

KNOX HATS
The Latest Summer Blocks...
C. H. COOPER
Sole Agent for Astoria.

TODAY'S WEATHER.
PORTLAND, May 31.—Oregon and Washington, fair weather 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.

Horses for sale at Gaston's stable.
Miss Heba Hobson spent yesterday in Portland.
George Hartley went to Portland on the morning train yesterday.

Miss Alice Scott is in the city from San Francisco on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Spelmire.
A good meal can be had at all hours, at the Jewell boarding house, 738 Commercial street.

The British steamship Inverness left for Portland yesterday morning. She will take on a cargo of lumber for the Orient.

Roslyn coal is the best and most economical for household use in Astoria. Try it once and you will have no other. George W. Sanborn, agent, Telephone 1311.

The British ship Allerton cleared at the custom house yesterday for the United Kingdom with 115,807 bushels of wheat valued at \$3,550. She is lying in the lower harbor awaiting additions to her crew but may be able to leave out today.

Trimmed hats for less than cost this week at Miss McRae's.

Furnished house to rent. Apply to Mrs. A. L. Fulton, 357 Grand Ave.

A. B. C. Dennison, of the Great Northern Railway, is in the city.

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

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

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

The Star restaurant, 626 Commercial street, now open for business. Meals 15 cents up. The best to be had in the city. Give it a trial for your dinner today.

Don't fail to try coco cola. It is the most popular new drink this season at the Parlor. Those who receive coco cola tickets can get them redeemed at the Parlor free.

The Every Monday Club held a most enjoyable musical at the residence of Mrs. W. O. Wilkinson last evening. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen and a most excellently-arranged program was rendered.

The infant child of County Commissioner Petersen fell into the Clatskanie river on Tuesday and narrowly escaped drowning. A neighbor of Mr. Petersen chanced to see the child in the river and succeeded in rescuing it only after it was nearly dead from strangulation.

City Surveyor Tee has filed with Auditor Nelson the plans and specifications for the improvement of Ninth street, between Bond and Astor. The plans and specifications for the improvement at the crossing of Thirty-first street and Franklin avenue will be filed today.

The British ship Wednur, which left Calcutta January 29 for this port, arrived in the lower harbor yesterday afternoon. She carries a cargo of grain bags consigned to the Portland Flouring Mills Company. She has not yet secured a charter for an outward cargo, but it is believed she will take out a load of wheat for Europe.

Superintendent of Schools Lee went to Nehalem on Saturday last and on the afternoon and evening of that day held a teachers' institute at Jewell. The institute was well attended. The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of school work and in the evening there were recitations and a lecture by Superintendent Lee on the subject of "Education from a Scientific Standpoint."

This evening Miss Farnham, of Pacific University, Forest Grove, will deliver the third lecture of the regular course at the Presbyterian church upon the subject "Manners and customs of the people of South Africa." Miss Farnham was for ten years a missionary in South Africa and speaks from personal experience and association with the people of that country. African scenery, etc., as well as curious. The lecture should prove very interesting.

Deputy Fish Commissioners Laughery and Baldwin arrested two fishermen named Charles Utinen and Charles Carlson yesterday morning near the end of the jetty for fishing without a license and violating the law requiring each boat to be numbered. When they were brought before Justice Brower, Utinen produced his license but pleaded ignorance as an excuse for not having his boat properly numbered. Carlson not only failed to produce a license but was found not to be a citizen. He was fined \$50. Carlson declared that he would take out citizenship papers without delay and then procure the necessary license, upon which representation he was allowed to go, and was granted time in which to pay his fine.

On Tuesday next "The Real Widow Brown" Company will be the attraction at Fisher's opera house. The comedy is replete with fun, fast and furious, and is greeted with bursts of applause and merriment everywhere. The mistakes of the young man who is doing his best to personate the real, charming widow are most ludicrous. He is assisted by a lively young girl with whom he is in love; while another pair of lovers are working in the same

Pears' soap responds to water instantly; washes and rinses off in a twinkling.

cause, each pair unaware of what the other is up to, making complications innumerable, and funny in the extreme. The company is under the management of A. Q. Seaman, who has many other successful comedies on the road, including "The American Girl," "Town Topics," "Side-Tracked," "The Burglar," etc. Special attention has been given to the selection of artists for this company, which includes many well-known favorites. The costumes are new and handsome and an unusually attractive musical program is a feature of the performance. Advance sale of seats opens Monday at Griffin & Reed's.

