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The Leading House of Astoria

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 left with this firm will receive prompt attention.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—Oregon, Idaho and Washington, fair today.

AROUND TOWN.

J. O. Hanthorn is in the city.

T. Talbot of Cornelius is in the city.

J. M. Gillett was up from Seaside yesterday.

Crawfish cooked in wine at the National Cafe.

The Oriental liner Lennox is expected in today.

Bond Street Fish Market—Telephone number, 2183.

Born—To the wife of Charles Johnson, a daughter.

W. C. Bristol, a Portland attorney, was in the city yesterday.

Charles W. Phillips of Ilwaco is registered at the Occident.

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

L. Ellerson, of the Ilwaco beach life saving station, is in the city.

Miss T. Lowell of Skamokawa is registered at the Astor House.

Richard Davis has purchased the barber shop of S. Lapidura.

Is a saw-mill they are looking for in Hammond—not a jaw-mill.

The pilot schooner Joseph Pulitzer went to sea yesterday morning.

N. Budd, of Big Timber, Montana, is registered at the Parker house.

Captain Pease, sr., and Captain Archie Pease were down from Portland yesterday.

Work on the new barracks at Fort Stevens is progressing as rapidly as possible.

The Haddon Hall, with a cargo of grain for Japan, was towed to sea yesterday.

The lightship was hauled off the beach yesterday a distance of about 20 feet.

A marriage license was issued at the county clerk's office today to Alex Pietila and Hilma Juola.

The German ship Nereus, with a cargo of grain for Europe, was towed to sea yesterday morning.

R. B. Wilson, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Burlington route, was in the city yesterday.

The steam schooner Homer arrived yesterday from San Francisco with a large passenger and freight list.

General Housework Wanted—By a woman of middle age. Good references. Call at 578 Commercial Street, room 114.

Cream Pure Rye. America's finest whiskey. The only pure goods; guaranteed rich and mellow. John L. Carlson, sole agent.

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

What is believed will be one of the most important social events of the season will be the Admission Day ball to be given at Foard & Stokes hall 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 German ship Chile, which has been idle for several days with only a portion of her cargo aboard at Portland, is working again and will probably finish today.

Pears'

Soap not only for toilet and bath but for shaving. Pears was the inventor of shaving stick soap.

C. L. Smith, of Minnesota, a practical scientific farmer, who has been delivering lectures in Eastern Oregon under the auspices of the O. R. & N., is in the city. Mr. Smith is doing a good work in educating the farmers to the advantages of diversified farming. He declares that any country devoted exclusively to wheat or any other one article will eventually become bankrupt. Mr. Smith's trip is made purely at the instance of the O. R. & N., the road defraying all the expenses. It is a commendable enterprise on the part of the road and is in line with their generous policy of doing everything practicable to build up the state.

A special dispatch from New York states that maritime people of that city have given the American ship May Flint up for lost. It has been 59 days since she left Hong Kong for the Sound and shipping men say there is little or no chance of her ever reaching port, especially in view of the rough weather prevailing on the Pacific this winter.

The May Flint is one of the largest sailing ships afloat, being a vessel of 2,340 tons, or about twice the carrying capacity of the ordinary British wheat ship. She was built originally for a steamer, but did not prove a success, so her machinery was taken out and sails put on. She has never been a lucky ship for her owners, as she has encountered bad luck on nearly all her trips, both as a steamer and as a sailing vessel. She is flying the American flag, and was chartered by Balfour, Guthrie & Company to load wheat at Tacoma for the United Kingdom.

