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C. H. Cooper
The Leading House of Astoria

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—Oregon, Western Washington and Idaho—Fair today.

AROUND TOWN.

W. G. Howell was in Portland Sunday.

H. Myers of Salem is at the Parker house.

J. K. Crawford of Brookfield is in the city.

Charles Bauman of Oregon City is in Astoria.

V. Harris of Oregon City is at the Occident.

E. S. Crawford spent Sunday in Portland.

Captain Robert Loller is down from Portland.

P. J. McGowan is over from Chinook on business.

Bond Street Fish Market—Telephone number, 2123.

B. H. Wertheimer, the tobacconist, is down from Portland.

The registration rolls now lack but one of containing 900 names.

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

Will Grant, of Vancouver, spent Sunday with his mother in this city.

Mrs. J. C. Lewis has returned from a visit to friends in San Francisco.

Miss Clara Simpson of Portland spent Sunday with her parents in this city.

The firm of Sund and Nylund has been dissolved. Mr. Nylund withdrawing.

Mr. Sam Wherry has returned from an extended trip to Eastern Washington.

C. S. Warren is down from Portland looking after his business interests here.

J. Q. A. Bowley has been confined to his home for a day or two with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sturgis spent Sunday in Portland, the guests of friends.

Miss Anna G. Delin and Miss Rosa Barrows, of Portland, spent Sunday in the city.

Mrs. J. E. Ferguson leaves for California today on a visit with friends and relatives.

The British bark Samaritan will leave up the river for Portland today for a load of wheat.

Andrew Hakvliet, a native of Russia, was admitted to citizenship by Judge McBride yesterday.

The barkentine Glenner is on her way from San Francisco to load lumber at the Knappton mills.

Among the visitors in town from Ilwaco Sunday were M. Wise, Fred Colbert and Lark Porter.

The steamer Elm Branch reached here from the Sound Sunday and left up the river for Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Reed and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore, of Portland, were visiting in Astoria Sunday.

Henry Mautz and Charles A. Elliot of Portland spent Sunday as the guests of Lee Herring in this city.

Theodore Johnson, a native of Sweden, received final citizenship papers in the circuit court yesterday.

The revenue cutter Commodore Perry arrived from Seattle Sunday and yesterday proceeded up the river for Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gomey will leave in a few days for Baker City, where they will make their future home.

A number of local Red Men visited the newly-organized lodge at Hammond, Sunday, and report a royal reception.

A furnished house for rent. Good location. For terms apply at No. 111, Eleventh street, W. L. Robb's office.

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In the county clerk's office yesterday John Carlson, a native of Finland, declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States.

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Dr. J. Reagles, U. S. A., who has been stationed at Fort Warrington, Alaska, arrived in the city Sunday. He left at once for Fort Stevens, to which post he has been transferred.

The British bark County of Merioneth cleared at the customs house yesterday for Cape Town with 60,520 bushels of wheat valued at \$32,300.

The steamer Harrison got away for Tillamook Sunday morning. She carries an immense quantity of freight and a number of passengers.

The Margaretha, the Ness, the County of Merioneth and the Chili are lying in the lower harbor awaiting favorable opportunity to go to sea.

It is stated that Trecoff & Co. have let a contract to a Portland firm for the construction of a tug to be used as a tender to their coal storage plants.

John M. Gearing, W. H. Casey, R. G. Morrow and T. A. Keenan, Portland, attorneys, are in the city in connection with cases pending in the circuit court.

Mont. Hanthorn will leave for California today, from which point he will go to Cook's inlet, Alaska, where he will superintend a cannery the coming season.

John W. Phillips, editor of the Pacific Journal at Ilwaco, was in the city Sunday. Mr. Phillips declares the conviction that there is a great future in store for Ilwaco.

William Hume, the veteran canneryman of Eagle Cliff, is in the city, a guest of E. W. Taitland. This is the first time Mr. Hume has visited Astoria for nearly 21 years.

Dr. Jay Tuttle has removed his office one block west on Commercial street to the office rooms recently occupied by Dr. M. M. Walker; entrance next door west of John Hahn's shoe store.

One hundred and fifty rolls of Japanese warp and China straw mattings, prices 12 1/2 cents per yard and upwards. Exquisite colorings and designs. CHAS. HILBORN & CO., 591-595 Commercial Street.

The delay in the arrival of the St. Irene from Portland is due to her having struck in the sand off the river bottom between St. Johns and Swan Island. It is said she is drawing less than twenty-five feet.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice: Miss Nellie Anderson, James Casey, J. H. B. Dill, Ben Hayden, Andie Olson, F. J. Paul, Forrester, H. H. Chase, Peter Hopkins, Mikael Kristensen.

