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C. H. Cooper

The Leading House of Astoria

TODAY'S WEATHER

PORTLAND, April 17.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, increasing cloudiness today.

AROUND TOWN.

Total registrations to date—1783.

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

Mayor Bergman was in Portland yesterday.

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

A. H. Gray came down from Goble Sunday.

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

H. W. Draw of Boston is registered at the Occident.

W. W. Curtis of Portland was in the city yesterday.

A. E. Thompson of Seaside spent Sunday in Astoria.

R. R. Powell is down from Portland on a business trip.

Mrs. Mary Johnson of Chinoek was in Astoria yesterday.

Furnished room for rent over Ross, Higgins & Company.

C. A. Gove of Los Angeles, Cal., is a guest at the Occident.

W. J. Berger is registered at the Occident from Chicago.

W. F. Jeffers and J. W. Walsh of Portland are in the city.

H. B. Ferris of Portland is registered at the Parker house.

Joel Bate of Goble is in Astoria, a guest at the Parker house.

Treasurer Curtis of the A. & C. has returned from a trip East.

Frank Perin of Skippanon called on old friends in Astoria Sunday.

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

Walter B. Preston was down from Portland yesterday on business.

The Boston Lyric Opera Company at Fisher's opera house this evening.

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

Wanted.—To rent a centrally located furnished house. Address X, care Astorian.

F. P. Wolfe of Goble was in Astoria yesterday, a guest at the Parker House.

The tug Traveler left out Monday morning with a barge for Grays harbor in tow.

Harry Young was over from Salem Sunday to spend the day with his parents in the city.

The State of California arrived on time from San Francisco Sunday. Passenger and freight lists good.

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.

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

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

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.

Pears'

was the first maker of sticks of soap for shaving. Pears' Soap established over 100 years.

On Friday evening, April 20, F. S. Dunn, professor of Latin and Greek, of the University of Oregon, will lecture on the Hades of Homer. This is the first of a series of lectures to be given under the auspices of the Reading Club of Astoria. The lectures will be held in the Presbyterian church. Season tickets, \$1; single tickets, 25 cents.

The naphtha launch that rigs itself out in new paint and new fittings and advertises a cheap excursion on Sunday to some near by town is going to make money. No launch on the river would have better people who would have paid 50 cents each for a rapid ride on the river last Sunday. It was perfect weather and people wanted some place to go.

"Cavalleira Rusticana," the grand opera, and "Said Pasha," the comic opera, which double bill will be presented at Fisher's opera house by the Boston Lyric opera company this evening will draw the largest crowd in the history of Astoria's amusement circles. The curtain will rise at 8 o'clock sharp and all persons attending are requested to be in their seats at that time.

The bicycle commission were out on a tour of inspection yesterday afternoon and found that the elements had torn down the track near Tongue Point and some well-dressed persons had carried the lumber away. The names of some of the perpetrators have been made known and the commission intends to assert their rights. Any further infractions, they say, will be "handled without gloves."

According to the government summary of exports and imports at the various customs districts of the country for the eight months of the fiscal year ending March 1, 1900, just issued, the exports of the Willamette district were \$5,754,583, as compared with \$10,769,184 at Puget sound, and the imports at the Willamette district were \$1,936,263, against \$5,289,297 at Puget sound.

It is understood that the fish patrol boats this season are not to be known as such until compelled to disclose their identity by making an arrest. It is not likely the river police will have much to do, however, as the fishermen realize it is cheaper to keep the law than to violate it. There is bound to be some "oullaws" and it is hoped by keeping the identity of the patrol boats a secret to drop them early in the season.

The services at the Methodist church Sunday were of an exceptional character. The church was crowded at both services, and the music was pronounced the best ever heard in the Methodist church. Mrs. Maddock, the director, and Miss Sue Eimor, organist, deserve great credit for their patience and skill in drilling the choir. Owing to so much music the pastor was late before he got before his audience, but his sermon held the close attention of the congregation from beginning to end, and created favorable comment.

COUNTY POLITICS.
Coroner Pohl declares that he is out of the race for re-nomination. It was reported about town that it was at one time his intention to run as an independent candidate, but Mr. Pohl states that this is an error as he would not run as long as Charlie Mathena is willing to "stand in." This leaves the contest between Mathena and Parker, according to present indications, as it is now improbable that anyone will appear against Mathena for the nomination before the citizen's convention.

The Saturday Herald, the personal political organ of C. J. Curtis, declines to play in the back yard of the county republicans. Even the front yard now seems to be out of favor, and no longer will "the vulnerable" be found swinging on the gate, seeking a flirtation with Judge Gray and Charlie Fulton. In the Herald of Saturday "C. J." promulgated his platform and declaration of principles in the following caucuses:

"During the next few months, the people who read the newspapers will be regaled with political disquisitions. In fact, politics will be the absorbing topic of conversation. We are on the eve of a political campaign in Clatsop county and the indications point to a close contest. The republicans have all the votes, and with the light vote that is certainly to be polled no candidate will have a sure thing this year. The road question will also cut an important factor in the campaign and is certain to divide the republican vote. The citizens will be in the field with a strong ticket and it will receive a large support from the country. The Herald has refrained from taking any part in the campaign preceding the convention and it is probable that it will not take an active part at all."