Now that it has been ascertained beyond all possibility of doubt that the bubonic plague actually exists in the Chinese district of San Francisco, the wisdom of the precautions taken by the Astoria authorities to prevent its appearance in this city grows more and more apparent.

The council first decided to pay a bounty of five cents for rats, a small amount of fun was poked at the authorities for their action. Even the Portland papers, which should have been among the first to propose and endorse such a step, lost no opportunity to ridicule the spirit of apprehension and the disposition to act evinced by the Astoria health authorities and common council. It develops that it is now Astoria's turn to laugh, while Portland wears the jingle-cap and the rat, for this city is practically free from the rodents, which the highest authorities declare to be the most dangerous disseminators of infectious disease.

Portland is, by far, more exposed to infection from the bubonic plague than is Astoria for a majority of the ocean vessels entering the Columbia river first touch a wharf at that place. While it is true that all Oriental vessels are fumigated here before going to Portland the complete destruction of the rats is by no means a certainty. Astoria is still offering a bounty and will probably continue to do so until all the rodents are exterminated upon the sound theory that an ounce of prevention is worth tons of cure.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. gave a most enjoyable special at their hall last evening. The evening's program was opened with a debate on woman's suffrage which was decided in favor of the women. Miss Emma Warren and Miss Mary Whiddy sustained the suffrage contention. A. R. Cyrus and Carl Hansen opposing. The judges were Wm. Ross, C. R. Thomson and Mrs. Wm. Kinney.

A musical program followed after which an amusing drama on "Woman's Rights" was rendered by the Misses Inez Crane, Susie Hawkins, Gertrude Graham and Alice Halferty, and Roy Tracy, Frank Cline and Vivian Lind, all of Warrenton.

Refreshments were then served free of charge to all those present.

Interesting Debate and Social Given by the W. C. T. U. Last Evening.

Where and When the People's Candidates Will Meet With the Voters.

The republican county central committee has decided upon the dates and places for political meetings up to the close of the campaign as follows: New Astoria, Friday, June 1.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
United States to Duncan Christhorn—Southwest quarter of section 4 T 4 N, R 6 W; patent.

Duncan Christhorn to John E. DuBois—same property; \$5.

F. A. Fisher and wife to Fisher Land Company—block 105 Adair's, and water frontage; \$1.

BEECHAM'S PILLS
The Best and Safest Family Medicine
FOR ALL
Bilious and Nervous Disorders, Sick Headache, Constipation, Weak Stomach, Impaired Digestion, Disordered Liver and Female Ailments.
The World's Medicine

BEECHAM'S PILLS
The Best and Safest Family Medicine
FOR ALL
Bilious and Nervous Disorders, Sick Headache, Constipation, Weak Stomach, Impaired Digestion, Disordered Liver and Female Ailments.
The World's Medicine

LET THE COUNTRY VOTERS CONSIDER

Questions Concerning Candidates They Must Answer.

Some of the Hop-Scotchers' Claims—Men Who Desert Their Party Lose the Confidence of the People—Trying All Sorts of Dodges.

It is no matter to what party one belongs, if he becomes identified with that party, works for it, votes with it, he loses the respect of his fellow men when he deliberately deserts that party, denies its principles and its platform for private gain. It is no matter whether he fuses or by some of the harsher epithets applied to a deserter from a party standard, he is looked upon by his fellow citizens, although they may say nothing, exactly as a man who deserts his regiment or ship is looked upon by his comrades in the army or navy, and how detestable a deserter is to the government is shown by the severity of the punishment prescribed for that crime.

Just what excuse, if any, John Hahn offers for deserting the republican party is not known, but whatever it is, it will have little weight with the voters. Loyalty is the first requisite of a good citizen. That, and the willingness to obey the rule of the majority, are recommendations that go a long way with the voter in securing his support. No matter how excellent Mr. Hahn's private character, that has nothing to do with his duties as a public office holder.

Does Mr. Hahn, and the men who have coaxed him into the false position he occupies on the hop-scotchers' ticket think they can delude republicans to believe that should he be elected, he will go to the legislature and throw down the men who put him up to run and support republican men and measures? No so. John Hahn, should he be elected, will go to the legislature and faithfully serve the hop-scotchers. Having deserted the republican party, he will remain aloof and will aid the hop-scotchers in their every scheme. Let no republican be fooled.

