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TODAY'S WEATHER. PORTLAND, April 5.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, showers today.

AROUND TOWN.

Sweet cream at the Bonbonniere. E. T. Myster of Skamokawa is in the city. Jeff's is "the only" restaurant. White cooks. M. J. Kinney of Portland was in the city yesterday. Horses for sale at Gaston's stable on Fourteenth street. Scores of tickets have been sold for the Kellogg lecture. The event of the year will be the lecture by Kellogg. Tickets for the Kellogg lecture 25 cents; 15 cents for children. Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun restaurant, 612 Commercial street. If you want to see an intellectual giant, take in the Kellogg lecture. Jeff's restaurant—the largest and best. A trial will convince you. Mrs. Will Madison left yesterday for a lengthy visit to friends in Salem. Many of the best people of the city have bought tickets for the Kellogg lecture. Wanted—Tenant for well furnished and well lighted room. 467 Exchange street. J. C. Mayo has recovered from his recent illness and is once more at his office. A cash purchaser for a good piano may be found at this office, if the price is low enough. Herman Wise and Leander Lebeck were among the pilgrims to Portland to hear Bryan. Among the Astorians in Portland are Captain and Mrs. James Tatton and Dr. and Mrs. Estes. Ilwaco was represented in Astoria yesterday by C. C. Dalton and Dan Markham of that place. Col. L. L. Hawkins of Portland, founder of the museum at that place, was in the city yesterday. For Rent—Three furnished rooms for housekeeping, on ground floor; 414 Exchange street, near Ninth. A small place at Clatsop for sale or rent. Suitable for chicken ranch. Apply to A. Tagg, Parlor Candy Store. J. W. Hobbs of McMinnville, deputy United States revenue officer, was a caller at the custom house yesterday. The steam schooner Despatch arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning and proceeded to Portland. The activity among all classes engaged in the fishing business argues that a good season is confidently expected. Fish Commissioner Reed is expected in the city today and will remain here most of the time during the fishing season. A seven-room furnished house with all modern conveniences, for rent for one year. Apply at 527 Grand avenue, from 9 to 11 a. m. 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. Last evening the lodge of Daughters of Rebekahs of this city gave another of their popular socials at Odd Fellows' hall. The attendance was large. Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other. George W. Sanborn, agent. Telephone 1311. 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.

General produce, fish and commission store and employment agency. Old metal and rubber bought. 460 Duane street. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Preston, who have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. Peart, have returned to their home in Moscow, Idaho. The funeral of the late Herman Helander took place yesterday afternoon, the remains being interred at Greenwood. The county clerk's office will remain open tonight from 7 until 9 o'clock for the accommodation of those desiring to register. Probate Judge Gray made an order yesterday approving the action of N. Petroff, administrator of the estate of Henry Patree, in selling the land belonging to the estate. 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. J. W. Cook of Port Townsend was in the city yesterday. Mr. Cook has large canner interest at both Port Townsend and Blaine on the Sound, and is arranging for a big season's catch. Mrs. J. E. Ferguson, who has been in San Francisco for several months, taking a course of instruction in decorative painting on china and porcelain, has returned to her home in this city. 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. Captain Conn states that a large number of seals have put in an appearance outside the bar. Two sealing vessels are in the neighborhood and no doubt some good catches are being made. 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. Chas. Langert of Chicago, representing one of the largest liquor houses in the United States, is in the city. Mr. Langert says Astoria has assumed sufficient commercial importance to be added to all the traveling men's routes. Men Wanted—To learn barber trade. Only eight weeks required; special instruction this season; illustrated catalogue, map of city and souvenir mailed free. Moler's Barber College, San Francisco, California. A petition was received by the county commissioners yesterday from the stockholders of the Elk creek toll-road, asking that they be permitted to raise the rate of tolls. The matter was laid over till tomorrow. Judge McBride has decided to give precedence to the equity suit in preference to the ejectment suit in the litigation pending between the Columbia River Packers Association and Cook and Emyart. The date for the hearing has not yet been announced. The pupils of the high school hold the record for time and efficiency in the fire drill. According to Chief Stockton's watch it took the pupils just eighty seconds to clear the building, counting from the first stroke of the alarm. This included the closing of the windows and doors in each room by the monitors. Robert Gibson, editor of the Evening News, sustained a dangerous injury to his left hand last Tuesday evening while opening an oyster. A sharp edge of the shell entered the palm of the hand, severing one of the arteries. The wound bled profusely and it was not until a physician was secured that the flow could be checked. Quinlin lodge, order of Elks, has installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Exalted ruler, H. L. Henderson; leading knight, J. C. Bell; royal knight, H. T. Kinley; lecturing knight, C. V. Brown; treasurer, E. C. Hughes; secretary, F. J. Carney; tyler, P. Sals; trustee, H. F. Pral; esquire, J. R. Clinton; chaplain, L. E. Howe; organist, Jos. Gribbler; inside guard, I. Bergman. BEST 15-CENT MEAL, RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

