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TODAY'S WEATHER.

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The British ship Argus, 115 days out from Antwerp, with a general cargo, to arrive at this port.

The British ship William Law, 94 days from Singapore, will soon be due to arrive at this port.

The vessels Aspice Bewickshire and Forthbank, from Honolulu, are on the en route list for this port.

Clams, 5c doz.; Smelt, 3c pound; vegetables, fruit, milk, bread etc. New Market, 460 Duane Street, near Tenth.

Final citizenship papers were granted yesterday by Judge Gray to Elettario J. Telferini, a native of Greece.

The "National," Commercial street, between Tenth and Eleventh, is the only first-class all-night lunch house in Astoria.

Seats are selling quite rapidly at Griffin & Reed's for "Who Is Who," which appears at Fisher's opera house tonight.

Lots of fun, music, singing and dancing at Fisher's opera house tonight, when "Who Is Who" will be presented.

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Repairs on the I. R. & N. Co.'s steamer Narecotta have been completed and she will resume her regular run between here and Iwaco next week.

Lee Herring and J. F. Cook will leave on the morning train on business. Mr. Cook is now associated with Mr. Herring in the National restaurant and sample rooms.

Water consumers should bear in mind that Saturday will be the last day on which to pay their water rates and avoid the extra charge of 25 cents which is made against all delinquents.

A letter from Jeff, the well-known restaurant man of this city, who is now in California for his health, states that he is gradually growing much better. He will probably remain in the south several weeks longer.

Extensive preparations are being made by fishermen for the approaching season, and all think the run of fish will be good. Considerable new gear has been purchased by fishermen for this season's work.

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.

The United States transport Lennox left Portland yesterday in charge of Pilot Archie Pease and will arrive here early this morning. She has aboard 457 head of cavalry horses and will proceed to Manila via Hilo, Hawaii.

In the Musical Courier, published in Paris, under date of February 28, the following item appears: "Miss Katie Flavel, who has returned after an absence, to continue her studies, has had great success in singing for charities and entertainments."

The brokers are now offering 65 per cent reinsurance on the Annie Thomas, 223 days out from Cardiff for Acapulco.

See "Who Is Who" the great musical farce comedy at Fisher's opera house tonight. Seats now on sale at Griffin & Reed's.

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The keels for two new steamers for the Paul Mohr transportation company will be laid within the next few days. A large force of ship carpenters have been engaged and the boats will be constructed as speedily as possible.

C. H. Cooper yesterday distinguished himself by bowling the fine score of 71. He started with eight strikes, but in the ninth frame got a center, ruining his chances for eighty. Mr. Cooper is one of the oldest bowlers in Astoria and is again in his old-time form.

A wedding took place at the Parker house last night, R. A. O. Leneaus and Miss Winnie Lanier were united in matrimony. Mr. Leneaus has for a long time been in the employ of the Parker house management with whom, as well as the guests of the hotel, he is very popular.

The owners of the Jessie have secured nine of the 14 men necessary for the vessel's crew and the others will be engaged today. Tomorrow the schooner will be put to sea, well equipped for her first trip under the new management. She will probably remain on the banks for a week or ten days. Captain McKinnon is greatly pleased with the vessel and is anxious to get started on the trip.

There is plenty of time for naturalized citizens, who have not their papers, to take out new papers in season to permit them to register. It can all be done at the same meeting of the county court. It can be done either at the April or May term, or at the present term. The act would give such citizens a clear title to citizenship, a fact that in the hereafter might be of usual untold value to them.

The new steamer Reliance, being built for The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation company, is being rapidly pushed to completion. The boilers and engines have been placed in position, and the shaft formerly used in the old Inland Flyer is being removed from her and will be placed in the Reliance. She will be launched about the 20th of the present month.

It is reported that the Paul Mohr Transportation company has decided to extend the portage road from the Big Eddy to a point directly opposite The Dalles, where immense warehouses and wharboats will be built and the terminus grounds located. The people of The Dalles and residents along the Middle and Upper Columbia are enthusiastic over the prospects and are doing all that they can to further the enterprise.

It is understood that Dodwell & Co. have chartered the Russian steamer Dalnyvostok, from Japanese parties, and will put her in the trade between Tacoma and the Orient. The Dalnyvostok was one of the crack ships of the Pacific & Oriental Line. This makes twelve large steamers now in the Oriental line from the port of Tacoma. The Dalnyvostok has just been released from the United States transport service at San Francisco.

