

OVERCOAT and MACKINTOSH SALE

As a special inducement to reduce our stock previous to spring arrivals we will make a large reduction on the above nobby goods at less than cost.

C. H. Cooper

The Leading House of Astoria

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, March 1.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, occasional rain today.

AROUND TOWN.

A. F. Will of Aurora is in the city.

H. W. Smith of Woodburn is in the city.

P. F. Hafferty was up from Skipanon yesterday.

R. M. Pritchard of Ilwaco is at the Occident.

Mrs. G. Ziegler is visiting friends in Portland.

J. Walker of Ilwaco is a guest at the Occident.

H. S. Gile of Chinook is in the city on business.

Alex Duncan of Seaside was in Astoria yesterday.

Bond Street Fish Market—Telephone number, 2133.

Alex Gilbert went to Portland yesterday on business.

John McMahon is reported seriously ill with pneumonia.

J. O. Hanthorn came down from Portland yesterday.

Jacob Bortser of Ione, Or., is at the Parker house.

Stas B. Smith was in the city yesterday from Idleveld.

A. N. Bohn, of the Ilwaco Journal, was in town yesterday.

Miss Maybelle Young is visiting with friends in Portland.

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

John D. and H. S. McGowan came over from Chinook yesterday.

Mrs. W. L. Robb and Miss Robb left for Seattle yesterday to join Mr. Robb.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rogers of Ilwaco are registered at the Parker House.

The steamer Columbia is expected at 5 o'clock this morning from San Francisco.

J. L. Smiley came over from Clifton yesterday on business connected with the cannery.

Dr. Finch and bride will arrive from California on the Columbia, which is due this morning.

Carl Adolph Jurva, a native of Finland, was admitted to citizenship in the circuit court yesterday.

Go to Dan Barber's restaurant, Commercial street, near Foard & Stokes, for the best 25-cent meal in Astoria.

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

The George W. Elder arrived down from Portland at 1:30 this morning. She will take on a quantity of freight here and proceed to San Francisco.

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

The British bark County of Merioneth was anchored in the lower harbor yesterday and will probably proceed to sea this morning. She carries a cargo of wheat for Europe.

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 funeral of the late John Grant of Knappa was held yesterday afternoon from Pohl's undertaking parlor, and the remains interred in Clatsop cemetery.

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.

Deputy Collector Parker paid off the employees of the customs and quarantine service yesterday, and today the crew and officers of the revenue cutter Perry will receive their money.

ST. IRENE STILL AGROUND.

Probability That Most of Her Cargo Will Have to Be Removed.

The steamship St. Irene is still lying fast in the sands a short distance below Portland, where she went aground at an early hour Sunday morning.

From what could be learned up to a late hour last night it is quite probable that it will be found necessary to unload the greater portion of her cargo before she will have been lightened sufficiently to enable the tugs to pull her into the main channel. Although nearly a thousand tons of her cargo had been taken off the attempt made by three tugs and the steamer Haasala to drag the St. Irene out of the mud proved of no avail.

The flour that had been removed from the vessel's hold to barges was then taken to Portland and placed in the warehouses in order to enable the barges to take on still more of the cargo.

It was reported yesterday that a dredger had been put to work to remove the sand in which the St. Irene was imbedded, but it is said that this plan proved unsuccessful and the work of lightening was resumed with increased facility. Another report states that the dredger is still at work, the work of unloading the cargo proceeding simultaneously.

It is not known whether the St. Irene has sustained injuries of a serious nature or not. Nothing in this connection has been reported. Old navigators, however, express the belief that it is extremely doubtful that a heavily-laden vessel of the size of the St. Irene could run so far into the sands without considerable damage being done.

The expense incident to the removal and restoration of the cargo will be great. The employment of a large number of stevedores, night and day, together with those engaged in checking off and superintending the work, runs into money with surprising rapidity.

To this must be added the enormous expense of the tugs, steamers, barges and dredger, engaged in the work of attempted rescue of the vessel.

