

# KNOX HATS

## The Latest Summer Blocks...

### C. H. COOPER

Sole Agent for Astoria.

#### TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, June 5.—Oregon, generally fair except showers near the coast, warmer in northwestern 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.

Bishop Morris is in the city.

Horses for sale at Gaston's stables.

Theodore Peterson of Aberdeen is in the city.

Secretary of State Dunbar was in the city yesterday.

John J. Brack of Marshland was in the city yesterday.

Miss Bessie Morris is visiting with friends in Portland.

Senator Megler of Brookfield was in the city yesterday.

Sam Koser was down from Salem yesterday and voted.

I. E. Powers of Portland is registered at the Occident.

A. O. Arper of Tacoma is registered at the Parker House.

County court will meet for the June session on Monday next.

J. W. Seaborg of Ilwaco was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun Restaurant, 613 Commercial street.

If you want ice cream that is made of pure cream try the Parlor.

D. C. Freeman of the Portland Telegram was in Astoria yesterday.

John Elliott returned from San Francisco yesterday and is very ill.

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

For rent—7-room house, nicely furnished. Apply at 638 Exchange Street.

Sweet cream at the Parlor 10 cents a pint just what you want for berries.

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

Miss Ruth has accepted a position as teacher in the Lewiston, Idaho, schools.

W. A. Wilcox, U. S. fish commissioner of Washington, D. C., was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. C. R. Thomson left on Sunday evening for Missouri, where her father is seriously ill.

A good meal can be had at all hours, at the Jewell boarding house, 736 Commercial street.

Sam J. Gorman of Chicago is once more in the city looking after the salmon run and pack.

Miss Killan of Portland, who has been visiting Miss Violet Bowly, returned home yesterday.

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

M. F. Hardsaty left for Salt Lake City last night to organize a lodge of Eagles. He has been appointed an organizer of the order.

The restaurant formerly conducted by Herring & Cook has been purchased by Zack Pancareo, who has already assumed control.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

# Pears'

No other soap in the world is used so much; or so little of it goes so far.

Mr. Hammond left Portland for the East last Saturday afternoon. He will spend the time principally in New York and will not return to Oregon for about four weeks.

Concomley Tribe, I. O. R., elected the following officers last night: H. L. Henderson, sashem; Andrew Burch, senior sagamore; Andrew McCroskey, junior sagamore; Wm. C. A. Pohl, prophet; Olaf Anderson, chief of records; M. M. Flynn, keeper of wampum.

Let the merchant compare his light bill with his water bill and then think a minute. If the water plant is a paying proposition at the rates charged on the investment, six to ten times as great as would be necessary to build a light plant, what would be the revenue that would go into the city treasury from a public lighting plant?

A party of students from the Stanford University, California, were passengers on the State of California yesterday. They are en route to Butte, Mont., where they join a government geological survey corps. The party consisted of L. H. Roseberry, W. E. Sherwood, W. Lee Lewis, H. A. Dutton, J. W. Cameron, T. L. McFadden, W. Ernest Dickson, Donald P. Campbell, Wm. McInnis, I. T. Hogevole, R. S. Badger, W. C. Doane and W. E. McFadden.

Cephas Roberts, an eccentric citizen of Winsted, Conn., advertised for a thief to occupy his farm, and received over one hundred answers. Some of these were from ordinary thieves, but one was from a man who had spent twenty-five years in prison, whose grandfather had passed most is now in prison. This was the gem of the collection of replies Mr. Roberts received.

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.

Roslyn 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.

The light-house tender Columbine will return from Puget sound tomorrow morning and after a rest of a few days, during which she will take on supplies, will go to Alaska.

It was a regular, old fashioned, Eastern democratic day yesterday. Back East the saying goes that the harder it rains on election day the bigger the democratic vote—but all signs fall in "wet weather." There was one or two republicans out yesterday, as the vote will show.

The steamer State of California arrived in from San Francisco yesterday morning, and after a short stay, to discharge freight, was allowed to go to Portland. She was thoroughly inspected at the quarantine grounds, but having no Chinese aboard and no sickness, was allowed to proceed to her destination.

