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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 2.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, probable rain today.

AROUND TOWN.

Walter Ridehaigh is in Portland.
J. R. Gilstrap of Portland is in the city.
James P. Bliss of Sacramento is in the city.
Mrs. G. Ziegler is visiting in Portland.
Charles Swope is in Portland on business.
Jeff's is "the only" restaurant. White cooks.
Dan O'Neill of Oregon City is at the Occident.
George C. Flanders of Portland is in Astoria.
R. Seagoe of Cornelius is at the Astor house.
A. P. Root of Cathlamet is in town on business.
L. Mercer of Long Beach was in the city yesterday.
Bond Street Fish Market—Telephone number, 2153.
Robert McVicar of Portland is in the city on business.
John Kopp has returned from a business trip to Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. George Luce of Nehalem are in the city.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dalgity have returned from Portland.
George W. Ellis of Portland is in town on a business trip.
Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun restaurant, 612 Commercial street.
T. H. Webster of San Francisco is in the city, a guest of Max Pohl.
D. J. Collins of Independence is in Astoria, a guest at the Occident.
Mrs. J. L. Carlson returned yesterday from a visit in California.
Jeff's restaurant; the largest and best. A trial will convince you.
J. Q. A. Bowley, who has been ill for several days past, has recovered.
Born—To the wife of Benjamin Lee, in this city, February 28, a daughter.
Mrs. Brenham Van Dusen and Mrs. C. J. Trenchard were in Portland yesterday.
Mrs. Sprauer, mother of Mr. Sprauer of S. Schmidt & Co., has returned from California.
The Elder left out for San Francisco yesterday afternoon. About 100 tons of shooks were added to her cargo at this port.
R. J. Owens has purchased from the First National Bank the building situated immediately west of the Parker house.
Clams, 5c dozen; Smelt, 3c pound. Vegetables, fruit, milk, bread, etc. New Market, 460 Duane street, near Tenth.
Cream Pure Rye, America's finest whiskey. The only pure goods; guaranteed rich and mellow. John L. Carlson, sole agent.
The rooms recently occupied by the Astoria Football Club have been leased by the Second Division of the Oregon naval reserve, who have already taken possession.
Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimneys than any other. George W. Sanborn, Agent. Telephone 1511.
The date for the beginning of the series of cooking lessons was erroneously stated in yesterday's Astorian as next Tuesday. The correct date is Friday, today.
The Telegram is authority for the statement that J. W. Cook, who is a member of the Columbia River Packers Association, has purchased another large salmon plant on Puget sound. He is now at Ellaine, Wash., closing the deal. His other purchase is at Port Townsend.

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 1511.

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.

The secret of good living lies in wholesome and well-cooked food. When a restaurant has established a reputation along this line it is the place to patronize. The Model has this reputation. Near Foard & Stokes.

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.

The first of the series of cooking lessons to be given under the auspices of the ladies of Grace Episcopal church will take place on Friday, at 2:30 p. m., sharp, in the building occupied by the W. C. T. U., corner of Eleventh and Bond streets.

The schooner W. F. Jewett and steamer Signal cleared at the customs house for San Francisco yesterday. The former has 615,000 feet of lumber and the latter 410,000 feet of lumber, all from the Knappa mills. The Jewett went to sea at once.

The George W. Elder, which left out for San Francisco yesterday forenoon, carried a cargo consisting of 200 tons of bran, 85 tons of paper, 100 tons of crackers, 250 tons of miscellaneous freight, 600 bundles of shooks and 3,000 sacks of wheat, besides 150 bundles of shooks which were taken on at Astoria.

When Dr. A. A. Finch and wife arrived from California on the Columbia yesterday they were met by a large number of young people, who were on hand at the dock to welcome them. There were old shoes and rice in great abundance and the couple took hearty refuge in a carriage which was awaiting them, and proceeded to their home.

The boilers for the new steamer Reliance, now building at Supple's yard for the Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company, are being placed in the hull today, says the Telegram. The boilers were taken from the steamer Inland Flyer. Before being placed in the Reliance they were increased by the addition of 250 square feet of heating surface. Work on the Reliance is being pushed as rapidly as possible. The owners are anxious to have her in commission as soon as possible.

Charles Iverson, of this city, who for some time past has been engaged in logging at Chinook met with an accident on Wednesday which will disable him from work for some time. While at work in the camp he fell from a spring-board and struck an axe which was lying on the ground, sustaining a bad cut in his left arm. He came to this city yesterday and will remain here with his family until his condition will permit him to resume his duties again at the camp.

The work of extending the property road tax rolls is now occupying the attention of Assessor Carnahan and his deputies and as soon as completed, the lists will be forwarded to the road supervisors throughout the county. Assessor Carnahan states that inasmuch as no road levy was made by the county court a levy of 1.5 mills will be made by the road supervisor in each district. This tax, as well as the poll taxes, will be collected by the supervisors in their respective districts.

