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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, March 24.—Washington, Oregon and Northern Idaho, occasional rain today.

AROUND TOWN.

Mrs. J. W. Conn is visiting in Portland.

M. F. Callender of Knappton is in the city.

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

Miss Maude Stockton is visiting with friends in Portland.

G. P. Brower of Chadwell was in the city yesterday.

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

Robert Gibson, editor of the Evening News, is visiting in Portland.

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

The steamer Elder sailed for San Francisco on time yesterday.

Mrs. E. P. Elsworth of Chicago is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cora Owen, who is quite ill.

For Rent.—Three furnished rooms for housekeeping, on ground floor; 414 Exchange street, near Ninth.

Butter market declining. White Clover creamery now pays 22½ cents for cream.

Clams, 5c doz.; Smelt, 3c pound; vegetables, fruit, milk, bread etc. New Market, 469 Duane Street, near Tenth.

Born—To the wife of Go Tuse, the well-known Chinese merchant of this city, Saturday, March 23, a daughter.

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

The Mormon elders will hold service today at 3.30 p. m. in the Woodmen hall (Page building). The public is cordially invited.

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

The British ship Wm. Law left for Portland yesterday in tow of the Ocklahama. The vessel is charteded to load grain.

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

The five masted schooner Louis was released from quarantine yesterday and will go to Hoquiam in tow of the Traveller, for her cargo.

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

Inspectors Fuller and Edwards examined the Dwyer, Callender and Hanthorn yesterday and reported their condition satisfactory.

County Clerk Wherity has decided that a voter owning a homestead claim must register and vote in the precinct in which the homestead is located.

Tax receipts amounted to nearly $49,000 up to the hour of closing the rolls last night. This is nearly one half the amount of the total tax levy.

Be good to yourself and good to your friends. When you treat a friend to whiskey, give him the best. Harper whiskey is the beverage for your friends and for you. Sold by Foard & Stokes Company, Astoria, Oregon.

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.

B. G. Magoon, representing the Ellers Piano House of Portland, will be found at Ninth and Commercial streets with a line of pianos and organs which he will offer for sale at low prices and on easy terms.

The unusually light registration is giving the party leaders considerable uneasiness. Up to date less than 1,500 voters have registered. Only thirty days more remain in which to register and unless voters comply with the law within that period they will disfranchise themselves at the next election.

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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.

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

At the republican primaries recently held at Clatsop R. A. Abbott, E. V. Abbott and A. Dawson were elected delegates to the county convention. The following nominations were made: R. A. Abbott, for supervisor of district No. 2; A. Dawson, for justice of the peace, Clatsop precinct No. 2; R. A. Abbott for constable.

In the last issue of the Tillamook Herald the following item, of local interest, appeared: "Capt. Schrader, who is superintending the building of the new steamer to take the place of the Elmore, came in on the Harrison to visit a few days with his family. He says the new boat is expected to be ready for business in July."

Rev. Ray Palmer, president of the Portland Young People's Christian Temperance Union and vice-president-at-large of the national Y. P. C. T. U., will lecture at 7:30 p. m. Friday, March 30, on the subject "Mankind Crucified at the Bar of the Open Saloon." Mr. Palmer is a lecturer of well-known reputation and hopes to organize a branch of the Union while in Astoria.

The Reverend Haley, who conducts the Warrenton Tribune, expresses himself in a most emphatic way concerning the political situation as it is beginning to manifest itself. No honest citizen of Clatsop county can take exception to Mr. Haley's conclusions. In the issue of the Tribune of yesterday he says: "The political kettle is warming up. The primaries have been held and in a few more days, we will be in the midst of the usual exciting campaign. The Tribune desires to see good, capable men nominated by the republican convention and will do its utmost to help elect them, if this is done, but it gives due notice that it will not support boodlers, grafters or men it knows to be dishonest or unworthy."