The tea given at the residence of Mrs. J. R. Clinton, under the auspices of Gateway Rebekah lodge yesterday afternoon and evening was a most enjoyable and successful occasion. The attendance was far beyond the greatest expectations and the entertainment provided, most excellent in every respect. In the historical guessing contest Miss Nan Reed won the first prize, and Charles Cleveland the "booby." The party did not break up till a late hour last night.

Information just received from the Orient from the Empress of China confirms the report that a movement very similar to that of Coxey's army in its march to Washington has just been broken by the Japanese national police, some 4,000 peasants whose farms had been destroyed by the operation of the copper deposits (the exaltations ruling the crops) organizing a descent upon Tokyo to present their grievances at the foot of the throne. They were stopped at Tategama river, where a battle with the police occurred. The suffering agriculturalists were overcome.

According to information received from those who arrived at Victoria on the Empress of China from Oriental ports, great excitement prevails in Yokohama in consequence of a more than usually threatening eruption of Asama volcano, 70 miles distant from Yokohama, the belching of lava from its crater having commenced the day previous to the Empress' sailing—February 23—and the summer homes of the American and European colony of Yokohama being in danger, with all the customary avenues of communication cut off.

The Japanese steamship Doyo Maru arrived down the river yesterday morning and is at the bunkers of the Pacific Coast Company, where she will take on six hundred tons of coal. The Maru is manned entirely by Japanese. The members of the crew wear a sort of uniform and attracted much attention on the streets yesterday. The Maru has a cargo of lumber, flour and wheat, all of which is for Yokohama. This is the second entire cargo ever shipped from this port to Japan, the first being that of the Haddon Hall. The Maru is a small vessel, and the total value of her cargo is only \$8,750. She cleared at the customs house yesterday.

The suit of Michael Ness vs. the Clatsop Mill Company, will come up in the circuit court this morning on the de-nurrer to the amended complaint. Ness sues for \$15,000 damages for injuries sustained while he was employed at the mill. His injury, he alleges, was due to negligence on the part of the company. The complaint further states that the company agreed in writing to pay Ness \$50 and to provide for him until he recovered from his injuries, when he was to be given permanent employment; that he was induced to sign a release of the agreement on promises, made verbally, that he would be provided for; and that the company has not lived up to its agreement with him.

The county court was chiefly engaged in the inspection and allowance of claims yesterday. The petition of Jacob Sture, W. E. Joplin and others for road extensions in district No. 10 was laid over, after second reading, for future action. A letter was received by the court from J. H. Wherry, supervisor of road district No. 13, asking that the time for opening roads in his district be extended from April 1 to June 1; also that he will repair four bridges in his district at a cost of \$20. The committee on ways and means from the city council appeared before the court for the purpose of arriving at an understanding relative to the collection of road taxes and the appointment of a supervisor in the district covered by the city of Astoria. Definite action was deferred because legal advice will have to be sought to guide all parties concerned.

The chief of police at Portland has received a letter concerning the notorious David woman from Spokane, as follows: "Spokane, Wash., March 5.—I see by this morning's Spokesman-Review, reference to one Hilda Hobson. She was here in Spokane and came to my place of business. I thought her a rather strange person, one who could tell big yarns. I did some work for her which amounted to \$250. I also loaned her a good dress-skirt, shirt-waist and a new light-colored Fedora hat, besides several other articles. I have to earn my own living and would I would like to see such a woman used rough. I think she is on her way to San Francisco. It would be a good idea to inform the chief there. M. Louise King." It is learned that the writer conducts a hair-dressing establishment at Spokane. Hilda wore a blue waist and a black skirt during her sojourn in Portland. Perhaps these are the articles she borrowed in Spokane. Hilda Hobson is now in jail at Corvallis, charged with the larceny of a horse and buggy, which is a penitentiary offense.