ELECTRICITY IS LIFE.
It has been demonstrated that an animal killed by electricity may be brought to life. An ordinary current does not produce instant death, and if it were possible to have in readiness suitable apparatus, consciousness could be restored by the infusion of defibrinated blood. In a like manner Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the well known tonic, infuses life into debilitated bodies, by revivifying and purifying the blood. This wonderful medicine permeates and distributes nutritive material to every part of the body. If its quality or circulation is deranged, trouble follows. Constipation, dyspepsia, liver and kidney disorders all spring from a weak condition of the digestive organs, which affects the blood, and through it the entire body. The Bitters cures all such disorders and is an excellent spring tonic.

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DECLINED TO OPEN BID FOR LIGHTING

City Contract Not to Be Let for Awhile.

COUNCIL WANTS COMPETITION

West Shore Mills Co. Would Sell Its Plant to the City—Routine Business Transacted by Council.

The city council last night declined to open the bid of the West Shore Mills Company for furnishing lights for the city during the fiscal year soon to begin. This was the only bid received and Councilman Scherneckau presented a resolution extending the time to advertise for and receive bids ten days. Councilman Goddard asked why this action should be taken and was promptly answered by Mr. Scherneckau, who said he was satisfied that other parties were anxious to put in bids and they should be given an opportunity to do so. In view of this circumstance, he believed it would be unfair to the city for the council to take action on a solitary bid. Councilman Utzinger stated that he did not believe any outside parties could put in a bid and prepare to serve the city by the beginning of the new term, and announced his intention of voting against the resolution. A vote was then taken, all voting in favor except Utzinger and Cook, Mayor Bergman was not present.

C. W. Fulton, representing the West Shore Mills Company, requested that the bid be returned to the company, which was granted.

The company presented a proposition to sell their plant to the city, inasmuch as there had been considerable talk of the city operating a lighting system of its own. The proposition, which follows, was referred to the committee on ways and means:

"The West Shore Mills Company will sell its electric light plant to the city for a price to be determined by a board of appraisers selected as follows: The city shall choose one competent man, a resident and taxpayer of the city, to act as an appraiser, and the West Shore Mills Company shall choose one man, a resident and taxpayer of the city, to act as an appraiser, and the two so selected shall choose a third, and the three shall appraise and value the property known as the West Shore Mills Company's electric light plant, comprising the station building and the real estate on which it stands; the boiler house and boilers, with the real estate it occupies; the engine, and power machinery, dynamos, both air and incandescent; poles, cross-arms, electric light wires and lines, electric meters, transformers, lamps, arc and incandescent, business and franchise. The said properties to be assessed at a fair and equitable valuation thereof.

"The findings of the appraisers shall be signed by at least a majority thereof, and shall be given in duplicate, one to the committee on ways and means of the common council of the City of Astoria, and one copy to the West Shore Mills Company, and no other party or person shall be supplied with a copy thereof. If you shall conclude to accept this proposition let the committee on ways and means, or such representative as you shall designate to act on behalf of the committee, to the committee on ways and means of the city and the representatives of the city and the representative of the company, may meet and make the selection of appraisers, and take such other steps as shall be necessary to carry out the proposition herein contained.

"It is understood that in case the city shall accept the valuation made by the appraisers, and shall purchase the property, then each party shall pay one-half of the expense of securing the appraisal, but if either party shall decline to accept the valuation and the contract of purchase on its part, then such party declining shall pay the entire cost of such appraisal.

It is understood that the property proposed to be sold and which shall be purchased, and all machinery, boilers and appliances owned and used by the company, and also its franchise, and all materials and supplies which the company now has on hand and which are suitable for use in the business of electric lighting. Also that the West Shore Mills Company will either lease or sell, as shall be desired, to the city, its scoops, horses and wagons, with the privilege of using its dock and frontage at such a price as may be agreed upon.

"The West Shore Mills Company will also grant to the city a right of way over its property to the buildings and plant proposed to be sold, for the purpose of conveying fuel and supplies thereto, and generally for the purpose of using and enjoying the property until Astor street shall have been extended westerly from its present terminus to Taylor's Astoria.

"In case the city shall accept the appraisal value, the same shall be paid in bonds of the City of Astoria, bearing interest at six per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually."

Retaliatory licenses were granted as follows: Konev & Griblov, Axel Jacobson, Seinfeld & Wirkkala and Beserich & Francisovich.

Bills against the city were ordered paid as follows:
J. S. Dellinger \$ 42 75
Astorian 2 10
Griffin & Reed 8 85
West Shore Mills Co. 8 00
Astoria Street Ry Co. 5 00
Olaf Petersen 24 50
A. J. Schell 2 92
Astoria Wood Mfg Co. 2 00
H. F. Prael 3 75
Clatsop Mills Co. 77
F. Dement 1 20
Fred Sals 30 00
Alex. Bremner 2 05
Schiffeld & Hauke 64 75
Astoria Gas Light Co. 8 00
H. F. Prael 1 25
Fisher Bros. 10 50
A. G. Long 30 00
C. A. Linenweber 7 25

City Attorney Smith was instructed to take an appeal to the supreme court in the Mattson damage suit, which was recently decided against the city by a jury in the circuit court. Members of the council expressed a

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Wash Goods
Dark Percales \$ 1-5c.
Light Percales, 12 1-2c.
Figured Dimity, 10c.
Striped Spring, 16 2-3c.

Boys' Suits
Boys' 3-piece Spring Suits, \$1.50 to \$3.20.

Notions
Empire Combs, 10c to 25c.
Pulley Belts, 25c to 50c.

Ladies' Suits
Cotton Covert Suits, \$1.75.
Brown and Blue Wool Oxford Suits, \$4.75.

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