A reminder of the wreck of the British ship Atlanta, which left Tacoma, loaded with wheat, December 1, 1898, for England, came to Tacoma yesterday, says the Sunday Ledger. The Atlanta was pounded to pieces on the rocks of Yaquina bay shortly after leaving Tacoma, and but three members of the crew were saved. The rest perished and went down with the ship during the night. The letter was written in Barcelona, Spain, in October, 1898, by a cousin of a member of the crew of the Atlanta. It was addressed in care of the "British Consul, Oregon, North Pole, U. S. A., Shanghai," and that it ever reached a port at which the ship touched is due to the efficiency of the postal service of the two nations. The sailor had written to his countryman from Shanghai, and reply went to that port, following the ship around until it reached Tacoma. It was given to Alexander W. Thornely, a bookkeeper in Bartlett & Stebbins' office, to translate and reply to. The writer in Spain tells the sailor that one of his brothers is in Cuba fighting the American pigs. Mr. Thornely has replied to the letter, relating the facts of the wreck of the Atlanta and telling the Spaniard of the death of his cousin.

The innocent little rumor that gullibly waited about town Monday, to the effect that a saw-mill might add its charms to the industrial acquisitions of Hammond some time or other in the near or distant future, seems to have stirred up more commotion than was originally expected. The Astorian found nothing but rumor as a basis for the report and so stated in yesterday morning's issue. The News swallowed the "story," tail, pin-feathers and all, and yesterday gave evidence of the taste it left by berating the Astorian for discrediting the rumor, evidently accepting the reference to rumor as reference to the News. Since the News drew its own conclusion, there should be no complaint on this ground. As to the alleged denial by Mr. Mayo of the interview with him in the Astorian we have nothing further than the News' statement to sustain this assertion, as the gentleman could not be seen last evening. Mr. Mayo knows that the columns of the Astorian are open to correction of any misstatements this paper may have made. No correction has been received. Surely, there has been much ado about nothing.

An organization giving its name as the Finlanders Mutual Protective Society of Astoria filed incorporation papers with the county clerk yesterday. The object of the society, as set forth in the articles, is to form a bond of benevolent friendship between the Finnish people of this city. The officers are P. August Jahlstrom, president; J. A. Harpe, secretary, and A. A. Anderson, treasurer.

Word of the sale of the revenue cutter Corwin at Port Townsend to C. J. Curtis, August Nelson and Frank Cook of this city was received yesterday in the following dispatch from Captain Hooper of the Corwin: "The proposal of yourself, Cook and Nelson of \$16,500 for the steamer Corwin is accepted. Am authorized by the secretary of the treasury to deliver the vessel to you on receipt of the amount. How soon can you be here with the money? An early settlement is desired." Mr. Curtis leaves this morning to close the deal.

The plan to organize a steamship line between Portland and Manila has fallen through. The Telegram says the failure of the project is due to several causes. In the first place after negotiations were well under way, the fact developed that the agent with whom Mr. Lewis and the Manila merchants were dealing was working for his own gain and trying to "boost himself along on wind." Even then the Manila merchants were willing to go ahead and establish a line, and had their plans almost completed, when the United States closed the port, to keep the natives in the surrounding country from securing supplies.

A treat is in store for music lovers on Saturday evening and matinee, when John Monroe will conduct a concert at Fisher's opera house with Edison's latest and greatest wonder, the concertograph. This instrument does not resemble the ordinary phonograph, which has become so common, but is a mammoth instrument of its kind, with an immense wax record, and has the power of being distinctly heard in every part of a large theater. The concert will consist of selections of vocal and instrumental numbers, and will present the music as perfectly as the originals. Seat sale opens at Griffin & Reed's Friday morning.

CITIZEN'S LEAGUE MEETS.
Important Reports and Election of Officers.
There was a large attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Taxpayers' League held last night. Reports of officers for the past year were heard and acted upon. These reports show that the existence of the league during the past year had resulted in large savings to the taxpayers.

Owing to the fact that the attendance at the meetings of the league are increasing, the quorum was raised to twenty. A resolution was passed instructing the secretary to open the list of membership for inspection of any one desiring to inspect the same. Frank J. Taylor was re-elected president of the league. C. J. Trencor was elected vice-president, J. E. Hamilton and John Hahn were respectively re-elected to the offices of secretary and treasurer of the league.

REPORTED SALE OF RIVER BOATS

Telephone and Bailey Gatzert May Go North.

