

NOWHERE

in this vicinity can be found a fresher or cleaner stock of groceries and meats nor more modest in price, than we have in our store and market. You have a standing invitation to send us your orders whenever you are not satisfied elsewhere.

ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.

The Morning Astorian

TELEPHONE 461.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, April 16.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, fair and probably showers near the coast; and slightly warmer. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho, fair.

Gaston sells feed, grain and hay.

Coff Perfection Blend Mocha & Java coffee can't be beat.—Johnson Bros.

Japanese goods of all kinds, cheap at the Yokohama Bazaar, 622 Commercial street.

Another shipment of fresh smoked Eastern ham and bacon just in.—Johnson Bros.

We have just received a shipment of home preserved wild blackberries.—Johnson Bros.

Mrs. Hasmussen does up lace curtains to perfection. Leave orders at Oregon Bakery.

Any child buys as well as as cheaply from us as the most experienced buyer.—Johnson Bros.

H. F. Brower, the champion swimmer, popularly known in Astoria, has arrived in the city.

Three expert workmen at the Occident Barbet Shop, Porcelain baths, Best bootblack in the city.

You will find the best life meal in the city at the Rising Sun Restaurant, No. 612 Commercial St.

You can live without our Perfection Blend Mocha and Java Coffee, but why should you?—Johnson Bros.

If you want box wood, slab wood or other firewood, telephone Kelly, the transfer man. Phone 2111 black.

Patronize home industry by smoking the "Fride of Astoria" cigars; finest made. Manufactured by MacFarlane and Knobel.

P. A. Kantor, in Welch block, will call for your clothes to clean, dye, repair and press, and will deliver them. Ring up phone, red 2664.

Itoslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other. George W. Sanborn, agent, telephone, 1211.

Wm. Benner, an employe of the Sherman Transfer Company, is suffering from the effects of a kick by a horse.

On Thursday, April 17, the Woman's Relief Corps will serve a merchants lunch at 12 o'clock in the store room next the Astorian office. The choicest dishes of the season may there be had for a modest fee. During the afternoon and evening ice cream, etc., will be served, and an excellent program will be given of music, recitations, etc. Patronize the ladies.

County clerk's office will be open tonight for voters to register.

The Columbine has returned from a trip to Destruction Island light.

The Jaqua, a steam schooner, arrived in from San Francisco yesterday.

Mrs. F. A. Fisher will entertain the ladies of the W. C. T. U. at her home today at 2:30.

The schooner Charles Wilson with a cargo of lumber, left out yesterday for San Francisco.

An exceedingly slow passage was the record of the steam schooner Chico, which arrived yesterday from San Francisco.

Major Cramer, government inspector is down from Salem, looking over the improvements around the custom house.

The steamship Strategyle, Gordon master, from Hong Kong, arrived in port yesterday, bound for Portland with a full Oriental cargo.

Reliable reports from Baker's Bay are to the effect that fishermen are doing well at that point—better than for years this early in the season.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Wilhelm W. Londen and Josephine Wesman and Mike Sovesto was granted his first citizenship papers.

Licenses issued up to closing time last night by Master Fish Warden Van Dusen were as follows: Individuals, 28; gillnets, 24; and set nets, 184.

The tug George T. has been purchased by the Pacific Packing and Navigation Company, from George Meyers the well-known cannery man.

It was stated by a cruel Republican that the citizens first nominated a candidate for coroner for fear that the movement might die early and necessitate a post mortem.

Sergeant Campbell, who was honorably discharged from the army service at Fort Canby yesterday, says that two companies went over from Canby to drill in the use of the modern guns at Fort Stevens.

A surprise party was tendered Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Rosenberg last evening on the 12th anniversary of their wedding. About 65 persons were present and besides a fine luncheon some valuable presents were presented.

Miss Minnie Doneka, well known in Astoria, and who went to Portland a few months ago, is lying at the point of death in Portland with typhoid fever. A letter to C. A. Mathena, of this city, states that there is no hope for her recovery.

Deputy Fish Commissioner Burton, of Washington, was in the city yesterday. He says that before the opening of the fishing season he arrested five fishermen for fishing out of season, and that they either paid or arranged their fines. The fines are from \$10 to \$25, but the lowest sum was given in first violations.

In the circuit court yesterday, the

cases of Sarah A. Grimes vs. C. C. Grimes, and J. H. Duncan vs. H. C. Coye, were under consideration. The former will probably be concluded today, while a default and order of sale was made in the latter case.

Ladies fine hair switches, rats and tribbya. All kinds of hair goods, Fine line of hair tonics and barber supplies. Will call on you if desired. A. E. Peterson, Occident Barber Shop.

M. A. Rolfe, representing Strauss Bros., Chicago, America's leading tailors, will be at C. H. Cooper's next Friday and Saturday, April 18th and 19th.

It is said that the French bark Henriette, which was sunk some time ago in the harbor and subsequently raised, is not so badly damaged as was first supposed. Only one plate was torn away, aft of the port side and a slight crack in another. She can be repaired at slight cost.

Astoria plumbers have formed a union and elected officers as follows: Jens Hansen, president; P. H. Haddon, vice-president; Albert Whiddy, corresponding and financial secretary; Thos. Mauseker, recording secretary, and Casper Brunott, treasurer.

