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C. H. Cooper

The Leading House of Astoria

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, May 3.—Oregon, generally fair, except possibly thunderstorms during the afternoon, cooler in south-west portion 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.

Pigs for sale at Gaston's stable.

Mrs. C. T. Tyler is visiting friends and relatives on Puget Island.

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

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

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

Judge Charles H. Carey is down from Portland on professional business.

The Order of Washington will give a ball at Hawthorn's hall tonight.

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

The water commission will meet tonight. Important business is expected to come up before the meeting.

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

The Russian ship Syld, in ballast, is in the harbor. She will leave for Portland this morning for a cargo of grain.

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

Harry Young, 6749, of Salem, and Lew Howe, 4732, of this city, were about town yesterday renewing acquaintances.

Cream Pure Rye. America's finest whisky. The only pure goods; guaranteed rich and mellow. John L. Carlson, sole agent.

C. H. Abercrombie and Clyde Bayles took the civil service examination for clerk and carrier in the mail department yesterday.

Harper Whisky is liquid music, bottled poetry, ripe, mellow, refreshing and delicious. Sold by Ford & Stokes Company, Astoria, Or.

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

Roalyn 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.

Load on Tuesday afternoon, between Ford & Stokes and Monier's fruit store, a black purse containing money. Finder please return to Astorian office. Reward.

Mr. John Kopp has recently commenced the operation of a complete and modern bottling establishment, where the well-known product of his brewery is bottled for the trade and consumers. Free delivery to customers in the city. Telephone 21.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

THE BEE HIVE

MILLINERY

Ladies' Tan Crown Sailors, 60 cents

Roses and Foliage

Children's Trimmed Hats, 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00

SUITS

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

Wool Suits, \$3.75 to \$10.00

Ladies' Heavy Mercerized Satin 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

ASTORIA . . . OREGON

Pears'

Only they who use it know the luxury of it.

The Iwaco, one of the J. W. Cook cannery tenders, now on the ways at Portland, will probably be down the river the last of the week and proceed at once to the Sound. Mr. Cook promises that the Iwaco will be a surprise in every way. It is his intention to change her name, if possible, to Kulakula, an Indian name for a bird. Mr. Cook says that, in his opinion, the Kulakula will be a much swifter boat than the Cornelia Cook.

A test of the legality of the municipal ordinance, regulating the licensing and use of bicycles in Astoria, will probably result from the seizure on Commercial street yesterday of two unlicensed wheels, seized by the police. There is a state bicycle law in Oregon but it does not apply, in its operations, to Clatsop county. For this reason an ordinance maintaining a control over bicycles was passed by the council and it is under its provisions the police are acting. The "bike" promises to furnish a cause celebre for the local courts.

The steamer Kvichak, the new tender just built for the Alaska Packers Association by Wolff & Zwicker, of Portland, went to sea yesterday, en route to San Francisco. During her trip down the river, the Kvichak bursted one of her boiler heads, but, by special permission, she was allowed to proceed to her destination with her single boiler. While the Kvichak is lying in the harbor in San Francisco, a new boiler head will be on the way from the East, and as soon as this arrives and is adjusted, the steamer will proceed to Alaska.

CLEVER NET THIEVES.

How a Worthless Net Is Transformed Into a Valuable One in a Few Weeks' Time.

The police of any river or seaport city will readily say that the most difficult of all criminals to catch is the water thief—that is, the man who steals from boats and barges on the river or from stores and warehouses on its banks.

Astoria is no exception to the rule in respect to water thieves, and it is during the fishing season they ply their vocation most. The theft of a fishing boat, with its contents, is of common occurrence but the thief seldom gets far with his plunder, being forced to abandon the boat and content himself with such of the supplies as he can easily carry away and still more easily hide.

But the stealing of a fish net, in whole or in part—and it is seldom an entire net is taken—is a very different matter. Not only is the loss heavier upon the party robbed but, once clear of the police, it is almost impossible to fasten the theft of a net upon the thief, even though the pieces be found in his possession. The fishermen's union has long had a standing reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of net thieves and while several arrests have been made, in nearly every case the thief has escaped punishment because of the failure to identify the net found in his possession as the one stolen, in whole or in part.

In British Columbia each fisherman, when he takes out a license, gives a minute description of his nets, which is recorded. He describes the meshes, their number, how the knots are tied, the size of the net, and if he has any way of privately marking his net throughout, it is recorded. This enables him, in case of the theft of the whole or a part of his net, to trace and identify it, no matter where it is found, even if woven in with portions of other nets in order to make one complete net.

