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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Jan. 24.—Western Oregon and Washington, rain, probably fair. Eastern Oregon and Northern Idaho, cloudy and threatening with probably rain or snow.

AROUND TOWN.

MR. DUNBAR ON THE SWEET apple cider at Johnson Bros.

Try some of Johnson Bros' sweet apple cider.

Three first-class barbers at the Occident again.

W. P. Walker, of Seattle, is a guest at the Occident.

C. C. Ruckie, of Kalama, is quartered at the Parker.

A. W. Schlapp came down from Deep River last evening.

J. Weise, of San Francisco, is registered at the Occident.

Girl Wanted.—For general housework, Apply at Astorian office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Denton, of Ilwaco, are at the Parker.

A. D. Monroe, of Rainier, was a guest at the Occident yesterday.

Captain Caruthers was called up the river on business yesterday.

Al. Utzinger, of New Astoria, visited friends in the city yesterday.

Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun Restaurant, 412 Commercial street.

Captain Harry Haslam, who has been ill for some time, is recovering.

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

E. V. Carter came down from Oregon City on the noon train yesterday.

B. M. Blittington and R. O. Webster came down from Portland on the evening train and are registered at the Parker.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

Walter De H. Canning, of South Bend, Wash., is in the city today.

Miss Florence Graham, of Warrenton, is visiting friends in the city.

A. W. Whitner and T. R. Allen, of Portland, were in the city yesterday.

Bar report.—Wind, east; weather, light haze; condition of bar, smooth.

C. H. COOPER'S GREAT ANNUAL SALE IS NOW ON. DON'T MISS IT.

R. U. Howard, of Westport, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

Where do you get your Sunday dinner? I take mine at the Central Hotel.

Attorney Paul R. Deady, of Portland, had legal business in the city yesterday.

J. W. Lonke returned to Svensen last evening, after a short business call in the city.

Grand Chancellor Bradshaw was a guest of Astor lodge, K. of P., last evening.

J. P. Levy, W. H. Merman and G. W. Webster came down from Portland yesterday.

Richard Nixon came down from Portland yesterday and is registered at the Occident.

E. D. Burks, of Skamokawa, came in on the evening train and is stopping at the Parker.

EVERYTHING GREATLY REDUCED FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS AT COOPER'S.

The British ship Incheape Rock was towed to sea yesterday with a cargo of wheat for Europe.

The customs house flag was at half-mast yesterday in respect to the memory of Queen Victoria.

Easter Welch, who has been suffering with chills and fever the past two weeks, is improving.

Fancy pressed figs in one pound cartons, three packages for 5c, at Johnson Bros., grocery store.

The steamship Argyle came down the river yesterday morning and left in the afternoon for San Francisco.

John Erickson, who has large interests in Klondike gold fields, left the city yesterday for San Francisco.

The new store building being erected by Ross, Higgins & Co., is nearly completed and will be a substantial addition to the city's business interests.

The British bark Nithsdale, which left the port August 29, with a cargo of grain, has arrived at Queenstown.

Mr. Chris Wildt and Miss Lena Svenson were married in this city on Tuesday, Rev. J. McCormac officiating.

Blue and shine, Gold Rope, Thrasher, anti-trust, union-made plug tobacco. Have your tags. They are valuable.

C. H. COOPER'S GREAT ANNUAL SALE IS NOW ON. COME EARLY AND SECURE SOME OF THE BARGAINS.

Mrs. Jane Grable and daughter and Mrs. R. O. Stone, of Ilwaco, came in on the evening train and are guests at the Occident.

A concert for the benefit of the church is to be given by the Ladies' Aid Society at the M. E. church Friday evening, February 3.

Creary Pure Rye, America's finest whiskey. The only pure goods; guaranteed rich and mellow. JOHN L. CARLSON, Sole Agent.

The steamer George W. Elder from up the river was delayed by the fog. She brought a heavy load of freight and a good many passengers.

A report from San Francisco says the steamer, Baker and Wakefield, all overdue vessels, have been posted at the Merchant's exchange as lost.

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 1111.