It is believed probable that the St. Irene will be floated some time today. As soon as she is made clear she will be taken back to the dock at Portland and the work of restoring the cargo to her hold immediately commenced. At best, the St. Irene can not be placed in readiness to go to sea until some time in the early part of next week.

THE MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

Miss David is Pretty Well Known in Portland.

The mystery surrounding the affairs of the mysterious Miss David, who came to Astoria last Saturday in search of an apparently mythical brother, has been cleared up materially at Portland. As was announced in the Astorian, Miss David went to Portland Saturday evening, explaining that she would make application for assistance at the home for aged women there. It seems that Miss David was known in Portland at the charity institutions and that news of her arrival immediately reached members of the city board of charities. In the Oregonian of yesterday morning appeared this statement from the secretary of the board:

"Should a woman giving the name of Louise David appeal for aid to the benevolent people of the city, the cause of charity will be best served by reference of her case to the city board of charities. All necessary aid has been offered her, and the board still stands ready to care for her whenever she will consent to give such information as will enable it to act intelligently."

So, it seems that Miss David is not the innocent unfortunate that she represented herself to be to 'Chief of Police' Hallock in this city. An Oregonian reporter dug up the Portland end of the story and the following article appeared yesterday morning:

"A young woman, who says she is Miss Lou David of Buffalo, N. Y., is staying at the St. Charles hotel. She is a mystery, and from her arrival in the city Sunday, the mystery deepens. According to her story she left Buffalo to come west to join her brother, who owns a large farm near Ashland, Or. This brother spends most of his time in San Francisco, and was expected to be in Astoria by this time for his health. The young woman is a cripple and uses crutches. She says that on her way west she had to remain three hours in St. Louis waiting for a train. She was feverish and in much pain, and, at the suggestion of the matron at the union depot, had a physician give her a hyperdermic injection of morphia. She fell asleep and when the porter awakened her to take the train, she had been robbed of her pocket-book, containing \$50 and the checks for her trunk. Without a cent of money she worked her way to Portland and Astoria, and now cannot find her brother, who, she says, she believes to be in San Francisco."

"The city board of charities came to the rescue, but Miss David indignantly refused to accept their proffered aid, and was rude to the women who called to offer her assistance. She also says that she received the injuries that made her lame in an Eastern railroad accident, and that she has a damage suit pending. In all these stories she is a little hazy regarding details. It is believed by the police authorities, and in fact by all who have talked with her, that the young woman is either mentally deranged or that she is an impostor. It is probable that her case will be officially investigated not later than tomorrow."

The actions and representations made by Miss David while in this city were considered decidedly queer. Her original story appeared reasonable, even though remarkable in the extreme.

Upon the slightest 'cross-examination,' however, her statements grew vague and ambiguous.

Doubtless the police authorities at Portland, now that they have the matter in hand, will be able to shed important light upon Miss David's affairs very shortly.

The Telegram of last evening gives expression to the strong suspicion that the David woman is an impostor. The paper says:

"Information is received that she has been in Ashland, where money was raised to send her to San Francisco, but instead of going to California she came north. Her alleged brother, J. W. David, is not known in that vicinity. Her condition was reported to the city board of charities and when the organization offered to provide for her she refused, declaring that all she wanted was transportation to San Francisco. She was very independent and refused to be sent to a hospital to have her injured limb attended to. She also emphatically declined to be sent to the home for unemployed girls. Miss David says that the bone in her injured limb has been removed and that a silver tube has been inserted. As to that much-talked-of leg the authorities are decidedly suspicious, for the woman declines to accept medical treatment for it. The crutches she uses are altogether too new and clean for her to have crossed the continent with them, as she asserts."

"As it is, Miss Louise David is making a good living from the contributions of charitable people in the St. Charles Hotel."

SUIT OF MUCH IMPORTANCE.

Question Raised as to Whether the State Can Sell Oyster Lands.

