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The Leading House of Astoria

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, March 20.—Washington, Oregon and Idaho, fair today.

AROUND TOWN.

"Five cents or no rats."

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

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Timson are visiting in the city.

Donald Ross of Portland spent Sunday in the city.

Harry C. May was over from Fort Columbia Sunday.

T. L. Holander of Portland was in the city Sunday.

Miss Ada Jordan has returned from a visit in Portland.

Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun restaurant, 615 Commercial street.

Attorney J. C. Flanders of Portland was in the city Sunday.

Ice cream every day at The Parlor. Telephone number 2025.

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

E. T. Stafford, of Fort Columbia, spent Sunday in the city.

George K. Burton, of San Francisco, is registered at the Occident.

Ex-State Treasurer Phil Metchan and wife spent Sunday in this city.

John Kopp was in Portland yesterday, returning on the night train.

Miss Margaret Thompson of Portland spent Sunday with friends in this city.

N. Boston, Portland agent of the Pacific Coast Company, was in the city yesterday.

Clams, 5c doz.; Smelt, 2c pound; vegetables, fruit, milk, bread etc. New Market, 466 Duane Street, near Tenth.

The addition to Kopp's brewery, to be used as a bottling department, is nearly completed.

A small place at Clatsop for sale or rent. Suitable for chicken ranch. Apply to A. Taxe, Parlor Candy Store.

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

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

Final citizenship papers were granted by Judge Gray yesterday to Peter Payaki and Abram Huhtala, both natives of Finland.

See "In Paradise" at Fisher's opera house tonight. It is a furiously funny farce comedy and one that will thoroughly satisfy you.

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

The reserve seat sale for "In Paradise" at Fisher's opera house this evening, opened up with a rush at Griffin & Reed's yesterday. Go and enjoy yourself tonight.

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 spring opening at Mrs. Ross's millinery store will commence on Wednesday and continue till Thursday evening. The ladies of Astoria are cordially invited to attend.

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 hotel has this reputation. Near Foard & Stokes.

The members of Gateway Tent, No. 33, K. O. T. M., will give another of their popular entertainments at Hawthorn's hall on Tuesday evening, March 20. Some Portland talent will be present and take part in the program. The members will endeavor to make this the banner entertainment of the season. Everybody come.

The launch Iris is now on the run between Astoria and Warrenton, prepared to handle freight and passengers. She will connect with the Portland steamers.

Having succeeded to the business of Mrs. McKensie, I will open on Wednesday and Thursday, March 21 and 22, a line of new spring millinery. MRS. E. W. DUNBAR.

Letters of administration were issued by Judge Gray yesterday to J. D. McFarlane of Knappa in the matter of the estate of John Grant. The estate consists solely of personal property of small value.

Man Wanted—To learn barber trade. Only eight weeks required; special inducements this season; illustrated catalogue, map of city and souvenir mailed free. Meier's Barber College, San Francisco, California.

Sofus Jensen, secretary of the cooperative cannery, returned last night from a six months' visit in Europe. During his absence, Mr. Jensen visited Norway, Denmark, England and Germany.

The gasoline launch Copper City arrived in from Grays harbor yesterday afternoon, and is now lying at the O. R. & N. dock. She is one of the largest gasoline launches ever seen on the river and is a most sightly craft.

The State of California left for San Francisco at 11 o'clock yesterday, crossing over the bar 50 minutes later. She took on here 260 sacks of oysters, consigned by the I. R. & N. Co., and 316 bundles of shooks from the Clatsop mills.

The Republicans of Push precinct have elected M. E. Jnoppery and A. P. Kuhlman delegates to the republican county convention. The delegates are pledged to but one proposition, which is to support C. J. Curtis for the legislature.

The British steamship Strathgyle went to sea Sunday, bound for the Orient. Her cargo consists of flour and lumber, chiefly the former, and most of it is for Hong Kong, Yokohama, Kobe and Manila also have consignments.

Letters addressed to the following persons remain unclaimed for at the postoffice: A. W. C. Arthur, W. Fowler, Andrew Johnson, Mrs. Eleanor Jones, John Turson, Thos. Mullen, Robert Rasmussen, Mrs. Adeline Ross (2), Mr. Roberts, Sam'l T. Stephens, Foreign—Olaf Olsen, John Rollinson (2), Robert Williams.

