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C. H. Cooper

The Leading House of Astoria

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, March 31.—Western Oregon and Washington, increasing cloudiness, followed by occasional showers; cooler today.

AROUND TOWN.

P. A. Delhart is over from Ilwaco.

A. A. Nicol of South Bend is in the city.

J. O. Hanthorn was in the city yesterday.

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

Edgar Jones of Grays river was in Astoria yesterday.

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

E. L. Marks, of San Francisco, was in the city yesterday on business.

Dan J. Ingalls, of Lewis and Clark was in Astoria yesterday.

Remember the Kellogg lecture on April 6th. Tickets 25 cents.

Charles A. Payne of Chinook is in the city, a guest at the Occident.

M. L. Barret is registered at the Astoria House from Hubbard.

C. H. Callender is in the city in connection with business matters.

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

Wanted—Tenant for well furnished and well lighted room. 467 Exchange street.

The Hainson left Grays harbor at noon yesterday for San Francisco with a lumber barge in tow.

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

You shall have a chance to purchase a ticket for the Kellogg lecture on Europe, the early part of next week.

Claims, 50 doz.; 50 doz.; 50 doz.; vegetables, fruit, milk, bread etc. New Market, 466 Duane street, near Tenth.

If you have a taste for an intellectual feast you will not miss the Kellogg lecture. Date, April 6th. 25 cents.

J. W. Slaughter, the well-known Nehalem rancher, came in yesterday to pay his taxes and attend to other business. He will return to his home today.

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.

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

Mrs. Phoebe F. Woodford has been transferred from the local offices of the Astoria road to Portland where, it is announced, she will act as private secretary to President A. B. Hammond.

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.

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 fair weather yesterday afternoon filled the streets with ladies and children and livened things up wonderfully. There was actually a boom in the candy and confectionary line.

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 Ford & Stokes Company, Astoria, Oregon.

Presbyterian church services as usual tomorrow. At the close of the morning service the communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. In the evening the pastor will give the third lecture on the Gospel. Subject, "The Gospel According to Luke." This

CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING.

A Gay Affair in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Methena.

At Ford & Stokes' hall last night some 500 Astorians, old and young, assembled to celebrate the silver wedding of Charles A. and Georgiana Methena.

Mr. and Mrs. Methena were married in 1875 and it was a source of untold gratification to them both to find themselves surrounded by hundreds of friends on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding.

The ceremonies last night were practically in charge of the order of Red Men of Astoria, of which order Mr. Methena and his wife are members, but to Mr. Methena's employers, Messrs. John Kenney and Joseph Gribler, the real arrangements are due, as they insisted upon bearing the expenses of the entertainment throughout, as a testimonial to a faithful employee.

Shortly after 8:30 last night Mr. Joe Gribler, who acted as pianist of the evening, struck up a march and Mr. and Mrs. Methena, preceded by six young ladies from Pocahontas lodge, and followed by members of Concomly lodge of Red Men bearing a magnificent silver dinner service on trays, marched the length of the hall and took their station near the stage. C. J. Curtis then addressed the guests present. He briefly related the reasons for the gathering together of so many old friends and then in behalf of the Red Men presented the gift of the local lodge.

Miss Katie Wirt then followed in a brief address of presentation on behalf of Pocahontas lodge, and then an interval for congratulations followed.

In addition to the gift from the Red Men, there were over a hundred gifts of silverware from individuals and groups of friends. A notable gift was from the Red Men in battery M, Third artillery, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Stevens, there being a delegation of twenty-three of the soldiers present, as representatives of their local lodge. It is needless to say that they had a good time.

Following the congratulations a brief entertainment was offered. The mandolin club played several selections; Bessie Hill and Edith Blount did a cake-walk in costume, and the New York quartet, brought especially from Portland by Messrs. Kenney and Gribler, sang the latest rag-time songs and negro melodies. The orchestra then took charge and dancing was the order of the evening until midnight, when a collation was served. Everybody brought something good to eat or drink and there was an abundance for all and to spare.

As for the dance program, there was no limit as to numbers. Slowly, but surely, the hours after midnight called the old folks home, but the young folks stayed, and Mr. and Mrs. Methena stayed and entertained them as they did that other party of guests at the other wedding twenty-five years ago, and they went home as happy and as tired this morning as they did on the dawn of that day after the wedding in '75.

Services at the Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow will be as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. Subject of the discourse, "Just the Protection You Need and Should Avail Yourselves of." In the evening the subject will be, "That All Might Struggle With Victory in the Morning," with a prelude on "The Bird With a Broken Pinion Never Soars So High Again."