The tug Samson has reached San Francisco with the barge Washueca in tow. The trip was accomplished quickly and none of the cargo of lumber was lost.

The recommendations for appropriations for the present year, now being prepared by the means committee, will be presented at the council meeting tomorrow night.

Felix Mattson, the young son of Israel Mattson, of Uniontown, died Tuesday evening of blood poisoning. The funeral will be held from the home today, interment being at Greenwood cemetery.

The steamer Harrison will leave this morning with a full cargo of merchandise for Tillamook. She made two trips to the mouth of the river yesterday, but did not go out on account of fog-biting weather.

Contractor Lebeck has completed the piling and capping for the Tucker creek bridge, and it is expected the bridge will be finished and ready for travel within a few days. He left yesterday for Gray's river where he has other work to do.

The engine for the new steamer Richard Lebeck is building for Captains Haslam and Skibbe came from the East yesterday. The engine is of the latest design, and when completed the new steamer will be unsurpassed by craft of her size on the river.

Henry Bennett, the demented man who came down from Chinook and was taken in charge by the local officers Tuesday evening, will be returned to Pacific county Sheriff Lawville had word yesterday that an officer from Chinook would come and get him.

The launch Eagle recently built at Warrenton for James Keating was launched yesterday. Miss Nellie Utzinger christened her. Several Astorians were present at the time. The new craft will go into commission at once as a tender to vessels in the harbor.

The city tax levies and the levy for school district No. 1 will be fixed during the present week. The council Friday evening will decide the city levy and that of the school will be decided at the annual meeting of the taxpayers at Shively schoolhouse Saturday evening.

The surveys along the line of the I. R. & N. with which O. R. & N. engineers have been engaged for some time, have been completed, and work on the contemplated improvements will probably begin soon. Beside track repairs a new trestle is to be built at Ilwaco and docks put in at each end of the line.

Smallpox is reported epidemic at Heppner, Oregon, a local physician declaring that there are so many cases that any attempt to check it seems almost hopeless. The original case is said to be that of a young lady from the East, and who is supposed to have contracted the disease while en route west on the train.

Fish Commissioner Reed has secured the introduction to the legislature of one bill for the protection of fish, which is intended merely to remedy defects in the present law and make it more effective. He says a number of other bills to similar ends will be introduced, but does not know their general purport. Mr. Reed has decided upon investigation that claims do not need protection.

Reports from several school districts of the county as to the amount of tax levies made have been received by County Clerk Wherry as follows: District No. 23, no levy; district No. 25, 4 mills; district No. 23, 4 mills; district No. 42, 1 1/2 mills; district No. 9, 20 mills; district No. 18, 10 mills; district No. 2, 3 mills; district No. 12, 15 mills; district No. 16, 12 mills; district No. 24, 4 mills; district No. 15, 5 mills.

Francis I. McKenna, who recently examined the coal deposits of Wallawa county, Oregon, and Astoria county, Washington, says that late reports show the fields to be even richer than was first thought. Portland capitalists are now developing the mines. A tunnel 150 feet in length has been run in on the Washington side where the best coal is found, and other work is being done. All that is now needed is railway connection that will enable the mine-owners to lay down coal in Portland at \$3 per ton.

It is claimed by those pushing the Nehalem road proposition that fully two-thirds of the people of the city have already signed the petition. A. Leberman, who is working precincts 2, 3 and 4, has the longest list of signatures. Paul Aho in precinct 1, C. J. Curtis in precinct 5, and O. F. Morton in precinct 7, are hard at work. The sixth precinct has not yet been canvassed. While some opposition is encountered here and there, it is believed that the names of a large majority of those in the city will appear on the list. Reports have come as yet from the precincts outside the city. The petition will be presented to the county court at an adjourned meeting to be held the 30th.

Pears'

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

All sorts of people use Pears' soap, all sorts of stores sell it, especially druggists.

