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TODAY'S WEATHER

PORTLAND, April 12.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, showers today.

AROUND TOWN.

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

Horses for sale at Gaston's stable on Fourteenth street.

Best cup of coffee in the city at the Model restaurant.

Rev. Wasson is holding a revival meeting at Seaside.

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

George W. Sanborn reports his new cannery in readiness for business.

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

Miss Myrtle Dillon has been selected to take charge of the school at Hopkins.

Julius H. Amme has sued his wife Marie for a divorce on the grounds of desertion.

C. C. Clarke of Seaside killed a five hundred pound bear near his place yesterday.

John Grover, formerly in charge of the weather bureau here, is visiting friends in the city.

Watned.—Two or four rooms furnished for housekeeping. State price. Address F. care Astorian.

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

Dates for "floating the lightship" should be posted in order not to startle the people by unannounced attempts.

A number of cottages have been leased in whole or in part by parties who will make Astoria their summer home.

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

General produce, fish and commission store and employment agency. Old metal and rubber bought. 460 Duane street.

The bar was too rough for anything to get in or over it yesterday without a shaking up such as captains of vessels prefer to avoid.

The county clerk's office will remain open to night from 7 till 9 o'clock in order to accommodate those not able to register during the day.

M. J. Mearns, better known as "Mike," died at the hospital yesterday of consumption. Mearns came to Astoria over twenty years ago.

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The county superintendent of schools held the regular examination of applicants for teachers' certificates yesterday. There were over twenty persons took the examination.

The quarantine of the Moores residence, due to the presence of malignant diphtheria in the house, was raised yesterday. The sufferer from the disease, a little girl, has recovered.

This office has a choice collection of fish stories, especially pertaining to trout supposed to have been caught last Sunday, which will be gladly given to anybody willing to believe them.

Among the latest pioneers to the Alaskan gold fields announced are Mayor W. C. Barrett, of Seaside; Mayor Linton of Warrenton and James Stokes of this city. They go to Cape Nome next month.

The tug Samson will leave with her tow of pines for San Francisco today. This will probably be the last trip of the tug this season, as it will be used hereafter in the government work at Grays harbor.

Pacific lodge, No. 53, Degree of Honor, will give a Bon Bon ball on Monday, April 16. Grand march at 9 p. m. Children under 14 years of age will not be admitted. Tickets 50 cents a couple. No free admissions.

At the meeting of the Boatpullers Club at their rooms in No. 3 Engine house last night Mr. John Bransford entertained the members with his photograph. A most delightful evening was spent by all present.

The first of the course of five lectures under the auspices of the Reading Club will be given at the Presbyterian church, Friday evening, April 20, by Prof. F. S. Dunn, of the University of Oregon. Tickets for the course, \$1; single admission, 25c.

EASTER OFFERING.—Just opened, new kid gloves, shirt waists, house wrappers, belts, collars, mercerized silk petticoats, lawns and percales. McAllen & McDonnell, 470 Commercial street. Exclusive dry goods importers. Best goods; lowest prices.

Deputy Street Superintendent Beasley was out with the hose yesterday cleaning up and washing down Bond street. The deputy did a good job except every once in awhile he would forget the nozzle wasn't a Winchester and would point the stream at an imaginary target down the street in a way that would cause the onlooking citizens to hasten out of range. There was probably a method in his madness, as Beasley says that "when he cleans house he wants to be left alone and have no spectators."

George Masters and C. Varrelas were fined \$50 each in the justice's court yesterday for violating the fishing law. Deputy Fish Commissioner C. W. Laughery made the arrests. The men were caught fishing in the main channel near Clifton and plead guilty when arraigned. The river is said to be full of fishing chances "on the law" because

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believing that the fish commissioner and his deputies will forgive the few days between now and Sunday, when the legal fishing season opens.

