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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, March 14.—Western Oregon, generally fair. Western Washington, fair, except probably showers near the coast. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, fair.

AROUND TOWN.

James W. Welch arrived down last night.

25-lb-box French prunes \$1, at Johnson Bros.

Occident barber shop and bath, First-class service.

Mrs. J. W. Conn returned home last evening from Portland.

Beer 15-cent meal—Rising Sun Restaurant, 612 Commercial St.

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

Chas. McDonald will sail for California on the Elder this morning.

Try Perfection Blend Mocha and Java coffee. None better; Johnson Bros.

Japanese goods of all kinds, cheap at Yokohama Bazaar; 625 Commercial St.

The steamship Almond Branch will put to sea this morning, weather permitting.

Mrs. A. Liberman returned from an extended stay in Portland on last night's train.

Rev. T. J. Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson, of Warrenton, were visiting in town yesterday.

Rev. O. M. Holden, of the Norwegian Lutheran church, returned from Chinook yesterday.

Swedish Medwurst Summer Sausage and Cleveland Wurst. Something fine, at Johnson Bros.

There is always something new to be found at the Boston Restaurant. The Sunday dinner includes turkey with cranberry sauce. A first class place for ladies and gentlemen.

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TWO STEAMERS COLLIDE

MASCOT LOSES GUARD AND PART OF LOWER HOUSE.

Tried to Cross Bow of Hercules Near Knapp's Light Yesterday Morning.

Owing to the fog which prevailed on the river yesterday morning the steamer Mascot, bound from Lewis river to Portland, collided with the steamer Hercules, bound for Astoria, about 9 o'clock, when just below Knapp's light. A heavy fog was prevailing at the time and both boats were cautiously feeling their way through it.

According to Captain Andrew Johnson of the Hercules his boat was just below Knapp's light, coming down the river on her regular run when he heard signals from a steamer bound up the river. The whistle indicated that the craft was off his port bow. Captain Johnson says he at once stopped the engine to avoid collision. The Mascot, however, did not heed the signal, but continued to advance. The Hercules, in an effort to avoid collision, sounded two blasts of the whistle as a signal that she would pass to the starboard of the Hercules. To do this it was necessary to cross the bow of the Hercules. The latter steamer, according to Captain Johnson, did not respond to the signal, believing that there was not room to pass.

Instead, he ordered the engines reversed and the boat backed. The way in time, and the Mascot coming across the Hercules' bow at considerable speed, was unable to clear. Part of the Mascot's guard was torn away and the lower house demolished to a distance of fifty feet along the side. Captain Johnson ordered the Hercules backed along the Mascot to ascertain the extent of the injuries. No one having been hurt and the damage not being sufficient to render the vessel inoperative, both steamers proceeded to their destinations.

From the Telegram of last night it is learned that one of the passengers aboard the Mascot, a Mr. Knapp, had a narrow escape. He was leaning over the rail at the head of the starboard gangway and was knocked off his feet by the shock. Had the Hercules penetrated six inches deeper into the Mascot Mr. Knapp would have probably been killed. A deckhand named Brock had been sleeping on a bale of hay, and had not taken three steps from the bale when the shock came. The bale of hay was pushed up against the boiler by the collision.

The British bark Astoria, Captain Thorkelson, from Hong Kong, January 15, arrived yesterday.

C. D. Rogers, the Iwaco druggist, returned from a business trip to the river yesterday and leaves for home this morning. Mr. Rogers owns five fish-traps in Bakers Bay.

George Pike, a young man of 25, formerly of Iwaco, is reported to have been drowned in Alaska. The body was found by Indians and identified by a watch containing his name.

John C. Lindstrom, of Onedia, Wash., was treated at St. Mary's hospital yesterday for injuries to his right hand which had been injured in the premature explosion of blasting powder.

Cashier G. C. Smith, of the O. R. & N. Co., and wife left last evening on the Hercules for Oakland, Oregon, in response to a message stating that Mr. Smith's mother is very low and not expected to live.

The Misses Louise and Harriet Tullant were surprised Tuesday evening by about twenty of their friends who took possession of the house in their absence. The evening was delightfully passed with games.

Mrs. Ormally Hill, widow of the late Francis Hill, died Tuesday evening at her home near Warrenton of quick consumption. The funeral will be held today and interment will be in the Pioneer cemetery.

General Passenger Agent Craig, Traffic Manager Campbell and Travelling Agent Overhaugh, of the O. R. & N. Co., made a trip of inspection over the I. R. & N. Co. line yesterday, returning up the river last night.

