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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, April 21.—Washington, Oregon and Idaho, fair today.

AROUND TOWN.

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

J. M. Turner of Walla Walla is in the city.

J. W. Gale of San Francisco is in Astoria.

A. E. King was over from Ilwaco yesterday.

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

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

E. Karbonen is down from Clatskanie on business.

R. H. Calley of San Francisco is in Astoria on business.

John Stephens has gone to San Francisco on a business trip.

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

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G. B. Sage of Seattle is spending a couple of days in Astoria looking over the local business situation.

J. M. Gillette, Esq., came up from Seaside yesterday to "take notes" among the local political powers.

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

John Logan, the well-known Oney rancher, came over on the Mayflower yesterday to attend to private business affairs.

The cable reports the safe arrival at Liverpool on April 18th of the British ship St. Marys, grain laden from this port.

Lewis Jordan, representing Passion Play moving pictures, was in the city yesterday, arranging for the production of his exhibition at Fisher's opera house.

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

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The Young Ladies Institute will give a ball at Foard & Stokes hall on Monday, April 23. Admission 50 cents. Good music has been engaged for the occasion.

An entertainment is to be given by the young ladies of Astoria, entitled "The Spinster Club," April 27, in Fisher's opera house. The proceeds to go to the public library.

An "admiring subscriber" of the Astorian asks: "What is a clam digger—a fisherman or an agriculturist?" The question is respectfully referred to the Epworth League debating society.

W. G. Martin, T. G. Coleman, S. Bagnell, W. H. Raymond, C. I. Overbaugh and R. B. Miller were among the Portland business men in the city yesterday, guests at the Occident.

The Young Ladies Institute is making elaborate preparations for the ball to be given next Monday evening at Foard & Stokes' hall. From every indication there promises to be a large and representative gathering.

The British ships Thornlebank and Berwickshire cleared yesterday with cargoes of wheat for the United Kingdom valued at \$69,500 and \$42,500 respectively. Both ships got to sea last night.

The Belgian King came down from Portland en route for San Diego yesterday and got out across the bar last night. The ship was only half loaded and will complete her cargo in California.

The funeral of the late George Cruickshank, who died yesterday morning from the effects of droupy, will be held at Pohl's undertaking parlors this afternoon at 2:30. Mr. Cruickshank was a native of Scotland, 63 years of age, and had been a resident of Astoria for more than twenty years.

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The steamer Columbia arrived from San Francisco on schedule time yesterday morning but was delayed here some two hours, owing to a scarcity of longshoremen on the dock to unload the freight. The opening of the fishing season has taken away fully two-thirds of the longshoremen and the steamer must now depend principally on their crews.

The lecture by Prof. F. S. Dunn on the "Hades of Homer" last evening at the Presbyterian church was a real literary treat, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the cultured audience present. The lecture showed a fine appreciation and a sympathetic insight into the fascinating mysteries of the bard of Hellas. The ladies of the Reading Club are to be congratulated on this the first of their series of lectures, and if this is a forerunner of what is to follow the success of the course is assured.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

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Services at the Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow morning and evening will be held as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Subject of the morning discourse "A Philosophical View of Addressing Our Father." A new view with respect to prayer. Subject of the evening sermon: (1) We are under a cloud; (2) The sun shines brightly above the cloud; (3) The cloud will finally be swept away, and we all shall stand in the fullness of the great sunlight. Excellent music may be expected.

The period for the redemption of rats under the city bounty ordinance came to a close last night and but 25 rodents had been turned in to the police department. At five cents each, the "catch" amounts to a total of only \$1.25, leaving a balance of \$3.75 of the amount appropriated to be returned to the city treasury. When the city council provided \$50 as a bounty fund it was generally believed that that amount would be consumed within a few days.

Word was received in Astoria yesterday of the death of Mr. J. Joplin, father of Mrs. W. L. Uhlenshart, of this city, at Almsley, Wash., at the residence of Mrs. Kate Duffy, another daughter, with whom he has been making his home lately. Mr. Joplin was a native of Virginia, but left that state when a small boy, with his parents, who settled in Pettis county, Missouri. In 1870 Mr. Joplin came to Astoria and resided continuously from that time until his death in this vicinity. Mr. Joplin was 62 years of age at his death and was well known and highly respected by a large circle of friends on both sides of the lower Columbia river. His death was due to heart failure, after confinement to his bed about a week. The remains will be brought to this city by tonight's train, and the funeral will probably take place tomorrow, the interment being made in Clatsop cemetery. Mr. Joplin leaves four children; two of whom are sons, Ferdinand, residing at Port Townsend, Washington; and William, living near Knappa. His daughters are Mrs. Uhlenshart, wife of W. L. Uhlenshart, an old resident of this city, and Mrs. Duffy, at whose home he died, in Almsley, Washington, as stated.