The curfew seems to have more charm than fear for the youngsters who nightly patrol the downtown streets. But it is the parents, more than the police department who should be blamed for this. Were a law to be passed holding responsible the parents rather than the children, for these breaches of social propriety and good judgment a pronounced change would no doubt immediately follow.

The steamer Harrison arrived in from Tillamook last evening at 6:15, and tied up at the O. R. & N. dock. She brought a good-sized cargo of cheese and butter from Tillamook and a few passengers. The Harrison made two attempts to reach Nehalem but was unsuccessful, owing to the condition of the bar at that place. This accounts for her late arrival here. The Harrison left Tillamook at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, making a remarkable quick trip.

Judge Gray declares that the statement which has been attributed to him to the effect that the people of The Dalles realize that in the portage road lies their commercial salvation is not exactly correct. He states that there is no question in his mind that the portage road will be completed and boats placed on the river to carry freight where shippers may direct, but, he contends, the people of The Dalles saved themselves from the old-time extortions when they built and maintained a line of steamboats from their city to Portland and that had they at that time, joined with the Astorians and continued the route to this city, they could have reaped greater pecuniary benefit to the producers.

There must be a general overhauling in the near future of a number of the small wharves along the waterfront. These wharves not being in general use have been neglected, until they are a menace to the lives and safety of the public owing to the fact that the plankings have been allowed to rot away until there are great holes in the wharves right alongside the narrow paths for pedestrians going along the street, while the plankings which apparently remain whole and sound is so flimsy that it would give away under the slightest weight. Either these wharves should be repaired, or else they should be fenced in and marked as dangerous. Such a course will save human life and cost much less than a damage suit brought against the owners of the wharves by some unlucky pedestrian who will stumble into some of the holes some dark night and get out with broken bones.

Had and this he found to be true. There was no use stopping out on the deserted banks and so he ran in home.

"The Jessie," continued Mr. Grant, "is fitted out perfectly for halibut fishing and if there are fish to be had she will get them. The schooner will lay idle here till Monday next and then will cruise to the southern banks off Yaquina. These banks have a good reputation for halibut among small fishermen and the Jessie will explore them thoroughly. In case there are no fish on the southern banks the Jessie will go north again, aiming to be off Flattery in about four weeks from this time."

Captain McKinnon reports first-class fishing weather having prevailed during the whole of his trip and says that everything was favorable for a good catch except the most necessary thing of all—halibut. Had there been fish on the banks the Jessie would surely have got her share but everyone reported the same conditions, "no fish," and when the Indians fail to find halibut they are indeed scarce.

Considerable faith exists as to the practically untold southern fishing banks which the Jessie will next visit and it is by no means impossible that the Jessie may get her first paying cargo from the new banks nearer home.

All are well of the crew of fourteen aboard the schooner and anxious to be out and at work again until the vessel makes a showing.

LOCAL WORKERS ORGANIZED.

The Rev. Ray Palmer Does Effective Work in This City.

The Rev. Ray Palmer, of Portland, vice-president at large of the American movement of the Young People's Christian Temperance Union, delivered a lecture last night at the Methodist church in behalf of the work of the organization to abolish intemperance throughout the United States.

Mr. Palmer takes a somewhat up-to-date position on the temperance question. He believes that the best results in legislative restrictions may be accomplished through the two great national political organizations and the plan of the movement is to bring sufficient pressure to bear upon the leaders of those parties to force at least one of them to adopt a temperance plank in their platform. This pressure is to consist of the prospective pledges of one million voters who will agree in advance to support only that party which will incorporate in its platform the prohibition plank, regardless of other issues that may arise. Should both the republicans and democrats decline to acquiesce in this demand, a movement will be organized independent of the old parties under the name of the Young People's Party of America.

At the conclusion of his lecture, Mr. Palmer organized a local union from the active members of the Astoria churches. The following officers were nominated by the audience and elected: President, S. C. Turner; vice-president, Miss Maude Hayes; recording secretary, Miss Ethel Blinn; corresponding secretary, Dr. J. S. Bishop; treasurer, Ralph Adams.

Sixty-five persons signed the charter membership roll. A meeting of officers-elect to perfect organization and appoint superintendents for department work has been called for Tuesday evening, at 8 p. m., at the Baptist church.

Mr. Palmer's address was very well received by the large audience present and it was no doubt due to the clear and forceful manner in which he presented his arguments in behalf of a united movement that the new local organization starts out as strongly as it does.

Unions have been organized in Portland, Eugene and Salem—Astoria being the fourth city on the list.

JIM CROW SANDS DISPUTE.

Judicial Order for Injunction and the Bond Filed Yesterday.

