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The Morning Astorian

TELEPHONE 661. THE WEATHER. PORTLAND, Jan. 30.—Western Oregon, threatening, probably light rain or snow in the north portion, westerly winds. Western Washington, probably fair, except rain near the coast, winds mostly southerly. Eastern Oregon, fair, northerly winds. Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, fair, southerly winds.

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Call Main 661 for your coal requirements. Orders promptly filled. Patronize home industry and buy your food, hay and grain at Gaston's mill. Call at the Occident barber shop for up-to-date work. Three first-class barbers. Japanese goods of all kinds, cheap, at the Yokohama Bazaar, 622 Commercial street. For Rent—Suite of rooms, with heat, with board, corner Ninth and Duane.

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John A. Montgomery, at No. 425 Bond street, does all kinds of fitting, plumbing, gas and steam fitting promptly and skillfully and at very moderate prices.

The rummage sale will close on Friday next. Only a few days more to get bargains. A little money buys bundles of clothing, magazines, toys, etc.

These cold mornings, nice hot cakes and pure maple syrup will greatly improve your morning meal. We carry the prepared self-heating breakfast and (pat) take four, also a line of pure maple syrup.—Johnson Bros.

Captain Stevens, of the Indravell, is quite ill with stomach troubles, and will request a leave of absence from his office. His request will embody a suggestion that command of the vessel be turned over to Mr. Porter, the first officer.

A drunken bobo yesterday kindled a fire in the mess house of the Columbia River Packers' Association on Astor street. The timely arrival of W. J. Barry prevented what would likely result in a conflagration, and Willie was ejected after a sharp but decisive struggle.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company yesterday afternoon it was decided to increase the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$250,000. The company expects to engage much more extensively in the Alaskan salmon business this season, and the increased capitalization was made necessary in consequence.

The British ship Fulwood cleared yesterday for Portland. It is understood she has been chartered to load lumber for South Africa. The Fulwood arrived some time ago and declined to accept a good round figure for what loading. Her owners demanded 40 shillings or more. About the time of the Fulwood's arrival charters began to go down and ever since the rate has been low. The rate at which the Fulwood was chartered was not learned, but it is probably much below the figures offered her on her arrival.

The British ship Sea of Germany which has been on the river several days awaiting orders has been ordered to Portland, where she has been chartered to load wheat for Europe.

A capable woman and two daughters, aged 14 and 15 years, are desirous of securing respectable work of any kind, at low wages or for board. Apply to Mrs. Creighton, the Astor House.

Owner of furniture in a five-room cottage wishes to dispose of it. Furniture is in good condition and can be had at a bargain. A map for family wishing to rent cottage centrally located. Address "A," this office.

We carry many kinds of Schilling's Best Roasted Coffee. We have their Central American and Hawaiian blend. Their combination blend of Java and Hawaiian. Their Mocha and Java blend, and many others too numerous to mention. Try this coffee. We will gladly refund your money if the goods do not give entire satisfaction.—Johnson Bros.

Joseph Kasht and Winters and son, who recently purchased the McMillen farm near the junction of Youngs and Klaskanine rivers, have completed the building of a road nearly a mile in length across their farm. About sixty days were required to do the work. The owners can now drive in a wagon to Astoria, via the Tucker creek and Lewis and Clark roads.

Tuesday evening, February 4, Hon. F. A. Falkenberg, head consul of the Woodmen of the World, will address the public at Fishers' opera house. He is conceived by all who have heard him to be one of the best orators on the American stage today. Mrs. J. T. Ross has been secured to take charge of the musical part of the program. This in itself insures the public a delightful evening. Everybody is cordially invited.

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock the season's first race will be given at Fishers' opera house. The queen of Hay-O, which appears at Fishers' opera house Monday night, will open at Griffin & Reed's. The play is a laugh, a roar, a scream, clean, new and brilliant, a whirlwind of starting and pleasing stage pictures. The only real comedy, farcical comedy, company of actors and actresses ever organized for the combination of opera, burlesque, vaudeville, and specialties. Secure your seats tomorrow morning.