Confirmation has been received of the report that the schooner Danielson is aground at the mouth of the Siuslaw, a short distance north of the point where the tug Maggie and schooner Berwick were grounded several weeks ago. The Danielson was in tow by the tug Roberts but the line parted and the heavy sea prevailing at the time forced the schooner onto the sands. From the best information obtainable it is believed that the Danielson can easily be floated after being lightened. This work is now supposed to be in progress.

and a great deal of anxiety has been felt on the coast regarding her. Ten days ago forty per cent reinsurance was paid on her in San Francisco. The May Flint is one of the largest ships afloat. She is a steel craft and was rated A1 in Lloyd's. She was formerly the steamship Persian Monarch, but did not prove a success. Her engines and boiler were removed, and she was rigged as a ship.

The British bark Belmont cleared at Portland yesterday afternoon for Queenstown or Plymouth for orders, with 89,750 bushels of wheat, valued at \$19,500. The vessel was dispatched by the Portland Flouring Mills Company, and is the first grain cargo for March. The Belmont finished loading Wednesday afternoon, but too late to clear. The result is that the figures in the March clearings instead of those of February. The next vessel to clear at Portland will probably be the British bark Gulf Stream. The Gulf Stream has been delayed a great deal since she first began loading, or she would have gotten away with the February fleet. The American ship Clarence S. Bement left down at 11 o'clock yesterday morning in tow of the steamer H. R. Thompson.

There seems to be little doubt now that the David woman is an impostor of the first water. Since her arrival in Portland from this city the police and newspapers have joined in their inquiries into her most singular stories, and the conclusion is particularly as above stated. The Oregonian yesterday said: "The young woman at the St. Charles hotel who says her name is Miss Louise David has not always gone by that name. A short time ago, when she came down the river by the O. R. & N., stopping at Walla Walla, Wallula, Pasco and Arlington, she said her name was Hilda Hobson, and that she was a cousin of Lieutenant Hobson, of the United States navy. Her leg was not broken then, and she required the use of no crutches in walking. She also stated that she had been four gunshot wounds in her arm. Her arm was in bandages then. She easily imposed on the people of the inland towns, who contributed liberally to her support. Several railroad men looked at her yesterday and said that the Louise David at the St. Charles hotel and the Hilda Hobson who came down the O. R. & N. road were identical. She is still at the St. Charles." The Telegram of last night says that the David woman has skipped the town.

According to the latest reports now extant the Columbia river portage road is expected to be in operation by the first of June. The construction, officers of the road state, will be completed by April 1 and the orders for steel and equipment will bring the necessary supplies to the company so as to begin construction work immediately after the grading is completed. The company will build the original nine miles of road proposed. This, with the boats to be built, will make the total cost \$1,000,000. The money for the enterprise is supplied by the stockholders and the claim of the company is that there is not a dollar of bonds of general indebtedness outstanding. Three boats will operate on the Columbia below the portage and two are to be operated on the Snake. The company plans to move grain and other freights on barges, the old Northern Pacific ferry used at Pasco towing four barges below the portage. On the Snake a different plan will have to be adopted. The portage is expected to result in a reduction of rates. Grain charges from Umatilla Junction will be cut 80 cents, from Riparia 35 cents, and substantially the same ratio of decrease is made in other freights. The result of this competition will be to reduce freight rates in Eastern Washington and Idaho.

VERDICT FOR TELLER.
Jury Declares That Anderson Must Pay That \$250.
The jury in the case of Teller vs. Anderson brought in a verdict for the plaintiff yesterday afternoon after having been out only a few minutes. Henry Teller, the plaintiff, brought suit against George Anderson in the capacity of executor of the will of H. J. Anderson, for the recovery of \$250 alleged to be due on a promissory note. A singular fact in connection with the case is that Teller and Anderson are brothers-in-law and that Anderson, the defendant, was a son of the man whose estate Teller is endeavoring to settle up. There is a big family skeleton in the closet but as it was not brought in issue in the court proceedings no reference will be made to it further than to state that Anderson contends that it was never intended that he should pay the note, under a mutual understanding prior to his father's death, and that Teller's action at this time is part of a well-devised and premeditated plan to obtain possession of everything left by the senior Anderson at the time of his death. He states that he had offered to pay the amount of the note several years ago but that his father refused to accept the money, explaining that he desired him to keep it as his own. The points presented for decision by the jury, however, were highly technical and no doubt were decided according to the law, as all parties concerned now admit.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
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DIRECTORS CALL AN ELECTION

New Member of the School Board to Be Chosen.

BUILDINGS NEED REPAIRING

Estimates Submitted On the Work Necessary to Be Done—Important Routine Business.

