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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, March 30.—Western Oregon and Washington, rain, followed by fair weather in the afternoon today.

AROUND TOWN.

E. R. Wilson, of The Dalles, is in the city. Hugh Boyle of Westport is in the city. Jeff's is "the only restaurant. White cooks. A. R. Kanaga of San Francisco is in the city. C. C. Masten of Svensen is at the Occident. J. W. Crow of Knappa was in the city yesterday. William Luce of Tillamook is at the Parker House. E. R. Wilson of Dallas is in the city on business. Edward Noyes of Portland was in Astoria yesterday. J. D. McGowan is in the city, a guest at the Occident. Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun restaurant, 412 Commercial street. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Wheeler of Portland are in the city. Robert Gray of New Astoria was in the city yesterday. Over \$70,000 in taxes has been paid into the sheriff's office. Walter L. Robb is down from Seattle on a brief business trip. Jeff's restaurant—the largest and best. A trial will convince you. F. W. Ross of the revenue cutter Perry is registered at the Occident. Wm. E. Williams of Seattle is registered at the Parker House. C. C. Hart of Seattle was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Parker house. Wanted—Tenant for well furnished and lighted room. 467 Exchange street. Fish Commissioner Reed will return from his visit to Southern Oregon tomorrow. For Rent—Three furnished rooms for housekeeping, on ground floor; 414 Exchange street, near Ninth. T. W. B. London, of the Portland branch of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., is in Astoria on business. Clams, 5c doz.; Smelts, 3c pound; vegetables, fruit, milk, bread etc. New Market, 460 Duane street, near Tenth. The State of California passed out for San Francisco shortly before noon, carrying a big cargo of freight. A small place at Clatsop for sale or rent. Suitable for chicken ranch. Apply to A. Tagg, 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. "John, are you going to that Kellogg lecture on Europe?" "Certainly I am; if I missed that I would miss the opportunity of my life." A deed was filed yesterday under the terms of which Phillip Becker sells to Otto Dufner 160 acres in section 30, T 5 N, R 7 W, for \$450. Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimneys than any other. George W. Sanborn, agent. Telephone 1311. It is claimed that Ray Palmer is one of the most forceful as well as learned speakers of this coast. Go and hear him at the Methodist church. 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. Plans and specifications were filed yesterday for the improvement of Commercial street from the west line of Eighth street to the west line of Tenth street. 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 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. Miller's Barber College, San Francisco, California. Dan J. Moore, administrator of the estate of H. B. Borthwick, deceased, has reported that Aiken Copeland was entitled to \$72 for filing a wood contract with the United States government, which had been assigned to him. Rates are coming in better. The bounty plan will probably be a success, after all. It is suggested that the boys should bring them in paper bags and not with their hands, owing to the possibility of getting skin disease from them. Tomorrow the fittings taken from the ex-revenue cutter Corwin will be sold at public auction at Port Townsend. The articles are largely from the engine room, consisting of tools, etc. They are of the best quality and will make a good purchase for anyone having use for them. The Columbia will leave San Francisco for this port this morning, resuming her old run after having undergone extensive repairs. As the Elder, which has been running temporarily in her stead, came in yesterday without any passengers, the Columbia will undoubtedly have an unusually large list on this trip. The George W. Elder arrived in from San Francisco yesterday afternoon and, after picking up a pilot at the O. R. & N. dock, proceeded to Portland. She carried no passengers but had a good cargo of freight. The Elder will shortly be put in trim for the Cape Nome trade, sailing from this port in about a month with a cargo of freight and a large number of passengers. The re-insurance quotation on the ship Annie Thomas now out 242 days from Cardiff for Acapulco, has been increased to 80 per cent. This virtually means the giving up of the vessel as lost. Other overdue vessels are the Harry Clement, 32 days out from Hamburg for Kala Chow, on which 25 per cent reinsurance is quoted, and the Lydgate 213 days from New York for Shanghai. The latter is quoted at 15 per cent. The Tacoma News says: "Astoria has offered a bounty of five cents per head for every rat dead or alive turned over to the chief of police. This should prove a grand chance for the boys at the mouth of the Columbia river. The greater portion of Astoria is built upon wharves, beneath which the rodents fairly swarm." The small number of rats presented to the chief of police for the bounty thus far goes to show that there are by far less rodents in this city than was at first generally supposed. There are many places where conditions are much more favorable for the pests than in Astoria. Andrew Birge narrowly escaped death from drowning at Hammond Wednesday night. He was a member of the party of local Red Men who went to that place to pay a fraternal visit to the Hammond lodge. After the party had passed from the boat to the wharf, Birge, who was walking close to the edge in the darkness, slipped and fell into the bay. Very luckily, a head-line was discovered on the dock by one of the party and with the aid of this Birge was finally rescued. Had it not been for the presence of the line there is little question that Birge would have drowned, as there was no possibility of getting out of the water unaided. The fishing schooner Jessie appeared off the mouth of the river late yesterday afternoon having just returned

