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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, rain; Eastern Oregon and Idaho, rain or snow.

AROUND TOWN.

Join the chamber of commerce and help Astoria. Mrs. N. V. Steel, of Seaside, was in the city yesterday. M. Both, of Rainier, was registered at the Occident yesterday. Beat 15-cent meal, Rising Sun Restaurant, 612 Commercial street. L. Althoff, the Portland traveling man, was in the city yesterday. Jeff's restaurant—the largest and best. A trial will convince you. Extensive repairs are being made to the front of the Palace restaurant. Where do you get your Sunday dinner? I take mine at the Central Hotel. Herman Wise returned yesterday afternoon from a business trip to Salem. C. H. COOPER'S GREAT ANNUAL SALE IS NOW ON. DON'T MISS IT! The Occident barber shop and bath is the place to go for first-class work. Every business man in Astoria should be a member of the chamber of commerce. L. E. Latourette, the Portland attorney, was in the city on legal business yesterday. EVERYTHING GREATLY REDUCED FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS AT COOPER'S. Send in your name to the chamber of commerce for membership and help on the good work. A marriage license was issued at the court house yesterday to Leander Kenta, of Wahkiakum county, Wash., and Heiga Wirkkala, of Clatsop county. BEST 15-CENT MEAL, RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

The Blathoye and the Scottish Isles were moved down to an anchorage in the lower harbor yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. May Margo left last evening for Salem, where she will remain during the coming session of the legislature.

The German ship Alice arrived down the river late yesterday afternoon, after taking nearly the whole week for the trip.

Mrs. H. Clarke is prepared to do dressmaking and general sewing in families by the day. 595 Commercial street, upstairs.

Cream Pure Rye, America's finest whisky. The only pure goods; guaranteed ribs and mellow. JOHN L. CARLSON, Sole Agent.

N. J. Svidenth will leave for Alaska, tomorrow to superintend the construction of a cannery for the Muir Glacier Packing Company, of this city.

John A. Montgomery has opened a shop at 421 Bond street and is prepared to do all classes of plumbing and tinning at the lowest possible rates.

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

The Friday Night Dancing Club gave a delightful informal dance at Hanthorn's hall last evening to a number of invited guests outside of the members of the club.

The steamship Adamson, that was thought to be several days overdue from the Sound, did not sail when reported by her owners but will probably arrive in today.

A company has been organized at Bloux City, Iowa, to build a fish cannery in Alaska, south of St. Michaels, for an output of 60,000 cases, to employ Chinese and Japanese labor.

The funeral of the late Mrs. W. J. Dyer, of Lewis and Clark, was held yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. The interment took place in the Lewis and Clark cemetery.

All officers and members of the Women's Relief Corps are earnestly requested to be present at the Odd Fellows' hall this afternoon at 2 o'clock sharp to practice for installation.

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A Saving of from \$3.35 to \$7.50 on Each Garment

Extraordinary Low Prices on All Broken Lines.

S. DANZIGER.

Public Lodge, No. 5, D. of H. will give a masquerade on Monday evening, Jan. 13, at Hanthorn's hall. Admission free. Tickets for sale by the members.

I. W. Harper is the "Gold Medal" whiskey of the world. Highest awards at Paris, 1889; Chicago, 1893; New Orleans, 1885. Unbeaten and Unbeatable! Ford & Stokes Co., Astoria, Ore.

The regular session of the manual training school will be held this evening at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. Dyer will be present and outline the work for the coming winter, and will assign the pupils to their classes and hours.

The colored Aristocracy Company put up an excellent performance in their "rag-time" carnival, at Fisher's opera house last evening. The company is an excellent one and while the weather was miserable a very fair audience turned out.

A delegation from the Astoria Fishermen's Union appeared before Governor T. W. Case, Thursday, and urged the governor to recommend legislation against fishwheels and other stationary devices for catching salmon. They are much concerned regarding legislation on fisheries.

The colored Aristocracy Company that played at Fisher's last evening had a little hard luck with their baggage. It in some way failed to get on the train at Portland and the baggage was not discovered till the train arrived here at noon. The baggage had to be postponed and a special train was sent down from Portland with the missing baggage.

B. Van Dusen received a telegram last evening from his brother, H. G. Van Dusen, who has been critically ill with pneumonia at Butte, Mont., stating that he was improving and getting along quite nicely. Mr. Van Dusen has been in Butte and vicinity for the past six months. Mrs. Van Dusen is left for that place several days ago and is with him.

