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The Morning Astorian TELEPHONE 661.

TODAY'S WEATHER. PORTLAND, March 13.—Western Oregon, Western Washington, local rains, southwesterly winds; Eastern Oregon, partly cloudy, preceded by snow flurries, rising temperature and westerly winds; Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, threatening, probably light rain, westerly winds.

AROUND TOWN. Gaston sells feed, grain and hay. Call Main 661 for your coal requirements. Orders promptly filled. Try our preferred stock of Peaches, sliced for cream.—Johnson Bros. For a good hand soap try hand Sapolio.—Johnson Bros. Try our Eastern mild cured hams, each one guaranteed.—Johnson Bros. Long's Marmalade Jellies and Jams are unequalled. Try them.—Johnson Bros. Call at the Occident barber shop for up-to-date work. Three first-class barbers. If it is our Perfection Blend Mocha and Java coffee, its good.—Johnson Bros. Japanese goods of all kinds, cheap at the Yokohama Bazaar, 422 Commercial street. You will find the best 15c meal in town at the Rising Sun Restaurant, No. 422 Commercial St. If you want box wood, slab wood or other firewood telephone Kelly, the transfer man. Phone 2311 black. For sale—Lots 5 and 6, block 36, McClure's addition. Inquire Frank Fabre, Seattle, Wash. A large line of For Rent, For Sale, Furnished Rooms and other display cards are for sale at the Astorian office. The case of Ross, Higgins & Co. vs. C. W. Alley, in the circuit court, was settled by the parties yesterday and dismissed from the docket. It is the rule now among people who come in from the country to subscribe for the twice a week Astorian at one dollar a year. The finest to be had—our Perfection Blend Mocha and Java coffee. Your money back if it does not please you.—Johnson Bros. For a few days we offer some very low prices on Packard and Smith's French and Italian prunes. Call and see them.—Johnson Bros. Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other. George W. Sanborn, agent; telephone 1311. Patronize home industry by smoking the "Pride of Astoria" cigars; finest made. Manufactured by MacFarlane & Knobel. Preferred Stock canned fruits and vegetables are the finest to be had, and yet the price is reasonable. Call and let us tell you about them.—Johnson Bros. John A. Montgomery, at No. 425 Bond street, does all kinds of tinning, plumbing, gas and steam fitting promptly and skillfully and at very moderate prices. A boom containing a few hundred feet of logs broke on the water-front yesterday morning and the logs are now scattered on the beach along the lower bay. Lebeck's pile-driver began work yesterday in driving the piles for the new sash and door factory at Smith's Point, but was retarded by the excessively rough weather. Perry A. Trullinger has purchased the wholesale and retail cigar and tobacco store of Theo. Bracker and will conduct the business in the future, taking possession tomorrow. His friends claim that the popular barber who holds down the third chair at the Palace barber shop is beginning to hear wedding bells tingling in his ears. The steamer City of Seattle left for Alaska on Wednesday evening carrying two hundred and seventy-five passengers, the first large exodus of the season for the gold fields. Ben Hansen, who suffered a complicated fracture of the bones of his left limb in the bob-sled accident on Fourth street on January 28, is now improving nicely and expects to leave the hospital within a fortnight.

The disabled tug Tatoonh, which left Astoria for the Sound two days ago, has arrived safely at Seattle.

The bark Harry Morse is due here to load cannery supplies for the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company at Bristol Bay.

The funeral of Benjamin, infant son of Mrs. J. Jackson was held from the residence of the parents yesterday afternoon and the interment took place at Greenwood cemetery.

Mined sea claims from Clatsop beach are a local product put up by P. F. Halferty. For soup or chowder these goods have no equal, try them, and if they do not give entire satisfaction we will refund your money.—Johnson Bros.

The rush is still on at the sheriff's office and the deputies report an immense sum paid in this week for taxes. They expect Saturday to be the busiest day of the week, it being the last day on which payment may be made to save penalties.

