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THE MORNING ASTORIAN

TELEPHONE 661.

THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—Oregon, Idaho and Washington, partly cloudy and occasionally threatening.

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- \$20 Overcoat, one-fourth off, now 15.00
- \$15 Overcoat, one-fourth off, now 11.25
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Right in the heart of the season, when an overcoat will do you the most good, we have cut the prices of FINE OVERCOATS

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Astoria's Leading Clothiers

The funeral of the late Miss Mary Empe will take place tomorrow at Knappa. The remains will be escorted to the train by the clerks' union, of which deceased was a member.

A tryout has been inaugurated at the Commercial club alleys for place on the team that is to meet the Salem Commercial. The six men getting the best averages will represent the local club.

The barkentine Chehalis, which has been chartered to load lumber at Aberdeen, arrived down the river yesterday and will leave out as soon as the weather moderates. She had been laid up at Clifton.

The government board which has in charge the matter of improving the Columbia river bar is in session at Washington city. It is considering the Haupt plan, upon which the members seem to be divided.

The steamship Indravelli is on her way down the river. She has on board a cargo of 54,184 barrels of flour, the largest shipment of the kind ever made from the Columbia river. The flour goes to Hongkong and Yokohama.

Carl Johnson of Svensen was examined yesterday before County Judge Trenchard. Dr. Fulton and Henderson and ordered committed to the insane asylum. He was taken to Salem last night. Johnson has been subject to attacks of epilepsy, which are usually followed by insane spells, during which a homicidal mania manifests itself. These attacks are so frequent that he is considered too dangerous to be allowed his liberty.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock the registration books will be closed at the office of Auditor Nelson. Voters must all register before that hour if they would take part in the coming election. The office of the auditor was open until 9:30 last night and yesterday proved the record day, 135 persons having registered. The registration to date totals 359, as follows: Precinct No. 1, 110; No. 2, 191; No. 3, 228; No. 4, 218; No. 5, 77; No. 6, 127. It is evident that by tonight the total will reach 1050.

The new Clatsop mills did not continue in operation yesterday, owing to a defect in the slip upon which logs are hauled into the mill. A heavy chain runs around under the slip and furnishes the power for hauling the logs into the mill. An obstruction under the slip below the waterline interfered with the chain, and the apparatus could not be used. A few logs were sawed Thursday afternoon, but no effort was made to cut lumber yesterday. The defect will be repaired in time for commencement of operations on Monday.

Whitecaps exist at Clatskanie, according to the chief of police of that town. A day or two ago the following note, properly embellished with skull and cross-bones, was found by Harvey Glenn on the porch of his residence: "You are hereby notified that unless you put shoes on your kids and dress them decent and quit licking them you will be whipped by 15 masked men, and God have pity on your soul." The note was addressed to Glenn, who offers the suggestion that the authors should attend to their own affairs. The cheering information that 15 men will chastise him has not frightened the intended victim.

The night train of last Wednesday which left the local depot at 6:19 met with an accident just beyond Ranier, which came near resulting seriously for Conductor Reed. At a point a short distance beyond the town named a washout had occurred which deposited an obstruction so near the track that the steps of the baggage car came in contact with it and were wrenched off. As soon as possible the train was stopped and Mr. Reed, unaware of the nature of the damage done attempted to descend on the steps of the baggage coach to investigate. The train had stopped on a bridge and Mr. Reed fell a distance of 25 feet into the river below. He was rescued by the use of a stout rope found in the express car. Aside from the shock which attended the fall the conductor suffered no injury and will resume his run today.

Fire which broke out at Ranier yesterday morning destroyed the sash and door factory of W. D. Pine and a lodging house owned by Joseph Silva, entailing a loss of \$23,000, with \$12,000 insurance. The fire was discovered at 6:15 a. m. in the dry kiln at the sash and door factory, destroying the entire plant. The lodging house that burned was occupied by Mrs. C. W. Chapman. The town fire brigade turned out and succeeded in saving the adjoining property but the fire at the factory was so far advanced that it could not be got under control. The blaze was a fierce one and the heat was unbearable a block away. W. D. Pine's loss is estimated at \$25,000, with \$12,500 insurance. The loss on the mill building, which was owned by Dean Blanchard, was \$2500, with no insurance, while the loss on the lodging house was \$500 with no insurance. Mr. Pine had heretofore arranged to build a plant in addition to the one that was destroyed and had already selected the site for it. It is his intention to go ahead with the construction of the new plant and make it much larger than the old one, with increased capacity.

The recent storms have, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Tacoma received yesterday, played havoc with the Grays harbor jetty. The dispatch says: "Reports from Westport state that the storms of Sunday and Tuesday nights did great damage to the false work of the government jetty at the entrance to Grays harbor. This is the superstructure upon which tram cars and engines are run in order to carry stone and other material for the permanent jetty. The loss to the government is estimated at \$60,000, and will probably be greater before the winter is over."

Captain Kerry of the British ship Foyledale, which has just arrived from Liverpool, reports the death of two of his men during the voyage. Both deaths were due to accident. While the Foyledale was still in the Mersey, Gabriel Collit, a sailor, fell from aloft, and, striking the deck, was fearfully mangled. He was instantly killed. The ship reached the ocean the following day and Collit received a sailor's funeral. The other accident occurred in the South Atlantic. The ship had been through a storm and several men were aloft making sail. One of them, Alfred Waterhouse, lost his hold on the rigging and in falling to the deck was killed. He was lurled at sea.