SHOALWATER BAY OYSTERS.

Shipments Increasing But Starfish Making Terrible Inroads.

W. A. Carruthers, one of the leading and best posted oystermen at oysterville on Shoalwater Bay, passed through the city yesterday on his way home from Yaquina Bay, in this state. He states that the present oyster season has been a prosperous one on Shoalwater Bay. While from 100,000 to 150,000 sacks have been shipped from Shoalwater Bay the present season at least 6000 sacks were shipped from Oysterville alone. The prices this season have averaged \$2.50 a sack, but Mr. Carruthers expects next season will find the price at \$2.50 a sack. The reason for this is the general increase of demand for native Pacific Coast oysters and the decrease in production on account of the onslaughts on oysters by the starfish. While the dealers in California are the greatest buyers of the North Pacific oysters they try to always keep them down, for the reason that there is greater profit in selling Eastern oysters, yet the merit of the native oyster is forging ahead. The contemplated scarcity for the coming season is assigned to the fact that there was no "set" last season—that is there was no laying the foundation for this fall's production. The weather being very cold last winter is assigned as the reason for this, but the general freaks of nature are often unexplainable.

The great enemy of the Shoalwater Bay oyster, says Mr. Carruthers, is the starfish. These destroy millions of oysters annually. They destroy more than are taken by the oystermen. If the appropriation that is made for experimenting with the Eastern oyster was applied to the destruction of starfish the result would be tenfold better for the country. He states that \$5000 appropriation would practically clear Shoalwater of the starfish, and that once cleared it might be years before they would return. At present the oyster men are fighting the starfish on their own responsibility. With "mops" made of webbing, attached to iron beds are dragged and by this means thousands of the pests are destroyed, but with a yacht or steamer millions of them could soon be destroyed and the waters soon cleared of them. The appropriation of \$5000 for Shoalwater would accomplish this. At present every oyster man is required to put in three days during the season destroying starfish, but the methods used are not effective and but little is accomplished. A yacht or steamer could destroy 100,000 a day. In one season either would clear the bay.

Speaking of Eastern oysters he said that 17 carloads will be planted this season. He says that these would be planted anyway; that the appropriation is a graft and that it does no good for the industry; that for this reason the appropriations should be made for the destruction of the animals which prey upon the oyster industry.

He said that the Yaquina Bay oyster was the best that is produced on the Pacific Coast, but that the production is small and cannot be increased. The starfish does not prey upon them there; the plant is simply confined and nature, nor man's aid, can better conditions.

While the Eastern oyster is most popular, yet there are many purposes to which the native oyster is most adaptable, such as cocktails, etc. But still, he says, the future of the Eastern oyster is great in this country and that in a few years we will rival the world in the excellence of the production. Among our numerous resources the oyster business promises to rank at a high standard.

PROPOSALS WANTED.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the light house engineer, Portland, Oregon, until 12 o'clock m., April 23, 1902, and then publicly opened for furnishing and delivering fuel and provisions for light-house tender Columbine, during fiscal year to end June 30, 1902, in accordance with specifications, copies of which, with blank proposals and other information may be had upon application to W. C. Langfitt, Captain, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., engineer 13th Light House District.

PUSH CLUB MEETING.

The Regatta and Other Important Matters Discussed.

"The 'Push Club' had an interesting meeting last evening. The principal matters before the club were the regatta question and the proposition of Mr. A. N. Smith, representing the Travelers Protective Association. Mr. Smith is the president of the association and is not only a power among men but a power in bringing our resources before the country. He expects 500 or more traveling men to visit this place in June, and while they are paying their way generally he desired that Astoria feed them one meal of fish, crabs and clams. They have been invited regularly for two years to come to this point and finally accepted the invitation. From literature they have been furnished they are favorably impressed already, yet Mr. Smith thinks the resources here will surprise them. These men will be from all over the United States, and they do more for a section when favorably impressed than any other class. For this reason Mr. Smith urged that the Push Club take proper steps toward entertaining them properly. Several members of the Push Club spoke on the matter and all favored giving the 'Knights of the Road' a proper reception. A special committee consisting of Parker, Allen, Dunbar, Whipple and Gratke, was appointed to confer with the Chamber of Commerce committee in making preparations for the reception of the traveling men. After considerable discussion on the subject of the regatta it was decided to appoint a committee to confer with the committee of last year on the regatta and that they should discuss the plans together and that the committee should report at next meeting. The president will announce the names of the committeemen today.

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A number of lady friends were entertained by Mrs. A. Dunbar, Tuesday evening, at her residence.

The body of Ben Nelson, aged about 25 years, was brought over by rowboat yesterday from a Deep River logging camp in Washington and turned over to Coroner Fohl. Nelson died suddenly, presumably of heart failure, about midnight night before last. He had been afflicted with heart trouble for some time and requested his companions to waken him in case they heard any unusual noise at night. He was making a gurgling noise right before last and a friend attempted to waken him, but found him in the rigors of death. While expiring he shook his bed and the building. No relief could be given and he soon died without speaking a word. He was a native of Holland, Sweden, and had relatives in Portland and in Washington. He was a member of the Maccabees and it is probable that this order will conduct the funeral.

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