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THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—Oregon, Idaho and Washington, partly cloudy.

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The Epworth league social announced for Thursday evening has been postponed.

Arrived! A car of the best Wyoming stove coal. \$8 per ton. Phone 661. S. Elmore & Co.

For Rent—Clean, newly furnished rooms, single or en suite; central; over Peterson & Brown's shoe store.

GIRL WANTED—For housework, to work a few hours afternoons. Call between 1 and 3 o'clock, 682 Exchange.

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I have the largest line of perfumes ever brought here, for Christmas, and a lot of fancy purses for ladies; prices reduced to one-half. Rogers, druggist.

An expert piano tuner from Ellers' piano house will be in Astoria about December 16. Leave orders for tuning with A. R. Cyrus, 424 Commercial street.

For framed and unframed pictures, picture frames, burnt leather outfits and materials, art novelties, picture glass and picture framing, go to Frank Woodfield's art shop on Bond street.

The following officers were elected by Temple lodge No. 7, A. F. and A. M., at a meeting held last evening: O. F. Heilborn, W. M.; W. L. Robb, S. W.; E. Z. Ferguson, J. W.; J. Q. A. Bowley, treasurer; E. C. Holden, secretary.

The officers at Fort Stevens have been notified that the reviewing board at Washington has approved the findings in the case of Private Watson, who was tried by courtmartial for complicity in the attempt to destroy the post. The court imposed a punishment of five years' imprisonment.

One of the neatest holiday displays made this season is that at Herman Wise's big store, where thousands stop daily to look at the up-to-date lines shown. Mr. Wise has received very complete lines of men's, youths' and boys' furnishings, and a visit to his big store is well worth one's time, even if he is not out on a shopping expedition.

William T. Cox, a special representative of the government bureau, has prepared a report, based on personal investigation, which shows that the losses from the recent forest fires in Oregon and Washington aggregated \$12,757,100. The total loss in Oregon was \$3,719,000, while that in Washington was \$8,557,100. The loss in Clatsop county was \$55,000.

The Illinois bowlers of Salem will be in the city December 25 to meet the Commercial club team, the match having been deferred at the request of the Salem men. The Commercial have held their try-out, Messrs. Pye and Hardesty finishing high, with 44.50. P. F. Peterson and Herman Wise secured averages of 41.50 while Will Elgner and Will Mather finished above 40.

Councilman-elect Kaboth has bonded a large tract of New Astoria property from E. J. Ford. The consideration is \$500 and is to be paid in annual installments. Several other big deals in realty are said to be pending, as a result of the prevailing impression that the Harriman lines will soon be using this port. The outlook for activity in the real estate market is encouraging.

There is a case of scarlet fever in the city at the present time, the patient being the little son of J. E. Ferguson. It is reported that the disease was brought on by associating with fellow pupils at school who had been suffering with an alleged attack of the grip. It seems the children, all from one family, really had the scarlet fever and resumed their school work before they had fully recovered.

The annual meeting of the Push club will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. The club will elect officers for the coming year, and all members are urged to be present. It is quite probable that the officers now holding will be re-elected. President Carnahan has proved himself to be a tireless worker and it is felt that he is the man for the place if he can be induced to serve again. Secretary Lyman and Treasurer Griffin are also very popular and have done good work.

The action of the council in instructing City Attorney Smith and the members of the ways and means committee to look after poll taxes is calculated to secure for the city all money received from this source. The representatives will confer with the county court and Road Supervisor Foster and arrangements will be made whereby the supervisor will make his report to the council, and turn over to the city treasurer the taxes collected. The money will be used for the repair of roads within the city limits.

The gasoline launch Clam was launched yesterday at Wilson Bros' yards. The boat was built for P. F. Halferty of Markham, Wash., for use as a tender at his clam cannery. She is 35 feet in length and 12.5 wide. As soon as weather conditions are favorable the Clam will be taken around to

Grays harbor. Mr. Halferty is erecting a fine cannery establishment at Markham and says he expects soon to double its capacity, as there is constant demand for his output.

A statement showing the place of birth of the voters who registered for the late city election has been prepared. Of the 1072 persons who registered, 488 were native born and 584 of foreign birth. Finland showed the greatest representation of the foreign countries—170—Great Britain ranking second, with 94. Sweden's representation was 87, Norway's, 72, and Germany's, 64. A total of 26 Greeks and Austrians registered. Of the natural born voters, 141 were natives of Oregon, the representation of the principal other states being as follows: New York, 39; Illinois, 35; California, 32; Iowa, 30; Ohio, 24; Pennsylvania, 23; Washington, 20; Maine, 19; Michigan, 15; Indiana, 15. Only nine states and territories were not represented—Arkansas, Alabama, Arizona, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota and South Dakota. The percentage of foreign voters was not nearly so large as many supposed, being 54.7. About 525 voters residing in the city did not register, and about 100 of those who registered did not vote.