"Some such law as the net law of British Columbia," said the secretary of the Fishermen's Union, "will have to be adopted in Oregon. A good net is worth \$50, in coin. A fisherman takes a new net out on a dark, thick night and sets it. By-and-by he and his partner start to row over the net and by the time they reach about one-third of its length they discover they have been robbed.

"The thief has rowed up quietly and cut out half the net out of the center, hauled the stolen portion into his boat and rowed away. No one saw him come or go and the only recourse is to look for the stolen portion of the net. Now, the thief may have cut pieces out of half a dozen nets that same night or, what is more common, he had pieces of net previously stolen hidden away at home. As soon as he gets enough pieces of like mesh, the thief proceeds to knit the stolen fragments together and lo and behold, when the police run him down they find a complete net in his possession.

"While morally certain that the net is made up of stolen pieces cut from nets, none of the victims can positively identify the portion of their net that was taken, now that it has been skillfully interwoven with other pieces, and the result is the thief escapes punishment.

"Why," laughed the secretary, "we know of three or four men in this

town that buy at the opening of the fishing season any old rag of a net they can find, a net that wouldn't hold a trout, let alone a salmon, and yet at the end of the season they will have a brand new net of the very best twine. This, too, when not a single complete net has been stolen during the season. Of course we are certain that these men cut pieces from new nets and then joined the pieces, but we cannot prove it. All we can do is to watch such customers and pray that they may be caught in the act of cutting a net. In that event—well, I don't believe there would be necessity for much of a trial.

"So far this season but one or two nets have been cut as nearly all the fishermen carry guns in their boats for the purpose of killing sea lions. These guns would kill a net thief as easily as a sea lion, if properly aimed, and the net thieves know it. But what is needed is a net identification law."

ADVICE OF A CRANK.

An Old Timer on the Beachers Talks to the Baseball Boys—His Text, Don't Be a Crank.

"I'm a genuine baseball crank," said he, "and I want to take a crank's privilege, namely, that of talking to the baseball boys of Astoria. Can I do it through the Astorian?"

The speaker was grey-haired and wore glasses and had, in fact reached the sixty mark on the three score and ten allotment of years, but he was younger and more full of life than half of the annulled young men who have only lived a third of that time. Everybody in Astoria knows him and nearly everybody admires him, and this is what he said:

"I see the Astoria boys have formed a baseball club, and I'm glad of it, but I also see that they are making over again the same mistake they have made in former years. In other words, the Astoria boys seem to think that a baseball club cannot live and thrive here unless it belongs to some league. Now, I should think that the Astoria boys had had about all the baseball league they wanted in past years. The former clubs have all belonged to so-called leagues and have paid the expenses of the other clubs in the league and for their share have received what the boys call the 'horse laugh'.

"Every time," continued the old gentleman, "the Astoria boys have belonged to a league, they have got the worst of it. In former years the games have been scheduled and visiting clubs would reach Astoria on time. The boys here would receive the visitors, give them the very best of the town affairs, while the people would turn out and patronize the games until the sack the visitors carried away was heavy enough to put in a valise. That is no joke. It can be shown that, taking the seasons throughout, Astoria has given baseball a far more generous patronage than any other of the so-called league towns.

"Then the Astoria club would go to visit the other towns in the league far from their homes. Invariably, I will leave it to the boys if I am not telling the truth, the clubs they visited would put the Astoria boys up at a \$1 a day hotel and even make them pay, when it was charged, the bus hire from the hotel to the trains. So far as receipts were concerned there was never anything to divide.

"Why, I remember one game in a certain city not a million miles away, when there were over 2,000 people present and when we came to settle up it was found, or alleged, that 1,000 of them were present on passes. Every time the boys went away from home they got the worst of it, and every time visiting clubs came here, the visitors were given the best of it.

"All this is preliminary to what I want to say to the baseball boys, for I love them and love the game. Now, why don't they go to work this year and simply make games for themselves regardless of any league proposition? They can do it. They can get almost any club in the Northwest to come here and play and they can go almost any place and play on paying terms, providing, of course, they put up a good game of ball. I would like to see our boys assert their independence, indeed, I would. If they do they will find plenty of backing at home in case they get into trouble. We don't need a league. Let the boys drop that idea and make their own games on their own terms."

LOADED TO THE GUARDS.

Steamer Del Norte Comes Into Port With All Decks Loaded With Lumber and Crowded With Passengers.

The steamer Del Norte came in from San Francisco yesterday afternoon in a condition that certainly calls for official investigation.

The steamer had every possible foot of her upper and lower decks crowded with redwood lumber. The aisles left alongside the cabins for the use of the passengers were barely two feet in

width. The whole deck-load, above and below, was insecurely fastened—in fact, it looked as if it would wash loose in even a heavy squall, let alone a storm—and once loose, the fate of those on board was sealed. The lumber would have literally pounded the boat and the people aboard of her into fragments.