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

Dr. W. F. Hubbard, of Portland, has located an office at No. 11, Fiske building, and will be glad to see patients who are troubled with eye, ear, nose or throat difficulties, on Thursday of each week. Consultation free.

The George W. Elder, which arrived from San Francisco Sunday morning, came with an unusually light cargo. As she is primarily a freight boat, very few passengers are carried as a rule. On her last trip she carried none.

On last Sunday evening Rev. Peart was greeted by a congregation that filled the church. The pastor gave a most excellent discourse on "What to do with bad and useless church members." The sermon made a deep impression on the attentive audience.

Sheriff Lindvall announced yesterday that at the close of business on Saturday night the tax collector had received \$2,703.16 of county taxes, since the rolls had been placed in his hands the present year. The total amount to be collected, as per estimate, is about \$107,000. This must be in before April 1st for after that date all delinquents will be obliged to put up for extra expenses of collection.

The British ship Ness cleared for Vancouver yesterday. She carries a mixed cargo, although consists chiefly of flour. The manifest on file at the customs house shows the following to be on board: 240,000 barrels of flour, valued at \$4,250; 233,748 feet of lumber, valued at \$4,500; guns, etc., valued at \$24,750; 25 casks of canned goods, valued at \$91, and 8 barrels of California wine, valued at \$250.

Some important changes in aids of navigation are reported by Inspector Tausig of the lighthouse service, as follows: Short cut channel from Astoria to Tongue Point crossing, starboard side of channel buoy No. 1, a red, second-class spar was established on February 17 in 15 feet of water, and marks the starboard side of the channel. Main ship channel buoy No. 6, a red, first-class spar was established on the 17th of February in 23 feet of water and marks the starboard side of the channel. Main ship channel buoy No. 9, a red, first-class spar was established on the 12th of January in 23 feet of water, as a guide to the newly dredged channel.

Captain Dexter of the British bark Samaritan, which arrived in from Shanghai Sunday afternoon, is out of humor. To say that he is thoroughly mad probably would not be exaggerating matters any. Sunday afternoon the life-saving crew at North beach wired Astoria stating that the Samaritan, which was on her way up the harbor, was drifting too near shore, near Lewis station. The tug Escort immediately went to her assistance but upon her arrival alongside found that no aid was necessary. Captain Dexter declares that at no time was the Samaritan in danger and consequently no signal for help was made. At the time of the reported danger,

Pears' Get one cake of it. Nobody ever stops at a cake.

he says, the Samaritan was nearly four miles from the shore. He therefore desired the report corrected to coincide with the facts.

AN INTERESTING CASE.
Some Important and Amusing Features of a Suit Now Pending.

The case of the Columbia River Packers Association against W. L. Enyard and Frank Cook, in which suit is brought to quiet title to certain tide lands at a point known as the Jim Crow sands, near Brookfield, came up before Judge McBride yesterday on a motion to strike out a part of the complaint. The matter was argued at length and submitted to the court, who has not yet passed upon it.

There is an interesting story told in the complaint. It seems that several years ago M. J. Kinney, the canneryman, purchased from Joe Baker, Martin Ryan and Larry Sullivan a two-thirds interest in the Jim Crow sands. The ownership of the remaining one-third was subsequently acquired by the defendants, Enyard and Cook. For a long time Mr. Kinney failed to utilize his lands to his own benefit and subsequently turned it over to the Columbia River Packers Association, of which corporation he is a member. It was after this was done and the association set out to utilize the property for packing purposes that the dispute arose which culminated in the suit now pending in court. Enyard and Cook it appears, disputed the right of the association to fish on the territory, basing their contention on the allegation that the river currents had moved the sands at that point in such a manner as to totally wipe out of existence the holdings of Mr. Kinney. The property claimed by the association, according to the defendants, was washed up after Mr. Kinney secured his deed and are entirely new. Just how much of this was formerly owned by Mr. Kinney's possession, the defendants neglect to state. Possibly this point may engross the attention of the court.

W. J. Barry, on behalf of the association, recently went up to the disputed property, accompanied by a pile-driver. Between the two, piles driven in the sands over the two-thirds Kinney interest, and a substantial house perched upon them in spite of protests of Enyard and Cook. Within the past week no further news from the firing line has been received. A member of the association last night that arrangements had been made for setting on the grounds during the coming season and that Mr. Barry would be in charge.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ASTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At the musical to be given tonight at the residence of Mayor Bergman, the following program will be rendered:

Piano Duett.....Messdames Olsen and Van Dusen.

Guitar Solo.....Miss Etta Strauss.

Song.....Mrs. M. J. Snythe.

Recitation.....Miss Shirley.

Song, with violin and cello obligato.....Mrs. Maddock.

Coon Quartette.....Misses Nellie and May Truinger.