The Elipse Hardware Company is doing \$500 worth of plumbing in the new factory building at Port Stevens. They have also received an order to put in entire new sanitary plumbing in the Old Fellows' building in this city.

Mrs. G. W. Lounsbury held a reception on Tuesday afternoon for the ladies of the Eastern Star in honor of Worthy Matron Mrs. Jessie F. Vert, of Pendleton. Among the amusements included in what was a Mother Goose guessing contest in which the first prize was won by Mrs. Kate Weldon, the consolation going to Mrs. L. Hartwig.

Contractors John Matson and G. Hagman have completed a pile drive 20 by 40 feet with 50 feet of piles for doing general work in their line. Their first job with the new driver will be on a county road across Looman Slough in Columbia county, where it was taken yesterday by the steamer Clara. They expect to do a general waterfront contracting business.

The schooner Maid of Orleans, Captain D. E. Morris, is docked at the O. R. & N. wharf to load canneries supplies for the Hume Bros. and Hume cannery at Chignik, Alaska. She has now on board fifty-three tons of coal brought from San Francisco for the cannery. She will sail within a week, requiring from fifteen to twenty-five days for the trip. Four fishermen will go on her from here.

The plant of the Columbia Oil and Guano Company above Tongue Point has been attached in the suit of the London and San Francisco bank, of Portland, vs. T. H. Wyman & Co. The action is to collect two promissory notes, one dated January 25 for \$3000, and one dated August 12 for \$2500, with \$350 attorney's fees and \$46.40 overdraft. The attached plant is controlled and the larger part of the concern is owned by the defendant.

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TRAVELING LIBRARIES

PLANS OF WOMEN'S CLUB FOR THE COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

Books and Magazines Will Be Sent to Villages and Outlying Settlements Without Charge.

The Women's Club is introducing in the state the traveling library idea, which has become exceedingly popular in other sections of the country. A committee has been appointed, of which Mrs. P. A. Stokes is chairman, to select books, magazines, illustrated papers, etc., from them into little libraries in most cases and superintend their distribution and circulation in small towns of the county where no advantages of the kind exist.

The public is invited to contribute such literature as they are willing to part with for such a worthy cause. Contributions may be left at the public library. The plan is to send the books to some reliable person in each town in the county to whom a library may be sent and who will see to the circulation of the books and to the return of the library within three months. Any one in his town may receive without expense one of the books or magazines, returning it within two weeks and exchanging it for another. At the expiration of the three months the person who has received the books will be notified by Mrs. Stokes to what other town to forward it and another library will be sent there if any are available.

The White Collar Line has generously volunteered to carry the books to all points on its line without charge and it is expected that other companies already being collected and any town which is desirous of securing the free use of one of the libraries should notify Mrs. P. A. Stokes, chairman of the library committee. The Women's Club is also publishing its plans for the benefit of the boys and young men of the city and further development will be announced in a few days.

COMMITTEE SUB-DIVIDED.

Preliminary Work on Commercial Club Plans Began.

The committee on organization of the Commercial Club appointed by Chairman Wise, for the purpose of drawing up plans of organization, to provide rooms, etc., met last night and after considerable discussion covering the entire scope of subjects brought out at the general meeting, decided to subdivide the work. Messrs. John Hahn, A. B. Thompson, A. M. Smith and Dr. Henderson are to prepare a draft covering the by-laws, and Messrs. J. E. Gratie, F. Woodfield and A. Scherneck will continue the canvass for eligible members.

The whole committee will meet again in about two days to further consider all matters and to push the business in hand to a speedy and successful conclusion. It was the general opinion that certain reliable persons should be given an admission fee of \$10 and monthly dues of \$1.50 would be required to fit up and maintain such a club as is proposed. A great number of other suggestions were made, but no action deferred until a subsequent meeting.

SEALED VERDICT TODAY.

Suit Against Kimball Estate in Jury's Hands.

The case of Susan B. Henderson vs. Clara C. Munson, executrix of the estate of the late Byron Kimball, was concluded last night and went to the jury shortly after 10 o'clock. Judge Dr. Bride ordered that the verdict be given to the foreman to be presented sealed at 9:30 this morning.

If the case is appealed and the transcript of the evidence goes to the supreme court the learned jurists comprising that body will find it replete with humor. Mrs. Johnson, who accused Attorney Smith of trying to "smother up" was on the stand Tuesday. Mr. Smith was trying to locate the time of a visit to the Kimball ranch of a certain person. In the course of the examination he asked:

"Now to the best of your memory, Mrs. Johnson, when was the last time he visited the ranch?"

