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The Leading House of Astoria

#### TODAY'S WEATHER.

FORTLAND, April 24.—Washington, Oregon and Idaho, fair, with frosts in early morning today.

#### AROUND TOWN.

Pigs for sale at Gaston's stable.

John W. Lane of Mt. is in Astoria.

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

Albert Mack of Hood River is in the city.

Alf. Funge returned from Portland last night.

George Simpson of Mishawaka is in Astoria.

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

D. R. McGinnis of St. Paul, Minn., is in the city.

A. D. Ogden of Troutdale is at the Parker House.

C. F. Lester was up from Warrenton yesterday.

Miss Mamie Clinton has returned from Portland.

George F. McClane is down from Portland on business.

The tug Astoria, with a barge in tow, arrived in yesterday.

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

Donald G. Ross of Portland spent Sunday in the city.

Mrs. John H. Smith and daughter were in Portland yesterday.

Wanted.—A girl to do housework. Apply at the Astoria office.

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

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A few Ladies' Wool Suits left at the astonishing price of \$3.75.

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## Pears'

Unless you have used Pears' soap you probably do not know what we mean by a soap with no free fat or alkali in it—nothing but soap.

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The steamship Belgian King went out over the bar for San Diego yesterday morning.

The Thornbank, grain laden for European ports, went out yesterday morning.

"Lighthouse" Nelson, the invincible, has returned from Salem, after several months' absence as a guest of state officials at that place.

Ocean Circle, Women of Woodcraft, will give an entertainment and dance at their hall in the Page building on Friday evening, April 27. An interesting program has been arranged. Admission 15 cents.

The street committee of the council has called for bids on lighting the city, to be opened at 3 p. m. on Monday, May 7. The call specifies that each bid be accompanied by a certified check for 25 per cent of the amount of the bid.

The final account and report of Alex. Normand as administrator of the estate of Alexander Corio, deceased, was filed yesterday in the probate court, and the matter has been set for hearing on May 26.

The following well-known singers will delight the audience with solos Friday, April 27, at Fisher's opera house. The Misses Arminia Long, Jerusha Spuggiers, Betsey Bobbett, Patience Desire Mann, Violet Ann Ruggles, also choruses by the entire club.

The steamer W. H. Harrison leaves out for Tillamook this afternoon. During the recent bad weather considerable freight destined for Tillamook has been delayed in Astoria, but the steamer will hardly have a full cargo for this trip.

Arrangements have been made for the appearance of Barlow's minstrels at Fisher's opera house next Monday evening. The company is playing a week's engagement at Cordray's theater in Portland and good houses are reported.

Information concerning the whereabouts of Michael Bourk is desired by Judge Gray. Bourk recently requested Judge Gray to write to New York City for a copy of his first citizenship papers. This was done and yesterday the certificates arrived but Bourk could not be located.

The British ship Allerton, Captain J. A. Toye, arrived in port Sunday, 53 days from Hong Kong in ballast. She is uncharted. The Allerton had a rough passage and one of the boys aboard, W. Beard, fell through a hatch into the hold, sustaining concussion of the brain. He has recovered.

Matt Peronen, a Finn, was taken from the hospital Saturday night and lodged in the county jail on a charge of insanity. It was subsequently discovered that he was only delirious and he was ordered returned to the hospital and temporarily placed under guard.

The body of Hugo Lindstrom, who was drowned in the river about three weeks ago, was recovered yesterday by Louis Anderson, a fisherman, in the channel at a point opposite the Jetty. The body, which was badly decomposed, was taken to the morgue. It could not be learned last night what, if any, arrangements had been made for the funeral, but it is believed that it will take place this afternoon.

Captain Dodge of the steamer Harrison, arriving from Tillamook yesterday morning with dairy produce, reports the schooner Lila and Mattie, ashore at that point, as abandoned. There is no chance of getting her off the reefs. The captain says that the steamer Laguna, also ashore at Tillamook, has been turned over to the underwriters. She will be stripped of her machinery and the hull abandoned.