Harold Aine, a native of Norway, and Hans Rasmussen, a native of Denmark, were granted citizenship papers yesterday. S. A. Gimre and Chris Tidavold made the necessary affidavits for Aine and G. Zeigler and J. C. Clinton furnished the proof for Rasmussen.

In the case against Paddy Lynch and Charles Herbert before Justice Goodman on a charge of larceny of a trunk, and which the court had under advisement, a decision was rendered yesterday requiring the defendants to return the property to the claimants, upon which condition it was agreed that they should be discharged.

The four-masted schooner Forest Home arrived down yesterday and cleared for San Pedro with 925,000 feet of lumber. The steam schooner Sequoia is bound for the same port, and carries 402,000 feet of lumber. She passed out at 3 p. m.

Quartermaster Rudolph Forstensen, of the Columbia, states that about 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning he heard the cries of an intoxicated man who had fallen overboard. Securing a rope, and with the assistance of Mike McCleary and Thomas Dukes, he landed the wet boozer safely on the wharf.

Captain W. H. Roberts, of the life-saving service, stationed at Tacoma, is in the city on his tour of inspection of the stations along the coast at this point. He returned from Ilwaco yesterday, where he had inspected the Ilwaco beach and Cape Disappointment stations, and reports them in excellent condition. He left last night for Coos bay, where he will inspect the stations at that point.

John R. Goulter, of Ilwaco, came over yesterday and is registered at the Occident. He will return to Ilwaco this afternoon. Mr. Goulter thinks the statement that a switch will be placed at Tioza station on his road on Long Beach is a mistake. He thinks that it is the purpose of the O. R. & N. Co. to build a new switch at The Breakers.

William Cameron, aged 48, a sailor on the British bark Rockhurst, now in Portland, was drowned yesterday morning in the Willamette. Cameron had been enjoying himself ashore and was not able to take care of himself when he reached the Star Sand Company's dock, where the ship is lying, and it is supposed that he walked overboard. The body was recovered.

The committee working in the interest of the new Clatsop mill project did some hard work yesterday and reported satisfactory results last night. The property owners are beginning to take more interest in the matter, as they realize the great benefits to be derived to the city by the building of the mill. A member of the committee stated that while they had met with some surprises at the start there was every reason to believe now that the enterprise would be made a go.

The case against Stella White, the negroess charged with assaulting Roscoe Mays with an ax last Monday, closed at 9:30 in Justice Goodman's court last evening, and she was held to appear before the circuit court for trial. Her bond was fixed at \$50. The case occupied the whole afternoon and evening and the usual crowd of on-lookers were on hand. No new evidence was developed at the trial of an important nature, except that the officers are convinced that the assaulted persons were not as innocent as first reported. It is stated that they were drunk and that their own conduct was the principal cause of the difficulty. Lamonian, the Russian, is still in jail. Stella White was also sent to jail in default of bail.

The great Barlow Minstrel, composed of 25 white artists, will appear at Fishers' opera house next Monday evening. From a musical standpoint

this organization is a top-notch. The management have paid strict attention to this branch of the minstrel performance, and have succeeded in getting together one of the strongest contingents that it was possible to secure. The singers are led this year by the well-known lyric tenor, Tom Crockett, and assisted by Frank Mench, Elbert C. Kenny, Harry Weaver, Charley Donna, Charles Medway, Fred Brockway and an efficient chorus. A grand street parade will be given at noon on the day of the performance and a band concert at 7:30 p. m. in front of the theater. Seal sale opens tomorrow at Griffin & Reed's.

County Judge Gray chartered the launch Ethel yesterday and accompanied by Captain Langitt, of the U. S. engineers' corps, and others went down to the mouth of the Lewis and Clark river for the purpose of inspecting the location of the new bridge that is to be constructed across the river at that point. The bridge is to be built by the county for the purpose of connecting the new proposed road with the bridge at Youngs bay and lead on to Warrenton. The judge reports a pleasant trip. Captain Langitt will make his report in due time to the war department at Washington and if the matter meets with the approval of that department the bridge will be constructed. On the return of the party Captain Langitt was entertained by Captain Richardson, of the Columbine. The captain returned to Portland last evening.