LURLINE, TOO, MAY LEAVE

Statement That White Collar Boats Have Been Absorbed by Sound Parties.

Good ground can be stated for the belief that the Telephone, and, possibly, the Bailey Gatzert, steamboats operated by the White Collar line between this city and Portland, have been sold to people on the Sound.

It was known several days ago that an offer had been made by Seattle parties to purchase both of these magnificent boats, the price reported being \$45,000. It is said that the White Collar people declined this proposition, however, substituting a counter-proposition offering to sell only the Telephone. The price asked for this boat is not stated. Just which one of the propositions has, or may be agreed upon, it is impossible to say.

The report received includes the statement that at least one of the boats will be taken to the Sound on the 1st of April.

Another report is current that the Lurline, owned by the Joseph Kamm Company, will be taken off the lower Columbia run and sent to the Dalles, to be put on the upper Columbia river run.

Whether this proposed change means that the Kamm interests have been disposed of to other parties, cannot yet be learned. However, that the Lurline will cease to tie up at Astoria docks after the last of the present month seems to be pretty certain.

Mr. G. W. Lounsbury, local representative of the O. R. & N., said last night that he knew nothing of the reported deal of the White Collar line. He stated that he had heard from local sources that the Lurline would be taken off the run between this city and Portland but had not as yet received official notification to that effect.

In the absence of definite or authoritative information, it is difficult to draw satisfactory conclusions as to the significance of the reports. It is possible that they may have an important bearing on the pending differences between the O. R. & N. and Astoria & Columbia River railroad in the passenger rates between this city and Portland. This is a theory that has been advanced with a degree of plausibility. It does not necessarily follow, however, that any force attaches to this theory, for the removal of the White Collar Line's boats and the Lurline might operate only to remove practically all opposition to the O. R. & N. on the river, leaving the fight between the O. R. & N. and the Astoria road the same as at present.

Efforts to elicit further information by wire last night proved of no avail, but that something definite will develop in a day or two is reasonably certain.

THE ABOLITION OF PRISON LOCKSTEP.
To the uninitiated the lockstep is an interesting performance. It originated from the necessity of handling large bodies of convicts as compactly as possible. Each man's hands rest upon the shoulders, while his knees fit into the backs of the knees of the man before him. This necessitates a short shuffling step, and swaying motion, which it is claimed seldom leaves him. For this reason its abolition is urged. This demonstrates the power of habit. Another habit hard to get rid of is constipation; but there is a remedy that will cure this, as well as dyspepsia, indigestion and biliousness, and that is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is a magnificent tonic for the whole system, purifying the blood and improving the appetite. Try it.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
Levi Tillotson and wife to James G. MacPherson, 372.45 acres in sections 23, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, T 7 N, R 7 W; and in sections 29 and 31, T 7 N, R 6 W; \$15,700.

Saganaw Savings Bank to James G. MacPherson, same property, quitclaim; \$14,491.41.

U. S. receiver to May S. O'Connor, 160 acres in section 9, T 4 N, R 6 W; receipt.

May H. O'Connor to John E. Du Bois, southeast quarter of section 9, T 4 N, R 6 W; \$5.

W. T. Burney and wife to Harry M. Timms, 60 acres in section 25, T 8 N, R 9 W; \$1,500.

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REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.

Astoria Precinct No. 1	39
Astoria Precinct No. 2	31
Astoria Precinct No. 3	78
Astoria Precinct No. 4	101
Astoria Precinct No. 5	101
Astoria Precinct No. 6	41
Astoria Precinct No. 7	44
John Day Precinct	11
John Day Precinct	19
Swenson	15
Walluski	15
New Astoria	77
Warrenton	8
Clatsop	12
Seaside	15
Meilville	6
Chadwell	11
Youngs River	5
Olney	13
Knappa	16
Clifton	46
Westport	2
Vesper	2
Jewell	1
Shawwaka	3
Elise	7
Puuh	4
Total to date	733

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