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TODAY'S WEATHER.

AROUND TOWN.

John West of Cathlamet is in the city.

Colonel Stone of Knappa is in the city.

L. Mercer, of Long Branch, is in the city.

J. L. Smiley of Clifton is at the Occident.

Loyal L. Clark of Day Center is in Astoria.

Crawfish cooked in wine at the National Cafe.

Bond Street Fish Market—Telephone number, 2133.

M. M. Bloch of Portland is in the city on business.

J. R. Catlin of Cattle, Washington, is in the city today.

J. J. Schinde of Hanter is registered at the Parker house.

John J. Gorman, the salmon packer of Portland, is in the city.

J. B. Nye and L. I. Linden, of Portland, are in the city.

Heat 15-cent meal, Rising Sun restaurant, 612 Commercial street.

Rev. M. Curran, pastor of the Congregational church is in Portland.

Miss Julia Warrior of Corvallis is in the city, visiting Miss Mary E. Smith.

J. L. Smiley, representative of the Packers' Association at Eagle Cliff, is in the city.

J. H. MacLafferty, C. C. McDonald and S. M. Cooper of San Francisco are at the Occident.

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The British bark Gulf Stream, which arrived Monday from Honolulu, entered yesterday. The vessel was placed in quarantine but was released after being fumigated.

Mr. Jo Murray, of Seattle, one of the fastest linotype operators in the United States, who has been in the city for a few days, leaves this morning for Honolulu via San Francisco.

Be good to yourself and good to your friends. When you treat a friend to whiskey, give him the best. Harper whiskey is the beverage for your friends and for you. Sold by Foard & Stokes Company, Astoria, Oregon.

Sheriff Linville has emptied the contents of the shotgun used by Matt. Hiltstrom when he took a shot at Beasley at Lewis and Clark several days ago. The gun was purchased by Hil-

strom from a local second-hand dealer and is an ugly-looking weapon.

To accommodate those who were unable to take advantage of his clearance sale prices, Herman Wise decided to continue his sale prices for a few days longer; don't wait and regret. Buy now!

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.

Pacific lodge, D. of H., will give a St. Valentine's ball on Monday, February 12. Refreshments free, cake walk. The fruit cake will be on exhibition the last of the week at the Seaside bakery. Tickets 50 cents.

Henry Walter Zachaeus Peterson, the efficient representative of "Rain-in-the-Face" Johnson, the local manager of the Western Union, is walking about with a cane, due to a sprained ankle, acquired during a trip to Portland.

Lee Herring is wearing a vest which has a history. It is made from the hide of a wild-cat shot by William Beasley recently and is a very pretty garment. Beasley not only received \$2 for the hide but an equivalent sum as state bounty as well.

Commissioner Lewis declares that the conclusion that he was opposed to the "three-roads" petition in his capacity as commissioner was erroneous. He admits that personally he was opposed to the measure for good reasons but denies that his personal conviction had any weight in his actions as a member of the county court.

Chief Hallock has in his possession a letter from Charles Mitchell, who was shot in the face by Bill Williams on Commercial street about nine years ago. The chief will be obliged for information as to Mitchell's whereabouts. He was in the union army during the civil war, and it is thought he may be in the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg.

Scores of people visited the O. R. & N. dock yesterday to see the torpedo-boat destroyer Goldsborough, which is tied up at the company's dock awaiting favorable weather to leave out for the Sound. Several plates were damaged by contact with the dock, owing to the heavy swells from the tide and wind. These, however, will be at once repaired.

Following is the list of advertised letters remaining uncalled for at the post office: J. A. Cochran, Giuseppe Coturd, Mrs. Extrum, Miss Mamie Honner, Miss Emma Johnson, N. F. Larson, J. E. Martin, Edward McDaniel, U. F. C. Miller, Mrs. Anna Nancy, Harry Smith, Mrs. John Taylor, Miss Edna Taylor, Harry Winter. Foreign—Gustaf A. Anderson, Frits Dammal.

The resignation of Mr. Hughes as city attorney is a matter of much regret among that gentleman's host of friends, both because of Mr. Hughes' bad health, which made his resignation necessary, and because he is thereby deprived of the fruits of victory in the rigors of a political campaign. A single month of service in return for the ordeal involved in a political contest is indeed poor pay. It is hoped that Mr. Hughes' health will immediately improve.

