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TO ASTORIANS.

The DAILY ASTORIAN will be found on sale in Portland at the well-known stationery house of J. F. Handley & Co., 591 Washington Street. Orders for advertising left with this firm will receive prompt attention.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—Oregon, Idaho and Washington, snow, colder today.

AROUND TOWN.

A. J. Porter of Seattle is in town. T. P. Clergy of Chinook is in the city. J. E. Miller of Chinook is in the city. Crawford cooked in wine at the National Cafe. James M. McGregor of Grays river is in the city. D. W. Dorrance, of Portland, is in the city. W. J. Ingalls of Chadwell is in town today. Mrs. E. M. Cook, of Portland, is at the Occident. R. H. Birnie, of Grays river, is in the city. Bond Street Fish Market—Telephone number, 2153. Mrs. William Upton, of Portland, is in the city. H. A. Yeager of Ilwaco is at the Parker house. T. J. Andrews of Oysterville was in town yesterday. W. B. Bailey of Svensen was in Astoria yesterday. George Bartley was up from Hammond yesterday. D. Shumley of Long each was in the city yesterday. Mrs. H. C. Carr, of Portland, is a guest at the Occident. Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun restaurant, 612 Commercial street. Mrs. Brazee and the Misses Brazee of Fort Stevens are visiting friends in the city. Dr. H. A. Smith is expected to return from California some time this week. The British bark Colony went to sea yesterday with a cargo of grain for Europe. No effort was made to float the lightship yesterday, the weather outside being too rough. Harvey E. Lounsbury, traveling freight agent of the Southern Pacific, is in the city. The State arrived in from San Francisco yesterday morning, carrying but few passengers. Dr. M. M. Walker is contemplating leaving for Tucson, Arizona, in a few days to remain. The February term of the circuit court will be convened in this city on next Monday morning. The W. C. T. U. will hold their regular meeting this afternoon at 2 o'clock. All are cordially invited. The French bark Jules Verne, with a cargo of grain for Europe, went to sea yesterday afternoon. Cream Pure Rye, America's finest whiskey. The only pure goods; guaranteed rich and mellow. John L. Carlson, sole agent. Wanted to Rent—By a responsible tenant with no children, four good-sized housekeeping rooms. Address "B," Astorian office. News has been received of the severe illness of Frank Spittle, Esq., of this city, who is now in New York on business. News from Skagway announces the marriage of Herman Grimm, formerly of Astoria, to Miss Edith Keller, at that place. The British ship St. Enoch cleared at the custom house yesterday for Queenstown with 120,200 bushels of wheat, valued at \$67,500.

A marriage license was granted yesterday to J. W. Johnson, of Chadwell, and Miss Hulda Olsen, of Astoria.

SHERMAN'S NEW WAGON—Have you seen it? For pianos, furniture and baggage moving. She is a hummer.

No applicant appeared for examination for state papers yesterday before County School Superintendent Lee.

The Elm Branch is expected here from the Sound in a day or two, her damage having been fully repaired.

A. Flemming, assistant engineer of lightship No. 57, who has been enjoying an extended shore leave, will return to his post on the tender Manzanita.

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

Frank Travis, who is employed by Alex Grant, received a stroke of paralysis yesterday morning at an early hour. He is in a precarious condition.

A committee of the athletic club will begin at once to secure members for the organization. Lists of names have been prepared of persons who will be visited.

The latest freak of weather came yesterday in the nature of a snow-storm. Early in the morning the ground was well covered but the coat soon disappeared.

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The barge Washtucana, loaded on Grays harbor with 1,200,000 feet of lumber, the largest load ever taken from the harbor, arrived safely at San Francisco.

A timely local industry is the manufacture of Pacific copper paint by C. M. Cutbirth, who guarantees a satisfactory article for the bottoms of all kinds of boats.

Charity lodge, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., will give a masquerade ball at the K. of P. hall, on Thursday evening, February 15. Maskers 25 cents, spectators, 15 cents. Refreshments free.

As a result of an accident at Root's camp, on the Klokoman, William Carlton, logger, was instantly killed on Monday, a large rolling log crushing him to death. He was about 32 years of age.

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.

Another attempt to float the German bark Potrimpus, which is stranded on North Beach, will soon be made. Messrs. Frank Stokes and Martin Foard returned Tuesday from a visit to the vessel and report her condition better than expected.

The Ladies' Guild of Grace church will give a Valentine tea this afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock in the basement of the church. Everybody cordially invited. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Oregon boys in the Philippines.

A small section of the right side of the Bailey Gatzert was damaged yesterday afternoon through a collision with the company dock of the White Collar line. The boat was moving up slowing to make fast at the dock when she was forced heavily against the piling by the strong wind which was blowing at the time. The damage will be easily repaired.

