



MONDAY.

It all depends upon what you want in a soap. If you require simply a dirt remover, almost any soap will do. But if you care at all about the thing which is to be washed, you must think twice before you act.

IT FLOATS.

The Morning Astorian

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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, May 20.—Oregon, Tuesday, cloudy and threatening with showers; Washington, cloudy and threatening with possibly thunder showers in the east and occasional light rain in the west portion; Idaho, Tuesday, thunder showers, cooler in the southern portion.

AROUND TOWN.

See Gaston about harness. Milk depot, cor. Tenth and Duane St. Strictly fresh eggs, two dozen for 35c, Johnson Bros. Roastin' coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimneys than any other, George W. Sanborn, agent; telephone 1311. BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

R. M. Gaston is in Portland on a business trip.

Miss Madge Sovoy returned last night from Portland.

Dr. C. H. Elliott was in the city Sunday on business.

The transport Oopack left out Sunday for the Philippines.

The steamer Elder came in yesterday from San Francisco.

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

Full weight creamery butter, 35c, 40c and 45c at Johnson Bros.

Three first-class barbers at the Occident barber shop. Best of service.

Japanese goods of all kinds, cheap at Yokohama Bazaar, 626 Commercial St.

The run of fish in the river continues light and poor catches were reported yesterday.

W. H. Barker arrived Sunday from Point Roberts and will spend several days here.

Mrs. H. D. Thing returned on the steamer Elder yesterday from a visit to Los Angeles.

The delegates from Astoria to the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., which meets at Baker City today, are C. A. May, Oar Anderson, C. S. Wright and Dr. Ball.

The steamship Indragora, of the Portland-Astoria line, arrived Sunday from San Francisco.

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

Pupils wishing to take private lessons, to make up grade work, apply to Miss Fossett, 273 Ninth street.

The four-masted German bark Magdalena, with a cargo of grain for Europe, will go to sea today.

Dr. T. L. Ball has returned from California and can be found at his old stand in the Mansell building.

A good many timber claims are changing hands in Tillamook county, the prevailing price being \$1000.

A consignment of fine strawberries was received direct from the growers by Johnson Bros. this morning.

The pilot schooner San Jose is at the O. R. & N. dock receiving a new mast which is being put in by L. Lebeck.

The British ship Hawthornbank cleared yesterday with a cargo of wheat valued at \$42,700 for the United Kingdom.

You may have seen better days; but never better bitters than Hi-Hi; try them. Foard & Stokes Co., distributing agents.

Wanted—Furnished cottage or house-keeping rooms by June. Outside of business district preferred. H. G. S. Astoria.

Word was received yesterday of the death in Stockton, Cal., of Mrs. R. T. Leach, who is a sister of Ed. Lewellyn, of this city.

Miss Christine Anderson, of Portland who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. N. P. Sorenson, will return to her home today.

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

A broken eccentric delayed the Tehoma on her trip down yesterday. The accident happened just after the boat left her dock in Portland.

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.

In the probate court yesterday the final account of C. E. Runyon, administrator of the estate of James Munroe, was filed. The hearing was set for Monday, June 24th.

Owing to the extreme high water the locks on the upper Columbia may be closed today, in which event the steamer Bally Gatzert will be withdrawn from the Portland-Dallas run.

J. B. Johnson, the well-known timber cruiser, died at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland Sunday from cancer. The remains will be brought to Astoria and the funeral will be held Wednesday. Interment will be in Greenwood.

Of the bids opened by Captain Downs yesterday for the construction of wood houses, servants' quarters and several other similar buildings at Fort Stevens, the lowest bid was submitted by Ferguson & Houston, who asked \$360 for the work.

The executive committee of the Columbia River Packers Association met yesterday at the office of the association, A. B. Hammond, T. B. McGovern, of New York, and the other members of the directorate were present at the meeting.

The Telegram says that according to rumors there the mail is to be carried between Portland and Astoria on the Larline, instead of on the Tehoma. It also states that the steamer Astorian will be towed to Puget sound and placed in commission there.

George W. Ross, who has been a resident of Astoria for several years, died yesterday morning after suffering for a year from paralysis. Mr. Ross was 49 years of age and unmarried. The funeral will be held today at 1:30 p. m. from A. O. U. W. hall, of which order deceased was a member.

The meeting of the park commission scheduled for tonight will be deferred until some time next month. The law under which the commission was created provides that the first meeting shall be held thirty days after appointment and within sixty. The thirty days do not expire until June 6th, and Mayor Bergman stated yesterday that a meeting would not be held until that date.

The following additional subscriptions have been received to the fund for a steamer to run from Cathlamet to Astoria, touching at Gray points: Charles Wise, \$5; August Erickson, \$5; Nelson Hursey, \$5; R. J. Owens, \$5; Theodore Braeker, \$5. This brings the total up to \$500. The list will be closed tomorrow and a special meeting of the Push Club will be held Thursday to arrange for the establishment of the service.

MACHINISTS WALK OUT.