But bad as was John Hahn's desertion, seemingly to gratify personal opinion, the desertion of Fred Wickman was worse. Wickman went before the republican convention wanting a certain office. He was not thought fit by a majority of the delegates, to fill the place to which he aspired, but was given another place on the ticket, one which he was only too glad to take two years ago. Angry at being refused what he demanded, he deserted the party with which he had long been identified and which had rewarded him, and has the cheek to go to the voters and ask them to applaud his conduct in becoming a deserter by voting for him. Of all the offices in the county the people should be most careful of their selection of a sheriff. That office has at times almost unlimited power which he can exercise righteously or wrongfully, for a little while, at least, as he may see fit. The people do not want to put their liberty or property, or it even may be their lives, in the hands of a man whose only qualification is that he deserted his party because he could not run it for his own advantage and thus proved alike his want of gratitude and stability as a man among men.

But if voters have no use for men like Hahn and Wickman, who deserted from one party only, what must they think of a man like Billy Pohl, who deserted from three parties in less than a week and then broke his word pledged to a friend, in his mad scramble to hold on to the office of coroner. Pohl is a political outcast that has nowhere to lay his head. He deserted from the republicans and became converted to democracy. Then he deserted the democrats and went over to the so-called "citizens" and when even that illegal body repudiated him, he came out as an independent after having pledged his word to Charles Mathena that he would not run as an independent if he, Mathena, beat him for the nomination. Surely Pohl can expect no voter to have any confidence in him or support him. His conduct shows that he is determined to have the office if he can get it, even at the sacrifice of political honor and his pledged word as a man. He has all along claimed the office of coroner pays nothing. If this be true what is the secret of his anxiety to secure it, and why is it that he is willing to act as he has done for an office that only brings work and no pay? Such statements do not help Pohl. Nobody believes them. He is a "dead duck" politically, and he should be.

What hurts the hop-scotchers in this campaign is the absolute unreliability of their so-called ticket. There is absolutely nothing and nobody behind them—nobody to vouch for them, except themselves, and it would be a chump who would not promise anything to get into office, if the office was all he wanted. Men running for public office represent, if they are anxious to serve their country and their fellow men, some set of principles that are the avowed platform of a great party. They are not supposed to be running for office solely for the sake of what they can make out of it. Every public officer should be well paid by

the taxpayers for his services. The laborer is worthy of his hire, if he is a conscientious laborer and does his work. But public officers are supposed to have something else at stake in seeking public office and in discharging their duties if elected. They want the respect, confidence and applause of their fellow citizens as well as the salary attached to the office. But the hop-scotchers are out for office—they don't and can't claim anything else. They are not representing anything or anybody but themselves. Let voters remember this. Let them remember that if they elect the hop-scotchers and anything goes wrong, they can blame no one but themselves. They are supporting political shadows, when they support the hop-scotchers. Will o-the-wisps that fit here, there and everywhere.

Lyman is trying to beat Lee for school superintendent by using the sympathy dodge. It won't do. That sort of thing is played out. Taxpayers want effective, active, energetic, and above all, loyal men in office. Mr. Lyman is also urging that it makes no difference so far as school children are concerned whether he thinks the Filipino guerilla Aguinaldo a hero, as he does, or whether he wants to send him aid and comfort. But it does make a difference to loyal Americans, Mr. Lyman, and, as you will find, makes a big difference. There are enough brave, patriotic, loyal Americans to fill the public offices without electing men to office who sympathize with savages who are ambushing and slaughtering our soldiers and who keep up their murderous warfare simply because men like Mr. Lyman send them greeting and words of encouragement.

"Little pitchers have big ears" is an old adage. Do you suppose that the school children have not heard of Mr. Lyman jailing Aguinaldo on a footing with Washington, Lincoln, Grant and other heroes? Of course they have. And what are you, voter, going to say to your boy when he comes at you about like this: "Papa, is Aguinaldo a bad man?" "Yes, my boy." "Is he as good as George Washington?" "Why, certainly not, child. He is an enemy, not a friend, of our country. He is trying to kill our soldiers." "But, papa, Mr. Lyman, our school superintendent, said Aguinaldo was as good as Washington, didn't he?" "He was wrong my boy." "Well, then, papa, what made them elect him?" There it is for you. Why should the voters honor a man who dishonors the flag by giving aid and comfort to our enemies?

