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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, April 20.—Western Oregon, showers in the northern portion and warmer in the southern portion; Western Washington, partly cloudy with probably showers; Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, showers.

AROUND TOWN.

See Gaston about harness.

F. M. Warren, Jr., of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Kathryn Shively spent yesterday in Portland.

Best 15-cent meal—Using Sun Restaurant, 612 Commercial St.

Japanese goods of all kinds, cheap at Yokohama Bazaar, 425 Commercial St.

Rolls oats makes a good mush when you get the best. We have it—JOHNSON BROS.

Mrs. Rasmussen is prepared to do up lace curtains in good order. Leave orders at Oregon bakery.

Wanted—Girl for general housework in small family. Apply at No. 372 Franklin Ave., near Eighth.

The British steamship Adato was reported yesterday hard aground across the channel at Bugby's hole.

Astoria to Fort Canby and return. It Sunday April 21, steamer Nahcotta leaves O. R. & N. dock at 9:30 a. m.

The Salem trust has purchased all the slab product from sawmills for the next six months and prices are expected to advance.

The editor of the Moro Observer recommends the Des Chutes river to the attention of Fish Warden Van Dusen for hatchery purposes.

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

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

If you like good butter try our A. Sorenson's. There is nothing better made. Quality and full weight guaranteed. JOHNSON BROS.

If you have a fastidious palate and your gastric economy is in a doubtful condition, consult the appetizing menu at the Boston Restaurant.

John A. Montgomery has opened a shop at 41 Bond street and is prepared to do all classes of plumbing and tinning at the lowest possible rates.

Nearly \$1000 has been paid in by charter members of the Commercial club and the executive committee will close arrangements soon for a club house.

Go to Fort Canby on the Nahcotta, Sunday, April 21. Fare for the round trip, \$1. Last chance to view the lightship before she is launched in Baker's bay.

The street railway company has begun the extension of the system out Commercial street and rails are now being laid from Seventeenth street to the Clatsop mills.

The British steamship St. Bede, with lumber for the Orient, and the British steamship Warfield, with grain for Chile, went to sea yesterday.

It was currently reported yesterday that the cannerymen advanced the price of fish to 7 cents, for larger fish to meet the price offered by the cold storage men.

The British bark Port Carlisle, 68 days from Caleta Huena, in ballast, and the German bark Paul Isenberg, 23 days from Honolulu in ballast, arrived in yesterday.

Dr. C. B. Elliott, an optician prominent in California, is visiting in Astoria. He is accompanied by Mrs. Elliott and will look over the city with a view to locating here.

Sometime during Friday night the storage log boom of the Clatsop Mill Company in Lewis and Clark river broke adrift and about 700 logs are floating around in the river.

A fair-sized crowd greeted the Calcedonian club of Portland at Fisher's opera house last night, and enjoyed the unique program rendered. There was a distinctly Scotch flavor to every number from bagpipe solos to sword dancing. The entertainment was for the benefit of the library.

Fire was discovered in the dry house of the Clatsop Mill Company plant yesterday about 4 o'clock. The flames were soon gotten under control by the department and the damage will be very small.

C. W. Fulton's rough-coated St. Bernard, "Colonel," W. E. Tallant's collie, "Scotty," and "Beauty," the imported English bull-dog, owned by Mrs. J. T. Ross, won prizes at the Portland bench show.

The gasoline schooner Jessie, in which W. W. Whipple, of Astoria, is interested, made a record catch of halibut lately when she returned to Seattle with 50,000 pounds of fish, caught in five days.

The steamer El Hurd, owned by the combine, was inspected yesterday by Inspectors Fuller and Edwards and during the trial blew out a gasket and split the sheet in the bottom of the boiler.

The North American Fisheries Company will build a cannery on the waterfront at Parkview in Clatsop county in the season. Its Grays Harbor Packing Company plant at Aberdeen will also be run.

Perfectly fitted shoes cure headaches. The shoe store of the N. W. Optical Company, 415 The Dekum, Portland, visits Astoria on Tuesdays. At Hart's drug store from 12 to 3:30, and at Eagle drug store from 3:30 to 5 p. m.