Editor Hibbert of the Chinook Observer tells the following anecdote of an interesting personage at this time: John Barrett, just appointed minister to Japan at a salary of \$12,000 a year, was, in 1891, a local reporter on the Daily Astorian. At that time he was a fresh tender-foot from the east, and had accepted newspaper work only as a means of extending his acquaintance and keeping himself ordinarily busy. He showed himself to be a clever reporter, a close observer, and ready with an opinion of men and measures. Editor Halloran always kept a close eye on all matter written for The Astorian, and John Barrett's copy was placed on the veteran editor's table for examination before being sent to the compositor. Barrett had been in the employ of The Astorian but a few weeks when he wrote a local item and polished it off with his opinion on the subject matter. When Editor Halloran finished reading Mr. Barrett's item he turned quickly to the present holder of the Japanese portfolio and ejaculated: "Mr. Barrett, I will write all the editorials for The Astorian." Barrett didn't stay long at that job.

PERSONAL MENTION

Harry Myers is in the city from Portland.

Mrs. S. F. Howard of Ilwaco is in the city.

Mrs. L. H. Sprauer is visiting with friends at Seaside.

Charles Gray arrived in the city from Portland last night.

Mrs. H. A. Espy is in the city from her home at Oysterville.

Mrs. C. W. White of Warrenton did shopping in the city yesterday.

Howel Lewis, a prominent citizen of John Day was in the city yesterday.

Captain Harry Haslam was in the city yesterday from his home at Cathlamet.

John Brix, the well known logger of the north shore was in the city yesterday.

P. F. Halferty who is here from Markham, Wash., spent last night on the west side.

Miss Lulu and Miss Leona Townsend were in the city yesterday from their home in Warrenton.

Dave Hood representing Mason, Ehrman and company of Portland, left over for Seaside last night.

BANK NOTICE.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank of Astoria, for the election of directors and transaction of other business for the streets which are to be built in mess, will be held at the banking office, Tuesday, January 13th, 1903, at 3 p. m. S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

CHANGES IN FISH LAWS

WARDEN WOULD ABOLISH CLOSED SEASONS.

Thinks Fishing Should Be Prohibited on Streams Where Salmon Spawn.

Perhaps one of the most noteworthy recommendations contained in the annual report of Fish Warden Van Dusen is that for the abolition of the spring and fall closed seasons. The recommendation has occasioned much comment, as it embodies a departure which is sweeping in its effects. An Astorian representative called on Mr. Van Dusen yesterday and asked him his reasons for making the suggestion. He said: "The spring closed season law prohibits the taking of March and April fish in the Columbia and its tributaries. Those varieties of salmon, as everyone knows, are quite scarce, the supplies being entirely inadequate for the canneries, although sufficient for the markets. The spring closed season merely has the effect of curtailing the table supply of salmon while it does not increase the runs appearing in the months of March and April. What we want are the May and June varieties, and the hatcheries have demonstrated their ability to take care of these supplies.

"My report suggests that a weekly closed law would be better than the spring closed season law. We have a Sunday closing law on our statute books at the present time, but it is inoperative, because Washington has no such law. It is almost impossible to enforce the Sunday law, and efforts in that direction have been more or less unsuccessful.

"My idea is that we should try and do away with the closed laws, and instead prohibit fishing operations on all salmon-spawning streams. Were this done the building up of the industry would not be interfered with, and hatchery work could be carried on with satisfaction."

Mr. Van Dusen is hot on the trail of dynamiters, and if his recommendations are put into effect the penitentiary will yawn for the men who resort to the use of explosives for the purpose of killing salmon. Mr. Van Dusen points out that maliciously inclined persons can, with a 50-cent stick of giant powder, kill nearly all the salmon held in the carrels at the hatcheries. "At Ontario this year we had 10,000 salmon in the carrel at one time," he said yesterday, "and a person could have killed them all by throwing a stick of giant powder into the river. Dynamite does not always kill all the salmon thus held, but it renders barren the female salmon which have not spawned. I am anxious that the state board should offer a reward for the arrest of every dynamiter, and that

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LADIES

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