Rumors were afloat on the street yesterday of a little affair that was said to have happened at Seaside on Thursday night in which some well-known residents of this city were mixed up in a little one-sided pistol practice, in consequence of which some of the train crews which left out yesterday was said to be short-handed. Nothing very definite on this matter, however, could be ascertained.

During the session of county court yesterday it was ordered that the county clerk be instructed to forward to the state treasurer warrants drawn in his favor for \$6.05, the same being the amount of this county's portion of the seal bounty tax of one cent per head on all sheep in the county. The greater portion of the county's interest was up in the drawing of a new jury list which will also consume the greater portion of today's session.

Mr. Kern, of the Portland firm of contractors, Hale & Kern, was in the city yesterday. This is the firm operating the tug Samson and the line of barges and that hold contract for the jetty at Grays Harbor. Mr. Kern came down to meet the tug Samson and was closeted with Captain Stream for some time. He stated that he considers that the libelling of the barge for jettisoning a portion of her cargo is unnecessary. It was practically to save the rest of the cargo and the craft itself that a portion was sacrificed.

Although the movement in salmon is not very active at present, the spring demand is expected to clean up the stocks. San Francisco advises state nothing doing there for lack of stock in first hands. There is some inquiry for shipment to Australia, but second hands' views are said to be too high to admit of filling. London advises state an improved inquiry, with arrivals of a few thousand cases at Liverpool from New York of late. Imports into the United Kingdom for the eleven months ending 31st November were 995,308 cases, compared with 925,217 cases in the same period in 1899.

The Tacoma News has got bad again and prints a story in Thursday's issue to the effect that the British steamship Yang Tze went to Tacoma to load wheat because of the experience of the Ching Wo of the same line with the Columbia river bar. As far as the Ching Wo's having any experience with the Columbia river bar is concerned this story is all sheer balderdash and merely an outcrop of Tacoma's small jealousy over the trade that comes to the Columbia river. The News knows there is no truth in such a story but her marine editor evidently wishes to get funny, and he is funny, only rather pathetically so. From the ignorance he exhibits, the Ching Wo sailed from this port less than ten days ago and went out over a smooth bar without striking or the slightest difficulty of any kind and the owners of the Yang Tze seem to have hardly issued orders to have reached that vessel to change her port of destination since the Ching Wo's "difficulty on the Columbia river bar."

An adjourned meeting of the citizens' committee of twenty-one was held in the chamber of commerce yesterday morning. All the members but two were present at the meeting and Dr. Alfred Kinney and Harrison Allen were appointed to fill the places of W. F. McGreggor and J. H. Johannsen, resigned. D. K. Warren suggested the appointment of a paid committee who should act as "spotters" on the O. R. & N. canal line and report to the general committee, who were patrolling them. Further, that steps be taken to a discontinuance of shipments by those lines, shippers to be interviewed and made to understand the subject in its proper light and the consequences to follow if the practice be continued. The subject of shipping via San Francisco steamers of the O. R. & N. Co., was introduced by F. J. Finner and thoroughly discussed. The proposed sailing of an opposition steamer from San Francisco on the 12th inst., which was open to all shippers, was reported by A. V. Allen, who also suggested that perhaps the Halles Kern barges would accept freight so that with a few inconveniences, all being treated alike, trade could be carried on just as successfully as at present. A committee consisting of A. V. Allen, F. A. Fisher, J. T. Ross and Martin Poard, was named as an executive board with authority to employ help to execute their plans in connection with freight matters. An "information committee" consisting of Harrison Allen, D. K. Warren and W. L. Robb, was appointed to take up all suggestions and report on them. A committee consisting of F. L. Parker, L. Lebeck and Herman Wise was appointed to solicit home merchants instead of going to Portland to trade and to be particular to patronize those who do not ship via the O. R. & N. or Kamm lines. This committee is to be known as the "Trade at home committee." The meeting was then adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

COUNCIL MET LAST EVENING

First Regular Meeting of New Council.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE READ

Quarterly Reports of City Auditor and Treasurer Read—Street Car Franchise Question Discussed.