Pears' Get one cake of it. Nobody ever stops at a cake.

There was an exodus of the "unrefined" to Portland yesterday, it being determined that Colonel William Jennings Bryan should have a glimpse of Astoria democracy at his meeting in Portland last night. A number of more enthusiastic of the Astoria Bryanites attended the colonel's meeting in McMinnville yesterday afternoon.

The county commissioners' court convened yesterday for the April term and the greater part of the day was devoted to routine matters. There were several communications relative to county road matters among which was one from the supervisor of district No. 6, in which it was stated that the county bridge across the Clatskanie river was unsafe. An estimate as to the cost of necessary repairs was ordered. Mrs. Gurina Benson, a widow, residing at Youngs river falls, was allowed \$6 per month from the county toward the support of herself and four children.

The district conference of the Norwegian Methodist Episcopal church of Oregon and Washington will meet this morning at the Uppertown Methodist church and remain in session until all business before it is finished. It is expected that the conference will close on Sunday night. A large number of ministers from abroad are in the city among them Rev. Ole Olsen, presiding elder of the Bergen district, Norway, who will address the conference at 3 this afternoon and again at 5 tonight. Following the evening service there will be a social gathering. Public services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock and all are cordially invited.

The Boston Lyric Opera Company will surely come to Astoria and will commence a season of three nights at Fisher's opera house, opening April 17. All arrangements were completed and the contracts signed yesterday for the coming of this organization. Manager Selig and Agent Gest have been working hard the past couple of days to get the guarantee and their success is evidenced by the long list of subscribers. Mr. Selig has given Mr. Best instructions to secure a number of musicians from Cordray's theater. Every member of the Boston Lyric will appear here, and with the local orchestra, augmented with several Portland musicians, will give Astorians a three-days' musical festival never experienced before. The box-office sheet for subscribers will be announced in these columns later.

MADE TO PAY JUST DEBTS.

Captain of the Samaritan Runs Across a Yankee Mate Who Teaches Him a Lesson.

An American sailor taught the captain of the British bark Samaritan, now in the lower harbor waiting to go to sea, a lesson yesterday that he will not soon forget. Incidentally he made the captain pay him \$10, and also pay a neat bill of costs. The Samaritan sailed from New York to Shanghai and thence to Astoria, her voyage ending with her arrival in Portland. In New York Captain Dexter of the Samaritan signed a young American seaman named Turner as second mate and when the vessel reached Portland the latter desired to leave her and asked for his wages. Captain Dexter claimed that Turner was bound to go back to New York with the ship but failing to make this claim good he offered the second mate one half the money due him. Turner refused to be beaten out of his hard earned pay and threatened to make trouble when Captain Dexter agreed to pay him in full and let him go. On the day the Samaritan was to sail from Portland to Astoria, preparatory to putting to sea, Turner was introduced to a man whom it was represented was the shipping commissioner, and who told him that if he, Turner, would accompany him to his office he would settle with him. Turner left the ship with the man, who proved to be the keeper of a sailor's boarding house, and was taken up town where he was given \$15 and promised the balance of his money later. Turner learning of the fraud that was being practiced on him started to hunt up the ship but found the Samaritan had sailed with a man in his place and that he had been entered on the ship's log as a deserter and his pay confiscated. Learning that the Samaritan was in the lower harbor here Turner hurried to Astoria and securing legal advice prepared to libel the vessel. When Captain Dexter found he could neither scare Turner or drive him off and that his vessel was liable to be held here for sometime in case he did not settle, he began to talk compromise. This, Turner would not listen to and finally Captain Dexter paid him in full and it is said, paid a tidy sum for costs as well. Turner received \$110, and the proceedings against the Samaritan were abandoned.