Editor Phillips of the Ilwaco Journal recently visited Astoria and, having got a glimpse of the world, wrote, upon his return to his familiar pen and pastepot, the following: "Ilwaco is a slow town; that it is not built up for a boom of any kind. In fact booms won't work here, it has been tried, but all have proved a failure. The population consists of too many Englishmen, Dutch, Russians, Finns, Sweeds, Scandinavian and Kansites, ever to be successful in the booming line. We are contented to jog along in the same old rut year after year, and if we come across a place that is too rough to ride over, we get out and walk. We pay our taxes, because we have to, and we catch fish three months in the year, and rest the other nine, because we can't help it."

QUITE ACCEPTABLE.

St. Helens Mist.

Mr. Dalton sends down another proposition to build a railroad to Nehalem valley, but one would forthwith conclude from the demands of the proposal that we do not want a railroad very seriously. His recent demand is for 600,000,000 feet of timber, to be raised as a subsidy for which stock in the road would be issued to the person giving the timber at the rate of $6 an acre for the timber, or $8 an acre for both land and timber. There are other demands made which renders the proposition quite unacceptable.

THE FIELD IS OPEN.

St. Helens Mist.

The withdrawal of the proposition made by the Columbia & Nehalem Valley Railroad Company to build, construct and equip a line of railroad from St. Helens to Pittsburg, leaves the field open to other comers. The timber of the Nehalem valley will never reach a market only by rail, and the sooner the people interested become impressed with the importance of this fact the sooner will a railroad be built.

AN EXCELLENT OFFICER.

Warrenton Tribune.

H. J. Wherity, the incumbent of the county clerk's office, has made an excellent officer. Careful, obliging, competent and painstaking, he has made an enviable record for himself and is deserving of renomination and will certainly be elected by vote as he has the confidence of the people regardless of party.

COMPARING THEIR RECORDS

CURTIS REPLIES TO GRAY

Does Not Want to Be An Angel—Political Inconsistency Not Confined to Curtis Alone, He Says.

The controversy which has arisen between C. J. Curtis and certain republicans in Astoria concerning the former gentleman's political aspirations, has narrowed down to a wordy duel between Mr. Curtis on his own behalf and Judge Gray as representing those who object to him. The latest contribution to the discussion comes in the form of a communication from Mr. Curtis in answer to Judge Gray. It reads as follows:

"My esteemed friend, Judge Gray, with his usual interference with matters that do not concern him, has seen fit to publish an article in which he seeks to convey the idea that he is the only consistent republican in Clatsop county. The judge has a reputation of always getting in and having his fingers burnt. I regret that so much has been said relative to myself, as it only results in stirring up bitter animosities and creates political disturbances, especially at a time when harmony is most necessary for the success of the republican party. I made no brags of what I was going to do at the ensuing election, nor am I making any statements as to what position I will take, but I believe I can compare records with Judge Gray and come out of the analysis with as much credit as he can.

"Judge Gray made a record in the legislature, but it was exceedingly small. For four years he represented this county in the state senate, and the only thing he ever did was to print a speech on the pilotage question, which he never had an opportunity of reading. In fact, he was the laughing stock of the entire state.

"He asks the question: 'What has Curtis done for county roads in the legislature?'

"May I ask what did Judge Gray do for the county roads? What did H. H. Parker, John Hahn, Jas. W. Welch, C. W. Fulton, John Fox, J. E. Young, or, in fact any representative from Clatsop county, do in the legislature for county roads?

"Each one did the best they could. Every one who has represented Clatsop county in the legislature has done all within his power to represent the people of the county.

"May I ask the honorable judge why it is that, notwithstanding the legislature saved Clatsop county nearly $10,000 in expenses, such as the district attorney bill, the tax levying law, the doing away with the grand jury, repealing the office of county recorder, and several other measures, why the taxes of Clatsop county are as high as they ever were and the county debt is constantly increasing?

"I can answer those questions to the satisfaction of the people, but I will reserve this answer for the election two years hence, when Judge Gray hopes to be a candidate for re-election and I can then show the voters many reasons why he should never be re-elected.

"The honorable judge alleges that I am only a republican when I want office.

"There are others.