Items of considerable interest are taken from Hong Kong and Yokohama papers, just received, as follows: Rebellion is rife in Svatov, several hundred villagers having risen against the authorities, aided by banditti, and Li Hung Chang has been appealed to for troops. General Wong-Kun-Fuk, himself a native of the district has been dispatched with the gunboat Chan To and an ample force to quell the disturbance. . . . Viceroy Li Hung Chang has assumed control in Canton and at once inaugurated war upon the pirates, the majority of whom have abandoned operations with a popular declaration that they have no desire to violate law, when law is fairly and justly administered. A plot to poison the aged statesman by means of a treacherous cook was discovered on January 21, just in time to save Li's life. . . . The famous religious freedom measure, to terminate Buddhism as the state religion of Japan, was defeated in the house of peers, largely it is said through technical defects, the vote being 121 to 100. The tenuous priests of the old religion, who had organized and directed the opposition, filled the strangers' galleries, interrupted the champions of the bill throughout the debate, and so loudly voiced their satisfaction at the measure's defeat that they were removed by the sergeant-at-arms. . . . The United States battleship Oregon has arrived in Yokohama for a fortnight visit, this being in accord with Admiral Dewey's plan for the preservation of the health of the men while on duty in so trying a climate as that of the Philippines. The presence of the Wheeling, Baltimore and Castine, at Hong Kong is said by the China Mail to be due to the discovery of a plot to enable Aguinaldo to escape to Europe by way of Singapore; launches for the taking of the insurgent leader

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from Luxon are said to have been purchased in Hong Kong. . . . A fatality recently occurred on the U. S. S. Wheeling at Hong Kong, while firing a salute in honor of the German emperor, whereby Gunner's Mate Campbell was killed through the bursting of a gun, and Lieutenant Commander Beatty, Gunners Conroy, Nelson and Bitt were injured. Sir Henry Blake, the governor, and other British residents sent \$1,000 for the family of the deceased and the needy injured.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Measures to Prevent the Plague May Be Taken Saturday.

Mayor Bergman will probably call a special meeting of the council for Saturday night for the purpose of considering the recommendation of the board of health that immediate steps be taken to exterminate all the rats in the city, as a precautionary measure against an epidemic of bubonic plague, should the disease make its appearance here. When seen by a reporter last evening, Mayor Bergman could not state just when he would call the meeting, as he had not then consulted with City Physician Henderson, but he thought the special session would be held Saturday night.

The extermination of rats is no small task, and is already causing the municipal health authorities much annoyance. Is it safe to authorize citizens to scatter poison indiscriminately about? How will the bounty system be arranged? What disposition will be made of the dead bodies of the rats which succumb in the interests of health? These are puzzling questions for those in charge of the city government to ponder over.

At its last meeting the board of health decided to recommend the payment of a bounty of 2 cents for each rat killed. Of course, evidence of the death of the rats must be presented to the auditor, but whether the head or the tail of the deceased rodent shall be considered good evidence has not been determined. Two cents a rat isn't very much, but it is sufficient remuneration to enlist the efforts of the rising generation.

"The city might be bilked," suggests Auditor Nelson, "by the importation of rat carcasses from other places in the country. If the council offers the bounty and I have to act as the city's agent, I do not care to assume the responsibility of determining the residence of those rats which may be brought to me by bounty-seekers. All rats look alike to me."

"How would it be for me to prepare an ordinance requiring rats to register?" said City Attorney Smith.

Seriously, however, the auditor's task will be anything but agreeable.

The appearance of the disease in San Francisco and the case reported at Port Townsend have brought the local authorities to a realization of the necessity for immediate action. Physicians are a unit in agreeing that the plague may eventually reach Astoria, and the greatest precautionary measures which possibly can be taken is the killing of rats. Without doubt, the council will act on the recommendation of the board of health and offer the bounty.

The extermination of mice is quite as important as that of rats, many persons believe, but City Physician Henderson says such is not the case.

"The rat is a hobo and travels all over town, while the mouse prefers the pantry, seldom leaving the house," said he. "We should not experience much difficulty in ridding the city of rats, and that we should begin the crusade of extermination at once admits of no argument. The consequences of an epidemic of the plague would be terrible."

SIBERIAN EXILING TO BE PROHIBITED.

The thought of exiled Russian criminals clinging their way over the snows of the Siberian plains to a life of terrible desolation, is one of horror. It is now rumored that the barbarous custom is to be abolished, and that Siberia, which is really a fertile country, is to be cultivated. This news will be welcomed as joyfully by the far away convicts as is the fact by exiles of health, that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters cures dyspepsia. Other so-called remedies claim to cure. That is all. The Bitters not only claims to cure, but has done so for fifty years. It cures indigestion, constipation, biliousness, malaria, fever and ague, liver and kidney troubles. It is the best medicine in the world for this time of the year.

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