The danger of loading the upper and lower decks of vessels carrying passengers, especially deck loads of lumber, was terribly proven in the wreck of the ill-fated Columbia, that sailed from San Francisco for South American ports. On that vessel not only did the lumber, as it was washed back and forth across the decks by the waves, mangle and kill scores of men, women and children, but even after the unfortunate had taken to the boats and to rafts and were in the water, the heavy timbers were driven against boats and beings and the slaughter that was begun on deck was completed in the sea.

Since that time no passenger steamer has left San Francisco with overloaded decks, and it is hardly possible the Del Norte cleared from that port with any load and such a number of passengers—57 all told, exclusive of the officers and crew—as she brought to this port. Just how many passengers the Del Norte is legally allowed to carry could not be ascertained last night, but it is not believed that the number is anything like as many as fifty-seven people. The passengers said that beds, cots and even mattresses were put in the cabin, and everywhere else there was room for them, to provide sleeping accommodation for the passengers aboard.

One passenger, who was questioned as to his trip up from the Golden Gate said: "I'd rather be in — than make another trip on this boat and I'm supposed to come first-class, too. It's a shame the way that boat is loaded."

Whether or not the passengers will make any complaint at Portland is now known, but such cargoes, with such a passenger list as the Del Norte carried yesterday, certainly calls for official investigation.

FALL OFF IN THE CATCH.

Fishermen Getting a Rest They Do Not Enjoy—The Cold Snap and Clear Water to Blame.

For the past three days the run of salmon has fallen off to such an extent that many of the gill net fishermen have not averaged over one fish per haul. As a result the canneries have not been working full time and the fishing business, which started with such a boom, has been decidedly slack.

But, strange to say, neither the fishermen nor the canneries seem the least discouraged on account of the sudden falling off in the catch. On the contrary they say the lull in the run was to be expected and, coming as it does, argues a better season from this time on than for several years past.

The cause of the fall off in the catch, according to the fishermen, is first, the cold snap of last week, which lowered the temperature of the river water several degrees, and second, the extraordinary clearness of the water in the river, due to the absence of freshets, etc., enabling the salmon to see the nets and avoid them. The first cause has passed and gone and, to overcome the second, the fishermen are moving down toward the bar and setting their nets in the rougher water. The fishermen do not expect a late run. In fact, they are counting on having a majority of the boats out of the river by the end of August.

The union barge was out yesterday on a brief snagging trip and will go out next week on a general clean up of the fishing grounds.

POLITICAL PRATTLE.

News and Comment on the Present Situation.

Once upon a time a man who had not been nominated by any convention thought he would run for office, as an independent candidate. When he asked a man of experience what he thought of the venture, the latter said: "Let me tell you the story of the animals in the jungle:

"Once the Animals in the Jungle decided to hold an Election to choose a King. So they divided into Two Parties, and one Party put up the Tiger and the other Party put up the Elephant, both of whom were noted as Wise Animals. Other Animals were Nominated for Minor Offices, but the Ass, who wanted an Office, but no Nomination.

"They can't Turn Me Down," said the Ass, and I'll run as an Independent Candidate." And he did.

"Soon the Animals asked the Elephant what He would do if elected King, and he said He would Run out the Snakes, and Appoint only Wise Animals to Office. And they asked the Tiger what He would do, and he said He would Divide up the Unearned Increment among all the Animals, and Have Government Ownership of the Rivers and Feeding

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Grounds, and allow Savage Animals to Ravage the Borders. Then they went to the Ass and asked him what He would do if Elected.

"You can Search Me," said the Ass. "But instead of that, they Voted for the Elephant and the Tiger, and the Elephant was Elected, while the Ass got only the Votes of Himself and His Relations."

"But," said the Independent Candidate, "Independent Candidates are not at all like asses."

"Oh, I don't know," said the Man of Experience—Jimmy Aesop Montague, in the Oregonian.

While it may be true that Lund's friends are correct in their assertions that their man will not, under any circumstances, "back out" of the fight for sheriff, they might go a little farther and contend that Lund will never "take water."

Within the past twenty-four hours no new men have been elected to the arduous position of coroner.

Tom Linville declares that he is not attempting to count any chickens prior to the hatching period. Tom prefers to shine in the execution of deep-sea loons.

The "remnants" have decided upon C. C. Utzinger as their "grand poobah." Perry Sovey, the vigilant sleuth-hound of the "elusive item," will keep tab on the proceedings of the committee, and Olaf Anderson will keep all the money until he gets a written demand from the treasurer.