D. C. Pelton, of the Pelton-Armstrong Logging and Lumbering Company, is confined to his apartments in Portland with a broken leg, in consequence of being caught by a cable on a skid road near "Cathlamet" Mr. Pelton formerly came from Sheboygan, Wis., where he still has large holdings.

The citizens of Eugene are to erect a memorial drinking fountain in that city commemorating the 100,000 soldiers who died in the Philippines. The memorial is made from Vermont marble and it will be dedicated in about a fortnight, with appropriate ceremonies.

The Ladies of Gateway Rebekah lodge will give an entertainment at the Elks hall on Monday evening, April 22. A musical program will be rendered, to be followed by dancing. Refreshments will be served. Admission free. One of the leading features will be a raffle, for which a small charge will be made.

Rep. Dexter Rice, of Roseburg, has received a gold watch charm from the Astoria fishermen, as a token of esteem for the part he played in legislating in their behalf, and needless to say, the gift is highly prized by Mr. Rice. On the front of the charm is a figure of a royal chinook salmon, with the words, "From the fishermen of Astoria, Oregon, 1901." The reverse is engraved: "To Hon. Dexter Rice, 1901."

Frank Cooley, who played an engagement at Fisher's opera house during the week, returned to the city yesterday. Mr. Cooley's company closed the season in Portland last week and will not again go on tour until next fall. While in Astoria Mr. Cooley engaged Terry McKean for his company next season to play the leading roles in "The Merchant of Venice" and "The Taming of the Shrew." McKean's ability is so well known here that comment would be superfluous, and he has a host of friends who wish for him and predict for him a successful career on the stage.

Water Bailiff Fred Wickman returned to the city yesterday morning from a license collecting trip on the river and left again last night on a similar mission. The fishermen are not paying as promptly as they should and after May 1 delinquents will be severely dealt with. Fish Warden Van Dusen has instructed his deputies to arrest all persons found with sturgeon in their possession. The law forbids sturgeon being taken between March 1st and November 1st, and fishermen are required to return them to the river when found in their nets.

At the Baptist church last night Evangelist King spoke from a clause in the fifth verse of the third chapter of the second epistle to Timothy: "Having the form of godliness but denying the power thereof." The discourse was an earnest appeal to Christians to let their religion show itself in good works rather than be confined to prayer and testimony in the church. He also appealed to the pastors and people of the other churches in the city to put aside denominational distinctions and join with him in the work of saving the lost. Mr. King is an earnest and forceful speaker as well as a singer of great ability. The meetings will be continued each night this week.

La Lole Fuller, who will appear at Fisher's opera house next Wednesday evening, is a greater marvel to this town than ever before. When it was believed that the zenith in spectacular dances had been reached, this remarkable woman forthwith originated two new evolutions, the first of which all other dances pale into insignificance. The "Tempest" and the "Arch Angel" are the titles which have been given these new creations. In the latter dance La Lole wears a dress made up of 1000 yards of silk, which is undoubtedly one of the most expensive costumes ever seen on the stage. This dress cost over \$5000 in Europe and the duty on it when the dancer came to America was in the neighborhood of \$500. In addition to these new dances, La Lole will produce all of her other famous creations, including the wonderful "fire dance" which has attracted such world-wide interest. Seat sale opens Tuesday morning at Griffin & Reed's.

NEW USE FOR ELECTRICITY. A professor recently discovered that electricity is a stimulant for the brain. We do not wish to dispute the merits of this discovery but are inclined to think that the only natural stimulant for the brain is sleep. If you are not able to sleep you are certainly in a bad way. It is usually caused by the stomach being out of order, the disturbance being out of order, the disturbance being communicated to the brain. Keep the stomach in good condition by the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and you will have insomnia no longer. It is a splendid medicine for strengthening the nerves and will cure dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and biliousness. As a spring tonic it has no equal. See that our Private Revenue Stamp is over the neck of the bottle.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Hermosa Park Investment Co. to Mary E. Taylor—lot 15, block 9, Hermosa Park; \$300.

