewell, is registered at the Astor house.

Thos. Browne, of Roseburg, is stopping at the Parker house.

The Hadden Hall arrived down the river yesterday afternoon.

Edward Nelson and Mrs. Nelson, of Westport, are visiting in the city.

Robert Crawford, the Nehalem cattle raiser, was in town yesterday.

The British steamship Lennox sailed from Kobe for Astoria on January 28.

An immense dredge, for use at Cape Nome, is being built in East Portland.

The family of J. O. Spencer, of Clifton, will leave for Port Townsend in a few days.

S. H. Cawston and Mrs. Cawston, of Portland, are in Astoria on a visit with friends.

The steamer Geo. W. Elder arrived from San Francisco yesterday with a good cargo.

The Astoria Box Company has purchased a new gang edger and a forty-inch blower.

Dr. F. C. Nichols, of Skamokawa, was in Astoria yesterday on professional business.

Sidney Dell has accepted a position as assistant bookkeeper of the Astoria Box Company.

The Samson left San Francisco Wednesday with the scow schooner Walhukun in tow.

The Columbine is en route to Portland in pursuance of instructions to report there for inspection.

The German bark Magdalene, with a cargo of grain for Europe, was towed to sea yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Fitzsimmons, of the circulation department of the Telegram, is in the city in the interests of his paper.

The Mascot, which has been on the ways in Portland for several weeks past, will shortly resume business.

The boiler which has been used in the old Columbia cannery will be installed in the new cannery at Rooster Rock.

For Rent—5-room house; hard finish; unfurnished. Rent low to right party. Apply at premises; 422 Irving avenue.

The Aurora Borealis is a new candidate for public favor in Marion county. It is three weeks old, is sprightly and looks healthy.

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The German ship Nereus, with a cargo of grain for Europe, arrived down the river yesterday afternoon.

Traveling Auditor George Brown, of the A. & C. R. and of the Corvallis & Eastern, has returned from an official trip over the latter road.

P. X. Henry has received a patent for his timber claim on the Nasel. The claim is said to contain over 8,000,000 feet of fine timber.

The meeting called for tonight, for the purpose of discussing plans for the organization of an athletic club, has been postponed until Tuesday.

The steam schooner Fulton has arrived in from San Francisco and is on her way up the river. She brought 6,919 feet of redwood for Portland.

The tug Roberts cleared yesterday for Gardiner with the steamer Hazel in tow. The Hazel has been purchased to be used as a tender for Reed's cannery.

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Don't fail to see the "Silence of Dean Maitland" at Fisher's opera house tonight or you will miss the treat of your lives. Secure your seats early today at Griffin & Reed's.

Old Continental is a standard high grade Kentucky whiskey. Absolutely pure, and can be recommended to those seeking a stimulant for medical and social use. Sold by Aug. Danielson, Astoria, Oregon.

Missionary G. A. Osbrink will hold evangelical meetings in Mrs. O'Brien's hall, on Franklin avenue, beginning Friday night, and to continue over Sunday and next week. The services will be in the Scandinavian language.

W. L. Campbell, of Warrenton, father of Sydney and Luther Campbell, is seriously ill and is not expected to live. Mr. Campbell is nearly 90 years of age and has been in robust health. He is a native of Kentucky.

At the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church tonight there will be given a religious entertainment. A program will be rendered, consisting of speeches and music. No admission charged, but a collection will be taken up.

The new bark Kalulani, recently built by the Sevels for the Hawaiian trade, left Bath January 17 for New York, where she will load railroad iron and general cargo for San Francisco. She is built for speed and has a big passenger accommodation.

A new resolution relative to the improvement of Taylor avenue is being prepared for introduction at the meeting of the council on next Monday evening. It is said that it will differ from the one presented before in that it will describe more definitely the route of the proposed improvement and will remove the technical objections that are being made against the improvement.

The following list of new books has just been added to the public library: Under Otis in the Philippines, Stratemeyer; Helbeck of Bannisdale, Ward; Peggy, Laura Richards; Henry in the War, Howard; Square Pegs, Whitney; Border Shepherds, Barr; Sinking of the Merrimac, War of Independence, American Revolution, 2 vols., Critical Periods in American History, Fluke; Dross, Merriman; Castle Inn, Weyman; Poetry of Tennyson, Van Dyke; Great Love, Burnham; Frank's Campaign, Alger; Tiverton Tales, Brown; The Island, Whiting; Holly and Pizen, Those Dale Girls, Told Under the Cherry Trees, We Four Girls, More Colonial Homesteads, Harland; Bob, the Mocking-Bird, Lanier; Gillian, the Dreamer, Neil Munroe; Little Journeys to the Homes of Eminent Painters, Hubbard; Summer in Arcadia, and Puddin'-head Wilson.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

United States to Thomas Logan, 160 acres in section 16, T 6 N, R 9 W; patent.