Mrs. M. J. Thompson and Miss Florine Hyer will open a studio in this city June 1st. Every one interested in art should make the most of this opportunity as they will only stay for a short term of instructions. Miss Hyer is an artist of note, having studied under the greatest masters abroad and won a reputation among the flower painters, both in this country and Europe. Her work has been exhibited with the best artists of the time. Mrs. Thompson will devote her time to decorative art and will give a course of art talks to those taking lessons.

Letters for the following persons remain uncalled for at the postoffice: Chas. Alter, Mary J. Anderson, Patrick Carolan, Myrtle L. Chandler, Ed. Edwards, Scott Evans, Edward Green, Anna Hansen, Jacob Heater, Sophia Herkins, Morrice Hiwet, George P. Horton, J. B. Hutchings (2), R. Iverson, L. P. Jensen, W. T. Jury, Arthur Lawson, D. R. Lord, T. B. Maher, I. L. Osgood (4), Mrs. E. L. Osgood (4), Bert Olsen, Mr. Schultz, Seal Rock Packing Co., Wm. Smith Store, Goddard & Godard, Jas. Swaney, E. E. Wood-

bury, Miss Docia Walls, William Sam Wallis, Ernest Westenberg, Foreign-Andreas Andersen (2), Johannes Kallenes, Janne Kela, Elsa Pintamo (3), Eurelio Pessagno, Pet. Svenson, Giovanni de Cicio Vonasto.

#### POLITICAL PRATTLE.

Some of the Remarkable Happenings Following the Conventions.

Now that the various political parties and combinations have held their respective tickets, the illustrious guardians of public interest and private snaps are taking a long breath of momentary relief preparatory to the gridding of loins and the bucking on of swords for the combat that is to follow and decide which has selected the most acceptable candidates. Already, however, it has been discovered that the work of neither convention has been universally satisfactory for it develops that there was not as many offices as there were aspirants, and now there are more candidates. There is Wickman, a republican, who insists upon being made sheriff; there is Billy Pohl, a newly converted Jeffersonian democrat, who dislikes to give up the coronership job, and Martin Olsen, an anarchist, has become imbued with the idea that the people's only salvation lies in his going before them for the same office. On top of all this, comes the resignation of R. P. Habersham from the "citizens" ticket for the surveyorship. Mr. Habersham's explanation is interesting. It is incorporated in a letter addressed to the Astorian, as follows:

ASTORIA, Ore., April 23.—Editor Astorian: I notice in the Sunday issue of your paper that the democratic fusion convention nominated me as county surveyor, which was done entirely without my knowledge or consent, and I wish to state through your valuable paper that I do not seek political distinction, especially as a populist. And I therefore most respectfully decline to allow my name to remain on the democratic-populist-citizen ticket. At the same time I wish to state that I have notified the said convention to strike my name off the ticket.

Respectfully yours,

RICHARD P. HABERSHAM.

But that which brings a dimple to the cheek and to the eye a most merry twinkle is this four-handed "scrap" for the coronership. The office is worth only about sixty-seven cents per month—that is, so Billy Pohl says—yet, there are more candidates for the office than are in the field for Tom Linville's job, which is said to pay dividends on a campaign investment of about \$800 and two office deputies. There are some pointed questions in store for Billy Pohl to answer, chief among which will be how he reconciles his determination to become an independent candidate with the anti-convention promise he made Charlie Mathena's friends that in the event of Mathena's candidacy he would not enter the contest.

The question which now interests those in the shirievally fight is, who will suffer the most from Wickman's candidacy—Linville or Hansen?

Wherity says he is willing to stay.

C. J. Curtis declares the report that he will run as an independent candidate for the legislature is not only untrue but positively silly. Said he: "I have announced all along that I was not out for the nomination at the hands of either the republicans or 'citizens.' I meant exactly what I said. As to running for the legislature as an independent, the thought never entered my mind and never shall. I do not believe in the principle of independent candidacies. If a man cannot secure the nomination of his own party he ought to stay down and out."