The common council met last evening for the first regular business session of the year and the first meeting with the newly-elected members in their seats. All the members with the exception of Brix and Svensen were present. The mayor read his annual message, which was as follows:

Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 7, 1901. To the Gentlemen of the Common Council—We stand at the threshold of a new century; it would be useless to speculate upon the possibilities of the future; events move so fast that the impossible of today becomes the certainty of tomorrow; however, we can profit by the occurrences of the past. While God alone knows what the year just begun has in store for us, He has given us the knowledge to look into the past, and surveying the field upon which are strewn the errors of those who passed before us, we may resolve to be cautious, prudent and just.

During the year just passed, the City of Astoria has done fairly well; some of the departments exceeded the amounts estimated by the committee on ways and means, and other departments have expended less, thus equalizing matters. The road and crossing fund shows a deficit of over \$5000 for which the city authorities are not to blame; the committee on ways and means in estimating the receipts for the year 1900 expected that the county court would make a levy of 4 mills which would have raised something over \$6000, but no levy was made and the receipts of road money were less than \$300.

With reference to franchises asked I feel that it would be advisable to pursue a liberal policy in order to encourage the investment of outside capital; of course the people's interests must be judiciously guarded and the future considered.

I especially urge you, Gentlemen, to use the utmost care in making your estimates for the current year and then see to it that no department exceeds its quota.

The health of our city is good, thanks to Providence and the precaution taken by the council; in this connection it is well to remember the vigilance and judgment displayed by the city physician.

I have nothing but the best reports to make as regards the various city officials; coming in close contact with them I have found them efficient and zealous to all.

The reports of the city auditor and city treasurer will show you the exact financial condition of the city; study the figures well.

Reference to the old and best wishes to the new members of your honorable body, I am, respectfully yours, ISAAC BERGMAN, Mayor.

The city treasurer's report for the quarter was then read and showed total cash on hand, September 20, \$11,501.77; receipts, during quarter, \$6,640.16; disbursements, \$3,794.83; cash on hand at present time, \$9,846.24.

The report of City Auditor Nelson was read, showing the financial condition of the city as follows:

Municipal bonds (excepting street) \$179,950 00
Municipal street bonds 18,419 70
Warrants (excepting street) 26,150 00
Street warrants 5,266 40
Amount due street contractors on work accepted and assessments confirmed 2,733 90
Total indebtedness \$222,679 90

RESOURCES. Cash on hand as per treasurer's report \$ 5,346 24
Taxes outstanding 1,108 21
Street assessments 22,554 41
Total resources \$ 29,008 86

The committee on streets and public works recommended the payment of the following claims: Street assessors, \$25. Clatsop Mills, \$12.10. J. C. Clinton, \$2.55. J. C. Clinton, \$2. West Shore Mills Co., \$308.53. Clatsop Mills, \$11.65. Street assessors, \$21. Astoria Box Co., \$7.19. H. F. Praal Co., \$25.25. Street assessors, \$21. Superintendent of streets, \$119. City surveyor's office, \$28. Committee on fire and water—Poard & Stokes Co., \$2.50. Committee on public property—B. F. Allen, \$13.84.

fund for J. K. Wirt; \$118 out of the road and crossing fund of C. S. Palmberg for crossing at Twelfth and Duane streets; \$72.19 out of the general fund for J. K. Wirt, that amount having taken advantage of the ten-year installment plan on the Ninth street improvement.

An ordinance granting the committee on ways and means power to contract with the Astorian Publishing Co. and J. S. Dellinger for the city printing was passed under suspension of the rule.

On the third reading of the street railway franchise the chairman of the ways and means committee moved that it be withdrawn, which motion carried, and the ordinance was withdrawn.

Resolutions were adopted providing for the equalization of the assessment rolls for the improvements of Commercial street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth street; Twenty-fifth street, Irving to Jerome avenues; and Eleventh street, Franklin to Harrison avenues.

The board of assessors were directed to make a special assessment of \$1182.50 for the improvement of the Tenth street, Exchange to Grand avenue.

A bill was presented from the water commission for the use of water from the hydrants, amounting to \$260. Referred to committee on ways and means.

J. H. Mansel and K. Osburn were elected to act as assessors for the coming year, and C. C. Usinger was unanimously chosen president.

The report of the committee on ways and means and the city attorney, to which was referred the question of granting a street car franchise, having been read and filed earlier in the evening, the main points of which have already been published in these columns, Mayor Bergman asked that the council do something if possible to arrange for the granting of some sort of franchise as soon as possible.

