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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, March 16—Western Oregon, Western Washington, Saturday, rain in afternoon, cooler.

AROUND TOWN.

Jeff's is "the only" restaurant. White cooks.

Walter C. Smith of Portland is in the city, a guest at the Occident.

S. S. Wren came down from Portland yesterday on business.

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

C. B. Treacott, the well-known fish-packer, is in the city.

The Isle of Arran left up the river yesterday forenoon in tow.

Jeff's restaurant—the largest and best. A trial will convince you.

The circuit court adjourned yesterday afternoon to convene again April 4th.

The bark Poseidon was released from quarantine by Officer Hastings yesterday.

Over \$28,000 in taxes had been collected at the sheriff's office up to the closing hour yesterday.

Clams, 5c doz.; Smelt, 3c pound; vegetables, fruit, milk, bread etc. New Market, 400 Duane Street, near Tenth.

The State of California arrived in port early yesterday and after unloading freight in this city proceeded to Portland.

Merrill & Cook, Commercial street, between Tenth and Eleventh, is the only first-class all-night lunch house in Astoria.

A new hatchery will be placed on Salmon river by Fish Commissioner Reed, to displace the old one, with a capacity of about 3,000,000 eggs.

Mr. C. L. Oberg, from Portland, will speak in the Bethania church, Upper Astoria, tomorrow at 10:45 a. m. and again at 3 p. m.

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At the Congregational church tomorrow at 11 a. m. the pastor will preach on "The Claims of the Church," and in the evening at 7:30 on "Work Beneath the Surface." All are cordially invited.

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.

Presbyterian church services will be held as usual tomorrow. The theme of the morning sermon will be "Four Things the Church of Today Needs." In the evening the theme will be "Limitations of Life." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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The bark Francisco Tasso, loaded with lumber from the Knappton Mills, is now in the lower harbor and will leave out for Callao as soon as the captain returns from Port Townsend, where he must obtain clearance papers from the Peruvian consul.

At the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church tomorrow services will be held as follows: English Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; Norwegian services at 10:45 a. m.; English evening service at 7:30 p. m.; topic, "What the Bible Teaches Concerning the Use of Intoxicants."

CAREY LOOKS FOR BLOODSHED

"Jim Crow" Sands Dispute, He Says, Grows Desperate.

HIS CLIENTS HEAVILY ARMED

Heated Discussion in Circuit Court Between Attorneys—Attempt at an Understanding That Failed.

The attorneys representing Enyard & Cook and the Columbia River Packers Association appeared before Judge McBride in the circuit court yesterday afternoon for the purpose of endeavoring to arrive at some conclusion, relative to the suits now pending in which the parties appear as plaintiffs and defendants, respectively.

Smith Brothers represented the packers' association and Judge Carey, of Portland, Enyard & Cook.

The attorneys endeavored in vain to arrive at some amicable arrangement. They talked and argued and argued and talked, but every attempt at stipulation failed to succeed.

The arguments grew decidedly vigorous. Judge Carey making positive assertions that the contest over possession of "Jim Crow" sands, which is the cause of the litigation, would, in all probability, result in a bloody war between the representatives of the contestants unless the matter was settled before the fishing season opened.

In order to make clear the contentions of the parties to the suit, it will be necessary to give a brief history of the case.

Several years ago M. J. Kinney acquired a two-thirds interest in the "Jim Crow" sands, Enyard & Cook obtaining possession of the remaining one-third. When the packers' association was organized Mr. Kinney's interest was transferred to the association. Cook & Enyard raised objection to the association selling on the grounds and a dispute as to title arose. The former contending that the portion of the island which once composed Mr. Kinney's interest had been washed away and drifted into a new position, a title to which Cook and Enyard lost no time in procuring from the state. A suit was brought by the association to establish title to the property taken up by Enyard & Cook, and upon the strength of the conviction that they were right, the managers of the association sent a force of men onto the premises and caused buildings to be erected which are now being occupied by their representatives in charge of W. J. Barry.

Suit was then brought by Enyard & Cook to eject the association's representatives from the premises and matters rest, for the present, at least. Neither case has yet come to trial.

Many intricate legal propositions are involved but while the association admits that the sands have shifted to some extent, it contends that, notwithstanding this, much of the shifted property still remains in the same location occupied by the sands of Kinney's original claim.

When the attorneys met yesterday it was for the purpose of arriving at some understanding as to the right of the parties to fish on the grounds this season. The attorneys for the association agreed to withdraw from the premises until the case is settled in court, upon the condition that Enyard & Cook deposit \$500 as rental of the grounds for the coming season, in event of the association winning its suit. This was consented to under conditions which the association attorneys refused to entertain and no agreement was reached.

"I would like to get this matter settled in some way," said Judge Carey, after it was found that neither side would yield a point. "I have been coming here time and time again to do something but nothing is ever accomplished and we are as far from the end as ever. The fishing season is soon to open and unless the rights of these people are established one way or another grave trouble may result. These fellows up there are armed and determined and there is no telling what will happen if matters are allowed to go on as at present."

Attorney John H. Smith stated that he had no information that any violence was in prospect.

"Mr. Elmore and his associates are generally law-abiding citizens and I see no cause for alarm," said Mr. Smith.

"Well," returned Judge Carey, with much vehemence, "Mr. Elmore and his business associates are all right, but that man Barry they have up there is a scoundrel, a plug-ugly, and nothing less. He went up there with a gun in his hands and pistols in his pockets and bulldozed and threatened the lives of my clients by force of arms. My clients have submitted thus far but when the season opens up somebody must be boss up there, and there is no doubt that trouble will come from it."