Sidonia had no friends. No wise man has. What are friends? Traitors.

SITUATION GROWS QUITE INTERESTING

Speculation as to What the Country Delegates Will Do.

WHY PROF. McCUE WITHDREW

Republican Leaders From Country and City Precincts Discuss the Situation—"No Axes to Grind, Merely Justice."

There is no end of speculation among the republican leaders in Clatsop county as to what the country delegates hope to accomplish at their meeting in Carruth's hall tomorrow evening and Saturday morning. That they have a definite purpose in view there can be no doubt, the conclusion being based upon statements made by some of the leaders in what is now known as the "country movement." It is no more than just and honest to say that the country delegates have no particularly dull axe to grind; they are not "sore," but, according to the representations made by some of them who speak with authority, they feel that the faithful in the country precincts should be entitled to a fair share of the loaves and fishes. It is because they feel that this equalization is being denied them by the party leaders in this city that they have decided to formulate a united plan of action in support of their demands for just recognition.

A delegate from one of the most populous outside precincts stated to an Astorian reporter yesterday that the "country movement" was first conceived because of a report to the effect that the leaders in the city were "selecting the cloth with the intention of having the county convention cut the garment accordingly." "This may or may not be true," said he. "However, I wish to say—and I know the rank and file of the party will agree with me—that the republicans in Clatsop county would not tolerate anything bearing the slightest suspicion of a slate. The history of the party proves this conclusively. Now, if there should be any truth in the report that the city leaders are endeavoring to 'fix things,' you may depend upon it that the country delegation will do its utmost to regulate matters in the interest of the people and the party."

The withdrawal of Prof. John C. McCue as a candidate for the legislative nomination has altered the situation relative to that contest materially. Although his withdrawal was unexpected it did not cause much surprise as it has been known for some time that Professor McCue's friends have been urging him to keep out of politics and devote his attention to his educational duties. None attempt to question that Professor McCue would make a most energetic and conscientious representative of this county at the state legislature, but they feel that his personal interests would, in the end, be better subserved by keeping aloof from the political puddle for the present as he is yet a very young man and will no doubt be duly recognized by the party and the people in the course of time.

This sentiment, indeed, is also expressed by some of the leaders relative to Johan Young's candidacy. Not the remotest question as to ability is raised but the suggestion is freely made that older men than either Mr. McCue or Mr. Young might make a stronger showing at the polls at the June election. A member of the republican party in this city, who ranks high in the councils of the organization, said to an Astorian representative last evening that inasmuch as there had been some criticism of Mr. Curtis' record in the legislature it would be necessary for the party to be exceedingly careful in its selection of candidates this year. What the people demanded was men of wide experience and familiarity with the needs of the county at large.

In referring to the coming meeting of the country delegates the gentleman said that he was satisfied that, as far as the city contingent was concerned, not the slightest objection could be raised to the course proposed. Said he: "What the republicans of Clatsop county demand is a fair representation of sentiment of both the members of the party and the people. If the country delegates feel that they have not been fully recognized they certainly have a perfect right to meet by themselves and formulate their desires or demands in a formal ultimatum. I know, however, that they will find that there is no disposition on the part of any of the leaders to deny them the recognition to which they are unquestionably entitled in the convention."