"I remember, and so does many other republicans, that Judge Gray has not always been a consistent republican. When the first citizen movement was started in Astoria, the judge was one of the principal leaders and did all he could to defeat the republican ticket.

"You probably overlooked that little circumstance, judge.

"It is also a well-known fact, that the judge has been a disturbing element in the republican party for twenty years, when he did not have a seat at the public crib, and he has done more to injure the republican party in this county than any other one man in it. He wants to know why I want to go to the legislature, when there is only three dollars a day in it. Why did the judge want to go? He has been a standing candidate for the legislature for fifteen years. Strange, isn't it, that two such unworthy "cusses" should want to go to the legislature.

"Will Judge Gray inform the public why it was, when he asked a legal opinion from a prominent attorney as to the legality of the three-roads petition, that he voted contrary to that opinion in the county court? I can tell him. It was to make the country people believe he was the only friend of county roads in the county and for political purposes. Nothing more, nothing less. I may not be an angel, neither do I believe Judge Gray will ever wear a pair of wings or parade with a harp, but I will compare political records with him at any time. Whatever may be my political reputation, no one can say that I am a political meddler or that I interfere with matters that do not concern me. It would be better for Clatsop county if Judge Gray could say as much. C. J. CURTIS."

M'CAMANT'S STAMPS.

Tillamook Herald.

A deed from Wallace McCamant, master in chancery, to John E. DuBois for 4934.21 acres of land in Tillamook county for $10,927.21, and containing $1100 worth of revenue stamps, was filed for record with the county clerk Monday.

BOUNTY ON RATS NO JOSH.

Physicians Dissatisfied That No Effort Is Being Made to Rid Astoria of the Rodents.

Up to last night only two rats had been turned in to Chief of Police Hallock for the bounty offered for rodents dead or alive by the city council. The boys who turned in the bodies of the rats were skeptical about the bounty and not until they were paid the coin were they sure they were not being made the victims of a "josh."

"It is unfortunate that the serious efforts of the board of health have been practically neutralized by the mistaken policy of joking about ridding Astoria of rats," said a physician yesterday.

"The bubonic plague," he continued, "is no joke. Many a city the size of Astoria has been depopulated by the plague in less than three days, and hundreds of bodies left unburied in the streets or in the houses, wherever the victim of the dread scourge fell. It has been proven that rats are, if not the greatest, at least among the greatest, agencies for the spread of the plague, and a determined warfare against them has been inaugurated in three score cities across the Pacific, each of ten times the population of Astoria, and thousands of dollars have been spent in trying to exterminate the rodents.

"There is no bubonic plague on the Pacific coast at present," said the doctor, "but that is no assurance there will not be an epidemic of the disease if it ever gains a foothold. San Francisco, Port Townsend and other places where ships from the Orient arrive, have had isolated cases of the plague which have been successfully quarantined and handled but, for all that, San Francisco finds people keeping away from that city and even refusing to buy goods in that city for fear of the plague contagion. Both rats and Chinese have been receiving a terrible overhauling in San Francisco and at Port Townsend, every ship from the Orient is kept in quarantine until it is certain that all the rats on board the vessel have been killed.

"The killing of all the rats in Astoria is asked for in sober earnestness by the board of health.

"Boys and men may understand once for all that the bounty of five cents each for rats, dead or alive, is offered in earnest and will be paid. There is no joke about the matter. The citizens of Astoria should not only rid their own premises of rats, if possible, but encourage their neighbors to do likewise.

"Twenty rats at five cents each means $1, and the boys about town will find a trap or two a good investment."

DEATH OF CHARLES WARD.

The Old Pioneer Suddenly Stricken Down by Heart Disease—The Funeral.

Mr. Charles Ward, the well-known pioneer and citizen of this community, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. Wingate, early Saturday morning, March 24, of valvular disease of the heart.

The diseased had been sick but a very short time, although he had not been in rugged health for the past year. But his disease was not considered serious and his death seems very sudden.