"What is to be your attitude during the campaign?" was asked.

"I do not intend to participate at all. I may get in and do what I can for the ticket a week or two before election, but I have not yet decided on that point."

"Which ticket?" Mr. Curtis was asked.

"The republican ticket to be sure," he said.

The report that an independent candidate will appear against Wherity for clerk seems to have about as much foundation as a Tillamook sand spit.

BOTH ARE TOTAL WRECKS.

The Lila and Mattie and the Laguna Abandoned as Lost.

The schooners Lila and Mattie and Laguna, which went aground at Tillamook, have been given up by their owners as a total loss. Both have been dismantled and what little machinery can be saved is being removed.

The Lila and Mattie lies bottom up and is gradually pounding to pieces on the sands. The Laguna was rated as a valuable craft, being worth fully \$20,000. In endeavoring to pass up the narrow channel off Tillamook she stuck her nose into the sand and a heavy swell forced her stern onto the beach, rendering the schooner absolutely helpless. It was at first thought that she could be drawn into deep water as soon as the high tides came in, but it was subsequently found that any attempt in this direction would be useless as the schooner's bottom had been greatly damaged and she was being injured in other ways. It is now stated that both vessels have been abandoned.

NOTICE.

All members of Quinlin Lodge, No. 130, R. P. O. Elks, are requested to be present at the regular session this evening. Business of importance.

H. L. HENDERSON, F. J. CARNEY, Secretary.

## THE SEA LIONS CREATING HAVOC

Causing Incalculable Loss to the River Fishermen.

### A WAR OF EXTERMINATION

Will Soon Be Begun on the Columbia—Duty of the Commonwealth—Receipts of Fish for Last Three Days.

The inroads of the sea lions and the seals upon the salmon fishermen has become so great that the fishermen are seriously considering a war of extermination against these enemies.

A gentleman who was a fisherman years ago, but now a merchant in this city, discussed the sea lion question yesterday afternoon down in the cannery district and this is what he said:

"Astoria is a funny town. Not long ago the council offered a bonus of five cents per seal on rats killed in the city. The idea was to keep off the rabid plague and it was a good idea, even though the people laughed at it. 'Now, as everybody knows, the fishing industry, and that includes the catching and canning, for they can't can unless they catch—is the one industry that needs every favor the people of this town and this section have to bestow.'"

"For years the fishermen in the river have had to contend with an enemy greater in the water than any they had on land, the sea lion. These animals follow the salmon, 'camp on the trail,' as it were, and wherever you find a great run of salmon near the ocean, there you will find seals and sea lions by the hundred."

"Of course, the seals and sea lions do not go far up a river, but they congregate at the mouth of a river emptying into the sea, and they not only attack and slaughter thousands of fish trying to enter the river but they follow the schools up the stream a distance and not only kill and drive away the fish but cause great loss to the fishermen by tearing their nets and eating all the fish caught in them at the time the sea lions make their onslaught."

"A good net is worth \$350 to a fisherman and to have it torn in pieces in a night is a loss which but few can stand. 'Now this is the truth. During the past week sea lions have damaged nets in the river off Astoria to the tune of hundreds of dollars, and have time and again driven the fish away until the catch amounted to nothing. In fact, so bad have the attacks of the sea lions become that the fishermen have concluded to band themselves together and exterminate them if they can.'"

"This work is going to cost the fishermen both time and money which, in the end, Astoria and the state at large will pay for, just as they are now paying for the refusal to help the fishermen exterminate these pests when it could have been done cheaply. For years the fishermen on the Columbia have asked any, every and all parties to pass a law providing for a bounty for killing sea lions. The sea lions are of no earthly use. They do not furnish fur, or meat, or oil, or anything else but trouble. Now, if the state would offer a bounty for the killing of sea lions, men would go out long before the fishing season, when the seals first appear in these waters—which, by the way, is always a sign of the coming of the salmon—and would kill off the pests before the fish began to run and afterwards. For the first and second seasons such a bounty would probably cost the state some little money but that would end the matter and the few thousands of dollars expended in bounty for killing seals and sea lions, would come back in the way of thousands of dollars in the increased catch of fish."