A case of much importance is before the superior court in South Bend, Pacific county, involving points which are of considerable interest here. The suit is brought by John Riddell to restrain A. H. Brown from entering upon and taking possession of the former's oyster beds. Mr. Riddell, it appears, did not take advantage of his prior right to purchase the oyster beds which had been cultivated by him, on the ground that the state had no authority to sell them. His contention is that the law of 1897 repealed the tide land law of 1825 and the oyster land law of that year, which was practically a part of it. The new law provides for five weeks' notice by publication before land can be sold while the old law provides for but three weeks' notice, and the defendant proceeded under the old law. The 1897 law abolished the third class of tide lands, to which oyster lands belonged, including them under the second class. Among the questions of fact to be settled by evidence were whether the land was uncovered at mean low tide, and whether there were any oysters on the land at the present time. About thirty acres of valuable oyster land is involved in the suit and the title of other beds claimed by John Riddell and J. Black, but to which A. A. Compton and T. J. Charwell have deeds from the state will be settled probably by the outcome of the present suit.

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, 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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WANTED THE AMERICAN CONSUL.

Experience of an American Skipper in the City of Portland.

A story is told by one of the oldest steambot men on the river, whose name is withheld for decidedly obvious reasons, which draws a picture of the clique at Portland which manipulates the shipping business and everything pertaining to it. The slap administered was directed chiefly at the Port of Portland commission and there are not a few who declare that it "fits to a T."

"Some time ago," the steambot man related, "I was standing on the corner of Sixth and Alder streets in Portland, right under the shadow of the Tall Tower from which the Tall Man directs the destinies of the Oregonian. Suddenly, someone slapped me heavily on the shoulder and, upon turning about, I saw the captain of an American vessel which had just entered port."

"Say," said he, in a tone which denoted impatience, "where does the blamed American consul hang out here?"

"What's the matter with you?" I returned. "There's no American consul here, man; you're in a home port."

"Well, I've been in this port for two days now, trying to transact my shipping business and, Jurn by hild, if every man I've run up against isn't an Englishman or a Scotchman, I kind o' thought I'd like to talk business with an American for a change."

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

William Tarrant vs. Robert Carruthers, defendant allowed until Friday, March 2, to answer the complaint.

Portland Flouring Mills Company vs. F. Laeisz, settled and dismissed.

W. S. Sibson et al vs. F. Laeisz, settled and dismissed.

Hugo A. Levison vs. Ellen Heffren et al, ordered that John F. Logan be substituted as guardian ad litem in place of Dan J. Malackey, resigned.

Concordia Brown vs. J. W. Brown, petition of plaintiff for custody of minor children of the plaintiff and defendant, Charles Lawrence and John W. Brown, set for hearing on Tuesday, March 13.

Security Savings & Trust Company vs. Astoria Street Railway Company, referred to C. E. Runyon to take testimony.

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REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Number of Names. Includes Astoria Precinct No. 1 through 7, John Day Precinct, Swenson, Wallbank, New Astoria, Warrenton, Clatsop, Seaside, Melville, Chadwell, Youngs River, Olney, Knappa, Clifton, Westport, Vespar, Jewell, Mishawaka, Elsie, Pugh, and Total to date.

The following literary gem was received yesterday by a well-known restaurateur in this city. The correspondent attempts to say that he has sent two sacks of oysters and can send more if desired; also that the price is \$2.10 a sack.

27 February B C
1900 mr W. W. vaah

Dear Sir
J Ship 2 Sacks oyster tu tel an If ju vant oysters ples let Jee no So J vill Sent tu ju
Respectfully
oyster Brels is 2 00 talar and 10 Sent sacks this vill mak 4 sack

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If you are sick and tired of rubbers, which protect your feet from wet or cold, and wish to save continual re-rolling of your shoes; if you wish to stop greasing your harness and prolonging the life of same at least fifty per cent. If you wish to save greasing your belts in your manufactory, go to Peterson & Brown, at Astoria, and try a case of Solfiline on your shoes and harness. Buy your shoes only of those who have that ad- Take no other.

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THEO. BRACKER, 615 Commercial Street.

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