Pears' Its least virtue is that it lasts so. Soap is for comfort; the clean are comfortable.

from the halibut banks in the North. The belief at first prevailed that she might come into port before dark but reports from the Cape stated that the bar was rough and very little wind prevailed and it was finally concluded that the Jessie would lay outside during the night and come in on the tide in the morning. There is every reason to believe that the Jessie has had a most successful trip. She has been out only a few days and had plenty of supplies. It is reasonable to conclude therefore, that she had a good catch and is coming home to discharge her load. Had the Jessie been forced to put in because of distress she would not have come as far as Astoria, making for Grays harbor or some other nearer port. Her owners in this city are sufficiently well satisfied to wear a most expansive smile, at any rate, over the prospects.

DECLINE OF ALASKAN SALMON.

Source of Supply May Soon Be Practically Eliminated. While Alaska led the Pacific coast in the amount of its salmon pack the past season, with a total of over 1,000,000 cases, it is predicted that that source of supply will soon be practically eliminated unless drastic measures are adopted immediately in order to prevent further diminution of the fish supply. The West Coast Trade says: Special Agent A. M. Kutchin of the treasury department, who has been investigating the condition of the northern fisheries, has just made a report. In it he says: "The uniform conclusion of those who have given investigation and thought to this subject is that the Alaska fisheries are doomed unless swift and thorough measures are put in operation to preserve those which have not yet felt the effect of the destructive practices that have prevailed from the beginning, and to restore those that are rapidly approaching extinction. But one remedy, of course, is available, to-wit: A generous system of propagation, a restriction of the number of canneries, a limitation of the pack at each fishery, and perhaps a curtailment of the fishing season as the different conditions in the several regions would seem to demand." Mr. Kutchin points out that while there has been a steady increase in the output of Alaskan salmon, this has been accomplished only through the use of improved appliances and the development of new districts. In southeastern Alaska the pack is steadily decreasing and many canneries have been forced to close. The group of Karluk and Chignik fisheries, which put up 400,000 cases in rainy days, decreased to 241,544 cases the past season, and many similar instances are cited. The increase has been in Behring sea, where now a pack of 500,000 cases is put up, comprising half of the Alaskan pack. Alaska has a hatchery output of from 3,000,000 to 6,000,000 fry a year, while the state of Washington maintains hatcheries turning out \$5,000,000 salmon annually.

ASTORIA AND THE DALLES.

What May Be Expected From United Action. The Dalles Times-Mountaineer. The Times-Mountaineer has frequently mentioned that some point at the mouth of the Columbia river was destined to become the principal shipping port for the Northwest; that because of its magnificent harbor, deep and safe channel and well protected port, there could be nothing to prevent a great city growing up at or near the place where the river of Oregon joins with the mighty Pacific ocean. Nature has so favored that place, and the ordinances of nature cannot be overcome. Astoria, Warrenton and Flavel will some day be one continuous city with docks and wharves reaching for miles along their river front, and the shipping of the Inland Empire will find an outlet through their channels. Astoria is at present the principal city at the mouth of the river, therefore The Dalles has much in common with Astoria, for to it we must look eventually as the point from which we must ship our products to the markets of the world. Hence it is The Dalles appreciates the visit which Astoria's principal business men have made to this city. We have become acquainted with them, and they have learned of our resources. They will not be able to judge of the vastness of the commerce to be had from the Inland Empire, and will arrange to provide means for handling it.