"Some day, some party," said the old man, "will advocate a bounty bill and when it does, every fisherman on the river will vote its ticket."

There is no question but that the seals and sea lions are playing havoc with the nets this season. Hardly a day passes without scores of nets being "lifted" to catch sea lion holes. Something must be done to stop the damage but just what nobody seems to know.

The catch on Sunday was, as usual, very light. In fact, in a general way, the close of last week did not bear out the promise of the commencement. The fish caught Saturday and Sunday were larger than those previously netted but there were not so many of them. All the canneries are increasing their fleets of boats and this is an indication that the catch has been satis-

factory. In speaking of the catch up to date, and the outlook, the superintendent of a cannery said yesterday:

"You can gauge nothing by a Saturday and Sunday catch. The fishermen will come in for a holiday and we expect to run half time or shut down at the week's end in the early season unless, of course, there should be a phenomenal run of fish. Then they would stay out; in fact, they couldn't well get away."

The season so far has been satisfactory and the prospects are good. We expect a heavy catch today and, in fact, an increasing catch all this week. The real spring salmon, the chinook, are beginning to run in numbers now and will keep on increasing. The boys are going to have a good season, depend upon it."

None of the canneries are overburdened with Chinese. The scarcity of labor will be felt more keenly from this time on, if the catch increases, and it is puzzling some of the employers to know just where the extra help is to come from in case of a big rush.

CHANGE OF MEETING NIGHTS.

Push Club Hereafter to Assemble on Second and Fourth Mondays.

The Commercial Club changed its dates of meeting last night to the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, the next meeting to be held on the second Thursday in May. The change was made on account of the meetings as heretofore held falling upon the same nights that the chamber of commerce meets, thus dividing the attendance of the business men, most of whom belong to both organizations.

President Parker was in the chair at last night's meeting and called for the reading of a letter from W. A. Sherman, late of this city, now of San Francisco, severing his connection with the club on account of change of residence.

The committee in charge of the excursion to The Dalles reported a balance of \$70 left over from the sale of tickets, which amount was ordered placed to the joint credit of the Commercial Club and Chamber of Commerce.

The committee on roads reported progress, as did the committee on agriculture.

A letter was received from F. L. Washburn of the State University, thanking the club for a photograph of clams which, he stated, would be added to the "clam culture" exhibit.

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GETS DOWN TO HARD WORK.  
Chamber of Commerce Disposes of a Great Amount of Business.

There was an immense amount of routine and unfinished business before the chamber of commerce last night and the members present went at it with a will. A great many letters were read from the congressional delegation and others with whom the chamber has been in communication relative to matters of interest and advantage to Astoria and Clatsop county. The matter of encouraging the establishment of saw-mills and other enterprises was taken up and discussed, culminating in a definite plan of action being decided upon. The committee on manufactures was authorized to investigate the land situation and determine just where sites suitable for saw-mills could be secured, ascertaining the probable cost and such other information as might be essential. It is proposed to put the chamber in such a position that it can at once direct prospective investors to available properties.

Preliminary arrangements are under way for the production of an elaborate pamphlet illustrating the resources and advantages of Clatsop county. The chamber has been in great need of an exhaustive work of this nature for the purpose of laying out its advantages before the capitalists and manufacturers of the East, and if the desire of many of the members is favorably considered, the proposed pamphlet will be the most exhaustive and attractive ever published in Northwestern Oregon.

A vote of thanks was tendered The Dalles Commercial Club for the reception given the members of the chamber who went on the recent excursion to that city.

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The entire stock of goods and fixtures of the New York Novelty store will be sold at public auction. Sale will commence April 21st, Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m., and will continue daily until every thing is sold.

N. SCHLUSSEL, Assignee.