It is almost a certainty that the fight of the coming campaign is going to center on the candidates for the legislature and sheriff, with a sort of exhibition set-off for the coronership. The floating vote, which is always controlled by money, is looking to the candidates for the first two offices named for their meal-tickets, and the members of "the push and the pull" are getting uneasy because there are no "signs" to be seen. They will probably see harder times than now as the prospects for a poor man's campaign in the county are exceedingly promising. Every candidate out for office is saying: "I won't spend a cent to be elected. I'm not stuck on the job anyhow, even if I get it, and one thing is sure: I'm not going to buy it."

The citizens-democratic-populist-go-as-you-please bandwagon will start on a tour of the county next week. It is needless to say the wagon is painted red. Just what colors the candidates will use cannot be guessed. After election they will have no use for any color but that which surrounds the stars in the northeast corner of Old Glory.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Total Number of Names on the Roll to Date.

Astoria Precinct No. 1.....	191
Astoria Precinct No. 2.....	188
Astoria Precinct No. 3.....	190
Astoria Precinct No. 4.....	225
Astoria Precinct No. 5.....	218
Astoria Precinct No. 6.....	188
Astoria Precinct No. 7.....	130
John Day Precinct.....	22
Svensen Precinct.....	35
Walluski Precinct.....	28
New Astoria Precinct.....	101
Warrenton Precinct.....	39
Clatsop Precinct.....	33
Seaside Precinct.....	34
Melville Precinct.....	25
Chadwell Precinct.....	42
Youngs River Precinct.....	22
Olney Precinct.....	25
Knappa Precinct.....	42
Clifton Precinct.....	62
Westport Precinct.....	21
Vesper Precinct.....	11
Jewell Precinct.....	25
Mishawaka Precinct.....	18
Elsie Precinct.....	26
Push Precinct.....	18
Total to date.....	1995

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 6:20 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.

Marriage is usually the end of all trouble—but it is a question of which end.

SOLFLINE.

Solfline! Solfline!
If you are sick and tired of rubbers, which protect your feet from wet or cold, and wish to save continual re-sooling of your shoes; if you wish to prolong the life of same at least fifty per cent. If you wish to save greasing your belts in your manufactory, go to Peterson & Brown, at Astoria, and try a case of Solfline on your shoes and harness. Buy your shoes only of those who have that scientific remedy. Take no other.
Address, PETERSON & BROWN,
General Agents, Astoria, Ore.

CALL FOR WARRANTS.

Notice is hereby given to all parties holding Clatsop county warrants endorsed prior to June first, 1898, to present the same to the county treasurer at his office at 164 Tenth street for payment. Interest ceases after this date.
H. C. THOMPSON,
County Treasurer.
Dated, Astoria, Oregon, this 23d day of April, 1930.

A NEW TRAIN.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co. will place in service April 29th 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.

OSTEOPATHY.

Or the science of drugless healing. Specialties—chronic and nervous diseases. Examination free.
DR. C. J. RAMSEY,
Cor. Fourteenth St. and Franklin Ave.,
Astoria, Oregon.
1 to 5 p. m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

ASTORIA & COLUMBIA RIVER R. R. COMPANY.

Beginning Sunday, April 29th, the A. & C. R. R. evening train out of Portland will leave the Union depot at 6:55 p. m. instead of 7:00 p. m.

NET LOST.

Near Deademona Sands on Saturday night; about eight papers twine, 9 1/2 inch mesh, half new. Corks marked K. O., buoy marked A. S. Finder notify Columbia River Packers Association.

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.

DR. AUGUST C. KINNEY,
Astoria, Oregon.

RAILROAD EXCURSION.

The Past Sachers' Association of Portland will give a grand excursion from Portland to Seaside on Sunday, May 6th. Round trip from Astoria, including entrance to clam-bake, fifty cents.

Fisher's Opera House

L. E. SELIG, Lessee and Manager.

Monday, May 7

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There is a reason for everything, and the reason for the popularity of Beecham's Pills is that they fill all the requirements of a general antidote for ALL BILIOUS AND NERVOUS DISORDERS in a more satisfactory manner than any proprietary medicine ever placed before the public. Beecham's Pills are brought before your notice, and whether you require them or not—if not today, you may tomorrow—when the necessity best known to yourself, but to that as it may, you will show good judgment by taking them in reasonable doses, and doing so is as simple as A B C.

The enormous sale of Beecham's Pills has been achieved without the publication of testimonials, the fact being that Beecham's Pills recommend themselves.

Sold everywhere, in boxes, 10 cents and 25 cents each.