Sheriff Laville is out on a scouting expedition for jurors for the circuit court. Residents living within the city limits owning property in the city are exempt but he has orders to procure men who are residents of the county and own property in the county outside of the corporate limits of Astoria. He is expected to have three such jurors before the circuit court this morning at 9 o'clock. Nine of the 12 have already been secured. The jurors are wanted to try the case of John L. Bock vs. the City of Astoria. It will be remembered that Bock has a case pending against the city in which he asks for a judgment against the city in the sum of \$5100 damages. Five thousand of this he claims as damages from injuries he received to a knee, and the \$100 is claimed as having been expended with physician for treating the knee. Bock claims that August 21, 1900, while going home on one of the streets of the city, which was maintained as a public street and over which the public was invited to walk, he stepped in a hole in a bridge in the street, and injured his knee permanently by the accident. He was not acquainted with the streets at the time, and relying upon the city's invitation to walk its streets, which it impliedly held out to be safe at the time, and relied upon the city's inaction now before the court. As all taxpayers residing in the city would have to share in the payment of such judgment as he may obtain against the city they are of necessity interested in the outcome of the action and hence disqualified to sit as jurors in the case. For this reason qualified jurors residing out of the corporate limits are in demand.

SMALLPOX SCARE AT ILWACO. Ilwaco has one well developed case of smallpox and prospects for several others. Although the case is now quarantined it is claimed that a number have been exposed and an epidemic is feared. Frank Graham, who has been working at South Bend during the winter, returned with his family to Ilwaco a few days ago and was mingling with his friends about town when a "rash" was discovered to have broken out over his body. He was not particularly sick and at first the matter was regarded as of no importance. But upon investigation the local physicians pronounced it smallpox, and Mr. Graham and his family were immediately quarantined at the residence of his father, James Graham. The two families have been quarantined, and also the Grable family, at whose place the Grahams have been visiting. Mr. Grable being the father-in-law of Frank Graham, the commander of the fort at Canby immediately ordered the fort quarantined against Ilwaco for a period of six weeks, and there is no intercourse between the two points. The people generally are vaccinating and the school directors have caused the children in the schools to be vaccinated.

LATER. R. A. Hawkins, of Ilwaco, who came over from that place yesterday denies there is a case of smallpox in Ilwaco. He said that Frank Graham had been sick at South Bend before coming to Ilwaco and that the South Bend physicians had pronounced it a case of wood poisoning; that the Ilwaco physicians were not certain that it was a case of smallpox but had caused the cases to be isolated out of an abundance of precaution. As further evidence that it is not a case of smallpox, Mr. Hawkins says that after the soldiers had been ordered to remain away from Ilwaco the post surgeon at the fort, Dr. J. W. Walsh came over and examined Mr. Graham and as a result the soldiers were permitted to visit Ilwaco as usual.

NOTICE! Plans for a school house to be erected in Uniontown—four or six rooms, two rooms finished—to cost not to exceed \$2500, will be received at office of school clerk until March 16, 1902. Accepted plans only will be paid for. By order of board. E. E. FERGUSON, Clerk.

IN NEED OF A LAW.

An effort was made by the county health officer of Multnomah county to quarantine certain districts in that county outside of the city corporate limits in a case of smallpox a few days ago, and upon investigation found that there is no law in this state for such action. Speaking of the matter yesterday afternoon, Judge Gray, of Astoria, said that this fact had long been known in Clatsop county. By some negligence on the part of the legislatures of this state in the past, probably growing out of the fact that this state has been generally free from epidemics of all kinds, laws have not been passed providing for such emergencies. The health officer of Multnomah county claims that the legislature failed to provide such a law on the matter yesterday afternoon. Judge Gray, of Astoria, said that this fact had long been known in Clatsop county. 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