The four-masted barkentine Arago arrived in yesterday morning from Honolulu and immediately went into quarantine in the lower harbor. It is understood that no sickness is on board, in which event she will probably not be detained no later than Thursday or Friday. The Arago is chartered to load lumber at Knappa.

The literary society of the Epworth League gave an interesting entertainment last evening at the Methodist church. Recitations and vocal numbers were the leading features, but deserving of special mention was the reading of the new official paper of the league, "The Epworthian." A large crowd was present and the affair was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mr. McDonnell, of the firm of McAllen & McDonnell, formerly one of the leading drygoods firms of Astoria, has not yet returned from his trip to Eastern Oregon. Mr. McDonnell informed an Astorian representative just before his departure that his trip would be somewhat protracted. He stated that it was his firm's purpose to discontinue their store in Astoria, and it is conjectured that Mr. McDonnell may not return until he has settled the question of a new location.

It is rumored that the old stand of the Osgood Clothing Co., adjoining Griffin & Reed's, and now used as a little general store for cheap trade, will be vacated shortly, the present occupant either intending to go out of business or remove his goods to some other section of the state. This will present a rare opportunity for some enterprising firm or individual to establish a first-class business. The store-room in question, is one of the best locations in Astoria, and should be used in a way that will be creditable to that section of the business district.

It is with no small degree of regret that the many friends of Mr. W. A. Sherman of the Pacific Sheet Metal

Works will learn of his transfer to the San Francisco office of the company, for which post he will leave some time during the latter part of the week. Mr. Sherman has been serving as chief accountant at the local office for a long time. He has identified himself with the chief commercial and social organizations of the city and has been one of the most active members in every organization to which he belongs. Indeed, his activity has been such that he will be greatly missed from the community. The transfer is in the nature of a promotion and Astorians generally extend to him their heartiest congratulations.

A dispatch was received by the Astorian yesterday from Gardiner, stating that the naphtha launch Hazel had arrived at that place from Astoria on the 15th. She was in charge of Captain Chris. Abus, with Al. Ross as engineer. It was a remarkable trip for such a craft as the Hazel and her owners are much pleased that the journey was made without mishaps of any kind. The only trip of the kind reported to have taken place from this port was made by the steam launch Sea Foam, with Captain Conn in charge, when she made the trip to the Sound some time ago. The Sea Foam is a very small craft and her side rails were barely six inches above the water. Captain Conn ran into a strong nor-wester shortly after leaving the mouth of the Columbia and had a most perilous journey, the Sea Foam being buffeted about for over 26 hours before reaching Destruction Island, where an extra supply of fuel and water was put on board. The Hazel will be used by Warren P. Reed in connection with his creamery business on the Umpqua. She was formerly employed in connection with the creamery business at The Dalles.

Mr. A. Dunbar, of the A. Dunbar Company, went to Portland last evening to complete arrangements for the large and exceptionally fine stock of spring goods that popular house will place on sale within a few days. C. H. Cooper, it is also understood, contemplates a large addition of seasonable goods and novelties in the early future, while the "Bee Hive," another one of Astoria's best and most representative stores, is making great preparations than ever for the increased trade which it is felt the improved prospects of the city now practically insure. These three establishments comprise the only first-class houses in their lines to be found in Astoria. It may be fairly doubted if any other town in Oregon, outside of Portland, can boast of even one store that carries so large and varied a stock of goods as is carried by each one of the Astoria houses mentioned. It is not too much to say that through their large stocks, kept constantly replenished, and enabling them to sell the best goods at prices asked elsewhere for cheap, shoddy, auction goods, together with the most courteous dealing and strict integrity of representations as to quality of every article sold, these three stores are supplying pretty much all the demand now existing or which is apt to exist for some time in Astoria. While the stocks of other stores have been allowed to run down, or the expedient has been resorted to, in order to keep up appearances, of purchasing ancient and shop-worn articles at sheriff's sales in Portland and elsewhere, these three great leading houses have continued to buy direct from manufacturers and their counters and shelves have been kept constantly loaded with the latest and best articles to be found in any metropolitan department store in any section of the country.

GOING TO THE DALLES.

Push Club Takes Action Relative to the Proposed Excursion.