NOTICE TO REPUBLICAN DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

A meeting of all delegates outside of the city of Astoria and Astoria precinct will be held on the evening of Friday, April 6th, at a place which may be learned on inquiry. A full attendance is desired and may be important. COUNTRY DELEGATE.

FIRST THROUGH WHEAT SHIPMENT

Lurline Brings It From The Dalles to Astoria.

JUST A POINTER FOR FUTURE

The Excursionists Return From the Gateway City and Are Loud in Their Praises of Reception.

The steamer Lurline arrived in port from The Dalles about daybreak yesterday morning with all the excursionists on board, well and happy, and one and all more than pleased with their trip to the gateway city of the Inland Empire. While it was too early to read it "by the dawn's early light," the Lurline bore upon its side a huge sign reading "The First Through Shipment of Wheat From The Dalles to Astoria." The shipment was a consignment to Fisher Bros., of this city, and the receipt given in The Dalles by the captain of the Lurline will be framed and hung in the office as the "pioneer through shipment" of the inlanders. In speaking of the shipment of wheat Captain Whitehead of the Lurline said: "If the people up there had only known in time that the Lurline would accept freight for Astoria direct, we could have brought down car loads of it. As it was, after the wheat was loaded, we took shipments of eggs, middlings and other stuff. Let me tell you the people of The Dalles are only too anxious to ship to Astoria direct. Why," he continued, "Agent Underwood at The Dalles told me he believed it would pay a boat to run between The Dalles and Astoria, even now, before the portage road is finished." The history of the trip to and from The Dalles is told by all who were fortunate enough to have been members of the party in about the same general terms, namely, "We had a grand, glorious good time; a royal welcome by our hosts at The Dalles; a most interesting and instructive stay among the good people of that city and a pleasant voyage home." The best thing about the trip is that a number of the gentlemen who went on the excursion and who were somewhat skeptical as to the portage railroad and ultimate results to be realized from its building and operation, returned home thoroughly convinced not only of the practicability of the scheme but satisfied that the portage road will be built and operated. Chairman Parker of the Push Club and Judge Gray were among those inclined to "wait to see" before they believed. Both of them are more than satisfied that the representations heretofore made by The Dalles people have been based on facts. In speaking of his doubts, Judge Gray, yesterday, said: "What convinced me more than anything else of the earnestness of the men building the portage railroad and their determination to carry out to the letter the plans they have outlined, is the manner in which they are doing the work. For instance they are building a bridge over a gully some 70 feet in height, and it is costing them thousands of dollars. Now if the builders of the road were not in earnest they would have graded the roadbed up to one side of the gully and then commenced grading on the other side of it, saying 'the bridge will be built by and by, when the road is all graded.' But they are not doing this. They are saying instead 'we want this road in running order as quick as we can build it, bridges and all,' and they are completing their road as they go along and completing it in a manner and in such a way that there can be no doubt but what the road is intended for use and not for the purpose of buncoing people into investing capital. "The fact is," continued Judge Gray, "the people of The Dalles believe the portage road is their salvation and they sent us home believing it, and, believing, too, that it will be a long stride forward for Astoria when it is in operation." A brief resume of the itinerary of the trip is as follows: Leaving Astoria the Lurline steamed steadily along until Vancouver was reached at about 4 o'clock Tuesday morning where a landing was made in order to allow Captain Charles Kamm to come aboard. The trip resumed, the locks at the Cascades were reached about 9:30 Tuesday morning, where a stop of an hour was made in order to give the excursionists an opportunity of inspecting the magnificent piece of engineering work done by the government employees. The Dalles was reached about 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. There was a delegation of several hundred citizens, headed by a brass band, in waiting on the wharf, and the excursionists were escorted to the Commercial Club where the formal addresses of welcome and responses were made. Judge Bennett of The Dalles welcomed the Astorians and, in response, President Van Dusen of the Astoria chamber of commerce, President Parker of the Push Club, Judge Gray, J. W. Welch and D. K. Warren made short addresses. The excursionists were then taken on a special train to the magnificent falls of Celilo, where they remained several

hours, being entertained between sight-seeing trips by Mr. Seufert, at his fruit ranch and cannery.