Judge Nelson yesterday imposed a fine of \$20 on Thomas Hill for trespass on railroad property. Authorities at the depot complained that Hill had been sleeping in boxcars and cars and otherwise annoying them. In court he declared that he was a machinist by trade, but that finding no employment in the city he had been carrying on in a wood for a livelihood. He declared that Watchman Sackett, who is now in jail awaiting examination as to sanity, allowed him the use of the roundhouse, and that he, not suspecting Sackett was insane, had availed himself of the offered shelter. Judge Nelson agreed to suspend sentence if Hill would either find employment or leave the city. It is understood that he left last evening.

OREGON SHIP-BUILDING.

Output for the Year Has Been a Creditable One.

The following vessels were built in Oregon during the past year at Coos bay, Coos county, which is the principal ship-building point in Oregon: Barkentine Joseph L. Everett, lumber capacity 100,000 feet; barkentine Forest Home, lumber capacity 200,000 feet; E. Heuckendorf, builder. Steamer Santa Ana, lumber capacity 70,000 feet; H. R. Reed & Son, builders. Steamer Mandalay, lumber capacity 50,000 feet; Steamer Churchill, lumber capacity 1,000,000 feet; Simpson Lumber Company's ship yard, builders.

There is now in the course of construction at Heuckendorf's ship yard a four-masted schooner with estimated capacity of 1,000,000, and at the ship yard of H. R. Reed & Son a steam schooner of 600,000 estimated capacity, and at the ship yards of the Simpson Lumber Co. a four-masted schooner of 1,200,000 capacity. The latter vessel was begun about four weeks ago and will be completed in March. She is 132 feet long, 15 feet 6 inches depth of hold, 40 feet beam and between 20 and 21 feet over all. Immediately upon completion of the vessel now in course of construction the keel will be laid for a steam schooner of about 600,000 capacity.

H. R. Reed, shipbuilder of the East Mainland Oregon ship yard, has closed a contract for the building of a four-masted barkentine with A. W. Beadle & Co., of San Francisco. This makes eight vessels which are to be built on Coos bay this year.

AMERICA'S GREAT CANNON.

Our new twelve-inch gun will produce a muzzle velocity of 300 feet per second, and the experts say, would hit a 12-ton battleship 500 feet out of the water. It is not only superior to anything made abroad, but is more effective than the thirteen-inch gun now on American battleships. We also have the best remedy in the world for stomach disorders, namely Hostetter's Stomach Bitter. It will cure any one suffering from dyspepsia, constipation, belching, biliousness, insomnia, nervousness, malaria, fever and ague, or any form of stomach trouble. It is impossible to be strong with weak digestion. Strengthen the digestive organs, and you strengthen the entire body. See that our Private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

AUTOMOBILE FOR ICE.

Novel Invention by a Resident of Tacoma.

A skating machine or sled propeller has been invented by A. M. Banks, of Tacoma. His invention is a machine to be propelled by steam or gasoline or operated with pedals like a bicycle. It is intended for travel on the upper Yukon or anywhere on ice or ordinary sled roads. The skates are operated by driving rods attached to a double pitman, the skates running in a slot in the frame which rests on rollers. Steel rods on the skates, attached to springs, are connected with a driving rod which drives the dogs into the ice and gives the needed purchase.

On good ice Mr. Banks is confident the machine will make railroad speed. The patent has been allowed at Washington, D. C., by application. It has been made for a patent in Canada.

PLANS ARE PROSPERING.

Negotiations for New Enterprises Are Progressing.

W. G. Gosselin, A. B. Hammond's secretary, was seen last evening by a representative of the Astorian, and when asked if there was any foundation for many of the reports recently circulated regarding the purchase of a site for the new export sawmill in which he is interested, declared there was none. He said, however, that by the end of the present week he believed a site would be selected; that negotiations looking toward the securing of land suitable for the proposed business, in or near Astoria, were progressing satisfactorily, but that he could say nothing for publication as to the location likely to be selected or the price to be paid for the land. Mr. Gosselin said further that it was safe to assert that within six months after a site had been decided upon the mill would be in operation.

