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The Morning Astorian

TELEPHONE 661.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

PORTLAND, Sept. 25.—Oregon, Idaho and Washington, showers, winds mostly easterly.

AROUND TOWN.

See R. M. Gaston about harness. Coal to burn: Elmore & Co., phone 661. White Ash Coal, best for family use. Phone, Main 661. Call main 661 for your coal requirements. Orders promptly filled. Here 15-cent meals—Rising Sun Restaurant, 612 Commercial street. The Occident barbershop now has four first-class barbers. No waiting. House for rent near Alderbrook school house. Inquire at Johnson Bros. store. Chances on that elegant \$500 piano are given with each cash sale of \$1 at B. F. Allen & Sons.

Now is the time to order your winter's supply of coal. Call up phone 661—Elmore & Co. Send in your gifts for the rummage sale, every afternoon; ladies will be on hand to receive them.

Airtight stoves, all sizes and prices, according to quality. They are the best and cheapest.—Fisher Bros.

Have you seen that elegant piano at B. F. Allen & Sons? Tickets are given with every cash sale of \$1.

For rent—Three furnished rooms for light house keeping, on ground floor, No. 43 Exchange St.

Some lucky customer of B. F. Allen & Son will soon be made happy by winning that \$500 piano. Tickets with each cash sale of \$1.

Cream pure 100, America's finest whisky. The only pure goods guaranteed rich and mellow. JOHN L. CARLSON, Sole Agent.

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

Dr. T. L. Ball has severed his connection with Dr. C. W. Barr and has opened his dental office in the Page building over Conn's drug store.

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

Robert Sultor, of Westport, Oregon, is prepared to furnish, on short notice, the very best of lumber, rough, dressed or kiln-dried, at the lowest prices.

Call at C. H. Cooper's Tuesday and Wednesday and see the elegant display of woolsens in the place. An expert tailor in attendance. Fit guaranteed.

For Windows and doors, lime and cement, shingles and all kinds of building material, call on us. Our prices are right and we can save you money.—Fisher Bros.

Baths for ladies at the Palace Baths. Private entrance on side of building. Shop open on Sunday mornings for shins and bath. Davis & Corbett, proprietors.

The O. R. & N. has made a rate of \$36 from Astoria and Portland for the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. Tickets will be on sale first to third Tuesdays, June to October, inclusive. These tickets must be used for continuous passage going, but stop overs will be allowed within final limit returning.

On account of the exposition and carnival to be held in Portland, the O. R. & N. Co. has made a special rate of \$2.50 for the round trip from Astoria. This will include two admissions to the exposition. These tickets will be on sale on the following days: September 25, October 2, 9 and 16, and will be good returning within six days of sale.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

Harness repaired at Gaston's shop.

Tomatoes for canning, cheap today, at Johnson Bros.

Call Main 661 for your coal requirements. Orders promptly filled.

We have just received the first shipment of Iwaco cranberries.—Johnson Bros.

Angus McDonald, a native of Canada, was granted final papers of citizenship yesterday.

Call at Cooper's today and see the fine line of fall and winter goods displayed there.

It will pay you to leave your measure for a suit and overcoat at C. H. Cooper's today and tomorrow.

Annual fall opening and exhibition of millinery at Mrs. Ross' on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Don't forget that we have just received some nice, pure honey in jars and comb.—Johnson Bros.

If you want box wood, slab wood or other browood telephone Kelly, the transfer man. Phone 2211 black.

Our store will be open evenings until after the opening of schools for exchange of books.—Griffin & Reed.

The annual Methodist conference opened yesterday at Hillsboro. At this conference a pastor for the M. E. church in this city will be chosen.

We have tooth brushes for tender gums and dainty mouths. Tooth brushes that we guarantee will replace them if bristles come out. Charles Rogers.

For men only—The newest novelties in imported suitings trousers and overcoats on exhibition at C. H. Cooper's today. An expert tailor in attendance.

Gentlemen—If you desire the latest styles in topcoats, suits or trousers, call at Cooper's today. The finest line of goods ever brought to the city is displayed.

The Palatine, which left Portland on Tuesday afternoon, is still on the way down the river. Whether or not her long passage is due to grounding could not be learned.

A solitary drunk appeared in the police court yesterday afternoon. He said he was sorry and promised that he wouldn't do it again. Judge Nelson imposed a fine of \$5.

Rain falls on the state fair now instead of on the Astoria regatta. Yesterday was Salem day at the Capital City and the downtown detoured the public-spirited Salentines who turned out for the occasion. The fair is reported to be the most successful yet held at Salem; and the attendance is good. The Portland fair is characterized as a huge fake by many who have seen it, and the attendance is said to be very small.

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All friends of the Public Library are earnestly requested to contribute something for the rummage sale, which begins October 3, in the McAllen & McDonald store on Commercial St.