The following ladies came from Portland yesterday morning to assist in organizing the lodge of Bathbath Sisters instituted in this city last night: Tillie C. Cornellius, Mrs. M. Hickey, Mrs. M. Littlefield, Mrs. M. Landon Kloss, Mrs. C. H. Tabke, Mrs. F. Conn, Mrs. J. Annaud, Mrs. A. H. Hensley, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Tappendorf, Mrs. Fox. The ladies were the guests of the Occident hotel.

The more announcement of the coming of those two great comedians, George Kunkle and John Henderson, with Colonel Thompson's famous Boston Opera Company, which commences a season of three nights at Fisher's opera house Tuesday evening next, will no doubt fill the house. They will be seen to the greatest advantage the opening night and, with the principles of both grand opera and comic opera, will give a feast of enjoyment seldom if ever seen or heard of in Astoria. Seat sale opens at Griffin & Reed's at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The drawing of prizes offered by the Astoria Gas Company came off last night as follows: First prize, No. 245, a stove, won by Columbia River Packers Association; second prize, No. 245, a ton of coal, by R. J. Owens; third prize, No. 64, a hot plate, by V. H. Coffey; fourth prize, No. 143, three Welchbach lamps; Great American Tea Company, No. 12, drew the third prize, but as the assessment had not been paid, this number was dropped from the contest. The judges were A. Dunbar, W. W. Whipple, Herman Wise, H. K. Hoeller, August Kratz and Thomas Pyrie.

Holy gee, listen to this and then say the man lives who can't make a fortune in Astoria—if the following is true. But its from the News and reads: "There is quite an industry on the bays around Astoria in selling bowlders to the fishermen for ballast. One man at Chinook beach named Exstrom, has a little sailing sloop with which he gathers 10,000 of these rocks for fishermen in Baker's bay last year, selling them at one and a half cents. He paid an assistant a third; so his net profits was \$300 for about a month's work. The bowlders are gathered at Tongue Point, around on the Cathlamet bay side. This year the price is two cents a bowlder, as the number to be supplied is less because many of the fishermen are already supplied."

MATTSON WINS.

Jury in the Damage Case Returns a Verdict in the Boy's Favor.

The jury in the case of Henry Mattson against the city of Astoria, where in damages in the sum of \$2,000 and attorneys' fees were prayed for, returned a verdict late yesterday afternoon, allowing the plaintiff \$425.

This is plainly a verdict against the city, although the amount prayed for was not granted by the jury.

The main point in controversy was not so much whether the young man was entitled to damages for falling through the hole alleged to have been existing in the street, but whether the city government could be held responsible for a condition of things of which it had no formal or official knowledge. The jury has decided in favor of the former view.

In the nature of things Mattson can claim a victory against the city, although the amount awarded is much less than that prayed for in the complaint.

Under the terms of the verdict, the jury practically admits the justice of Mattson's claim, but cuts down the amount. The sum granted over and above \$500 was primarily for physicians' fees.

It goes without saying that the verdict has taught the city council a valuable lesson.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Chas. Guillaume and wife to William Pulp & Paper Company—NE quarter of section 21, T 7 N, R 3 W; \$1. State of Oregon to Karl A. Torgenson—155 acres in section 24, T 4 N, R 3 W; \$138.30.

Peter Svensen and wife to A. & C. R. Bergman—tract of land in sections 15 and 22, T 9 N, R 4 W; \$4. James H. Hise and wife to George H. Hise—30 acres in section 21, T 6 N, R 6 W; \$500.

PASSING OF YELLOWSTONE PARK

It is stated upon good authority that the geysers which have made Yellowstone Park famous are gradually declining. Spots once the scene of extraordinary phenomena are now covered by buildings, showing that nature's work has become exhausted. Tourists who have never visited the park are advised to do so soon, before they have passed forever. This information brings to mind, rather pointedly, the fact that decline is the law of the world, both geographical and physical. Health is the most precious possession in the world and too great care cannot be given it. In the spring you should renew your strength and revitalize your blood and nerves with the best of all medicines—Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It also cures stomach disorders. Try it.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL: RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

DEMOCRATS IN A QUANDARY

Fail to Find Candidates for Offices On Tap.