Mr. Ward was born in Derbyshire, England, in 1823, so he had nearly attained the allotted four score years. He was of a genial disposition which made him a good friend and neighbor. His face and familiar figure will be missed among his large circle of friends, who sincerely mourn his sudden death.

The funeral will take place from Mrs. Wingate's residence on Monday, March 26, at 10:45 a. m. The interment will be at the family plot in the old Clatsop cemetery, the services being held in the Presbyterian church there on the arrival of the train.

ASTORIA'S PUBLIC LIBRARY.

A Visitor Believes Carnegie Would Help It Along if Told How It Is Patronized.

A stranger stood on the sidewalk in front of the public library yesterday, looking through the windows at a score of men and youths who were seated at the tables reading books, magazines and newspapers. An Astorian reporter paused for a second to see whether it was anything unusual that was attracting the stranger's attention, when the latter suddenly said:

"Do you know if I was a resident of your city here what I would do? No? Well, I'd call Carnegie's attention to Astoria's public library. Since I've been here, some five days, I have noticed that the public library in Astoria is better patronized than half the libraries in cities of double the size.

"Let's count 'em. Twenty-two men and boys and there are not as many today as usual. Now Carnegie believes in libraries in places where they are appreciated and he is also a great believer in libraries in sea ports, especially libraries with reading rooms attached where papers from all over the world are kept on file. He says a sailor who knows where he can see a newspaper from home, even if it is months old, will go and read it nine cases out of ten, in preference to going on a carouse.

"I honestly believe," continued the stranger, "that if some of your good people would write to Mr. Carnegie and tell him the situation here, what the library is at present, and suggest what it could be with his help, that he would respond generously to the appeal. It is worth trying anyhow. Carnegie has distinctly said that his charity to the public would take the form of founding libraries or aiding libraries partially established and what he has already done in that line is an indication of his future policy.

"Let some reliable citizen of Astoria write to him anyhow. He can at the worst only say no, and he will not do that without investigation. If the great millionaire could only see how Astoria's public library is patronized he would need no urging to help it along. It's worth trying."

The stranger is right. It is worth trying. What citizen will take it upon him or herself to write to the millionaire, who is building his monument in books in all parts of the world, in behalf of Astoria's library?

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Excursion to The Dalles Promise to Be Most Enjoyable Event.

The final arrangements for the excursion to The Dalles have been completed and there is every reason to believe that the trip will be a most gratifying success in every sense. About eighty persons, principally business men of standing in this city, have arranged to go, and those of the chamber of commerce who conceived and promoted the excursion, are much gratified over the prospective pleasure and profit in store.

The Lurline, which will convey the party to The Dalles, will leave here tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock and will return to Astoria during the early hours of Thursday morning. Arrangements are being made for music so that dancing may be enjoyed during the trip up the river.

No doubt there will be innumerable cameras and long-distance telescopes, and friends of the excursionists will see no end of scenic views and verbal descriptions of the wonderful sights to be enjoyed on the Upper Columbia.

The people of The Dalles are making preparations to receive and entertain the Astoria visitors and there is no question that the trip will result in much good to the excursionists as well as to the cities whom the people will represent.

BALLOON THAT MAY BE STEERED

This latest invention in the way of air ships is attracting great attention. The most wonderful thing about it is simplicity. It is propelled by a small double petroleum motor, similar to that used in automobiles. Ordinary coal gas can take the place of hydrogen for the purpose of filling the balloon, as only an hour is required for this work with gas, whereas hydrogen takes a day. This discovery ought to make the road through the heavens as free from danger as does Hostetter's Stomach Bitters the road through life. Behind it lie fifty years of cures. Weakness, indigestion, dyspepsia, debility, nervousness, constipation, malaria, or any disease arising from a weak stomach cannot withstand it. It is an excellent spring tonic.

CALL FOR WARRANTS.

Notice is hereby given to all parties holding Clatsop county warrants endorsed prior to February 25, 1898, to present the same to the county treasurer at his office at 164 Tenth street, for payment. Interest ceases after this date.

H. C. THOMPSON,
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