At the meeting of the Push Club last night a committee was appointed to confer with a similar committee recently appointed by the chamber of commerce to arrange for an excursion to The Dalles on the 26th inst. The committee named consists of C. W. Carnahan, John N. Griffin, A. Scherneck. The excursion is being arranged for the purpose of having a day of good-fellowship with the enterprising people of The Dalles and to acquaint the Astorians with the Paul Mohr enterprise, as well as to arrive at some general understanding as to what encouragement should be offered. Mr. Carnahan stated that he and other members of the club had succeeded in securing the promises of fifty persons to go on the excursion. This is, indeed, enterprising work, as it was not expected that the club would take steps in this direction until after last night's meeting. The chamber of commerce committee will no doubt secure an equal number of pledges, and those who have already promised, together with the number of others who will go, to be in the swim and want a good time, will make the trip to The Dalles a gala event. Arrangements for a steamer will no doubt be made within a very few days. Members of both commercial organizations are enthusiastic over the matter and if the contagion continues the excursion will be exceeded, by far, all expectations in point of numbers and general magnitude.

A communication was received from W. S. Musick, of Springfield, Mo., inquiring as to the opportunities offered for the establishment of a business college in this city.

Harrison Allen reported recommendations to the effect that the meeting nights of the club be changed from every Monday evening to two Tuesday evenings a month—either the first and third or the second and fourth. This was done in order that several of the members of the club, who are also members of the chamber of commerce, might attend the meetings of both organizations.

COUNCIL FAVORS BOUNTY ON RATS

Ordinance Introduced Providing for Five Cents Per Rodent.

MORE STREET WORK ORDERED

Goddard Suggests That Street Contractors Be Allowed to Cool Off—Claims Allowed.

It has been practically decided by the city council to offer a bounty of five cents per head for all rats caught and delivered to the chief of police within the next thirty days. At the regular meeting held last night an ordinance was introduced appropriating \$50 from the city treasury to defray the demands for the bounties. It was stipulated, however, that the rats must be caught in traps and not poisoned. The fund is to be placed at the disposition of the chief of police, to whom all rats must be delivered, and those delivering the rodents to that officer will receive an order for the amount due. The chief of police is to have discretionary power as to the validity of all claims. Provision is also made that the rodents must be destroyed by fire. A special meeting of the council will be held this evening for the purpose of pushing the measure to final passage, as no ordinance appropriating money from the city treasury can be introduced and passed at the same meeting. The councilmen appreciate the necessity of immediate precautionary measures to prevent the possible appearance of the bubonic plague in this city, hence the determination to lose no time in putting the bounty in immediate operation by calling a special meeting.

The city board of health made a recommendation that a bounty of two cents be paid for an indefinite period but this was not acted upon further than to be filed in the regular way. It is understood that the \$50 proposition was the only one of many upon which a unanimous action of the councilmen could be secured, a variety of fixed opinions existing as to the advisability of offering the bounty and the conditions defining the expenditure of the fund.

Another ordinance relative to precautionary methods of preventing the plague was passed regulating the landing of vessels here from infected ports. It empowers the city authorities to prevent the landing at any of the city docks of all vessels believed to be infected and orders that, should evidence of the disease be found to exist after such landing is made, the city officers may compel the vessels to receive again such part of her cargo as has already been discharged and proceed to the quarantine grounds. War vessels of the United States are exempted from the provisions of his ordinance.

An ordinance was introduced establishing the grade on Thirty-eighth street from the south line of Duane street to the south side of Harrison avenue.

An ordinance was introduced with a view to preventing any interference, by cutting or otherwise, with the electric wires and gas pipes in the city, imposing a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 or imprisonment for a term of not more than twenty-five days. Objection was raised to this ordinance, as it was contended that in many instances, such as moving and repairing houses, etc., it would be necessary frequently to interfere with both the wires and the pipes. It was suggested that it would be wiser to give the street committee discretionary powers in the matter and on a vote of five to three action was deferred till the next regular meeting. The ordinance was conceived in response to a determination to discontinue the post-visibility of fire which could easily be caused by the tampering with wires.

Councilman Utzinger offered a resolution, which was carried, to improve Ninth street from the north side of Bond street to the south side of Astor street. Councilman Goddard objected to the resolution, basing his opposition on the statement that the city was already having a large amount of work done, that the contractors were busy and, as a result, the cost to the city was much higher than it would be later on when less work was being done and competition for contracts was more keen. Goddard stated that the work now being done on Franklin avenue is costing the city more money than has ever before been paid in the history of the city, one block alone costing \$1,350. He thought the city should go slow so as to allow the contractors to cool off a bit. After that, he said, he was in favor of every improvement that should be proposed necessary. The vote resulted in five in favor and two against.