The fourth lecture of Rev. Henry Marcotte, in his course before the Reading Club, will be delivered at the Presbyterian church this evening, his subject being "Browning." The previous lectures of the course have proven both instructive and interesting and a large attendance is looked for tonight.

The halibut schooner Jessie is high and dry upon the sands. Just how the little vessel, which is cargoes with ice, reached her unfortunate predicament is not known, but certain it is she is hard and fast aground and there seems little likelihood of her getting afloat again unless a tug pulls her off. At low tide last evening the schooner had a decided list, but was in no danger.

Letters for the following persons remain uncalled for at the postoffice: G. W. Bevers & Co., J. Carlson, J. A. Convention, E. L. Davidson, Chas. Geary, Henry Gronnel, Bessie Gray, David C. Greenwall, W. H. Hamon, Lewis Irish, Ira Lingo, W. Nyberg, Oscar Pederson (2), R. Richards, Victor Williams, Vich E. Williams, Foreign, Jonas Utiner, Matteo Torch, Marcell Gaetano, C. E. Hallengren.

#### 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.

#### THE ONLY BICYCLE.

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

## LIGHT QUESTION SETTLED TONIGHT

### Will Come Before the Water Commission for Decision.

#### Question of Public Ownership of a Public Lighting Plant to Be Decided For or Against the Taxpayers—Facts and Figures.

There is hardly a question but what the water commission, at its meeting tonight, will definitely settle, in one way or another, the question of public lighting. Whether the people of Astoria shall build and operate their own electric light plant, or whether the taxpayers shall again be made to bear the yoke of a private monopoly in public lighting, is the question the commission must settle tonight.

If the members of the water commission have kept their promise to the people made at their last meeting, namely to investigate for themselves the cost of building, operating, etc., a public light plant, there can only be one conclusion which they can reach tonight in all honesty, justice and fairness to the taxpayers, and that is, for the city to build and run its own lighting plant.

The commission, if it has tried to get facts and figures regarding public lighting plants, has had over a hundred cities, owning and operating their own light plants, to correspond with. From the replies received from these cities it should be easy to figure all averages of cost and income of a public lighting system of any dimensions and the Astorian says now that if the water commission does not give to Astoria its own public lighting plant, it will not be because public plants in other cities have not paid expenses and a surplus, in addition to reducing the cost of lights to consumers from 20 to 25 per cent.

There are cities in the United States paying monopolies as high as \$11 per month for street lights, the price Astoria once paid, but there are other cities that are burning their own lights for \$2.50 per month.

There can be no dispute as to what the figures from the various cities show, taken separately or as an average. The question is, have the members of the water commission taken the trouble to get these figures? If they have, their decision tonight is a foregone conclusion; if they have not informed themselves, then it is patent to the dullest observer that they do not intend to do so.

In quoting figures of cost and receipts of public lighting plants elsewhere, the Astorian has taken all the cities operating public lighting plants just as they come.

In no city has the cost of lights, under public ownership, been within 20 per cent of the cost of the same lights under private contract, and in many instances the cost has been less than one-fourth that charged by private corporations. In no city where public ownership has been tried has the city returned to private contract lighting.

In no city where the public has undertaken to furnish its own lights has there ever been a deficit in the treasury on that account.

These are arguments unanswerable, so far as the wisdom of establishing public lighting plants in other cities is concerned. It may be that Astoria is so radically different from every other city of its size in the United States, that a different course must be pursued here regarding public lighting but, unless that is the case, there seems to be no valid reason for making the people continue to pay \$8 per month for street lights of no guaranteed power and \$1.25 per month for incandescent lights for private use, when the latest improved street lights are being furnished elsewhere, under public ownership, for \$3 per month and incandescent lights for private use for 25 cents per month.

For the friends of the West Shore Mills company to assert that for months before the council stopped the extortion, the public service furnished by that monopoly was anything like the service in quality or quantity of light guaranteed the city under its contract or anything like an adequate service for the price paid, would be equivalent to calling every taxpayer who has eyes to see and who was abroad at night, and then complained of the poor service, a fool. The street lights were not only dim every night, but night after night lights at the intersection of various streets would go out entirely and remain out during the entire period of service, paid for by the city. The West Shore Mills company excuses itself for this failure to furnish the taxpayers with what they were paying for, on the ground that its lamps, wires, machinery, etc., needed renewing, and in order to renew them they proceeded to levy an assessment on the people by increasing the price of lights, refusing to guarantee that the lights to be furnished in the future should be as good, let alone any better, than those furnished in the past.