COUNTRY DELEGATES OBJECT

They Do Not Approve of the "Mongrel Idea"—Straight Democracy or Nothing.

The democrats of Clatsop county held a convention in this city yesterday. The meeting was warm and interesting while it lasted and there was an unusual amount of talking and balking, the number of delegates present being taken into consideration. These characteristics, however, have grown so common in the county, since the populist fellows have been added to the other vociferous qualities of the "unaffiliated," that no one was surprised at the proceedings, animated as they proved to be.

As was foretold in the Astorian yesterday morning, the democrats did nothing more of importance than to choose delegates to the state and congressional conventions except to discuss the best manner in which a ticket could be placed before the people to defeat the candidates nominated by the republican party a few days ago.

This was where the rub came in. The city delegates favored fusion with the disgruntled republicans, populists and other remnants of political indolence, while the delegates from the country refused to stand "pat" on anything but a straight democratic ticket. The city delegates argued that nothing could be accomplished unless a combination of forces was effected, the country delegates held that it were better to go down to defeat than consent to a compromise.

But over and above all the arguments, the most perplexing proposition confronting the delegates was the fact that few of the important and influential citizens of the county could be induced to accept the nominations on tap at the convention. One of the delegates said to an Astorian representative:

"The republicans have taken Stokes away from us and we must cast about for some one to take his place."

The same idea seems to apply to nearly all the other republican candidates at the present moment, although there are reasons to suppose that the democrats "will make a stagger" at putting up an independent ticket—provided they decide not to fuse.

Dr. Henderson, late secretary of the county central committee, took the floor to state that he doubted enough candidates could be induced to run on a straight democratic platform to fill out the ticket. In support of his contention that a citizens' movement would be far more popular than an independent democratic movement, Dr. Henderson undertook to explain that the republicans held a large majority in this county and a combination of forces would be required to make a showing against them.

A. B. Coe, of Svensen, saw no reason why the convention should not proceed to nominate a ticket. "Let us stand on our principles and make our own fight," he demanded.

Herman Wise then arose to explain that the democrats ought not to be in a hurry to place their candidates in the field.

"If we were to nominate a ticket today," said Mr. Wise, "the campaign would be too long. Let the republican candidates get in and wind themselves. We will come in stronger at the finish."

But Delegate Coe, of Svensen, had a word or two to say and would not be discouraged by the suavity of the city delegates. He desired to know why there were not more delegates present. A convention of democrats in this year of grace and county campaigns ought, in his opinion, to call out more of the faithful than was represented on the floor at the time. He thought the convention should nominate a ticket without delay.

Seafeldt, commandant of Astoria, No. 6, could not agree with Mr. Coe.

"We cannot consistently nominate a ticket today," he declared. "We are at present like a lot of sheep without a bellwether; like an army without a general."

William Kelly, one of the Astoria braves, interrupted the proceedings with a motion that the convention resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of arriving at a conclusion of some kind, but Mayor Bergman who, for the first time raised his voice in the convention, thought such a course would be useless as there was "no use to make nominations at this time."

"Who are we going to nominate?" asked Mr. Bergman. "Shall we, by going into executive session, sit around here and make fools of ourselves?" Mr. Noland then came to the rescue by entering into a lengthy speech in which he proclaimed, in behalf of his city brethren and for the pacification of the country delegates, that there was no slate, begging the convention not to be in a rush.

"Let's talk this matter over," said Mr. Noland. "There is no occasion for hurry. I believe the best interests of the party and the people at large will be better subserved by united action

Pears'

What is wanted of soap for the skin is to wash it clean and not hurt it. Pure soap does that. This is why we want pure soap; and when we say pure, we mean without alkali.

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among those opposing the ring now represented by the candidates of the republican party. I earnestly believe," said he, "that the democrats, were they placed in control of the county government, could reduce the expenses of Clatsop county at least twenty per cent. The sheriff should receive no more than \$1800 per year, neither should the county clerk. Besides, there are too many deputies.