It is not within the republican ranks alone that special attention is being directed to the legislative candidates. The democrats have been doing some quiet work in the way of determining upon a Moses or two to give them representation at Salem at the next session. At the present moment it seems to be pretty well settled that Captain J. A. Campbell and O. J. Petersen will be asked to accept the nominations; as both are rated as exceedingly strong men in the community as well as popular with the rank and file of the party.

PLAYED HIS OWN GAME.

Dick Doherty, a Noted "Shipper," is Shanghaied.

A little over a week ago Dick Doherty was shanghaied. There is nothing very extraordinary in the mere fact of a man being shanghaied in a seaport but there was something out of the ordinary in Doherty's being placed "neek and crop" aboard a vessel and never knowing a thing about it, for Dick Doherty is noted, or was before this unfortunate affair, as one of the most expert of all the crafty crew that supplies sailors by the Sullivan process, and the mere fact that a man who had sent so many of his fellows to sea when they were unable to protest, being made to take a dose of his own medicine has set the town laughing.

Ordinarily, Doherty does not depend on "shipping" sailors for his living, but acts as caller in the Richmond dance hall, and it was only when the need of sailors was great and the ordinary shipping masters failed to find men that he would go to Joe Gribbler and ask for a "day's layoff to visit a sick relative."

Anyhow, one night some two weeks ago, Doherty disappeared. He had been out with a couple of friends all the afternoon and when the hour came for him to go to work he failed to show up. All search for him was in vain and finally after two days had passed and he did not appear it was decided that Dick Doherty had either fallen overboard or had gone to Cape Nome overland. Almost a week went by without tidings and Doherty was becoming an indistinct figure of the past when Joe Gribbler got a telegram. It was brief but breathed "great gobs of grief," as Bill Nye puts it, in every word. It read: "Am in San Francisco; shanghaied. Will get back if I can get back." The last was too much for Gribbler and he sent his distressed employee an order for a limited ticket from San Francisco to Astoria. Now, Doherty, while knowing every rope and spar on a ship, knows nothing about railroad trains and he failed to realize that his limited ticket was good for only a continuous trip and that no stop-overs were allowed, for when he reached Red Bluff he liked the looks of the town, and concluded to stop over one train and visit it. This he did and when he boarded the next train the conductor promptly told him his ticket was "no good" and put him off. Then came a second wall by telegraph. This one read, "Am at Red Bluff, got left; ticket no good. Send money." Once more Gribbler responded and unless he falls off the train or is shanghaied again in Portland by his old pals Doherty will probably reach Astoria today.

From one end of the waterfront to the other he will be met and greeted by every captain, mate, pilot or purser in Astoria and one can only imagine what they will say. So far as the sailors are concerned Dick Doherty will never hear the last of his enforced trip to San Francisco and some of his victims are preparing an ovation for him.

MADE A FAST TRIP.

Tramp Steamer Monmouthshire Arrives a Full Day Ahead of Time.

The tramp steamer Monmouthshire arrived in from the Orient yesterday afternoon and immediately went into quarantine in the lower harbor. She made one of the fastest trips on record making the mouth of the river a full day before schedule time. The Monmouthshire has on board over 250 Chinese and Japanese passengers in addition to the regular Oriental cargo. Quarantine Officer Hastings took the vessel in charge immediately upon its arrival and did not conclude the work of examination until late last night. No sickness of any kind was found on board and as soon as the work of fumigating the cargo is completed, the steamer will be allowed to proceed to Portland. It is understood that she will be released some time this forenoon.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Judge McBride handed down as follows formal orders yesterday: Columbia River Packers Association vs. W. L. Emyart and Frank Cook—Ordered referred to C. E. Runyon to take and report testimony. S. Hamilton vs. H. B. Parker, administrator, et al.—Motion overruled and defendant granted leave to answer. John Bentilla vs. Clatsop Mill Company—On trial before the following jury: George Kaboth, Jacob Uttinger, T. L. Noe, Samuel Willett, F. M. Warren, Floyd Dement, W. Z. G. Steele, A. V. Allen, R. Carruthers, W. F. Scheibe, C. S. Wright and A. Brix. S. S. Gordon, administrator, vs. Mary Cusick et al.—Order for confirmation and sale. THE LATEST WAR NEWS. The latest war news is eagerly sought after. To some it brings happiness, as they read of valiant deeds accomplished, while to others, the same message brings sorrow, when they note the death or capture of their loved ones. There is also much sorrow and suffering throughout our own country by those who have been captured by that greatest enemy—Dyspepsia. For this, however, there is a remedy and that is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which also cures indigestion, constipation, biliousness, nervousness and insomnia, and as a preventative for malaria, fever and ague it is unequalled. It has a record of fifty years of cures to back it up and a trial will convince you that your case is not incurable, as you will find after taking a few doses your stomach will be strengthened.