He expressed the complete confidence in the ultimate successful issue of the negotiations now pending, and holds that it is only a matter of a little time when the sawmill and the shipbuilding proposition as well, will be realized. Business men generally are reported enthusiastic over the prospects and are doing everything to push the project forward. The shipyard scheme is waiting on the outcome of the sawmill agitation, and there is no longer any doubt on that point. The sawmill is assured, the shipbuilding plant follows, and both are to be located in or very near Astoria. There remains now but the work of completing the deal for the site before active operations will begin on organization and equipment of the plants.

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BALLOTING CONTINUES.

Situation at Salem Materially Unchanged.

There was no change yesterday in the situation at Salem in the matter of election of a United States senator. The two houses met in joint session and voted with practically the same result as the day before. The ballot was as follows:

Corbett 29
Geo. W. McBride 25
Binger Herman 7
Wm. Smith, of Baker 26
C. W. Fulton 2
Geo. H. Williams 2
F. A. Moore 1
M. C. George 1
S. A. Lowell 1

The opinion is quite generally expressed at Salem that an election cannot be accomplished this week, and some hazard the opinion that the legislature will not succeed in electing any one of the candidates now in the field. Rumors of a dark horse are heard, and Judge Lowell, of Pendleton, is pointed out by some as a possible compromise candidate. Among the Corbett supporters from Clatsop county are Representative Mahr and James W. Welch and F. C. Reed, of Astoria.

Senator Simon put up a strong plea for improvement on the Columbia river at the Dalles and before the commerce committee. He urged the necessity of opening up the river at these points, and the advisability of adopting the canal and lock system recommended by Captain Harris.

Representative Nichols has prepared a bill calculated to lessen the loss of human life occasioned by carelessness on the part of deer hunters. His bill reads in part as follows:

"Section 1.—If any person, while hunting for any kind of game, mistakes any human being for any game or any inanimate object and shoots at said human being and kills the same, such person shall be deemed guilty of felony, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment not less than one year nor more than ten years. Section 2.—If any person, while hunting for any kind of game, mistakes any human being for any game or any inanimate object and shoots at said human being and wounds the same, but not fatally, such person, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than three months nor more than one year, or by fine not less than \$100 nor more than \$500."

A measure dealing with the question of divorce is to be introduced shortly, providing an amendment to the present law. The feature of particular interest in connection with this bill is that it is intended to prevent people going into other counties than their own to secure legal separation. Under the provisions of the proposed law it would be practically impossible for either husband or wife to secure divorce without the knowledge of the absent party. Considerable opposition is anticipated when the measure comes up for consideration, but it is believed it will be passed.

NEW PROMOTION SYSTEM.

Examinations Largely Done Away With in City Schools.

Another plan, having to do with the promotion of pupils from one grade to another, has been put in operation by Superintendent Payne in the public schools of the city. Hereafter all pupils whose standing in the regular work of the class room has been such as to give assurance of their passing the examinations will be promoted without the customary examination, and will go on with the usual school exercises during the two weeks of each school year which have hitherto been given up solely to examinations. This scheme applies only to pupils of assured proficiency, the promotion of pupils affected being from two-thirds to three-fourths the numbers of all classes, according to the opinion of Superintendent Payne. Others, whose regular class performance has not been in the opinion of the teachers been up to the standard, or about whom there is some doubt, will be examined as usual. The condition of a certain few, who for unusual proficiency, even under the old system, were excused from examination, will not be affected.

The superintendent, the school board and the teachers are confident of good results from the new arrangement. A saving of time for the regular work of the schools is assured. The school year, owing to limited funds, has recently been cut down from ten to nine months, and the efforts of the teachers to accomplish for the pupils the work of ten months in a term of nine, shortened again by the two weeks of examination, have not been entirely successful. The old arrangement called for too much work of a hurried and careless character, alike unsatisfactory to teacher and pupil. Complaints have also been heard from parents, in the case of pupils of weak or nervous temperament, who have been pushed beyond their capacity, and instances of children brought by fear of the examination to a condition of utter inability to meet the tasks imposed, are not at all uncommon. It is believed that the new system, in the matter of examinations will result in general good all around.

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SOMETHING NEW.

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