A resolution for the improvement of Fifteenth street from the south line of Exchange street to the north side of Irving avenue, excepting crossings, was carried by the same vote as was the preceding measure.

Petitions for retail liquor licenses were presented by Nelson Hursey and Owens & Carson. Retail liquor licenses were granted to Peter Dourel, August Erickson and Owens & Carson. A petition was received signed by forty teamsters in the city, asking that the council take immediate steps to improve Grand avenue between Fourth and Seventeenth streets. It was represented that the street was in such a bad condition that it was almost impossible to haul heavy loads over it. The petition was referred to the street committee.

Bills against the city were ordered paid as follows:

Griffin & Reed	1 75
Praet Transfer Co.	7 00
H. E. Schiel	4 83
Astarian	1 95
Martin Olsen	5 00
W. E. Ross	23 00
Olaf Peterson	28 50
Ast. Woodyard Co.	4 75
Wm. Simmons	28 00
H. McLain	2 00
Clatsop Mill Co.	2 69
Eclipse Hardware Co.	4 15
Astoria Box Co.	23 16
H. F. Praet Co.	4 50
Astoria Gas Light Co.	16 00
Astoria Street Railway Co.	5 00
Alex. Bremner	9 00
Schofield & Hauke	25 00
H. F. Praet Co.	25 50
West Shore Mills Co.	8 00
Fred Sals	3 75
Fisher Bros.	2 10
Mrs. C. Thiel	41 25

The claim of Mrs. C. Thiel, of the Central hotel, incurred on account of the presence in her house of the small-pox patient recently, was cut from \$53.35 to the amount named above.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Captain of the Lila and Mattie Cannot Be Found.

Up to midnight no trace had yet been discovered of Captain Alex. Olsen, the missing master of the schooner Lila and Mattie, which recently went aground and is now lying bottom up in Tillamook bay.

The captain was seen in Astoria Saturday, the police say, and was to have left for San Francisco on the State of California yesterday. He did not put in an appearance and, upon a statement from the schooner's cook, who was to accompany him, the police immediately instituted a search. It was thought Captain Olsen might have gone to Portland and taken the train south, but this was deemed improbable, as he left his baggage at the Astor house, where he had been stopping. The police do not suspect foul play and are therefore mystified.

The captain has a wife living, it is understood, in San Francisco.

COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON.

The firm of Delaford, McGovern & Co., have addressed a circular to their agents handling Columbia river salmon in which some statements are made relative to the character and purposes of the Columbia River Packers Association which will be of much local interest. The circular, in part, reads as follows:

We have recently been appointed the sole agents for the Columbia River Packers Association, and are now making arrangements with brokers and sub-agents to handle the brands which they have hitherto been selling in their respective territories.

The Columbia River Packers Association is not a trust, but a consolidation of some of the best cannery plants on the Columbia river, organized, to some extent, on co-operative lines. A considerable part of the necessary capital was invested by wholesale grocers and others interested in the sale and distribution of this product; the stock is also held largely by experienced packers, as well as by some fishermen on the Columbia river.

It is the desire and aim of the association to extend the distribution of the stock in both of these channels so as to eventually make a purely co-operative concern.

The increasing demand for Columbia river salmon, admittedly the best obtainable from any source, and the limited supply available for canning purposes, rendered an organization conducted on economical lines absolutely necessary to the life of this industry, not alone with a view of keeping the price of the canned product at a point where it would not be considered a luxury, but as well for the purpose of maintaining the supply by propagation if it is found necessary to increase the hatcheries beyond what is now being done by the national and state governments. The association aims particularly to maintain a high standard of quality and to have a uniformity in this respect that can be absolutely depended upon.

Orders are being entered now subject to the terms and prices to be fixed shortly after the opening of the fishing season, and are not to be binding until these conditions are announced and accepted.

The association, owning canneries and fish stations all along the river, is in a position to make shipments as early as usual, even if the run of fish should be light, as is expected.

SOLIFLINE.

Solifline! Solifline! If you are sick and tired of rubbers, which protect your feet from wet or cold, and wish to save continual re-sooling 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 Solifline on your shoes and harness. Buy your shoes only of those who have that red-tape on them.

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