The Mayor then read a letter from the General Electric Company, owners of the present street railway system in operation in this city. This letter was read by Superintendent Coleidge of the railway company. The latter stated that the company would not consider such a franchise as had been prepared by the committee. They would require the condition of erecting the road over specified streets within a specified time and in case the company were to operate street lights for the city they would specify that in case the city wished to revoke the contract the city would agree to purchase the poles, wires and machinery of our company at cost price.

The ways and means committee having completed their work and filed their report, the whole matter was then referred to the committee on streets and public works.

WAS THERE A DISASTER? Shipping Men Slightly Skeptical as to Whether the Message Found in the Bottle on North Beach Is Authentic.

A dispatch was received last evening from Ilwaco, stating that a bottle had been picked up on North beach, near Ocean Park, and taken to the life-saving station, with a message written on a piece of paper inclosed in the bottle, which was tightly corked. The message was dated, Sunday evening, October 16, 1900, and read as follows:

"On board the four-masted schooner William Olsen. We were in a storm on Monday night. We are in latitude 49 deg. north, 360 miles from the coast of America. We lost two masts and all the sails, rudder is broken and no good. We had five men before the mast and four got washed overboard. The captain and one mate were killed by falling spars. We are drifting slowly south. We need help. Written by the cabin boy, (Signed) S. P."

The slight breeze which was blowing on Monday night, in the date, Sunday falling on the 14th instead of the 16th, might be overlooked as an error in the dispatch, but what queers the matter with shipping men generally is the failure to find a four-masted schooner by the name on the register. Then again the fact of a vessel as large as a four-master not having a larger crew than five men before the mast is unusual. No such vessel has been sighted by any of the numerous incoming vessels that have arrived in on this coast since that date, nearly three months ago.

WITH THE CHURCHES. The regular services will be held in the First Congregational church morning and evening, at 11 o'clock and 7:30 o'clock. Subject for morning hour, "The Lord's Prayer—Some of its Features." Theme for evening, "Peace Unknown Until Fellowship With God Has Been Restored." Mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 12:15. A formal invitation to all who may come.

The Baptists invite all their friends to the usual services tomorrow. Miss Carrie O. Millspaugh, lady missionary and evangelist among the Baptists of Oregon, will conduct a daily evangelistic service at the Baptist church each week. These services are especially designed for young people, but everybody is invited to attend. The meeting on Sunday will be at 3 p. m., probably on other days at 4 p. m.

At the Presbyterian church services will be as usual tomorrow. Theme of the morning sermon, "Quietness." Evening theme, "A Finer of the Arts." A very cordial invitation is extended to all.

The tug Samson, with the barge Westhousal in tow, arrived in port yesterday morning after a rough passage from San Francisco. The two vessels and especially the barge have had some pretty tough experiences since leaving out from Astoria a few weeks ago. The barge, which was abandoned by the tug after an accident had rendered the latter's machinery useless, took a little trip on her own account and Captain Harrison and his little crew of men were the center of considerable anxious interest for several days until the barge was located once more. They were compelled to jettison something like 400,000 feet or a fair sized schooner load of the lumber, in order to save the craft, as it was, and the tug and barge were libelled for the value of the lumber. They left out from Astoria, however, before the papers were served upon them, although it is stated that a tug left out in hot pursuit and that after they left their dock, on the trip out a slight accident occurred to the steering gear but not sufficient to wholly disable them. The tug, after a few slight repairs, will leave out with the barge Westhousal, which is loaded and waiting for her.

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE

NINTH STREET FROM THE NORTH LINE OF BOND STREET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF ASTOR STREET. Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by ordinance No. 272, of the City of Astoria, Oregon, entitled "An ordinance confirming special assessment roll No. 26 for the improvement of Ninth street from the north line of Bond street to the south line of Astor street" approved Dec. 27, 1900, will be due and payable in United States gold coin at the office of the city treasurer on January 15, 1901, and if not so paid at said date the Common Council will order warrants issued for the collection of the same.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Assessment Amount. Includes BOELLING, V.; BOELLING, ELIZA; BOELLING, SOPHIE; BROWN, CHARLES; CORBETT, H. W.; WILKINSON, ANNA.

The following is payable in installments, the first installment due January 15th, 1901:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Assessment Amount. Includes CHASE, W. B.; PARKER, EVA BELL; PARKER, F. L.

By order of the Common Council of the City of Astoria, Oregon. Auditor and Police Judge City of Astoria, Oregon. Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 8, 1901.