Strike is on at Astoria Iron Works

The fourteen machinists employed at the Astoria Iron Works did not go to work yesterday in accordance with their notice given some time ago demanding that nine hours work should constitute a day, and that ten hours wages be paid for that length of time. In a conference between A. L. and John Fox the employers declined to grant the demand made.

John Fox stated to an Astorian reporter yesterday that while the strike would entail more or less loss that it would not be serious. The work on hand, while amounting to considerable, is not of such a nature that its deferred completion will work a hardship. Mr. Fox said that the works would be closed a day, and that ten hours wages be paid for that length of time. In a conference between A. L. and John Fox the employers declined to grant the demand made.

REALTY TRANSFERS.

Mary E. Stanley to C. H. Hoeg—lot 1, block 3, Grimes' Annex to Ocean Grove; \$115. Carl Johnson to Willamette Pulp & Paper Company—timber on 169 acres in section 25, T 7 N, R 10 W; \$150. Frederick N. Mooers to William J. Heckard—land in section 12, T 7 N, R 10 W; \$100. Alex. Silbert to John A. Gram—lots 11 and 12, block 4, Railroad Addition to Ocean Grove; \$250. Astoria Company to Frank Patton and N. P. Sorenson—20 acres in section 88, T 8 N, R 8 W; \$300.

MR. ROWLAND'S SERMON

DECLINES TO PLAY NICKEL-IN-SLOT MACHINE.

Draws a Vivid Picture of Ruin Wrought by Gaming and Appeals for Suppression.

The following is a resume of the sermon delivered at the Methodist church Sunday night by Rev. B. F. Rowland. The subject was "An Ordinance Licensing Slot Machines." His remarks on the text, "Who is sufficient for these things," led up to his address on local conditions concerning which he said in part:

The evil of which we speak can only be successfully dealt with at the commencement. Of all evil passions gambling is the most subtle. The boy may be saved from cultivating the passion but can scarcely be reformed after the habit is once fixed. The victim of almost any other vice may weary of it with advancing years, but not so with the gamblers. The passion grows with every indulgence and refuses to be held in check by even loss of bodily vigor. Starting at first with small stakes and played for amusement the passion grows until the demon entices him in its deadly coils, for which neither friends nor tears, nor experience in loss, nor struggle for manhood can release him and at last he goes down into the grave into which often fortune, friends and character have gone before him. It is the fruitful source of other crimes and its whole track is covered with ruin and shame. No respectable gentleman, to say nothing of a Christian, will publicly defend it. Its existence in any city or town is a scandal. This truth is the evil that is deeply rooted in our city. Morality, loyalty to the best interests of our city's prosperity and religion alike demand that a check be put upon it.

This is the problem that is before our city tonight. The city may decide itself by thinking it is all right to let the curse curse on. Lacking the moral courage to forbid the evil they may try to hide behind a technical point of law. They pass the ordinance and they put a blot upon this city's record that it will take years to efface besides making for themselves a record, they will go down in history as the council that licensed iniquity and their children's children will blush to recall the day when they shame to think that their perhaps otherwise noble sires dared insult the dignity of this city and the state of Oregon by licensing evil.

There is a state law that says these machines shall not be used. It was passed for the protection of the youth and no exception was made of the youth of Astoria. But notwithstanding the state law the council propose to license. By what authority? By authority given to the city of Astoria in her charter. Now the city charter, section 38, article 5, upon which they base their claim, reads as follows: "The council has power and authority within the city of Astoria to license, tax, regulate and restrain, breweries and drinking shops, gaming and gambling houses, and places where liquor is sold, and to regulate nickel-in-the-slot machines." But this power to regulate these things mentioned in section 38 is delegated to the city under certain conditions and limitations. The conditions are given in section 39 of the charter, which says: "The power and authority given to the council by section 38 can only be exercised or enforced by ordinance, unless otherwise provided, and a majority of the council may pass any ordinance or make any bylaw not repugnant to the laws of the United States or of this state, etc."

Now the case seems plain: section 38 of the city charter says the council of the city of Astoria may regulate nickel-in-the-slot machines; section 39 says: Yes, that is right, but the council may do so by an ordinance and that ordinance must be of such a nature as not to conflict with any law of the state of Oregon. Now the state law says the nickel-in-the-slot machines shall not be used. The city charter says if you license the slot machine your ordinance doing so must not conflict with a state law. Now I venture the assertion, here is a little task that will tax the powers of our councilmen and city attorneys to frame and word that ordinance so that it will not conflict with the Prohibit law. I hope, when

the council passes that ordinance (if it does not conflict with the state law) that they will publish the text in full. I am sure it will be interesting reading. It ought to be preserved in the archives of the city for future reference. But our attorneys tell us the charter is a special law, the state law is a general law. A general law cannot pass a special law unless the special law is specifically mentioned in the general law. Now if section 39 did not exist in our charter I could see the force of that statement in this case. But not being a lawyer I fall to see where the charter itself says no ordinance touching the nickel-in-the-slot machine shall be passed that is contrary to any state law—just what difference it makes which is the special or which is the general or which was passed first. You say that is not law. Well, I appeal to you if it does not at least have the appearance of common sense. 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