"He wasn't there the last time, Johnnie Smith, he wasn't there the last time," replied the witness, and even the judge smiled as he rapped for order in the court room.

PUT BACK LEAKING.

Lumber Laid Schooner Returns to Upper Harbor.

The five-masted schooner Louis, owned by the Simpson Lumber Company, and loaded at Knappa with 500,000 feet of lumber from San Francisco, went to sea yesterday at 11:30 a. m. in tow of the Escort. When some distance outside of the cape it was discovered that water was leaking into her hold, and the tug was asked to stand by to pump out the ship's condition should be ascertained.

The pumps were started up but for a time the water continued to rise. The captain thought best to return to port after few signals of distress, which promptly brought out the life-saving crews from Point Adams and Fort Canby, as well as the tug. The Escort arrived with her tow abreast of the city at 6 o'clock and the Louis anchored in the channel, the pumps were then keeping the water in check. The Louis was built in Coos Bay in 1888, and carries a crew of eleven men.

DESPATCH SAILS TODAY.

The steamer Despatch will start on her two-weeks' voyage to Nushagak, Alaska, at 10:30 this morning with men and supplies for the Columbia River Packers Association's cannery. The expedition is in charge of Christian Anderson, surveyor and general manager, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Anderson, Fred Fereben will superintend the cannery, Olaf Peterson is head fisherman, and John Gustafson boss carpenter. Dr. Braden will be physician to the party.

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NOTICE!

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I don't Mr. Reed's refusal to turn over the records of the office. Warden Van Dusen immediately took the matter up with the state fish commission at Salem, and the question was referred to the attorney-general for an opinion, which will probably be rendered the latter part of the present week. The attorney-general's decision will not influence Mr. Reed's action, however, as he is acting under legal advice and will use every effort to retain his position.

Fish Warden Van Dusen, in discussing the matter, said to an Astorian reporter last night: "The question will have to remain undecided until the legality of Mr. Reed's contention is disposed of. I shall not commence action but will wait until the court has decided upon the suit to be commenced to compel the issuance of Mr. Reed's salary warrant. The books which Mr. Reed holds are not necessary to the work of my office. We will be compelled to open a new set of books anyway, and new forms will have to be prepared. I want to say that there are no elements of a personal contest in the present controversy. My relations with Mr. Reed are as cordial as before the question arose. At no point of the discussion has the legality of my appointment, nor of the bill creating the office of master fish warden been involved. Mr. Reed contends he is also entitled to hold office. What his duties will be I cannot say. There would be no authority for me to suggest or even to arrange with him for dividing the labors."

Mr. Reed said last night that he had little to say beyond the fact that he would not surrender the books of the office. "My duties will be the same as they have been heretofore," he said, "and I will continue to carry out the provisions of the law under which I was appointed. Beyond that I have nothing to say."

Warden Van Dusen will leave tomorrow for a trip up the river to investigate reports that have reached Astoria that certain saw-mill owners are violating the law relating to dumping sawdust into the river. Mr. Van Dusen also stated that he saw from the car window several instances of illegal fishing at current points, but that which he will take immediate steps to stop.

A NEW LAW OFFICE.

Mr. Sidney Dell has established a business office at 174 Tenth street, next door south of the News office, as "Attorney and General Broker." His office head summarizes his business as follows:

"HONEST Legal Advice given in business matters so as to PREVENT lawsuits, and in PENDING lawsuits to prevent RUINOUS litigation; Real Estate Loans and Contracts drawn; Titles examined and passed on; Unliquidated claims put into judgment; Divorces obtained; Letters and OTHER Literary matters prepared and typed; Trials argued and promptly won."

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EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON.

Senator Charles W. Fulton Tells of Meeting With the Dead Statesman.

Senator Charles W. Fulton, as a member of the commission that visited Oregon's vote to Washington at the time of the late President Harrison's election, had an opportunity to see the man as he was, before his elevation to the presidency. The successful candidate was not in Washington at the time but was at his home in Indianapolis, where the Oregon delegation visited him.

President Harrison will rank as a great man, said Senator Fulton to an Astorian reporter last night. "He was an affable host though somewhat reserved. It was this reserve that gave many people the idea that he was an aristocrat. With once the reserve was penetrated he was a most delightful man to know. As a statesman he will rank with the foremost of his party and his country. As a lawyer he compared favorably with the great giants of the profession. His ability was unquestioned and no greater tribute could have been given than his selection as counsel for Venezuela in the boundary dispute between that country and England. His knowledge of constitutional law resulted in his appointment as lecturer on that subject at Ann Arbor, Mich."

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