Say, you voters out in the country, who do not belong to the republican party, look here—tell us how you like the way the democrats and so-called "citizens" treated you in selecting their hop-scotch ticket? Was there a single precinct consulted outside of Astoria? Was a single precinct outside of Astoria (or inside either, for that matter) represented in the so-called "citizens" convention by regularly chosen delegates? Did you have any warning of what was going to be done? If it is not a fact that a few people, only 85 all told, were gathered up off the streets of Astoria one afternoon and that they made up a so-called "citizens" ticket without ever consulting the country voters or trying to find out who the voters at large wanted as nominees? Just think these questions over and answer them to yourselves when the hop-scotchers ask for your votes. It is any wonder the law refused to recognize such a convention as a "citizens" convention? Is it any wonder that a ticket nominated in such a haphazard manner was refused even a name place on the ballot or even a name? Are you a law abiding citizen? If you are, why should you lend your support to a haphazard, nameless, partyless, platformless amalgamation of nominees when the law has declared their nominations illegal? Investigate for yourselves. Don't take the worst of it and don't be fooled. The hop-scotchers do not represent the out of town or in town voters and have no right to your support.

"They call us hop-scotchers," yelled a candidate on the headless ticket the other night. "Hop-scotch means a hop, skip and a jump, and that's the way we're going in." "Look before you leap," answered a voter from the back of the hall. "You've got where you are with a hop and a skip, instead of a steady gait, and the jump will land you in—Salt river." And the candidate answered never a word.

All the republicans ask the voters to do is to carefully consider the republican county ticket. Is there a man on the ticket with whom you can find fault? Does not the record in office of Linville, Wherity, Thompson, Carnahan, Astbury and Lee all show them to be honest, economical, efficient public officers and worthy of your support? That such is the case no fair-minded man will deny. The new men selected—Stokes, Young, Allen, Parker, and Ingalls—are all well known business or professional men in whom you have confidence. What better ticket do you want? It is a ticket that was nominated in the regular way by regularly selected delegates from every precinct in the county. It deserves, and it will receive the support and votes of the people.

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

COMMISSION TO MEET TUESDAY

At Which Time Public Light Question Will Be Settled.

Citizen Claims a Public Plant Will Furnish Lights for Half of Present Cost and Pay City's Debt—An Expert's Opinion.

The water commission will meet on Tuesday night next and will decide, unless a majority of the members change their minds between this time and that date, the question as to whether or not Astoria shall build and operate its own electric light plant.

The commission was to have met last night but for several reasons it was thought best to postpone the meeting until next week. Facts and figures will be ready for consideration and as the members should, and are supposed to have been investigating for themselves, they ought to be ready to act.

There is hardly any doubt but what the commission will decide to build a city plant. One member is reported as saying, "we cannot do otherwise than build a city plant. The water system has proven a wonderful thing for the city besides being a money-making investment. Everything tends to show that the electric light plant will earn \$4 to the water system's one, besides giving the people abundant light at very low rates.

A prominent citizen, who at the start was against public lighting, but who now favors it, in conversation yesterday, said: "The water system cost Astoria in the neighborhood of \$275,000 and has been a paying proposition. An electric light plant capable of furnishing 150 arc lights and 2,500 to 3,000 incandescent lights will cost, with everything, lamps and all, of the latest improved pattern, from \$3,500 to \$50,000. Add 10 per cent interest per annum on this amount, the topmost estimate of the cost of operating expenses and then, as against this amount, put the receipts from the same number of lights as are being used now by citizens—the city's lights being free—at a rate of 40 cents per light per month and the electric light plant will then pay more money on the investment in proportion than the water system is paying.

"But I will tell you what I honestly believe," he continued. "I believe that a public lighting plant can be built, maintained and operated in Astoria, that will furnish the city and the citizens with all the lights they can use, furnish incandescent lights to consumers at 25 cents per month and arc lights in proportion, and earn enough money above all cost to pay the entire city debt in ten years."

This is more than the Astorian has ever cared to claim for a public lighting plant, but the proposition is not unreasonable. It can be shown to be possible, if the figures furnished by cities owning their own light plants are correct. There is no question but what the price of lights can be reduced more than one-half the present prices, and still the plant be made to earn a tremendous income over and above all cost.