Rev. I. F. Tobey, state superintendent of the Oregon Children's Home Society, writes the Astorian to publish the fact that homes are wanted for the following children: Four boy babies; one boy of six years, very bright; two boys of twelve years; one girl of nine. If any homes shall be open in Astoria and vicinity for these children please address this office, or 603 Mar-

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quam Building, Portland. I. F. Tobey, Superintendent of the Oregon Children's Home Society, will be in the city on Thursday.

It has been decided to cut off one man from the police force and Officer Sinnott will be the victim. The following resolution passed by the police commissioners decides the matter: "Owing to the reduced appropriation by the common council of the city of Astoria for the running expenses of the police department for the year 1900, it is resolved, That the services of J. Sinnott as police officer be dispensed with from and after February 6; said reduction of the force being for economic reasons only, and in no way reflects on Mr. Sinnott's efficiency as an officer."

The Sunday school rally at the Presbyterian church last evening was fairly well attended, and all of those who were present felt amply repaid for having attended. W. R. Winans, state missionary for Oregon of the American Sunday School Union, gave a short and interesting talk on his work in the state, after which E. B. Stevenson, superintendent of the Pacific coast district, delivered an address in which he reviewed the work of the American Sunday School Union, beginning with a sketch of Robert Raikes, the father of Sunday schools. He told many anecdotes, both amusing and pathetic, of persons at incidents in his own experience as a missionary. Mr. Stevenson has a pleasing style and a magnetic personality, and it is to be hoped that he will come again. About \$14 was subscribed toward the work of the union, which is to open and sustain Sunday schools in distant communities.

A ROYAL GOOD TIME. Knights and Maccabees Have a Joint Installation.

A joint public installation of the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees was held at Hawthorn hall last evening.

The following officers were installed. Sir Knight Past Commander, Charles Hough officiating; Sir knight past commander, R. R. Wallace; sir knight commander, J. A. Montgomery; sir knight R. K. A. R. Cym; sir knight F. K. M. B. Booth; sir knight chap., C. E. Foster; sir knight sergeant, Chas. Sir Knight Past Commander Charles Stillright; sir knight M. at A., E. L. Babbidge; sir knight 1st M. of G., F. Hendrickson; sir knight 2d M. of G., T. Willkens; sir knight sentinel, J. K. Wirt.

The ladies' organization then installed officers as follows: Past lady commander, Clara V. Fenchen; lieutenant, Mary E. Fenchen; lieutenant, Frieda Almes; record keeper, Ellen West; finance keeper, Minnie Cordiner; chaplain, Etna Martin; mistress at arms, Mary Hermann; sergeant, Esther Carlson; picket, Olga Wilburg.

After the installation ceremonies there was a literary program which was followed by luncheon and dancing. Altogether it was a most enjoyable affair.

PICTURES OF ELECTRICITY.

The photography of lightning is science's latest achievement. These are called "electrographs," and are considered of great value in the future knowledge of electricity. It is well-known that a person struck by lightning bears an impression resembling a tree. The electrograph has proved that this is because lightning itself has a tree-like shape, which always leaves a vivid impression wherever it strikes. In this respect it is similar to the famous medicine, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which also leaves an impression—that of health—upon every one who uses it. This great specific is for all stomach ills, such as dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, malaria, kidney trouble, and all ailments which arise from impaired digestion. It will not offend the weakest stomach.

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THE PETITION VOTED DOWN

The County Court Decides it is Illegal.

FRIENDS NOT DISCOURAGED

Says Matter Will Not Be Dropped

—What Secretary Lyman Says of the Situation.

The egg has finally been laid and the "three-roads" matter has been defeated, after occupying the attention of the county commissioners for the past ten days. The fate of the measure was decided yesterday afternoon, but only after several motions incorporating the individual ideas of the commissioners had been made and voted upon.

Upon the suggestion of Judge Gray that a vote be taken on the sufficiency of the number of votes the ball was started rolling. The other commissioners objected and insisted that a vote be taken on the validity of the petition. Upon the vote Judge Gray voted yes and Commissioners Lewis and Peterson voted no.

Judge Gray then offered an order that the petition contain the names of a majority of the legal voters of Clatsop county, as shown by the roll books of the last general election, viz., 1,236 votes. Howell Lewis amended said order to say that the court has not canvassed the petition sufficiently to ascertain whether it contains the said number of 1,236 legal voters or not. Upon the amendment Judge Gray voted nay and Commissioners Lewis and Peterson voted yea.