The order for an injunction in the case of the Columbia River Packers Association versus Cook and Enyart, was received by County Clerk Wherity from Judge McBride yesterday afternoon. The order was accompanied by the bond required of the defendants for such damages as may be sustained by the association, in the event of the latter winning the case, through the permission from the court of Cook and Enyart fishing on the grounds to the exclusion of the association until such time as the cases now pending in court shall have been decided. The bond is in the sum of \$2,500 and Frank M. Warren and S. Farrell appear as sureties.

Relative to the order of injunction it is further ordered that until otherwise ordered by the court the said plaintiff, its officers, agents and servants, be enjoined from going on the said lands and from occupying or maintaining the structure erected by the packers association upon the lands in question and from interfering with Cook and Enyart's fishing operations thereon. The packers association, however, is permitted to go upon the lands at any time for the purpose of making surveys as long as its employees do not interfere with Cook and Enyart in their work.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Andrew Anderson and wife to William Joke—east half of lots 11 and 12, block 115, Taylor's; \$1.

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

POLITICAL PRATTLE.

County Commissioner Contest Promises to Be Quite Warm.

The contest for the nomination for county commissioner to succeed Howell Lewis, the present incumbent, bids fair to be a most spirited one. It is now known to a certainty that no less than five candidates are out for the plum on the republican side of the fence.

There is no longer any question that Mr. Lewis is not unwilling to succeed himself and his friends say he is building his fences in a most approved manner.

Dan J. Ingalls, the old war horse of Lewis and Clark, has also entered the scrimmage "for keeps" and, according to the statements of those who are urging his candidacy, neither they nor Dan J. are losing any sleep over the probability of his success before the convention.

Then, too, there are R. M. Gaston of Astoria, Emsey Holton, of Warrenton, and Jacob Braller of Seaside, all of whom are said to be anxious to cross the political Tugela and storm the entrenchments of the enemy in the interests of the republican party of Clatsop county, their beloved constituents, and others, more closely personal.

Those who represent constituencies outside the Astoria larger are particularly emphatic in their representations that one who is in sympathy with the farmers and good roads must be chosen. They declare that Lewis and Peterson "trowed 'em down" with a heavy thud on the "three-roads" proposition and are determined to switch the balance of power in their favor, if possible, by electing one more friendly to their needs than they say, Commissioner Lewis has been.

Just who of those now in the field can best suit their ideas of official probity has not yet been definitely suggested, but it is safe to say that none of the gentlemen named have the least aversion to the lightning striking in their own individual and private ballistics.

A BAD PREDICAMENT.

Lewis and Clark Dairyman to Be Without Marketing Facilities.

The dairyman of Lewis and Clark are in a most unfortunate predicament. It is understood that the Ethel, which has been carrying the cream from that district to this city, will discontinue her trips a week from today and the farmers are in a quandary as to how they will get their cream to market in the future.

For a long time the Ethel made two trips a week, carrying from two to three thousand pounds of cream on each trip. Now she is making but one trip per week. She came in yesterday with about two thousand pounds of cream and a number of passengers. It is understood the Ethel will enter into the cannery business about the middle of the coming month.

A dairyman from the Lewis and Clark stated yesterday that, without river transportation service, the farmers in that district might about as well abandon their places as they were utterly unable to get their produce to market in any other way. The roads, he said, are impassable and the river is their only recourse. Now that the Ethel is to discontinue her trips, they are in the dark as to what shall be done.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.

Astoria Precinct No. 1	123
Astoria Precinct No. 2	141
Astoria Precinct No. 3	131
Astoria Precinct No. 4	174
Astoria Precinct No. 5	170
Astoria Precinct No. 6	105
Astoria Precinct No. 7	84
John Day Precinct	26
Svenson	23
Wallack	22
New Astoria	26
Warrenton	27
Clatsop	29
Seaside	72
Melville	19
Chadwell	20
Young's River	14
Olney	27
Knappa	23
Clifton	53
Westport	19
Vesper	3
Jewell	11
Mishawaka	14
Elsie	22
Push	15
Total to date	1455

NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS.

The articles in our show window are to be given away on the 10th of each month upon the following conditions:

All bills owing for gas or electric lights paid on or before the 5th of every month at our office, a coupon will be given, entitling the customer to a drawing for any of the articles named in the window. As a great number have been paying at the office and that we appreciate the favor we offer this inducement to all to do so:

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For all night enclosed arcs	\$2.00
For half night enclosed arcs	7.50
Incandescent, 16 c. p. a. night	1.25
Incandescent, 12 c. p. a. night	1.00
Incandescent, 10 c. p. a. night	.75
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Gas for fuel purposes, 1000 c. ft.	1.55
Mixed, light and fuel	2.35

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