Mr. Rolfe, Strauss Bros' representative, has made arrangements to remain in Astoria during today, and gentlemen desiring suits and overcoats may leave orders at Cooper's up to 4:30 this evening.

Thus far Mr. Rolfe has sold more than 100 suits to Astorians. He will remain in the city today and doubtless will be kept busy. Mr. Rolfe's samples include the latest designs in gentlemen's suits and overcoats.

Hats, caps, capes, coats, jackets, neckties, neckties, shoes, rubbers, in fact, any old thing, thankfully received at the store on Commercial street, where the library benefit rummage sale begins October 3.

Just received, two carloads of windows and doors. By buying in carload lots we are in a position to sell to our customers at prices that our competitors have to pay for the goods. We guarantee this statement.—Fisher Bros.

Captains Edwards and Fuller arrived in the city yesterday on an official visit. During the day they inspected the bark Harry Morse, which recently returned from Alaska. The inspectors returned to Portland last evening, having made the trip especially for the purpose of examining the bark.

For the Portland carnival and exposition the A. & C. R. R. has named a special round-trip rate of \$3 from Astoria to Portland and return, including two admissions to the exposition. Tickets on sale September 25, October 2, 9 and 16 limited good for return passage six days from date of sale.

The annual fall opening of Mrs. Ross' millinery store will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Mrs. Ross will exhibit an elaborate line of trimmed hats, the latest styles and novelties being included. Miss Clausen, a well-known trimmer of San Francisco, is with Mrs. Ross this season.

Owing to the extremely rough condition of the weather yesterday, there were no movements along the waterfront. The line to the cape was down and nothing was reported off the river. The four-masted schooner and square-rigger reported on Tuesday have stood offshore until the present gale blows over.

Within a short time the city will turn over to Sheriff Lindville a list of all delinquent property still on the 1892 roll. In the meantime, property owners may settle their accounts by calling at the office of Auditor Nelson. Prompt payment of the amounts due the city will result in a saving to those against whom the city has claims.

C. H. Cooper is now displaying the finest line of samples ever seen in Astoria, and gentlemen desiring suits, overcoats or trousers should not fail to call and inspect the goods. Mr. Rolfe, the expert measurer, will remain in the city today, affording Astorians another opportunity of ordering the latest styles in material and cut.

Don't forget the sale of Columbia River Packers Association stock, clear title, 140 shares, par value \$14,000, at Iwaco postoffice, Friday, September 27, at 10 a. m. A good investment. Don't miss it, as this year's run of salmon shows that salmon business is again on the up grade and this stock will soon be above par. Steamer Nahcotta leaves Astoria at 7:30 a. m.

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It is likely that the suit of W. C. Parsons against the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company will be settled out of court. Mr. Parsons brought suit to compel the railroad company to observe the terms of an agreement made at the time of the granting of the right of way. Under the terms of the agreement the company was not to interfere with the logging rights of the plaintiff. The company is now building a culvert under its track so the plaintiff will be enabled to extend his logging chute, and the action will probably be dropped by Mr. Parsons.

In the probate court yesterday the final account of George H. Moore, administrator of the estate of Charles L. Moore, deceased, was not for hearing November 4 at 2 p. m. O. I. Peterson, C. Y. Brown and W. O. Barnes were appointed appraisers of the estate of W. H. Wood, deceased. The appraisal is to be made for the purpose of determining the shares of the minor children. The final account of the administrator of the estate of C. P. Peterson was approved. The estate consists of \$24,89 cash and 248-100 shares of stock in the Co-operative Packing Company.

Brix Bros' Deep River logging camp will shortly be closed down for the winter. Councilman Brix, who returned yesterday from a visit to the camp, states that the firm now has 2,000,000 feet of logs in the water. The recent cut in the price of logs and the new system of scaling adopted by the mills has prompted the firm to close down the camp. Mr. Brix estimates that the amount of logs now in the lower Columbia does not exceed 75,000,000 feet, and he looks for an advance in prices before spring, as several other large camps will suspend operations within a short time.

The suggestion made some time ago that the annual regatta be held under the auspices of a local corporation has been the subject of much discussion of late, and steps for the formation of the company will probably soon be taken. The plan of incorporation includes a movement to secure state aid, as is given other similar events throughout the state. The organization of the company would insure sufficient funds and a first-class regatta each year. It is also suggested that horse races be added as a feature and that an annual fair be held in connection with the aquatic sports. The state would double make an appropriation equal to that given the fair at the Dalles.

When the Portland fair was opened a few days ago the Oregonian published a caricature of Admiral Edwards, who was credited with the statement that the fair was better than the Astoria regatta. While in town yesterday the admiral took occasion to deny the statement. He says he did not make it, "of course, the Portland fair's all right," he said, "but whoever heard of anything better than the Astoria regatta? Why, the idea is ridiculous! I understand that the artist must make pictures of the boys on an occasion of that kind, but he wants to be careful that he does not reflect on the regatta. That's a delicate subject with me, and when I saw that funny picture I was pretty mad. I came down especially to square myself." It is needless to add that the admiral succeeded.