TO REDUCE COST OF LIGHTING CITY

Local Parties to Submit a Bid for the Contract.

WILL CUT PRICES ONE-HALF

City Councilmen Stir Up Vigorous Competition by Their Action On the Municipal Contract.

The city council cracked a large-sized coconut on Monday night when they decided that bids be called for on the contract for furnishing lights for the city at the expiration of the present contract with the West Shore Mills Company. For some reason or other not perfectly clear the impression had gone abroad that the West Shore Mills Company had a "lead-pipe cinch" on the lighting contract and no propositions were ventured in competition from outside parties. The stand taken by Councilmen Scherneckau, Hanson and Utzinger, in which they urged that competitive bids be invited, evidently has brought about a most pronounced change in the situation, for local parties, who have unlimited capital behind them and who see a "good thing" in the lighting contract at figures far below those now being exacted by the West Shore Mills Company, have decided to submit to the council and the water commission an offer which will certainly result in a material reduction in the cost of light to the city and to private consumers, whether they succeed in capturing the contract or not.

In support of their claims that a great saving to the city can be brought about, the parties referred to have outlined to an Astorian representative the following proposition, which will be submitted to the city authorities at the earliest opportunity. The gentleman representing the company said: "We will go before the council with a proposition to furnish arc lights for the streets for \$45 a year each. We will furnish incandescent lights at a cost of 60 cents per month. At present the city is paying nearly \$90 per year for arc lights, amounting to a total of \$375 per month, and private parties are paying \$1.25 per month for incandescents. We will also furnish the various city departments with lights free of charge. The people whom I represent are also ready to agree to pay into the city treasury annually a sum equivalent to twenty-five per cent interest on the money invested by the water commission in

the preparations recently made to have the municipality furnish its own lights. In addition to this we will pay the commission a reasonable sum for the use of its water power. I believe the power they already have is sufficient to meet all present requirements provided the latest improved machinery and dynamos are brought into service.

"You will supply all of your own machinery?" was asked. "Most assuredly so," was the reply; "and we will secure the very latest and best that money can buy."

Continuing the gentleman said: "Although the contract of the West Shore Mills Company calls for arc lights of 2,000-candle-power, you are getting lights rated at only 1,200, and poor ones at that. We will give you standard 2,000-candle-power lights for just about one-half of what you are now paying. I will also state that the estimates in our bid will represent a service running from dark till dawn. At present the street circuit is frequently discontinued long before the break of day."

A prominent member of the water commission, when told of the proposition referred to above, said yesterday that he was satisfied that the commission would welcome with much satisfaction any plan whereby the city lighting service could be improved and the cost reduced. He declared that it was the general impression among the commissioners that the city was paying too much money for the service received. The commission, he declared, had always been willing to take action to the end that the expense to the city for lighting be decreased, but the city council had been looked upon as an uncertain quantity at times and had even given good ground for the impression that some of the members were more than reasonably friendly toward the West Shore Mills Company, in support of its demands.

It can be stated that should this estimate of the council's attitude be true, a great change has come to pass within the past few weeks. A majority is now heartily in favor of doing something to cut down the expense now being borne by the city and that "something" seems about to materialize from an unexpected source in the way of the promised bid above referred to.

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