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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, May 1.—Western Oregon, threatening showers, cooler today.

All contracts for advertising in the Astorian are made on a guarantee of circulation four times larger than that of any paper published or circulated in Clatsop county.

AROUND TOWN.

Claud B. Hanthorn, of Portland, is in the city.

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

W. Knapp of Knappa was in the city yesterday.

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

John Carr, of Seaside, was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

Colonel John Adair, of North Yakima, is at the Occident.

O. M. Hadden, of Vancouver, Wash., is at the Parker house.

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

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

Martin Foad and Hank Ingalls are home from their trip to Gray's Harbor.

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

Andrew H. B. Rasmussen, a native of Germany, has been admitted to citizenship.

A. S. Reed, who has been seriously ill at Shoalwater bay, has returned home, convalescent.

Clatsop county's share of the state taxes, \$14,168.84, was sent to the state treasurer by County Treasurer Thompson yesterday.

T. S. Townsend, the "White Clover" canneryman, was in the city yesterday, watching, presumably with envy, the big catch of salmon.

A still alarm was turned in yesterday, caused by a fire in the roof of a dwelling on Tenth street, near Franklin avenue. Damage \$20, fully covered by insurance.

J. R. Clinton, for sometime past manager of the Astoria Telephone exchange, has been transferred to the Portland office. His successor here has not been named.

The excursion of Past Grand Sachems from Portland to Astoria next Sunday promises to be a grand affair. There is to be an excursion from here to Seaside with a clambake attached.

The annual examination for positions in the customs service, under civil service rules, will be held in this city on June 20th next. Secretary C. F. Crosby of the customs service here will furnish applicants with all necessary information as to details.

Notice to property owners building residences and stores.—We now carry a complete line of mantles, grates and tiling, electric, gas and combination chandeliers, and all supplies pertaining to electric and gas lighting. Photographs cheerfully sent on application. FRANK HOLCOMB & CO., 245 Washington St., Portland, Or.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

Pears'

Soap not only for toilet and bath but for shaving. Pears was the inventor of shaving stick soap.

city at that time than there are today. With taxes at nearly five per cent it is time to economize."

The Columbia arrived from San Francisco yesterday with a good lot of freight for this port.

Miss Burnside has returned from South Bend, where she has been visiting friends and relatives for some months past.

The British bark Inverness-shire, wheat laden for England, got to sea yesterday. She carried 127,328 bushels of wheat, valued at \$75,600.

The Columbia River Packers Association has fixed the following scale of prices for the season: Tails, \$150; flats, \$1.65; half-pounds, 95 cents.

The residence of W. H. Barker, in Uppertown, caught fire yesterday afternoon from a spark which lodged in the roof. The blaze was soon extinguished by the chemical. Loss estimated at about \$200.

Captain Loring S. Staples, one of the oldest pilots on the Columbia river bar, came in yesterday and reported off for a month's furlough. Captain Staples has not taken a vacation for nearly two years and expects to make the best of his time by making a voyage to Warrenton and Skamokawa.

To say that the large audience which heard and saw "The Ship Without a Pilot" was very highly pleased would be to speak very mildly of the excellent service conducted by Professor Dobbins and wife at the M. E. church on Sunday evening. It was, in fact, a most impressive revival sermon, illustrated by stereoscopic reproductions of many masterpieces of art, passages of scripture and aptly-chosen current illustrations, and was enlivened with hearty singing by the congregation and excellent duets by Professor and Mrs. Dobbins. The entertainment given last evening was an illustration of the two well-known books, "The Prince of the Home of David," and "Ben Hur," and to those who had read the books, it was very entertaining. The professor promises the best program of the three for tonight, when he will give "The Civil War in Scene, Anecdote and Song," with illustrations for this popular theme, made from the famous Brady negatives in the war department at Washington.

Despite the fact that these were numerous other attractions on Sunday afternoon, the opening game of the baseball season of '00 on the A. F. C. field was well attended, in fact there was a large attendance, over 400 being present. The game was between a colored team of Vancouver, Washington, barracks and a team from Fort Stevens, and the former won by a score of 14 to 12. If an attempt was made to criticize the game, it could be filled "full of holes." Both teams were wild and rattled and played ball like a lot of farmers, but for all that it was good fun for the spectators and the surprisingly large crowd in attendance rooted both teams from the start to the finish and enjoyed the game immensely. Once in awhile there was genuine good ball played, and then the crowd went wild. The attendance upon the game Sunday, and the satisfaction manifested over the game, albeit it was not of the "cracker-jack" order, has greatly heartened the local Astoria club, now organized and ready for the field. It showed the boys here that the interest in baseball was by no means dead in Astoria, and guaranteed to them a generous support when the local team is ready to "play ball." The Astoria team, by the by, will be the strongest ever known in the history of the game in this city, and should easily hold its own with anything that comes this way. The local team hopes to book a number of good games for Astoria during the coming season and, if it succeeds, will undoubtedly receive a warm and paying support from the Astorians, always provided, of course, that they play good ball.