Judge Carey was the only one who pretended to know anything of the intention of his clients and it would be difficult to dispute that he may be correct as to their intentions. Judge McBride then closed the scene by allowing both sides ten days to file answers and do business.

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Dr. Fulton Detains the Steamer State to Disinfect Chinese Baggage.

The action yesterday by State Health Officer Dr. J. A. Fulton in not permitting passengers to land from the steamer State of California, in from San Francisco, where a case of the plague has been reported, without first insisting that all Chinese be examined and their baggage infected, is sustained by the physicians generally in this city as well as the local health authorities. Dr. Fulton recently notified the navigation companies of his intention not to allow a Chinaman to land here from San Francisco without a certificate from a reputable physician of that city. Yesterday's action was the first instance to come up under the scope of the officer's regulation and the restrictions were rigidly enforced. No sickness was found on board and after the fumigation of the Chinese baggage, the ship was allowed to proceed to Portland.

Dr. Fulton favors a still further restriction to the extent of establishing physicians at the railway stations along the state line between California and Oregon where trains pass and enforce the same restrictions that were enforced by him on the State yesterday. This plan has been laid before Governor Geer.

Another excellent recommendation has been made by Dr. August Kinney. The doctor declares that quarantine regulations should be applied to all vessels hailing from ports that have been, as well as those that now are, infected. For instance vessels may leave for Astoria or any other Pacific port from Hong Kong by way of Yokohama, leaving the former port with a clean bill of health. While no plague exists in Hong Kong at the present time, it does exist in nearly all neighboring ports and while a vessel leaving there might be clearly entitled to a clean bill of health there are many chances for infection on board the vessel before it shall have reached its destination.

The people of this city are doing much toward exterminating the rats since the issuance of the open letter by the health authorities and physicians followed by the proclamation of Mayor Bergman, published in yesterday's Astorian. It is a singular fact that the Chinese residents of this city are much more alert than is the white element of the population. This no doubt is due to the fact that the Chinese have gained wisdom from past experiences and their action should indicate clearly to the Americans a proper line of action for the future.

In view of the importance of united and general local action in the matter and the request of physicians, the proclamation of Mayor Bergman is herewith republished.

In view of the fact that there has been an authentic case of the plague in Chinatown in San Francisco, and the Chinese are constantly coming from there to other cities of this coast; and in view also that the plague now exists in a greatly increased number of ports of the Pacific ocean, from which vessels are constantly coming to the ports of this coast, and in view also of the fact that rats take this disease more easily than man, and are generally the first to take it in any port, and then give it to man; and in view of the fact that the disease rats can not be isolated in case of an epidemic.

Therefore, I think it proper that the people should be warned to kill the rats by trapping or otherwise without delay as a matter of self and public protection.

This I consider of great importance, and I hope will be done immediately, while the council will adopt other measures calculated to prevent the introduction of the disease.

WHAT THOS. MCGOVERN THINKS.

His Views on the Fishing and Canning Situation on the coast.

In a recent interview in the Journal of Commerce at New York Mr. Thos. B. McGovern, who had just returned from a six week's visit to the Pacific coast, made some highly interesting remarks, from which we quote:

"The salmon canning business on Puget sound, like many other industries in the growing state of Washington, is apparently only in its infancy. A comparison of the pack for several years warrants this statement. In 1896 the pack of salmon on the Puget sound amounted to 213,700 cases, in 1897 it was 491,100 cases; in 1898, 425,000 cases, while last season it reached a total of 571,500 cases. The increase is attributed largely to the propagation of salmon in British Columbia waters, of which the Puget sound packers get the advantage inasmuch as the fish in coming in from the ocean pass through our waters before reaching the mouth of the Fraser river, their first objective point in British Columbia. It is, however, further and more particularly due to the American genius for invention in having discovered a method of operating fish traps on a large scale in deep water. Some of the traps in Puget sound are now being operated to a depth of 65 feet.

"There is considerable doubt as to whether the pack of salmon on the Columbia river will be any larger than last year. The almost total absence of snow on the mountains presages a low river, and the observation of fishermen on the river extending over many seasons lead to the belief that under such conditions the catch will be light, particularly with the gill nets, as the low, clear water makes the nets prominent, which causes the fish to avoid them. With low water, also, the catch will be light by the wheels and other appliances up the river, which require a good state in order to work properly. On the other hand, these conditions are considered advantageous for the traps and seining grounds on the lower river.

"The present open season, which terminates March 1, on the Washington side of the river, has been extended by the Oregon fish commissioner on his side of the river to the same date. This, however, does not at all affect the canning interests, as the limited supply of fish which comes into the river at this season is used fresh and for shipment frozen. At the same time it gives some indication as to the probable cost of raw fish at the opening of the next period of the fishing season, which begins April 1. The cold storage people are now paying eight cents per pound, and it is assumed it will pay fully as much when the canning season opens. This does not mean, however, that the canners will necessarily pay the same figure. The capacity of the cold storage plants and the ability of their owners to sell this product may be judged by their operations last season, when they handled only about 12½ per cent of the total spring catch, and that, too, in a short year.

"There has been nothing decided upon as yet respecting the price which the canners will pay for fish, but it is safe to assume that the opening price on the canned article will be higher than last year. There is also to be taken into consideration as a factor in determining prices that the cost of materials, exclusive of the fish, entering into the manufacture of canned salmon, has advanced fully 25 cents per case. Hence a material advance over last year's opening prices for the canned product may be expected."

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