"The reason why we cannot get men to accept nominations on the democratic ticket," continued Mr. Noland, "is because we are seeking men of the very best qualifications. These are unwilling to give up their positions to enter into the field of politics. We want men who will sit down in their office after they are elected and attend to the business for which they are being paid salaries by the county—not to hob-nob with politicians and political grafters to insure their re-nomination."

Chairman Utzinger then arose to express the sentiments of the city delegates. Said he:

"The country delegates will find us here an open book. We are not prepared today to nominate a ticket. We want time to pick out our men—men who will command, not only the respect of the voters at large, but men who will get out and rustle in the interests of the ticket."

Father Walker, the old war-horse of Nehalem, took the floor to counsel moderation among the young and ambitious members of the party. One fault with the democratic party, in Father Walker's opinion, was that "the rank and file of the party placed too much weight on principle and not enough weight on policy." Good policy, in his mind, dictated fusion with the citizens and populists.

"I am interested in the county commission contest more than anything else," said Father Walker, in conclusion. "The people out my way are anxious to have good county roads to give them marketing facilities, and our fight will be based chiefly upon the standing of the candidates on this question."

A motion was then made to the effect that when the convention adjourned, it be till April 21 at 1:30 p. m. Someone asked if the convention would reconvene as a democratic body or some other old thing. Chairman Utzinger expressed the opinion that the body would meet as democrats, at the same time placing a finger upon the throbbing pulse of the public. A question was also raised as to whether or not citizens other than delegates would be allowed a voice in the convention. There was considerable discussion on this point, but Father Walker brought matters to a focus by saying that, in his opinion, there could be no objection to anyone being admitted into the convention. He believed the proposition partook much of the position of the man who was seeking religion.

"Let 'em come into the fold," said he. "We surely will do the boys no harm. In fact, I believe it will be to their interest. We'll convert them."

This expression brought a general remonstrance from the country delegation who—first, last and all the time—wanted to stand "pat" on a straight democratic ticket. Mr. Kelly said he was sick and tired of "this half-way business."

"Let's stand on our own bottom," said he, "and if we go to defeat, let's go to defeat as democrats."

This idea, however, did not appear to be in line with the judgment of the city delegates and the fusion forces carried the day.

The convention will meet on the 21st inst., at 1:30 p. m., at the same hall, but what will be done is purely conjectural.

The following resolution was introduced by Dr. Henderson and unanimously adopted:

"Be it resolved by the democratic county convention of Clatsop county, That extravagance in the management of county affairs as now administered demonstrates the necessity of electing businessmen to office who will reduce expenses in every branch of county government, and that to bring about such reductions no man should be nominated for a county office by this convention or a citizens' convention who will not pledge himself in writing to administer the office for which he may be nominated, if elected thereto, at a reduction of at least 20 per cent upon the expense of the administration of the same office during the last two years.

"Resolved, That the agricultural in-

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terests of the county should receive recognition, and we therefore favor the construction of adequate county roads to allow farmers to bring their products to market in a suitable manner, and without unnecessary inconvenience.

"The fishing industries of the state require uniform legislation, not legislation in the interests of any combination of canners, but for all persons connected with the industry alike. Accordingly, we believe that the \$1 individual license on fishermen should be repealed as a tax on manual labor, and not on property, and accordingly as unjust and oppressive."

The following named gentlemen were chosen to serve on the county central committee, one member being chosen from each precinct:

Astoria No. 1—Leander Lebeck.
Astoria No. 2—George Noland.
Astoria No. 3—Herman Wise.
Astoria No. 4—C. C. Utzinger.
Astoria No. 5—John Gratie.
Astoria No. 6—Al Seafeldt.
Astoria No. 7—Fred Wright.
Clatsop—O. B. Wirt.
Westport—Angus Foote.
Svensen—A. B. Coe.
Elsie—A. R. Jensen.
Knappa—A. B. Powers.
John Day—Perry Titus.
Olney—John Glaser.
Melville—N. Wisner.
Jewell—C. A. Bottom.
Clifton—N. Stanovich.
Seaside—N. D. Bain.
Vesper—George Carl.
Walluski—John Christians.
Mishawaka—Thos. O'Connor.
Push—Conrad Butler.
Warrenton—J. W. Detrick.
New Astoria—C. E. Ford.
Youngs River—Hugh McCormack.
Chadwell—E. Libke.