SEA LIONS TEAR THE NETS. Misfortune Which Begets the Fishermen on the Lower Columbia.

As stated in the Astorian some few weeks ago, a large number of seals and sea lions have been frequenting the waters of the ocean just outside the bar. But little attention has been paid to the seals until now, but now the seals, and especially the sea lions, are causing no end of trouble and damage to fishing.

The sea lions rush into the fishermen's nets in their pursuit of salmon and, once entangled in a net, they are worse than a "bull in a China shop" when it comes to breaking things. The sea lions not only tear their way out of the nets—cutting holes, hard to patch—but, by their flurried and struggle, scaring the fish away for hundreds of yards around them.

It is said the sea lions can be frightened from the fishing grounds by a concerted action of the fishermen, all moving their boats at once into one locality and thus driving them off. This remedy, it is understood will be tried. As it is, much valuable time is being lost every day by fishermen mending the "sea lion holes" in their nets, to say nothing of the cost of rips and tears in the valuable netting.

To date in the neighborhood of 600 union fishermen have been registered and gone out to work, and it is expected the number will reach the 1,000 mark by the first of May. The catch is running fairly well. In fact, it is away beyond the catch for April of any of the three previous years, prior to 1900. Every boat brings in from five to as high as twenty fish at each haul of the net, and the fish average twenty pounds in weight apiece. Taking the minimum catch and figuring it at six cents per pound, the minimum price, the fishermen, making at least two hauls of the net each day, are earning a fair wage.

The seiners report it to be too early for their business and but few seiners are out. It is reported that the fish traps up the river and now doing fairly well.

The Union Co-operative cannery has some sixty boats out now and expects to increase this number by one-half during the coming week. So far, the cannery reports business as "unusually good for the April season."

None of the canneries worked full time yesterday but they will all be busy today, the afternoon and night catch being very good.

The general situation was clearly expressed yesterday by a fisherman, who said:

"We are not doing wonders in the way of taking fish, but we are doing about twice as much as we expected to do, and that is enough. The children are coming in rapidly and the fish caught are consequently increasing in size and weight. It can be said that the season, so far, is satisfactory."

MAY PUT UP TWO TICKETS

Democrats and "Citizens" Cannot Agree.

WILL HAVE A HOT OLD TIME

The Two Conventions to Take Place Today—An Unpretentious Guess as to Result—Country Democrats Grow Serious.

The country democrats have won out. At least there is every indication that such is the case.

At the recent democratic convention the country delegation, inspired with fundamental principles rather than practical policy, insisted upon the nomination of an out-and-out democratic ticket—a ticket which should bear only the true democratic banner and made up of only those who would, without prompting, join in the peans of praise inspired by the national and state platforms of the unterrified enthusiasts. The city delegation, at the time, counseled moderation and advised fusion, but the country delegates failed to see it that way and, although conquered by a majority in numbers, they were not subdued.

The situation admits of but one conclusion. While there is every reason to believe that the country delegates were sincere in their demands for a straight democratic ticket, there is just cause for the conviction that they would have given promises to abide by the decision for fusion, but many of them are satisfied that there is a well-cooked program on tap on the part of the "citizens" to make up a ticket composed almost entirely of republicans.

This is the main point of objection, and it is the point upon which the "remnants" will be at loggerheads today.

There seems to be no hope of reconciliation and there is every prospect of the democrats and "citizens" placing separate tickets in the field at today's conventions. It is not unlikely that there will be instances in which identical candidates will be nominated—indeed, this seems to be a foregone conclusion—but this will not necessarily be the outcome of premeditated connubination, as both sides appear to be exceedingly short of suitable candidates.

It seems to be generally conceded that both conventions will nominate "Corky" Hansen for sheriff, Carnahan for assessor, and Astbury for surveyor. Just what action will be taken relative to the nominee for superintendent of schools is problematical. The "citizens" are bent upon endorsing Mr. Lee, the present republican incumbent, while the democrats desire to nominate Mr. Lyman, the former superintendent, who is scheduled as a populist. The democrats will insist upon Charlie Mathena for coroner and the citizens, as far as can be learned, are in perfect accord.

As was stated in the Astorian yesterday morning, the legislative and clerkship nominations, above all others, will mark the parting of the ways. Inasmuch as neither side can agree as to whether Wherity or Curtis be sacrificed at the altar, there are indications, strong and foreboding, that the "invulnerable C. J." will have the pleasure of sniffing the aromatic incense at Wherity's bier and that the latter will be borne back into his native fold to make the fight against Duncan Stewart by the grace of his merits and the republican party. There seems to be but one alternative, which is, that Wherity will sniff the incense and that "C. J." will be laid at rest.