Frank Spittle to Patrick Lawler—lot 18, block 14, Grimes Grove; \$1.

W. L. Beckner and wife to J. Kinney and A. M. Smith—east half of west half of section 17, T 8 N, R 6 W; \$1250.

E. C. Lewis and wife to Maxwell Young—tract of land in section 33, T 8 N, R 7 W; \$700.

WAGE WAR ON COMBINE

NEW YORK PAPER PREDICTS A BITTER FIGHT.

Says That Outside Packers Have Declared They Will Cut Profits to Zero.

In an article with a New York date line the New York Commercial prints the following, the inspiration for which evidently came from this section of the country:

"A bitter war has already begun between the Columbia River Packers Association and the outside packers, and no one in the trade can tell what the outcome will be. It seems absolutely certain, however, that one result of the fight will be low prices on canned chinook salmon. In fact, prices of \$1.50, \$1.65 and 95 cents, respectively on talls, flats and half-pounds, have already been named by one of the smaller packers opposed to the association, and there appears to be every likelihood that the more important of the other outsiders will make no higher quotations. On a basis of \$1.50 for talls well-informed salmon men declare the combine would not be able to pack goods at a profit.

"The fight on the river this year was precipitated by the action of the Columbia River Packers Association in trying to get a bill through the Oregon legislature making the use of fish-wheels illegal. The canneries operating these fish-wheels are located on the upper Columbia, and, by reason of these devices, the up-river packers are able to secure their fish at comparatively slight cost, while the association is compelled to pay a high cost per pound for the fish it uses for canning. The principal motive of the association, however, in seeking to have the wages regulated out of existence, according to one of the best informed salmon men in this city, was to injure one of the leading outside packers on the river, who is also extensively interested in the frozen salmon business.

"This outside canner, according to the Commercial's informant, has now determined to retaliate to the utmost extent of his power, and has virtually declared that he will drive the Columbia River Packers association out of business. Having a cannery up the river depending for its supply of fish on a fish-wheel, and also being a buyer of raw fish in the open market for freezing, this salmon man, it would seem, enjoys a peculiar advantage over the association in the struggle now opening. It is believed to be his intention not only to make a very low price on canned salmon, a price at which the combine can not profitably pack at the present cost of raw fish, but also to bid up the price of the raw article, which will cause the association a very much heavier loss.

"Eveling & Farrel, owners of the Pillar Rock Company, who have made the \$1.50, \$1.65 and 95c prices, are understood to stand very close to the large outside packer referred to, and the theory of some in the New York trade is that these figures are put out entirely as a "feeder" in the interest of the big outside packer who is gunning for the combine. The latter, according to the Commercial's informant, contemplates even lower prices than those named; namely, \$1.50 for both talls and flats, f. o. b. Coast. Other reports say there will be a difference of 5c between the tall and the flat cans.

"All the outside canners, particularly those operating fish-wheels, apparently are agreed to wage a bitter war against the association. One well known canner writes to the Commercial to say that there will be no let-up in the fight until such time as the combine disappears from the river. It is going to be a fight to the finish."

DECLINE OF SALMON. Expert Tells Why Alaska Streams Are Depleted.

Preparations are now in progress for a trip of the United States Fish Commission steamer Albatross to Alaska, for the purpose of completing a canvass of the salmon streams and salmon industry of that country that was begun in 1897. The expedition will be in charge of Commander Moser, who made the initial journey, in company with A. Agassiz, and who discovered the cause of the great decline in the output of salmon in the streams, which were now yielding more than \$2,000,000, is threatened with ultimate extinction.

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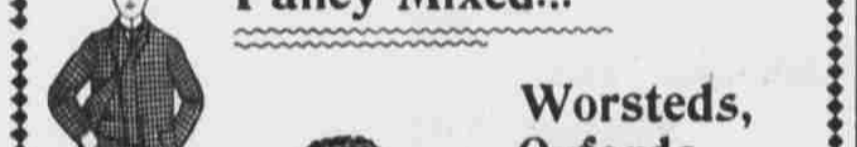
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