Does the water commission think it justice to make the taxpayers buy the West Shore Mills Company new machinery and then pay them for the use of it instead of buying it for themselves.

The question is sifted down to that Astoria cannot be properly lighted by the West Shore Mills Company without new machinery, and the West Shore Mills Company says so, but it

cannot buy new machinery unless the taxpayers give it more money.

The taxpayers say, "If we have to buy new machinery, let us buy it for ourselves."

Tonight will settle the question and in the hands of the members of the water commission the settlement rests. It is to be hoped they will do their duty to themselves and the people and at the same time obey the law.

#### THEY MUST GET TO WORK.

Portland Trying to Take Astoria's Fourth of July Away—Committee Must Hustle.

Now that the county election is over, the Fourth of July committee wants to get in and do business if Astoria is going to have the "only celebration on the Columbia." The Fourth of July is a matter upon which all can agree. There is no politics in it. It's every American's day and the fellows who have been fighting each other politically can make friends again by joining in booming the glorious Fourth.

But there is another reason for the committee getting in and working hard. Portland is going to have a Fourth of July celebration and have "a crack-crack," so they say. This is what the Telegram says about it: "At the meeting of the Fourth of July committee tomorrow night, the subscription committee will present a report which will show that enough money has been contributed to insure a proper observance of Independence Day in Portland. Merchants have responded liberally to the call for funds, and General Summers, chairman of the general committee, said this morning that the work was still going forward, with every assurance of even greater success than has been so far achieved."

It doesn't make any difference what Portland does if Astoria carries out its original plans for the celebration of the Fourth. This city will get the crowd if it offers the attractions and it is the business of the committee to see to it that the attractions are offered.

Politics are out of the road for awhile, now boom the Fourth.

#### MUST WALK TO NORTH POLE.

For years have we struggled to reach the north pole by ship. Through hardship and danger brave explorers have endeavored to reach the coveted spot. The fact that the pole is still a mystery points to the conclusion that our method was wrong, and lends credence to the recent utterance of a learned scientist that we must abandon ship, copy the Eskimo's customs and walk to the pole. The same commonsense reasons should be applied to health. There is only one road to recovery for sufferers from stomach disorders, and that is through Hotter's Stomach Bitters. If you have tried to cure indigestion, constipation, dyspepsia, liver or kidney trouble without it, you have simply been on the wrong track. The Bitters will cure you.

#### SUMMER RESORTS.

"To the mountains our people in increasing numbers yearly look for those days of relaxation and recreation necessary to maintain the human machine in fair working condition. The languorous sloth of the seashore proves very seductive while it lasts, but many have decided that the annual outing should provide not only radical change of air and surroundings, but also such stimulation of flagging energies as will provide brawn and vigor for the return to labor. For this they urge the mountain climb and ramble, the balsam of the mountain pines, and the clear, unadulterated mountain air.

"In this direction the Shasta Route now affords a wealth of attractions. The entire line of road from Ashland to Redding is studded with charming and accessible hotels and camps, where are cheer and comfort and healing at reasonable cost, and where you can hunt, fish, ride, loaf, or play with equal facility.

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"Before visiting Europe, the people of the Northwest should see the glories of Yosemite valley, and the wondrous groves of Mariposa and Calaveras; the Parisians are likely to make inquiries concerning these attractive resorts."

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This striking photograph represents the three-year-old son of Mrs. Jess Potter of 394 South First Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., who says, under date of Sept. 23, 1899, regarding his cure of a disfiguring face humor: "My baby's face was covered with ringworms. We could not lay a pin between the sores on his face and neck, and he was a sight to look at. Two doctors attended him for three weeks, without success, when I heard of Cuticura. I got a box of Cuticura Soap, and a box of Cuticura Ointment. I only applied them three days, when I could see his face was better, and in four weeks he was cured. His face is as clear as a bell, and not a mark on it.

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