Returning to The Dalles the Astorians had barely time to prepare for the grand banquet given them on Tuesday night at the Umatilla hotel. Covers were laid for about two hundred people and the tables were filled. The usual toasts and responses were made and at the end of four hours of feasting the visitors retired to rest up for Wednesday's work.

On Wednesday morning citizens took small parties of Astorians in hand and drove them about the country. The business party was taken in charge by President Harris of the portage road. It consisted of B. Van Dusen, F. L. Parker, H. C. Thompson, C. N. Carnahan, Samuel Adair, E. P. Parker, J. H. D. Gray and Frank Woodfield, of Astoria; ex-Governor Moody and Mr. Whelden, of The Dalles.

This party walked over the line of the portage railroad until convinced that it was being built for use. As to the stability of the work being done there can be no question, while the feasibility of the scheme has been demonstrated until reasonable doubt as to its ultimate success, if properly backed by support, is an impossibility. President Harris stated the portage railroad would be ready for business by May 1 next but that the steamers and barges to be run in connection with it would not be ready before July 1 next, in time, however, to handle this year's grain crop. President Harris also said that Senator Turner, one of the directors of the road, was expected from Washington and as soon as possible after his arrival the directors would visit Astoria to arrange for terminal facilities.

The return trip home was commenced at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. A stop was made at Vancouver and the visitors were shown over the city and through the barracks. Thence homeward, the Lurline reaching her dock here at 6 o'clock yesterday morning, having made the trip without an accident or disagreeable happening of any kind.

All the excursionists are loud in their praises of the reception and entertainment by the citizens of The Dalles; the business men are elated over the certainty of the success of the portage railroad and one and all, young and old, have only praises for the treatment given them by Captain Whitehead and the crew of the Lurline.

In speaking of the departure of the Astorians from The Dalles the Times-Mountaineer says: "The Astoria visitors left at 1 o'clock this afternoon for their homes at the mouth of the river, and a large crowd of Dalles people assembled at the dock to see them off. As the Lurline left the dock three rousing cheers were given for the people of Astoria by the people on shore, and in return three cheers and a tiger were given for The Dalles by the visitors."

EDITORIALLY, THAT PAPER COMMENTS ON THE EXCURSION AS FOLLOWS:

"An open river to the sea has long been a dream of The Dalles and surrounding country, but it has never been fully realized until today. We have long looked for the time when cargoes of the products of the Inland Empire would float untrammelled to a port where they would be loaded upon the ocean travelers and seek the markets of the world, and that waiting has borne fruit. Mr. F. A. Fisher, of the firm of Fisher Bros., of Astoria, bought a quantity of wheat at The Dalles warehouses today and shipped it direct to Astoria today by the steamer Lurline. This is only the beginning of what will surely follow. In the future the wheat of the Inland Empire—the great Columbia valley—will find its way to the mouth of the river, where it will be handled at less cost than in the past and will realize to the farmers from two to three cents more than in past years. Wasco county farmers may well take off their hats to Mr. Fisher for being the pioneer from the mouth of the river in the wheat market of Eastern Oregon."

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date. Includes Astoria Precinct No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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 194 Tenth street, for payment. Interest ceases after this date. H. C. THOMPSON, County Treasurer.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Phillip Becker to Otto Dufner—160 acres in section 30, T 5 N, R 7 W; \$650. Andrew Anderson to William Joke—east half of lots 11 and 12, block 115, Taylor's; \$1. 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 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.

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