The Astorian prefers to take the figures the water commission will offer next Tuesday night, to furnishing figures based upon calculations made from the receipts and expenditures of other cities. The figures the water commission will furnish will certainly be received as correct and will show far more than the Astorian has tried to prove with regard to the advantages of a public lighting system.

John Poole, proprietor of one of the most extensive machinery and electrical supply houses in Portland, is one of the men who has been conferring with members of the water commission for the purpose of obtaining data upon which to base a proposition for furnishing the necessary machinery for a city lighting plant. Mr. Poole recently installed electric light and power plants for the cities of Woodburn and McMinnville and submits proof that they have given the greatest satisfaction. At Woodburn a steam plant was put in and eleven arc lights are being furnished at a reduced rate, while incandescent of 16 candle-power are supplied to private consumers for 50 cents a month. At McMinnville incandescent lights are furnished for 75 cents a month.

You ought Just to See
The Low Prices
We are Selling
Limoges French Chinas
Just Come to Look.
Great American Importing Tea Co.

ing solution and, solved in the right way, every citizen of Astoria will in time be glad that the majority in the council was brave enough to do this July and stop the extortion that has been practiced on the city.

NEW FEATURES FOR FOURTH.

Evening Telegram Suggests That Portland Adjourn to Astoria to Celebrate.
The Fourth of July committee has just had printed some very attractive posters announcing the big event to come off in this city next month. The committee has received the greatest encouragement from outside cities as well as in Astoria.

The Portland Telegram of last evening contained the following editorial: "Astoria is preparing to have a big celebration on the Fourth, and if, as seems probable, Portland does not make much of a display, it would be quite the proper thing for a large number of our people to take a trip down the river and take in the celebration at the City-by-the-Sea. The trip, so far as fare is concerned, costs next to nothing, and Astorians are noted for their hospitality."

The committee has arranged to give an electric May-pole dance on the night of the Fourth and it is stated that it will be one of the greatest spectacular performances ever seen in this city.

IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

Charity Lodge, Degree of Honor, Gives an Enjoyable Entertainment.
The literary and musical entertainment given by the members of Charity Lodge, Degree of Honor, last night was by far one of the most enjoyable ever given since the organization of the local lodge. A large number of members and invited friends were present. After the program, which follows, refreshments were served and the evening's festivities closed with dancing. Instrumental duet, the Misses Della; recitation, Miss Morton; Spanish dance, the Misses Adams and Stockton; song, "I'd Leave My Happy Home for You," Victor Grandenard; recitation, "The Clown's Baby," Miss Katherine Shireley; piano duet, the Misses Ford; dance, "Sabor's Horn-pipe," the Misses Adams and Stockton; solo, J. J. Mackey; encore, "I'll Telegraph Mah Baby"; song, Birdie Wise; Miss Gertrude Kearney acted as pianist for the evening.

POISON IN POTATOES.

The public is becoming excited over the statement recently made that potatoes contain a poison called solanine. It is announced that new potatoes contain much less than old ones, but those which have commenced to sprout are quite dangerous. This may be true, but it seems odd that people have lived and thrived for centuries upon them and that their danger has just been discovered. It is safe to assert that any one with whom potatoes do not agree has stomach trouble, and any one who has indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, or liver and kidney weakness needs Hostetter's Stomach Bitters at once. This medicine does more than promise, it cures. Avoid substitutes and insist upon having the genuine. Try it.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

STATE.
For Congress, Second Congressional District—MALCOLM A. MOODY, of Wasco County.
For Justice of the Supreme Court—CHAS. E. WOLVERTON, of Linn County.
For Oregon Dairy and Food Commissioner—J. W. BAILEY, of Multnomah County.
COUNTY.
For Legislature—F. R. STOKES, J. E. YOUNG.
For District Attorney—HARRISON ALLEN.
For Sheriff—THOMAS LINVILLE.
For Clerk—H. J. WHERITY.
For Treasurer—H. C. THOMPSON.
For Assessor—C. W. CARNAHAN.
For Surveyor—R. F. C. ASTBURY.
For School Superintendent—J. T. LEE.
For Coroner—E. P. PARKER.
For Commissioner—DAN J. INGALLS.
For Constable—WM. CHANCE.
For Justice of the Peace—C. C. BROWER.
For Road Supervisor—C. E. FOSTER.

THE ONLY BICYCLE.
The above heading gives the name. What name? Rambler, of course. We have the exclusive agency. Call for our prices and terms. FISHER BROS.