John Boherg, the Necanicum farmer, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Boherg is much disappointed over the defeat of the three-roads petition. He stated yesterday that he believed the opponents to the measure were "pennywise and pound foolish" in their action. He holds that with the Necanicum country built up, through good roads, to a thriving condition, Astoria will be more benefited even than the district tapped thereby.

Manager Selig wishes to announce to the public that on Saturday next Edison's greatest invention, the concertograph, will be seen at Fisher's opera house with a matinee and evening performance. Operatic, instrumental, singing and speaking pieces will be rendered by the machine, both comic and sentimental. Prices are within the reach of all, being, reserved

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seats, 25 cents; gallery, 15 cents; matinee, 25 and 10 cents. The production comes with the highest endorsement of the Portland press and is no doubt well worth going to see.

Go and hear the concertograph at Fisher's opera house Saturday evening and matinee. It is the greatest invention of the age, and a very pleasant evening or afternoon can be spent, listening to the finest music, speaking and recitations, both comic and sentimental, produced on this machine. Reserved seats 25 cents, gallery 15 cents. Matinee prices 25 and 10 cents to all parts of the house. Secure your seats tomorrow morning at Griffin & Reed's.

Suit has been brought against the steamer Jennie Northwick by the Astoria Iron Works through Fulton Bros. to recover \$472.42 alleged to be due for machinery furnished the steamer. The complaint recites that H. B. Northwick, since deceased, entered into an agreement with the firm, by which he was to pay \$1,000 when the machinery arrived from the East and the balance when the steamer's trial trip was made. No part of the amount has ever been paid.

The steamer Al-Ki which just arrived at Seattle from Skagway, brought down a cargo consisting of \$40,000 in bullion, the last month's clean-up of the Treadwell Company, and seventy-five boxes of Wrangle Narrows halibut. The Treadwell monthly shipment was only about half the December clean-up of the company, but this is accounted for by the fact that nearly one-half of the stamps were idle during January by reason of the water power which operates the plant being frozen up.

Inquiry at the offices of the transportation companies in Portland failed to elicit any further information concerning the rumor that the White Collar Line had disposed of the Telephone and the Bailey Gatzert, or either of them, to parties on the Sound. The report is current in Portland, however, that negotiations with relation to a possible transfer of one or both of the boats have been under way but that there is no definite understanding that a consummation has been arrived at.

Eight bids were submitted for making repairs to the hull, boiler and machinery of the tender Columbine to Captain Langitt, of the United States engineers. The department at Washington will pass upon the bids, taking into consideration not only the amount bid, but the time specified in which to do the work. The various bids are as follows: Puget Sound Drydock Co., \$13,500; Moran Bros. Co., Seattle, \$11,180; Risdon Iron & Locomotive Works, San Francisco, \$13,650; Wolf & Zwicker Iron Works, Portland, \$14,867; Astoria Iron Works, Astoria, \$11,957; Portland Iron Works, Portland, \$14,445; Williamson Iron & Steel Works, Portland, \$15,500; Roberts & Co., Portland, \$15,880.

A letter has been received by Chief of Police Hallock from W. Lloyd of Hull, asking information concerning his son. It is as follows: "My son, Arthur John Lloyd, was bound apprentice in a sailing ship, the Eastport. On his second voyage he ran away at Astoria. I had several letters from him and he gave me the address. As we have not heard from him for about four years, I have written on two occasions to his address, which is in the Altona, 65 Main street, Astoria, Portland, Oregon, U. S. A., and also enclosed stamps for reply, but we have not received any. I would thank you kindly if you would make inquiries for me. His mother died last April and he has eight brothers and sisters here, and we are all very uneasy as to his whereabouts."

An attempt is being made to have Grays harbor selected as the American terminus of the Hawaiian cable. Sen. Foster is behind the scheme and says in explanation that the object is to have the cable to go from Grays harbor was that engineers who have investigated the subject say this point will be much better than any other in the state of Washington. It practically would not be constructed from either of the Sound cities but from some point on the Pacific. It is claimed Grays harbor furnishes better facilities for landing and that the deep water from the north is less and presents no engineering difficulties. Another feature favorable to Grays harbor is that it would afford ample telegraphic and railroad connections with the cable landing. The senator insists that a cable on the northern route would be much superior to one by way of Honolulu.

A singular coincidence appears in the daily report of registrations at the county clerk's office published in the Astorian. For several days past Astoria precincts four and five have been running neck and neck. For several days the tally sheet at the clerk's office hours has given these precincts exactly the same number, and in addition to this the two precincts mentioned have the highest number of registrations on the list. There might be

some fun were the voters of the respective precincts to start up a contest to see which could be kept at the head of the list. In addition to the fun involved, County Clerk Wherity and his deputies would be made correspondingly happy through an ability to clean up the work of registration more rapidly. The Astorian publishes the report every morning. Let's see how it will stand tomorrow.