Song.....Bessie Reed and Jessie Sands.

Song.....Mrs. J. T. Ross.

Coon Quartette.....Mr. Thornton.

Song.....Misses Nellie and May Truinger.

Song.....Bessie Reed and Jessie Sands.

Vocal Duett.....Mrs. Stone.

Song.....Mrs. Stone.

Photograph Selections.....Mr. Schlusel.

The public is most cordially invited to attend. Aside from the fact that the cause is a meritorious one, the program provided is most attractive, and it is hoped that a large audience will be in attendance.

DISCUSS IMPORTANT MATTERS.

Chamber of Commerce Took Up New Business Last Night.

Aside from a large amount of routine business the chamber of commerce at their regular meeting last night took up considerable new business.

Owing to the illness of Mr. Bowley, chairman of the committee in charge, Mr. Hearst of the New York Journal will be obliged to wait a couple of weeks longer for a reply to his Nicaragua canal armament proposition.

Correspondence was introduced relative to the improvement of the harbor and the removal of the wreck of the Silva de Grasse, for which the United States government recently appropriated \$121,000. It appears that after the appropriation was made, an engineer made a report to the government that the removal of the wreck was unnecessary and a great deal of the matter had to be talked and written over again. It is believed, however, that through the efforts of the chamber of commerce the work for which the appropriation was made will soon be commenced.

Another communication was submitted from the inter-state commerce commission asking that the influence of the chamber be brought to bear in behalf of a bill pending in congress, the object of which is to change its scope of power. It appears that the commission for ten years worked under a certain clause enabling them to re-adjust transportation rates on the railroads where the companies' tariffs were unequal and unjust. This clause was finally declared by the United States supreme court to be unconstitutional and the commission is endeavoring to have a substitute that will hold water enacted into law.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION.

Local Physicians Take Measures Against Possibilities of the Plague.

Owing to the fact that Oriental steamers and sailing vessels are constantly coming into the harbor from Honolulu and other ports infected with the bubonic plague, the local health authorities and other physicians have issued a letter to take every precaution against any possibility of the appearance of the plague in this city. A raid upon the rats is advised as a preliminary measure. The letter is as follows:

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 22.—To the citizens of Astoria and vicinity:

As a matter of precaution to prevent the bubonic plague getting a foothold here we urge upon you the necessity of poisoning all the rats about your homes as soon as possible. It has been found that, without doubt, rats not only take this disease themselves, but are the most active agents of spreading it abroad.

In the larger cities of Europe, as also in Asia and China, a wholesale crusade against the rats is being waged at present. Not because of the presence of the plague, but to prevent its extension, should cases occur.

This course is particularly urged by physicians living in plague stricken countries, and no considering the rapid extension of this disease in the Sandwich islands and other countries bordering on the Pacific ocean, having frequent intercourse with our Pacific coast ports, we submit this advice for your earnest consideration.

J. A. FULTON, M. D., State Health Officer.

H. L. JENSEN, M. D., City Physician.

AUG. C. KINNEY, M. D., CLIFTON KINNEY, M. D., HILL HASTINGS.

U. S. Quarantine Officer.

GEO. A. SKINNER, First Lieut. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army.

JOHN S. BISHOP, M. D., DR. J. TUTTLE.

O. B. ESTES, M. D.

SUIT AGAINST THE CITY.

The Mattson Damage Case Up in the Circuit Court.

The suit for \$2,125 damages brought against the city of Astoria by Susie Mattson in behalf of Henry Mattson, who, about two and one-half years ago, was severely injured by falling through the plank on Second street, came up before Judge McBride in the circuit court in an argument on a demurrer to the original complaint.

In the complaint it is alleged that Mattson, who is a young boy about 15 years of age, fell through a large hole in the plank on a distance of several feet, striking upon the rocks below. As a result of the fall it is alleged that young Mattson sustained injuries which will remain with him through life, his chest having been badly crushed, many of his teeth being knocked out and the bone of his lower jaw split.

The argument will be resumed again this morning.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The following cases came up before Judge McBride in the circuit court yesterday:

State of Oregon vs. J. P. Carlson, demurrer argued and taken under advisement.

Case of Henry Teller, executor, vs. Geo. Anderson, set for trial on Thursday, March 1.

Theodore Johnson, a native of Sweden, admitted to citizenship.

Columbia River Packers Association vs. W. L. Enyard and Frank Cook, motion to strike out portion of amended complaint argued.

Henry Mattson vs. City of Astoria, argument on demurrer continued until today.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Dewitt O. Stoner to A. M. Holter, 229 acres in sections 29, 30 and 31, T 6 N, R 7 W, \$1,600.