The musical and literary entertainment by the pupils of the convent of the Holy Names will be given at Fishers' opera house on Thursday evening, February 6, instead of Friday. The show is stated on tickets. Tickets can be exchanged at Griffin & Reed's for reserved seats after 9 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, the 11th. Some of the best vocal, musical and literary talent will be represented. Miss Webb, an accomplished artist of Portland, and Miss E. Krause have lent their services for the occasion. Miss Webb will recite a selection from "Quo Vadis." The program will be published later.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce is determined to have something done to improve the tug and pilot service at the mouth of the Columbia. At a meeting Wednesday night it was recommended that the O. R. & N. Co. be requested, when no state pilot is available, to employ its tug-boats to tow ships in and out without state pilots, or when requested to do so by the ship, and also that the company put a competent man in charge of its tug-boat service at Astoria. If the other commissioners refuse to carry out the recommendation to grant licenses to all qualified applicants, an appeal will be made to Governor Geer.

The sale of delinquent property has again been postponed. This sale has been deferred so many times that reference to the matter is considered as pretty much of a joke. However, all the postponements have been necessary, and if the property is not sold March 3, as is now proposed, it will be for some good reason. It was intended to sell the delinquent property February 3, but Sheriff Lindville was unable to prepare the necessary deeds in the short time allotted. In order that the deeds may be prepared, the postponement was made. This will give property owners another opportunity to settle without the usual heavy costs.

The identity of the pilot represented in the caricature in yesterday's Oregonian caused some discussion, but when evening came a conclusion had been reached. At first the pilots said it looked like Captain Harry Matthews, but "Mat" denied that he sat back so far in his chair, so the pilots had to fasten it on someone else. Now, there is just one other man who resembles Mark Hanna, and that man is Captain Dan McViear. Not only has Dan the money, but he has as well the commanding appearance and oratorical flow of the Ohio senator. At first Pilot McViear said it was not him, but later he acknowledged that the picture did resemble him somewhat, and the perplexing question was settled.

The steamer Lakme arrived yesterday afternoon from San Francisco, consigned to S. Elmore & Co. She brought the following freight: Ten packages of merchandise for the Foard & Stokes Company; 400 sacks of barley and feed, 75 sacks of sugar and 80 packages of merchandise for Fishers Bros.; 85 packages of iron for the Astoria Iron Works Company; two cases of Chinese goods for Wing Sang; eight cases of goods for Mc Jim John; 27 packages of hardware and 12 cases of acid for the American Can Company; 40 barrels of asphaltum and 10 packages of hardware for J. M. Hansen; 13 pieces of lumber for C. E. Ford; five pieces of hardware for J. M. Olson; five cases of mineral water for S. E. Harris. The Lakme is shortening her bow before encountering the ice in the Portland channel (a fact that may prove of interest to inland papers).

Two weeks ago Herman Wise was kicking because he was overstocked; now he's afraid that some of the departments will be sold out before his great price-slashing sale is over. Men's suits and overcoats and boys' overcoats and suits are running neck and neck. Hats, pants and underwear are going, too, but I still have loads of 'em. The suit and overcoat stacks are melting away like the beautiful snow. There are only a few mackintoshes left and the prices quoted on them represent exactly half their regular value. You can get bargains still, but "you'll have to hurry."

There were some hostile women around town yesterday when it became known that the school board had appointed a man to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Kendall. The women had been promised the support of a number of influential citizens. It is reported, and the fact is, that the ladies had been very happy because they thought all the men were helping them in their little campaign, and the action of the board was a bitter disappointment. While the women have not yet outlined their future plans, it is expected they will try and even up matters in June, when "Chairman Higgins" term expires. At that time a woman candidate will be a strong probability.