Once again the merchants of Portland are up in arms because they will not get a share of the government transport business. Seattle and San Francisco are bitterly at war over the business, and Portland seems to be given no consideration whatever. Yesterday the chamber of commerce of that city wired Senator Mitchell to use his influence to secure a share for Portland, but the late start made will probably have the effect of ruining any chance that Portland otherwise would have had. The key to the transport business seems to rest with location of quarters for troops, and there is little question that the Columbia river cities, Portland and Astoria, would get their full share were Fort Stevens made a point for the mobilization of troops.

The county court has referred to District Attorney Allen, for an opinion on legal points, the matter of the proposed construction of a joint city hall and courthouse. The members of the court are anxious to determine just what the status of the city would be were the construction of the building undertaken. At the present time the city could not hope to pay half the cost of the building, because the maximum tax fixed by law, 10 mills, is needed for municipal purposes. The city has a seat of government, such as it is, and pays no rent. Were the county to build the courthouse and rent a portion of it to the city, the municipality would be worse off than ever, as the additional rental expense would be entailed. Were the city to sell its property, however, and apply the proceeds on the debt, it could reasonably incur the additional rental expense. Doubtless if the courthouse and city hall are jointly constructed and the city takes up with the rental proposal, payments will cease as soon as the amount paid by it in rent equals what may be regarded as its just proportion of the cost. When the court finds out about these matters, some definite action will be taken with reference to the building of the courthouse. All the members of the court are on record as favoring the courthouse, and, as levies of this kind can be made in spite of remonstrances, it is quite probable that the intention to levy a small tax, say 4 mills, for a period of five years, as in this manner the cost of the building, would be rendered less burdensome. It now transpires that many of those who opposed the courthouse proposal did so through fear that a courthouse levy would have the effect of killing the proposition for the Lewis and Clark bridge. But the bridge levy will be made, and much of the opposition will be overcome.

At Mrs. R. Ingelton's on December 29. Big reduction sale of ladies' hats, coats and skirts. Remember MONDAY is Mrs. Ingelton's bargain day. Ten percent discount on all sales on Monday only. A chance for the piano with every 50 cent purchase. Welch block.

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HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

STUDENTS RAISE LARGE SUM FOR BOOKS.

Entertainment Given Last Night by Junior and Sophomore Classes Netted \$60.

The students of the high school have succeeded in raising about \$175 for their reference table, or library, during the past few weeks, and are highly pleased with the result of their efforts. Their entertainment of last evening was another pronounced success, and more than \$60 was realized. When the student took up the matter of creating a library their effort was regarded with some misgivings, but by hard work they have raised a fund which will enable them to purchase many volumes for their table. Last night's entertainment was given under the direction of the junior and sophomore classes. An admission fee of 10 cents was charged, but the pupils received revenue from other sources—a refreshment stand, a fortune telling booth, etc. A large number of friends of the school attended and were very warmly rendered. The program was as much pleased with the excellent proceeds:

- Instrumental solo ... Alwina Kirchoff
- Vocal solo ... Miss Shively
- Instrumental duet ... Miss Campbell and Mrs. Higgins
- Vocal solo ... Miss Reed
- Vocal solo ... Miss Adeline Adams
- Vocal solo ... Miss Stevenson
- Instrumental duet ... Miss Palmer and Miss Kearney
- Vocal solo ... Miss Sutherland
- Vocal solo ... Mr. James Johnson
- Instrumental solo ... Miss Pearl Amstenson
- Vocal solo ... Miss Laura McCann

HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES

Address By Hon. George Noland Was the Feature of the Day.

The regular weekly rhetorical exercises were held at the high school yesterday afternoon. The principal number on the program was an address by Hon. George Noland, who discussed the life and accomplishments of Napoleon Bonaparte. Mr. Noland's address was very interesting from a historical standpoint and was listened to with marked attention. August Ackerman, a student, oratorically distinguished himself in a recitation. The other numbers were also excellently rendered. The program was as follows:

- Piano solo ... Harriet Wise
- Recitation ... "The Inchange Bell" Emelia Una.
- Recitation ... "Thanatopsis" Alex Gilbert.
- Recitation ... "Abou Ben Adam" Pauline Kirchoff.
- Essay ... "Julius Caesar" Emma Knutsen.
- Recitation ... "General Grant's English" Grover Utzinger.
- Recitation ... "The Deacon's Courtship" Edward Higgins.
- Recitation ... "The One Horse Shay" William Wood.
- Recitation ... Selection from Shakespeare David Hood.
- Piano duet Florence and Alice Goddard
- Essay ... "A Fishing Trip" Felix Moore.
- Recitation ... "What Is a Minority?" August Ackerman.
- Address ... "Napoleon Bonaparte" Hon. George Noland.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the partnership firm of Griffin & Reed, doing business under said firm name at the city of Astoria, Oregon, is this day dissolved by mutual agreement, Mr. A. S. Reed retiring and Mr. J. N. Griffin continuing the business. All accounts due the firm up to date must be paid to said J. N. Griffin, who assumes all the debts of the firm.

Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 29th day of November, 1902.

J. N. GRIFFIN.
A. S. REED.

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