AFTER THE RIVER RATS.

Boys Again Looting Launches and Small Craft of Engine Brasses—Thieves Escape Punishment.

There are a number of boatmen on the water front with whom patience has ceased to be a virtue, and if the coroner does not sit in state upon a small boy or two in the near future, it will be because the boys quit stealing or the boatman's gun misses fire.

"For months past," said the owner of a Naptha launch, "our boats have been entered on an average of once a month and every bit of brass about the engines taken. Oil cups and fittings have been uncrowded and where they could not unscrew the brass they have even cut it off with a cold chisel and hammer."

"Now the fittings these boys steal off our boats in a night cost us sometimes as high as \$50 to replace, besides delaying us in our regular trips until the engines can be repaired. The boys probably get \$2 or at the outside \$3 from the junk man for the brass they steal."

"Sometime ago we put a watch on and caught a gang of these boy thieves in the act of leaving Nick Clinton's pile driver with the stolen brass and another gang was caught with the brass they had stolen from the launch Nelsie."

"What happened?"
"We had evidence to convict but a lot of people went up to the judge and cried and said 'they're only boys'; 'let 'em go this time and they'll be in bed at six every night of their lives after

this until they are old enough to vote; 'let 'em go and we'll spank 'em' and all that rot and the judge let the little thieves go and we went down in our pockets for new brasses and repairs."

"It wasn't a week after the little robbers were let loose until they skinned a launch of every oil cup on it and now they have cleaned up Nick Clinton's pile driver again."

"Well, this time we are not going to take the little angels into court until we are sure they are angels. We have clubbed in for one watchman on certain nights and two on other nights and they will go 'heeled.' When they discover anybody at work stealing the brasses off engines they will argue the question with them on the spot and find out afterwards whether it is a man or boy or two boys they have brought down."

"That may sound blood thirsty, all right, but its what will be done. We men who make a scanty living with our boat can't afford to give \$25 worth of brass fittings to see some woman cry because it's her boy that stole them. Sympathy is all right but it takes money to buy oil cups. You mark my words, it will not be until some one is properly handled by the boatman that this stealing will stop."

"Why, the boys are no more afraid of being arrested for stealing off the boats than I would be of being yanked in on a charge of arson this minute. They laugh and say that they cry and their mamma's cry and then the judge scolds them and lets them go home. We can't and won't stand it any longer. We are not going to take the law into our own hands, by any means, but we are going to enforce the law just as far as we have the right to enforce it and let results take care of themselves."

"Another thing. We boatmen think there should be some way of reaching the junk men who buy the stolen brass and fittings from the boys. They know the brass is stolen and if they could do nothing else they could have the boys offering it for sale arrested. Instead of that the men who buy the stuff encourage the boys to steal. If the boys could not sell the brass they would never steal it, you can be sure of that. It does seem as if these men could be reached. We can't reach 'em, that's sure. They are too cunning to do the stealing themselves."

Not only do complaints come from boatmen who have lost brass fittings but even oars, sails and other paraphernalia belonging to boats, things seemingly too bulky to be carried off by mere boys, are reported as having been taken. It will be a sorry reckoning for the thieves, old or young, some of these nights when caught at work.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the city treasury to pay all warrants drawn on the general fund and endorsed prior to September 1, 1899. Interest will cease after this date.

F. J. CARNEY,
City Treasurer.

Astoria, Oregon, April 10, 1900.

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Empire Combs, 10c to 25c.
Pulley Belts, 25c to 35c.

Ladies' Suits

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Brown and Blue Wool Oxford Suits, \$4.75.