Melvin H. Stoner to A. M. Holter, 180 acres in sections 29 and 30, T 6 N, R 7 W, \$300.

Thomas Dealy to James G. Macpherson, section 26, T 7 N, R 7 W, quitclaim, \$12.50.

P. C. Towner to E. J. Fleming, \$5 acres in section 2, T 7 N, R 10 W, \$5.

NOT TO BE TREATED LIGHTLY.

Religious Revival Services Deserve the Encouragement of Right-Thinking People.

Tillamook Herald.

The eighth week of the revival meetings at the Methodist church is in progress, and if any difference is seen, interest in the same is increasing rather than diminishing. Many have gone through life, their intention of living better lives, among them many well-known men who have seen the error of their way. It is to be hoped, however, that none will backslide; but anyone who will throw a straw in their way, or discourage them in the least, is unworthy the confidence of good people. Religious belief is the loftiest and most valuable of all the liberties prized by human beings, and should not be made light of or sneered at, and is not except by those who are thoughtless, or so depraved that they can see nothing good in any one else.

THE AMERICAN FLAG.

The American flag now floats over a land of barbarism. If any one had prophesied this four years ago, he would have been laughed to scorn. Yet change is constantly taking place. Nature is merciless. So soon as she discovers an improvement, the old, whatever it may be, is doomed. The fact that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the famous cure for dyspepsia, has remained unchanged for half a century, proves its value. Try it for indigestion, biliousness, constipation, or malaria, fever and ague, and be convinced. Your case is not incurable. You simply have not used the right remedy. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is what you need—the sooner the better. It is particularly valuable at this season of the year.

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Hoss Sense and Nonsense

A Public Expression of Private Opinion.

A dispatch from Southern California conveys the intelligence that "It is still dry in the south." This has some of the familiar ring of the now noted remark once made by the governor of North Carolina to the governor of South Carolina, with the possible exception that it has less steam to it.

A bill is about to be presented to congress providing for statutory protection of seamen from "land sharks" in Atlantic ports. On the theory that the willingly gullible have no complaint at being gulled, there has not been much sympathy heretofore for those seamen who arouse till their wages are mortgaged to keepers of dives.

A defaulting postmaster back in bleeding Kansas is not only responsible for his big shortage but, indirectly, for the death of one of his bondsmen, who dropped dead on learning of the default. If that postmaster has any desire to continue in business on his chosen lines, he should come further west, where bondsmen are gradually ceasing in undertaking voluntary changes of mortal venue, finding it cheaper to take to the woods or get satisfaction out of the fellow's relatives.

The American ship Nero has made deep-sea soundings to a distance of nearly six miles below the surface of the Pacific ocean, showing a deeper cavity than any mountain on earth could fill, and a greater depth than has been ascertained at any other place. This is about as near the "bottomless pit" as there seems to be any necessity of measuring for utilitarian purposes, and the wonder is that those on board the government vessel didn't get scared and throw up the job for fear of getting too near home.

A Canadian lawyer who is in thorough sympathy with England in the Boer war writes to a pro-Boer American journal:

"I always told my English friends that American gratitude for the very great services rendered by England to the United States during the Spanish war was very problematical, at any rate, would prove very short-lived."

What palpable bosh! It is evident that this lawyer has a large-sized rent in his chaps and doesn't hesitate to do his talking through it. Had it not been for the well-founded conviction among the European powers that the powers that be at Washington were in sympathy with Great Britain in her struggle in South Africa, either Russia, France or Germany—possibly all three—would have been at England's throat more than half a century ago. And there has been no reason for Great Britain to believe that Washington was in sympathy, why should there have been pro-Boer meetings throughout the country to show that all of the American people were not in unanimous accord with Washington? The besetting fault of the Canadian lawyer, like a great many others of radical English sympathies, is that he seems to think that an ordinary sense of gratitude should form public opinion on a question of right and wrong or a matter of national policy. The sense of patriotism and justice is equally as strong with the American people as is the sense of gratitude. There should be some of them who believe England's position in the Boer war to be unjust and unworthy is no justification for the conclusion that the nation, in its unity, is ungrateful. There are not a few in this country who criticize even their own government in its policy of England or the Boers in this article. It is purely to remind the distinguished correspondent in Canada that it would be well for him to use his pen less and his brains more.

C. E. D.

MISS MOREY'S LECTURES.

Salem Statesman.

Miss Morey is drawing many to her model kitchen in the manufacturers' hall, to listen to her helpful, entertaining and instructive lectures on the art of cooking, and the crowds that occupy seats at her tables to hear her talk and watch her movements as she presents her subject and prepares her meals, are evidence sufficient that this novel feature is one of the great drawing cards at the exposition. These lectures are delivered daily from 2 to 4 p. m. and the dishes prepared are served to those present.

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