Final action on the county printing has been deferred by the county until February 7, when, if present plans are carried out, a contract will be awarded. Yesterday the Herald Publishing Company filed with the county court a protest against letting the contract to any paper that did not present a list showing the number of subscribers. The protest calls the attention of the court to the law governing the matter which provides that the contract shall be awarded to the person whose circulation lists are shown to be the largest. No provision is made in the law for advertising for bids, and for this reason it is considered defective. All the other papers have presented offers, but only the Herald has submitted a list of names. The Herald yesterday presented a bid for the printing, offering to do the work for 12 cents a square, and to print the financial statement for \$15.

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At yesterday's meeting of the county court a letter was received from the Push Club which indorses the petition of the people living along the Lewis and Clark that the county render them assistance in the work of building the balance of the road. The residents there recently appeared before the court and asked that the county purchase a 20-horse-power engine to operate the county sawmill. It was further requested that the mill and two men be placed at the convenience of the settlers, who agreed to furnish the necessary logs for the planking and to do all the other work on the road. The Push Club petition urges the court to grant the request of the settlers. As yet the court has taken no action in the matter, but it is believed a new engine will be purchased for use in connection with the sawmill. The old engine will not operate the mill to its full capacity, and a more powerful engine would soon pay for itself because of the increased output of lumber. The present engine is ample to operate the rock crusher.

When the Astoria Electric Company was granted a street-car franchise by the council several months ago it was specified that the franchise would become void if the company did not extend its line half a mile in each direction within a year after acceptance of the grant. Thus far the company has not made the extension, and within a short time the provision referred to will render the franchise inoperative. The company is said to be very anxious to make the extension, but street improvements necessary to the improvement have been delayed and it has been impossible to extend. The company wants to get into West Astoria on Astor street, which thoroughfare will have to be extended. It is also the intention of the company to abandon the present route east of the Shively claim line in East Astoria, and follow a new route through the residence section. However, until the council establishes grades in the East End the company will be unable to extend. It is quite probable the time for improvement of the line will be extended if the company so requests as the delay was not the fault of the company.

The thaw which set in early yesterday morning produced a covering of ice on the streets and sidewalks that has rarely been seen in Astoria. Walking was not only disagreeable but positively dangerous, especially in the early morning hours when it was freezing. The heaviest patches of snow which lay here and there on the sidewalks afforded the only safe haven of refuge for the timid. Falls were frequent and the antics of some to save themselves created convulsive laughter from bystanders. None,

however, suffered worse injuries than a good shaking up, or a wrenched back produced by herculean efforts to hold on their feet. A rather amusing incident was witnessed near the railroad depot. A well-dressed man, who was somewhat the worse for liquor, was proceeding to catch the Portland train. Seeing it was about to depart he hastened his footsteps, but the added speed only served to throw him prone on his back. He gathered himself up and rested on his hands and knees, yelling all the while like a soul in purgatory for the train to stop. But the train had not yet departed, and in this position for walking was out of the question, he proceeded to reach his destination. A sympathetic expression, seeing his predicament, took him into the wagon and carried him to the depot in time to board the train.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

Program to be rendered at McCall School Today. The graduating exercises of the eighth grades of the city schools will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the High School assembly hall, and an invitation is extended to all to attend the exercises. The following program will be rendered: Instrumental duet, Selected, Winnifred and Maude Van Dusen. Essay, "Cuba," Mamie Pearson. Essay, "Literary Haunts of New England," Nora Wilson. Essay, "Salmon Fishing," George Payasky. Vocal solo, "Artists," Laura McCann. Essay, "The Hall of Fame," Mary Gregory. Essay, "Pleasant Summer by the Seashore," Pauline Kerchoff. Essay, "Our Noble Women," Emma Knutsen. Essay, "The Hall of Fame," Lizzie Watto. Instrumental solo, Selected, Maude Reibel. Essay, "Territorial Expansion," Fred Barker. Essay, "Four Poems," Mamie Raymond. Essay, "Mountain Climbing," Esther Larson. Essay, "Dream Faces," Emma Shand. Duet, Piano and Violin, Irene Parker and Alice Sweeney. Presentation of Diplomas to Class and Address, C. W. Fulton. Vocal solo, Selected, Bess Reed.

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