The total vote of Clatsop county at the last election was 2,567, making the number of votes required for a majority, 1,284. According to Deputy Sheriff Prael's figures the total number of good signatures on the petition was 1,248, but the number included 30 names of citizens who voted for state and district officers.

In commenting on the fate of the "three-roads" measure Mr. H. S. Lyman, secretary of the Fish Club, who is constantly in direct contact with the general sentiment of the organization, said to an Astorian reporter last night that the club would not accept defeat with indifference. Continuing, Mr. Lyman said: "There has undoubtedly been felt much disappointment that the long and determined effort to begin upon a system of general road improvement in Clatsop county should fail.

"This is not to criticize the action of the county court. The integrity and good judgment of the judge or the commissioners are not to be called in question. In view of the legal questions raised, as it began to be apparent that a majority of properly qualified voters would be found on the petition, any court might have concluded that it was unwise to order the five-mill levy.

"But the disappointment is no less keen, for all that.

"The thought that has led up to the idea of road improvement took form over two years ago, when the general demand arose that Astoria might help herself by encouraging the farmers and buying their produce. It was this that led to the Astoria exposition—which was to show what could be produced here. A most creditable display was made, and a generous and hopeful spirit was shown. The Farmers' Congress was in the same line, and that was a meeting enjoyed more perhaps than any gathering of general interest ever held in Clatsop county.

"It became more and more evident, however, that little improvement of the farm lands, or little benefit to the city would be impossible unless wagon roads, fit for use all the year, should be built to all parts of the county. To advance this difficult proposition has therefore been the task of those who desire and believe in its improvement. Many attempts have been made; legislation to suit our peculiar needs and situations has been sought; the unsatisfactory plan of obtaining money by private subscription has been followed even when it was known to be of doubtful value. When, therefore, after months of hard work, and it was believed that a difficult situation had been met, and a hard requirement had been fulfilled, it was not pleasant to be thrown down on what seems like a narrow legal interpretation.

"The feeling and sentiment, and general mind on the subject are also to be considered. If the spirit of the

opposition were entirely friendly, and the only anxiety shown was to proceed legally, it would be one thing. If a disposition hostile to improvement, and calculated to "beat" any effort that its friends are able to make, is shown, that is another thing. Such a disposition would throw us down, not simply on a legal point, but would make and raise difficulties to place in the way of any effort that could be made. It would be a sorry thing to find that a disposition existed, or that, if it did exist, it should be allowed to have its way against a public demand!

"Fruitless or foolish objections to good roads in general have not tended to convince the public of the seriousness of the objectors. Exaggeration of cost of road building, or assertion that somebody crossed the plains in carts fifty years ago; or that farmers can go in a boat, do not tend to impress the public as sincere or intelligent discussion; but rather raises the question of whether all that has been done by the opposition has not been rather to hinder than to help roads, with the object to delay and confuse the good roads movement, and thereby to defeat it. Public men, or public newspapers should not, unless they are opposing roads, furnish any grounds of suspicion that it is private rather than the public interest that guides them.

"However, the friends of the roads are willing to try it again, and profit by the advice of those who have shown them their mistakes. We do not believe the people of the county are less earnest than they have been to make this a desirable country; or that the public men, whose influence is naturally large, will do otherwise than improve their condition."

FOR AN ATHLETIC CLUB.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held at the City Hall Last Night.

The first steps toward the organization of an amateur athletic club were taken last night. The meeting was held at the council chambers, nearly fifty persons being present. Temporary organization was effected by the selection of G. C. Fulton as chairman and P. B. Sovey as secretary.

The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Herman Wise, C. R. Thomson, Fulton, Sovey and others, all of whom commented on the necessity for an athletic club. Several plans of organization were mentioned and discussed, the question of initiation fee and monthly dues exciting considerable comment. It was agreed by an overwhelming vote that the initiation fee should be placed at \$5 and the monthly dues at \$1.50.

On motion the chair was empowered to appoint two committees, each of five members—one on organization and the other on membership. Mr. Fulton stated that he would announce his committees through the papers in a day or two, as he wished time before making his selections. The meeting adjourned subject to a call of the chair.

Last night's gathering was an enthusiastic one and there is no doubt that the club will be successfully organized. The business men of the city should lend their hearty assistance, for the club will benefit the rising generation, which is not in a position to bear financial burdens.

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