The British bark County of Pembroke, which sailed from the Columbia in April, with a full cargo of flour, arrived out at Queenstown Monday, after a passage of 150 days. This is the seventeenth vessel of the April fleet to arrive out, leaving but two vessels sailing in that month to be accounted for. Of these vessels, the Forrester Hall is reaching out for long-passage honors, with a voyage of 168 days already to her credit. The Alburgh is now out 151 days. From present indications the average passage for the April ships will be about the poorest for any month of the year, as the few fast passages made by the ships sailing that month have not been sufficient in number to bring up the average of the slow ones. Two of the May ships have arrived out, and there are now less than a dozen of last season's fleet from Astoria still on the way.

According to reports brought from Noma by the steamer Oregon, the Indians of that section are threatened with starvation. In the past few months about 300 natives have visited Noma, bringing furs and ivory to trade for supplies, but as soon as their goods were disposed of whiskey peddlers got among them and soon exchanged liquor for the proceeds of their sales, and the Indians have remained camped on the beach in a drunken stupor. They have parted with all their money and valuables and have allowed the season to pass in which they could lay in supplies of fish for use during the long winter season, and if they are not looking after by the government suffering and starvation will follow, not only among those camped on the beach at Noma, but at the villages from where those Indians came to lay in supplies for their families.

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LEVY TO BE DECREASED

REDUCTION OF FOUR MILLS PROBABLE THIS YEAR.

County Will Require Less Funds for Operating Expenses and Valuation is Higher.

Indications are that the 1901 tax levy will be very much less than that made in 1900. The levy will not be made until February, but at the next meeting of the county court, which occurs early in October, an estimate of the probable expenses of the county for the coming year will be made; and from that estimate the levy fixed.

At the present time the debt of the county is only about \$22,000, a material reduction having been made during the past year. This will result in a saving of something like \$2000 in the interest account. Last year Clatsop paid to the state \$4000 due on delinquent taxes, but no such payment will be required this year. While the figures here given are approximate, it is expected by Judge Gray that the running expenses of the county will be between \$5000 and \$6000 less than in 1900. Last year the amount of money raised for county purposes was \$45,699. For 1901 the amount required will probably be about \$40,000.

The county levy last year was seventeen mills on an assessed valuation of \$2,657,254. This year's valuation will, when the board of equalization completes its work, be about \$3,100,000, and a levy of 12 mills will bring in the necessary \$40,000. This will be a reduction of 4 mills in the assessment.

There is considerable talk of raising a fund for the building of a new courthouse, and also for the construction of a bridge over the Lewis and Clark river. In the city the building of the bridge is not regarded with favor, but there is a well-defined sentiment in favor of building a new government building. The present structure is little better than a barn, and while it could be gotten along with for several years to come, the opinion is general that a new courthouse is more essential at the present time than the construction of roads and bridges in those parts of the county which have river connection with the city.

Should the new courthouse movement assume proportions and the necessary number of names be secured on a petition for a levy for the purpose, the assessment for the ensuing year would not be reduced. If a new courthouse is built, it will be a substantial structure and will cost, perhaps, between \$25,000 and \$50,000. An assessment for its construction would doubtless extend over a period of four or five years. A 3-mill levy on the present valuation of \$3,100,000 would net \$46,500 in five years, and would enable the county officials to construct a most creditable building.

There will be no reduction in the city levy, as the valuation of property in the city limits has not been disturbed to any appreciable extent. The city valuation is about \$1,500,000, and the amount derived from the maximum levy allowed by law—10 mills—does not bring in a sufficient amount to pay interest on the debt of the municipality. Thus, while the affairs of the county are in first-class shape, the city is head over heels in debt.

A comparative statement of the assessed valuation and amount of money derived for county purposes for the past fifteen years follows:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Valuation, Tax. Data points for years 1887-1901.

The 1901 assessed valuation and tax are estimated. The difference in the amounts derived for different years is due to the levies made. Up to 1886 the greatest levy made, for county purposes was 11 1/2 mills, but since then the levy has been as high as 17 mills. Of course, the valuation has been much lower of late years, so the levy was higher. The reduction in the valuation was made necessary by the action of Multnomah county, which, with rare enterprise, reduced its valuation and permitted other counties to bear part of its share of the burden of maintaining the state government. Multnomah's coup, while decidedly unique and original, did not long remain unseen, and, along with other good communities, Clatsop, too, came down on the valuation, though increasing the levy so the amount derived for local purposes would not be lessened. Now a new system of state taxation has been arranged, each county paying its share on a percentage basis, and there is no need for low valuations. Indeed, it is generally considered good policy to keep up the valuation and reduce the levy to the minimum.