The city board of school directors met yesterday afternoon and transacted considerable important business. The principal matter slated for consideration was the issuance of a call for an election of a director to succeed Chairman Thompson, to serve for a term of five years. The date of the election was fixed for March 12, the polling places being established as follows:

District No. 1.—At the old school house, Adair's, on Duane street, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets.

District No. 2.—At the city hall. Judges and clerks were chosen as follows:

District No. 1.—Max Young, Paul Straumland and J. M. Johnson, judges; Jens Nelson, clerk.

District No. 2.—W. C. Cassell, W. B. Ross and A. R. Cyrus, judges; C. C. Brower, clerk.

C. L. Houston, who was employed by the board to examine the school buildings in the city and report the estimated cost of necessary repairs to the same, submitted the following:

"As requested by the school board I make the following report concerning the condition of the buildings of the following named schools:

"First—Alderbrook school building—The repairs necessary are the re-shingling of the roof around the tower and a portion of the roof on the south side of the building; adjusting and repairing locks, doors, windows, etc., and repairs to the tower, at an estimated cost of \$75.

Second—The Shively school building—It will be necessary to re-shingle the tower, retinning a portion of the same, repair the ventilating apparatus, stop the leaks in the main building and repair the windows, doors, etc. The cost of same is estimated at \$125. I will also state that this building is settling in that portion directly under the tower and should be immediately attended to. It is impossible to tell the extent of the damage, as I could not make an examination, owing to the fact that the basement was filled with wood. The probable cost of this improvement will probably be from \$75 to \$100.

Third—Adair's school building—Repairing leaks in the tower will be necessary, at a probable cost of \$100. In connection with this, I would state that it would be necessary to remove a considerable portion of the wood-work and re-tin the inside portion of the deck.

Fourth—High School building—Attachments to the bell on the first floor, a storm door in the tower and repairs to the ventilators are considered necessary. These will cost about \$15. The work on this building could be done now, but I would advise that no work be done on any of the other buildings before spring.

"All the buildings are badly in need of paint on the inside, as it is entirely worn off in many places."

The board received a statement of the city assessment against district No. 1, for the construction of the drain in McClure's Astoria. The assessment covers eight lots and amounts to \$1,000. Interest on the amount from December 20, 1897, to date, is also charged up against the district. The board decided to defer the matter for further consideration in the future. This action, as will appear from the date of the assessment has been taken before. As a matter of fact, the action of the directors in deferring—not to say refusing—the payment of this claim of the city is not due to any dispute over the amount of the bill or a question as to the actual performance of the work. The city put in the drain to prevent the grounds from sliding toward the street. But although the drain was put in according to the stipulations of the council the grounds continue to slide and the school directors continue to defer final action on the assessment.

The bond of E. Z. Ferguson, the newly-appointed clerk, in the sum of \$10,000, was approved by the board.

Professor Payne requested that more seats be provided for Miss Sayre's room at the high school and favorable action was taken.

The clerk was instructed to employ either Contractors Basel or Rohr to make repairs to the northeast corner of the McClure school building, also to repair the porch and steps.

The clerk was further instructed to purchase twenty feet of blackboard for use in Miss Andrews' room at the Alderbrook school.

The principal of the high school was appointed to act as city superintendent in connection with such matters as may in the future be prescribed by the chairman of the board of directors.

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IN THE MARKET

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from the time of entering school, whether near the beginning or the end of the regular term.

Current bills to the amount of \$250 were ordered paid. The necessary order was also made for the payment of teachers' salaries for the month of February.

Director Kinney was absent from the meeting as he was out of the city.

THE SAINT IRENE FLOATED.

The Steamer Pulled From Her Muddy Bed in the Willamette.

The steamship St. Irene has at last been floated and the work of restoring to her hold that portion of her cargo necessarily removed to lighter her, is now in full swing.

The St. Irene left her muddy bed early yesterday morning, the excavating work done by the dredgers together with the drawing force of several river tugs and steamers succeeding in getting the steamship into deeper water.

The four which was removed from her hold to barges—in all, several hundred tons—will be replaced while the St. Irene remains in her present location. Large quantities of flour were returned to the dock at Portland, but this will be brought alongside on barges.

It is believed that the St. Irene will be able to leave down the river for Astoria today. Immediately upon her arrival she will take on board about 200 tons more of cargo, after which she will proceed to sea and the Orient.

WHERE WATER IS DEEP ENOUGH

Tacoma Ledger.
Bad luck seems to follow the steamship Saint Irene on this trip. On her way from Tacoma to Portland she ran down the bark Temuco at Port Townsend and has to pay damages therefor. Now news comes that after loading her cargo in Portland the ship run ashore in the Willamette river while yet inside the city limits. When the steamer struck hard and fast in the river, two river steamers were run out to her and the work of lightening her cargo was begun. When she is finally finally worked off the beach it is understood that she will be run down to Astoria and load the balance of her cargo there, where the water is deep enough to make it comparatively safe to move around.

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, wretched 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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