TALKS WITH TRAVELERS

"About the only English officer of the first fighting contingent who has not met defeat," said B. L. Hudson, of Cleveland, at a local hotel yesterday, "is Major-General J. D. P. French. He won first at Elandsbaagte, and has more than held his own since. French, who is now forty-six years old, is the son of a naval officer, and himself entered the navy, rising to the rank of lieutenant, when he gave up sailing the waters blue and cast his lot with the army, entering the 19th Hussars, serving with his regiment in Lord Wolseley's Nile expedition in 1884-85. He was at the fight at Abu Klea, and was mentioned in the dispatches for the part he took in the battle of Mettenah. For his services in the campaign he received a medal and clasp and the keystone's star. General French, so a friend told me, still looks the salt-marsh man and not at all the bean ideal cavalryman one would expect to find him, for he is ruddy, stout and short, standing only about 5 feet and 5 inches. He is thick set, has brown hair and a heavy mustache, and his eyes are of deep blue. He is very popular with his men; they will do any and all things he wishes."

General Hector McDonald, or "Fighter Mac," as he is popularly called, is a man who has risen from the ranks, and who owes his present high command solely to his own abilities as a soldier. The son of a Rosshire crofter, MacDonalld was originally set at work in the millinery trade, but he was not fitted for it, and soon turned to his natural avocation, enlisting in the 92d, the famous Gordon regiment. It was while with the Gordons that MacDonalld won the Victoria Cross, or rather the offer of it, the alternative being a commission, which latter he wisely chose. His ascent of the ladder has since been steady.

THE OLNEY SCHOOL AFFAIR.

Director Fulton Makes a Statement as to the Facts in the Case.

ASTORIA, April 20.—Editor of the Astorian: Yesterday morning there appeared in the Astorian an article giving a very unfair account of an accident which occurred the day prior at the Olney school of this city, whereby a little daughter of Mr. Lacey of this city was slightly injured. The article was headed, "A Hoodlum at the Olney School Brutally Beats a Little Girl," and in the body of the article it was stated that the girl "was brutally beaten by a young hoodlum who is attending the school" and that she "was taken to her home in a terrible condition, her nose having been broken" and she "was found in the basement shortly after the assault in a dazed and bleeding condition," and, finally, "this is one of several complaints of atrocities of this nature that has come from the Olney school. That there is a gang of hoodlums attending the school who should be either expelled or subjugated is manifest."

Now, not to speak unkindly, but candidly, the only element of truth in the statement is this: The girl was slightly hurt while at play. She was not assaulted. Her nose was not broken. She was not found in the basement in a dazed condition or at all, but, on the contrary, after the accident, she walked up into the school room. The facts are as follows: The "young hoodlum" is a boy about nine or ten years of age and as manly a little fellow as will be found in the city. He was playing with a stick and a rubber ball; bouncing the ball and striking it with the stick. The girl was behind him and as he drew the stick back to strike at the ball, the little girl ran too close to him and, unfortunately, the stick struck her. The blow was severe and painful, it is true, but it was such an accident as is liable to happen at any time when children meet at play, at home as well as at school.

One of the teachers had been with the children in the playground up to within a few seconds before the accident occurred, and had just stepped out to ring the bell, but the above facts are substantiated by every child in the playground who witnessed the occurrence, and there were several. Mr. Lacey was present when Miss Holden, the principal, investigated the matter and stated to her that he was satisfied it was purely an accident, and he subsequently made the same statement to Director Higgins.

The article did great injustice to the teachers and pupils of the Olney school. If other complaints of "atrocities of this nature" have been made, it seems strange no member of the board of directors has ever heard of them. Certain it is there has been no such occurrence as that charged at any time at the Olney school. It is also untrue to the pupils to say "there is a gang of hoodlums attending the school." The statement is both untrue and unkind. The children of the Olney school will compare favorably with the children of any school in the state as to intelligence, morals and deportment.

C. W. FULTON, Chairman Board of Directors.

The Astorian gladly gives space to the above official communication from Chairman Fulton of the school board, with the hope that it may satisfactorily close an unpleasant incident which, it is to be feared, has been already unduly exploited. Justice impels the statement that the matter has been thoroughly investigated by the board and the original version of the affair as published in the Astorian turns out to be entirely unfounded. Mr. Lacey was probably sincere in his indignation. Carried away by the natural feeling of a parent under such circumstances he hastened to furnish the Astorian with details relating to the injury of his child which the facts in the case do not corroborate. That he should resort to denunciatory reflections upon the scholars, teachers and directors of the school was, perhaps, not unreasonable. The evidence, however, certainly bears out Mr. Fulton's statements as to the occurrence, and the Astorian regards it as a duty to the public as well as to all parties immediately concerned to lay before its readers, with Mr. Fulton's communication, the explanation here given.

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