Aerie 17, Fraternal Order of Eagles, entertained on Sunday afternoon Aerie No. 4 of Portland, who came to the city some fifty strong for a fraternal greeting and a good time at the Astoria resort. After a brief lodge meeting the doors of the lodge room in Odd Fellows hall were thrown open to invited guests, not members of the order, who had been invited to share in the enjoyment of the reception. The program, which was arranged with due deference to the time the reception necessarily had to be given, was unquestionably the best ever presented by the local lodge of any order in the city. It was largely musical in its nature and the presence of nearly all the members of Barlow's minstrels, who came down especially for the occasion and who willingly contributed their share of songs and instrumental solos to the entertainment added much to the enjoyment of the Eagles and their guests. The majority of the business men of the city were present, at one time or another during the afternoon, and the arrests and fines of those who were tardy and upon other complaints, furnished unlimited amusement. One or two of the topical songs, especially composed by local talent, made a great hit. Refreshments were served and well served. There was no "go-behind-yourself proposition" but committees in charge of that portion of the reception, saw that everyone had an abundance of the good things provided. It was 3 o'clock when the reception to the public opened and after 6 o'clock when it closed and then in the evening, the local Eagles turned out a number of fledglings to fly from the parent nest for the first time. In every way the reception tendered the Portland Eagles and the Barlow minstrels by the Astoria birds was worthy of praise and commendation.

THE BARLOW MINSTRELS.

Play to a Good House and Put Up an Entertaining Program.

Barlow's minstrels gave a clever, but rather hurried, entertainment to a large audience at the opera house last night. The company is composed of very young men, as minstrels go, but loses nothing by that as the performance they give would do credit to the oldest heads in the business.

In costumes and stage settings, especially in the first part, excellent taste was displayed. The audience would have been glad to exchange some of the old-time specialties for musical numbers, as in the company there were a number of exceptionally good voices and many finished musicians.

The performance was clean, without a suggestion of vulgarity in the speech, dress or manner of any of the performers, and while by no means the best minstrel show ever given in Astoria, it was well worth the patronage of the people.

FOR A COMMON POINT.

City Council Meets in Special Session to Pass a Traffic Resolution.

The city council met in special session last night and passed the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we view with alarm the inaction of the Union Pacific system in the matter of providing ships of the heaviest draft for a line between the Orient and the mouth of the Columbia, while the lines most interested in Seattle and San Francisco are building such ships with the greatest speed to catch that greatest of the world's commerce.

"Resolved, That we fear a railroad combination has been formed to divert all the Oriental traffic from nature's highway along the Columbia water levels, to the common injury of Astoria and Portland and to the great loss of all the producers of this great basin. We believe, too, this combination is based on Portland's hostility to making Astoria the seaport and would fall as soon as that hostility ended.

"Resolved, That extension of the Union Pacific system to Astoria, by granting to this port the common justice of a common point, with Sound river, would secure to the Columbia river its rightful share of that Oriental commerce, and would, at the same time, by means of this first-class cheap-charter port, add millions of dollars annually to the value of the exports of this basin, to the general benefit of all the dwellers therein.

"Resolved, That Portland and Astoria are mutually interested in making Astoria the seaport of this basin. Astoria can never be the rival of Portland for her local trade, as a little reflection will show. Nature has provided that the local trade of the former shall be west, and of the latter east, of the Coast range. It so happens that trade up-stream from Portland would have extra freight and passenger expense over a continuous line to Astoria, while rival roads to Puget sound would always make Seattle and Tacoma common points with Portland. In this way, while the Sound cities, as the centers of Oriental imports and exports, would be Portland's rivals in the inland Empire, Astoria could not be such. At the same time, exports at this low-charter port would add millions of dollars annually to the pockets of the Columbian producers, who would trade in Portland. Concentrating the Oriental imports and exports here would mass the immigration of the east on this basin, more to Portland's growth and increased values than to Astoria's, and would insure to Portland (through her other great suburb—Oregon City) a prompt control of the manufacturing trade of the Orient, all to the end of making Portland the chief city of the Pacific coast at the same time that Astoria would become, as Nature designed, the chief seaport of Western America.