The county records show that the city has had some stormy times in the matter of tax levies. Everything went smoothly up to 1890. In those days the city made and collected its own levy, and also fixed the valuation. In 1890 the assessed valuation in the city was \$4,428,406, or about \$1,500,000 more than the assessed valuation in the entire county at the present time. In 1891 the tax roll disappeared and in 1892 there was a double assessment. The assessed valuation was placed at \$4,530,864 and a levy of 15 mills was made. It netted \$68,741.45 and some trouble. The city's



PART AND PARCEL.

DAINTY box, an exquisite wrapper, a delicate color, and a clinging fragrance—yet all these will not cleanse the skin! Has it ever occurred to you that you pay big prices for these things? Do you care to buy five articles or do you require only one—a strictly pure soap. Remember you pay for perfume whenever you buy it mixed with soap. Don't you think it is wiser to make your own selection of perfume and buy it separately? It is certainly the method adopted by most persons of cultivated taste, those who bathe with pure Ivory Soap. IVORY SOAP—99% PER CENT. PURE.

assessed valuation that year was \$300,000 greater than the greatest valuation ever made for the entire county. The confusion that resulted from the 1892 levy is only now being straightened out.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. J. Kenney was in Portland yesterday. John Fox returned last night from Portland. David Tweedle was in from the Nehalem yesterday. Mrs. Fred Wickman is expected home today from Nome. J. Walter Seaborg came over from Iwaco last evening. C. E. Runyon was in Portland yesterday, returning on the night train. J. Bruce Polworth, the well-known Cathlamet attorney, is visiting in the city. W. D. Winchup and J. W. Johnston, of Iwaco, returned last night from Portland. Professor Lyman went to Knappa yesterday to attend the opening of school at that place. R. B. Campbell, of Portland, has accepted a position as manager of the Astoria Box Company. Max Friedenthal, a Portland commercial traveler, was a passenger down on last night's train. Among the San Franciscans in the city are F. S. Grey, B. Silberg, H. Shuman, A. Schiller and F. R. Stover. H. G. Van Dusen left last evening for the Siuslaw, where he will visit the hatchery recently established there. H. L. Hamblet, who has been in the metropolis in the interests of the Toke Point Oyster Company, returned home last evening. The condition of Oscar Berendes, who has been ill with typhoid fever for some time past, is still critical, but it is thought he will recover. F. W. McKechnie, manager of the Postal, returned yesterday from a two weeks' trip to British Columbia and the Sound. During the absence of Manager McKechnie the office was in charge of Donald Ross, of Portland, who will return to the metropolis this evening.

TO THE LADIES.

I take pleasure in informing you that my fall and winter stock for little men has arrived. The new yoke overcoats, Russian blouse and Lord Raglan overcoats, The Norfolk suits, 3-piece Manly's, 2-piece suits and other new things. Also an endless variety of separate pants from 50 cents to \$1.50 with double seat and knee. These goods are the creation of the leading boys' house in America. If you desire good, reliable boys' clothing at reasonable prices for good goods, call at "The Big Store". Very respectfully, HERMAN WISE, The Reliable Clothier and Hatter.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR.

GEARHART HOTEL—Open all the year. Having been engaged to take care of the Hotel until next regular season I will try to accommodate guests with good plain home cooking and comfortable rooms. Rates \$1.25 per day. Single meals 50 cents. A temperance house. No dogs allowed. MRS. L. B. TURLAY.

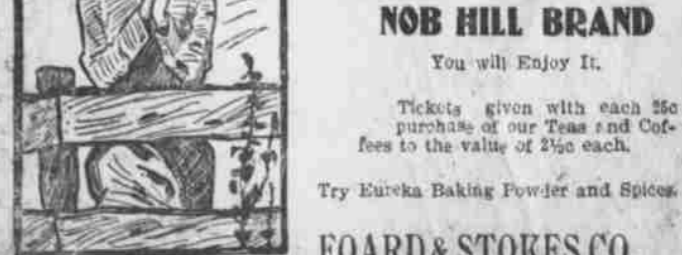
C. W. BARR—DENTIST

Successor to Dr. Ball. 373 Commercial St., ASTORIA, OR. TELEPHONE, RED 2941.

SAMPLES

A large line of sample Capes, Cloaks, and Collarettes at less than wholesale prices while they last.

At MORSE'S, 510 Commercial Street, Kinsey Building.



COFFEE LIKE YOUR MOTHER MADE.

IF YOU BUY YER NOB HILL BRAND You will Enjoy It. Tickets given with each 5c purchase of our Tea and Coffee to the value of 25c each. Try Eureka Baking Powder and Spices. FOARD & STOKES CO.