United States to Elmer Packard, 160 acres in section 23, T 6 N, R 9 W; patent.

PETITION IS "AUGUSPIEL"

"Three Roads" Matter Probably a Lost Cause.

FINAL ACTION TO COME TODAY

Not Enough Legal Signatures to the Petition—More Bad Law Than Good Sense.

It is a safe guess that the "three roads" proposition is a "goner." It is merely guess-work, however, for no definite action has yet been taken by the county court, which is now engrossed solely with the momentous question.

There was a world of talk at the session of the county court yesterday afternoon. Commissioners talked, deputies talked and attorneys argued. This is about all the proceedings amounted to, however, except that the colloquy succeeded in establishing a well-defined impression, and that impression is that all the labor of the friends of the proposed roads, all the arguments of the enemy and all the deliberations of the county court will amount to naught, as far as any hearing is concerned. If, after all, anything tangible has been accomplished, it is that the promoters of the enterprise have been defeated. While the result can not be interpreted as a direct victory for the opposition, the desired end has been accomplished, although the favorite means may have been unavailing.

The essence of the situation is that enough acceptable names do not appear on the petition. However, there is a contrary contention on this point and a dispute exists as to its merits. Indeed, the opinion may be ventured that the proceedings throughout have been characterized by more bad law than good sense, although the commissioners are in no way to blame for this condition.

A focus was drawn yesterday when the petition came up for final disposition. Deputy Sheriff Prael, who has had charge of checking off the signatures by the election poll list, informed the commissioners that the petition lacked thirteen names of the required number. He explained, however, that there were several names on the petition which were totally illegible and that these had been omitted from the report. There were several, too, who had signed the petition whose names did not appear on the election rolls. These had been disregarded entirely. With these eliminations the list of names on the petition, which originally exceeded 2000, had been cut down to 1219. Another difficulty involving the elimination of names rested upon the fact that many of the petition signatures are spelled differently from those on the books of election clerks. While it would naturally be presumed that a man knows more about his own signature than does the average election clerk, it is understood that there is a disposition on the part of one or two members of the county court to disregard this fact and throw out the names which do not correspond, thus deciding the question in favor of the election clerks.

All these matters were brought out in the arguments which preceded Deputy Prael's explanation. Commissioner Lewis gave positive evidence that he was not favorable to granting the prayer of the petition under the circumstances. Harrison Allen, who appeared as attorney for the petitioners, informed the commissioners that there was no limit as to the amount of investigation they might choose to make. If they believed that the required number of names would develop from a more thorough scrutiny of the signatures there was no reason, he said, why such investigation could not be made. If the petition is thrown out it will be upon a mere technicality, and a weak one at that. There is no doubt that a majority of the legal voters of the county have signed the petition, but the lists do not compare with the poll books which no doubt are faulty in the extreme. Several signers whose names have been thrown out are known to have voted under different names, and many others believed to be non-residents are known positively to be entitled to vote. The failure of election clerks to ascertain the spelling of the names has brought about this trouble.

The matter, as it stands, is a badly mixed mess at best but a liberal interpretation of the matter would undoubtedly result in the rejection of the petition, its final action being what it may.

Attorney Thompson declares that the published statement to the effect that his opinion on the validity, or, rather, invalidity, as he holds, of the "three roads" matter, was voluntarily and gratuitously untrue. He states that two of the county commissioners—Lewis and Peterson—requested him to submit an opinion and that his action was in accordance with this request. He further states that he is not one of the remonstrants, as his name appears only upon the papers questioning the legality of any favorable action on the matter.

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REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.

Registrations received from the county precincts yesterday ran the total enrollment for the day up to 131. The total for the county thus far is 592, distributed among the various precincts as follows:

Astoria Precinct No. 1	32
Astoria Precinct No. 2	65
Astoria Precinct No. 3	69
Astoria Precinct No. 4	33
Astoria Precinct No. 5	59
Astoria Precinct No. 6	30
Astoria Precinct No. 7	35
John Day Precinct	8
Evening	1
Walluski	9
New Astoria	73
Warrenton	4
Clatsop	6
Sensale	6
Melville	2
Chadwell	4
Youngs River	4
Olney	1
Knapapa	2
Clifton	2
Westport	1
Vesper	1
Jewell	1
Mishawaka	2
Bliss	5
Push	1
Total to date	592

NATIVE DAUGHTERS TAKE NOTICE!

There will be a special meeting at the rooms of Mrs. W. T. Chutter, in the Rucker building, at 1:30 today, February 2. Business of importance. By order of the president.

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