"Resolved, That we submit to the people of Portland these views of the mutuality of interest between the two cities in the great harbor at the mouth of the Columbia and invite their attention to a serious consideration of the same, and to the importance of co-operating with Astoria in procuring to its interest on natural grounds, to make Astoria a common point on all exports of the Columbian basin—giving, if desired, to Portland a pro rata differential according to distance and expense of construction and maintenance.

"Resolved, That we confidently rely on the A. & C. R. R., as our own rail road, to do all in its power to aid in securing the needed common point on these just lines.

"Resolved, That all the press of this basin be and they are hereby invited

POLITICAL PRATTLE.

Doings Within the Rank and File of the Various Organizations.

The local political pot is a long time coming to a boil, and on every hand there is abundant evidence of a tendency upon the part of the candidate to make "a one-man's canvass." In other words, each nominee seems to feel that his only obligation to his party is to look to his own political fences, and, even though he runs across a fellow-candidate with his incense badly down, he does not feel it incumbent upon him to lose the time from his own fight in order to aid his fellow candidate in his extremity.

The Astorian has already warned the republican candidates against this manner of campaigning. It inevitably leads to trades and compromises whereby one selfish candidate secures votes for himself at the expense of other men on the ticket.

The candidates have met, the executive committees of all parties have assembled and "resolved" and yet none of them seem to have formulated any plans for a campaign. This, sooner or later, will be found to be a grave mistake. The voters, quick to seize the easiest solution of compromising their fealty to friends and party, will find in the individual canvass program ample justification for supporting men on any, all or no tickets at all, and when taxed with not being loyal to their party, will have the excuse ready that "it was anybody's fight in the county. Politics and platforms didn't count."

This certainly should not be. The independents who are running this year in Clatsop county, while in themselves appear to carry absolutely no weight, are being given a false strength because of the want of thorough party organization of the canvass. If nominees on party tickets, and men who run for the same offices as independents—because they could not get a nomination on a party ticket—are to make the same sort of a canvass, general consternation and party disorganization can only be the result and it would be better to have a "go-as-you-please," "everybody get in" county election all around without calling county conventions at all.

From numerous candidates, who have been going about the county in their own interests, and a few of them for the whole ticket on which they are running, it is learned that the county election in Clatsop county this year is going to be full of surprises. So long as the surprises come the right way they will be most welcome, but careful party managers do not like surprises. They prefer certainties, based upon the operation of well-known rules of procedure, the first and foremost of which is: "Let every candidate work for all on his ticket and in so doing he will do better work for himself."

It is a well-known fact that Clatsop leads all other counties in the state in the proportion of its independent vote to that cast for the old line parties. But that this independent vote will be greater than ever this year is a conviction upon which all local leaders agree.

It is the man who has always been accustomed to corn bread and bacon at home, who does the most kicking at a hotel.

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"A good article will stand upon its own merits, and we may rely upon it that nothing will sell just because it is advertised. How many nostrums have been started with glare and snuffed out in gloom? The fact is, a man is not easily gulled a second time, and every dissatisfied purchaser does ten times more harm than one satisfied does good. Assuredly the sale of more than 6,000,000 boxes of BEECHAM'S PILLS per annum, after a public trial of half-a-century, is conclusive testimony of their popularity, superiority and proverbial worth."

Beecham's Pills have for many years been the popular family medicine wherever the English language is spoken, and they now stand without a rival. In bottles of one and of two each, at all drug stores.

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WEST SIDE NOTES.

Miss Mabel McGuire is visiting in Portland.

Miss Host Hersey will preside at the Hotel Flavel this season.

Grandpa Kindred is quite sick with a slight attack of the grip.

Miss Maude Kindred of Tokeland is visiting Mrs. F. H. Mudal.

Mrs. Albert Hill has been quite ill this week, but is improving.

Miss Minnie Gray returned to her home in Skapanon last week.

R. T. Turk and wife have gone to Mount Pleasant, Washington, to reside.

Mr. District has gone to Seaside to make some additions to Locksley Hall.

Mrs. T. Nickolsen of Spokane will join her husband at Fort Stevens next week.

Miss K. Duffy and Mrs. Hitchcock were guests of Mrs. Wm. Tagg on last Friday.

Miss Mary McGue, who has been visiting in Portland, returned home Saturday.

C. C. March of Fort Canby was renewing acquaintances at Fort Stevens on Saturday.

Mr. Alex Gilbert spent several days at Seaside last week and secured a nice string of trout.

Miss Kate Wirt returned home Friday, after a week's visit to her uncle, A. B. Wirt, of Skapanon.

Wm. Laycock was called to the bedside of a sick brother in Lakeview, Cal. He has not yet returned.