J. E. McGilivray and Thos. W. Brasel, of Portland, representing the Oregon Telephone and Telegraph Company, are in the city and, together with Mr. Clinton, the local manager, will endeavor to secure a sufficient number of additional subscribers to warrant making such changes and improvements in the service as are necessary to put it on the same basis as the largest telephone exchanges in the country. The rate for private residences will be reduced to \$1.25 per month. The gentlemen have already procured quite a number of new subscribers and are sanguine that before long most of the residences in this city will be equipped with a telephone. It is a convenience which has been recognized and adopted in all the cities of any consequence on the coast and the low rate now named will no doubt be an inducement to many who not already enjoy the comfort of a phone in their homes.

WILL THIS DO?

Mr. Hammond Says No Saw-Mills Are in Contemplation.

Mr. Hammond was seen at his desk in the Oregonian building yesterday by an Astorian representative. He looks hale and hearty and seems in good spirits over the results of his Eastern visit. Asked concerning the rumor of the early erection of a saw-mill at Plavel or in or contiguous to Astoria by the Astoria Company, Mr. Hammond stated that he knew nothing about it. If the Astoria Company or any other company had any such intention he had not heard of it. He said that he hoped it was true, that there was certainly plenty of room and every inducement for the construction of a saw-mill at the mouth of the Columbia river, and that he was ready at any time to co-operate with the people of Astoria in making the published rumor of a saw-mill in that section a reality whenever they got ready to act in the matter. Further than this, he said he had nothing to say on the subject, and had no information whatever to convey in that connection.

THE ABOLITION OF PRISON LOCK-STEP.

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.

The following deeds were filed in Recorder Clinton's office during the past 24 hours: F. E. and A. E. Bralliar, of Warrenton, to P. J. Thorsen, the north half of block 3 and the north half of block 6, Sylvan Point; \$125. J. C. Dawson and wife to P. C. Warren, lot 7, block 11, Warrenton; \$400. W. T. Burney and wife to Harvey M. Timms, the north quarter of the northwest quarter and the west half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 25, T 8 N, R 9 W, 60 acres; \$31,500. May H. O'Connor, of Portland, to J. E. DuBois, the southeast quarter of section 9, T 4 N, R 6 W, 160 acres; \$5. Charles Cobb and wife and Fremont Cobb and wife, of Lincoln county, Nev., to Carl O. Anderson, quitclaim deed to the northeast quarter of section 22, T 6 N, R 6 W; \$300.

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Thomas G. Drew, owner of the only producing coal mine on the Yukon, is on his way back to Alaska, having come from New York, where he has business interests. Mr. Drew expresses much disgust at the reports that lawlessness is still running unchecked in the north. Said he: "The postmaster at Cape Nome has already had lawlessness reigns and already has full sway in Alaska. I wish emphatically and absolutely to deny these statements, which come from a man who has been but two months in

the country and who was in one spot the entire time.

"I have been in Alaska for six years, and from the mouth of the source of the Yukon you will not come across a man carrying a gun, nor is such a method of self-protection necessary in that country. The men who are there, are self-respecting and industrious, seeking a means of livelihood and to better their fortunes. They are of a type that would neither permit nor shut their eyes to lawlessness, and a man with money is safer in Alaska than he would be in this city, despite its police protection. The country protects itself, for there is but one means of access from the north, and a man robbed would warn the authorities, and the river would be watched, while for the thief to take to the hills would be for him to die miserably from starvation and exposure.

"Another story I should like to contradict, is that Alaska either desires or is anxious for statehood, unless it is on the part of some cheap politician, who has an office-seeking axe to grind. Our population is largely made up of miners, who wander to and fro, and have no fixed habitat, and, consequently, do not consider that country their home, but only a temporary abiding place. On the residents would fall the increased taxation attendant on statehood, which they do not want. All we need in Alaska is a United States commission and United States marshals at various points, while the soldiers Uncle Sam has there now, afford all the other protection needed.

"My mine supplies all the Yukon river steamers, and I have just closed a contract to supply government river boats also. I shall leave in a few days, returning directly to Alaska, which country you now enter over the ice, traveling by sleds hauled by dogs. A letter I have just received, advises me that dogs are now selling at Dawson at \$60 apiece, so great is the demand for them, on account of the desire of mining men to reach Cape Nome, eighteen hundred miles away. My team of six dogs is waiting for me at Skagway, twenty-one miles from which place I strike the headwaters of the Yukon. You can make fifty miles a day this way, and there are now stations along the route where you can put up for the night. You feed the dogs once a day, at night, and give them what you have. They will eat anything a human being will. I have even known them to eat beans."

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