L. A. Conn will begin work on the sewer at once, so as to have all his work finished at the same time.

A lodge of Knights and Ladies of Security was organized in Hammond last week with a charter list of 14 members.

The masquerade given Saturday evening in Ford's hall by Prof. Swanton was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Battery M will soon be on the move. Their new station will be Fortness Monroe. They are expecting orders daily.

Captain Downs visited the works for the last time for awhile on Saturday. He goes on a short vacation to visit his family in Indiana.

W. L. Beardsley has been promoted to commissary sergeant, and left with his family for his new station at Angel Island last week.

The A. & C. R. R. steam shovel is again at the sand pit, and the road is being ballasted where necessary. Trains are so frequent that it is hardly safe to be on the track.

Mr. Harry May, who has been employed as locomotive engineer at Fort Stevens for several years, has resigned to accept the responsible position of pipe inspector for Wolff & Zwicker in Portland.

A NEW TRAIN.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co. will place in service April 23rd a New Train between St. Paul and St. Louis, called the "Flying Dutchman." The train will have through sleeping cars and be first-class throughout. Ask any ticket agent for particulars or address

C. J. EDDY, General Agent, Portland, Oregon.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS.

Treasury Department, Office, Supervising Architect, Washington, D. C., April 21, 1899.—Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m., on the 23rd day of May, 1900, and then opened, for the wharf and disinfecting and bath houses at the U. S. Quarantine Station, Astoria, Oregon, in accordance with drawings and specifications, copies of which may be had at this office or the office of the custodian of the station.

JAMES KNOX TAYLOR, Supervising Architect.

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Corrects all blemishes of the face, removes blotches, pimples, tan, sunburn, freckles and makes a beautiful complexion. It is also the best tooth wash, and excellent for deranged stomach.

FOR TERMINAL FACILITIES.

President Harris Takes Observations Along the Mouth of Columbia.

W. J. Harris, president of the Central Navigation Company, more commonly known as the Paul Mohr portage line, spent Sunday in Astoria and lower Columbia river points.

The object of Mr. Harris' visit was to investigate the natural facilities offered in this vicinity for terminal accommodations for the transportation line in which he is interested. Mr. Harris, in company with L. B. Seeley, of Portland; Colonel John Adair and Dr. August Kinney, of Astoria, made a trip along the Washington side of the river on board the Miller during the afternoon, returning to Astoria by way of Hammond and Warrenton.

Mr. Harris did not hesitate to express the opinion that the Oregon shore of the river presented more attractions for terminal facilities than did the Washington side. Aside from this, however, President Harris had nothing to say.

There is little question but that the Central Navigation Company fully intends to establish its terminal points at this end of the river either at Astoria or at some place nearer the mouth of the Columbia. The suspicion has been freely expressed that Portland would be the lower terminal of the line but from statements made by President Harris on Sunday it is safe to infer that the interests of the company lie mainly at the mouth of the river, as far as a terminal is concerned.

IMPROVED SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT.

The new schedule of the O. R. & N. which went into effect April 22nd, shortened the time to Chicago 12 hours, and gives a double daily service between Portland and Chicago.

Train No. 2, leaving Portland at 9:15 a. m. is known as the "Chicago-Portland Special." Its equipment is new throughout, making it fully the equal of any train now in service from the Pacific coast to the East.

The "Overland Express" leaves Portland at 5:20 p. m. and furnishes complete service both via Huntington and Spokane to the East, together with the best of service to all local points on the O. R. & N. lines.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

When built will prove the link between prosperity and many people. The farmers in the extreme east, as well as those in the extreme west, will perhaps profit by it most. It will prove a blessing to humanity in general, improving the condition of the nation, as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has that of the individual. The Bitters are for everybody, but particularly for those who do not possess health. There have been many cases of dyspepsia and indigestion cured by this medicine. Nothing to equal this remedy has ever been discovered for ailments of the stomach, liver, bowels or kidneys. You will find that it will cleanse the blood and sharpen the appetite. See that a private revenue stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

FOR SALE.

120 acres in section 16, T 7 N, R 9 W, suitable for immediate logging. Estimate two million feet spruce and fir, besides hemlock.

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Ladies' Tan Crown Suits, 60 cents

Roses and Foliage.

Children's Trimmed Hats, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00

SUITS

Ladies' Cotton Covert Suits, \$1.75 to \$2.25

Wool Suits, \$1.75 to .00

Ladies' Heavy Mercorized Satene Skirts, two ruffles in black and colors, \$2.90

Pulley Belts, 25c, 35c, 50c and 85c

Summer Corsets, 25c, 50c and \$1.00

Children's Tan and Red Shoes, 75c and \$1.00

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