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THE WEATHER.

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Step in at Danziger & Co.'s and examine the elegant suit cases he is giving away with each purchase of men's and youths' suits and overcoats.

Roland Masten and Miss Augusta Erickson will be married this afternoon at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Oscar Ostrom.

LOST—Chattian bag, containing papers of value only to owner and small sum of money. A reward of \$10 will be paid for return of same to this office.

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.

All those who take part in the opera, "Little Duke," are requested to be present this evening at the opera house at 7:30 sharp. Dress rehearsal. Bring your costumes.

Duncan Stuart has accepted a position in the office of S. Elmore & Co. Mrs. Stuart, who is visiting with her parents near Dundee, Ore., will join her husband shortly.

The steamer Columbia attempted to pass out yesterday but owing to the roughness of the bar could not effect the passage. She is now in port waiting for the weather to moderate.

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.

Jennie Josephine, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Micholier, died yesterday morning. The funeral will take place at 1 o'clock today and the interment will be in Greenwood.

The cold snap of the past few days gave way yesterday to rain and indications are that weather conditions will be moist for some time to come. An east wind prevailed during the cold spell, bringing with it the usual epidemic of severe colds.

The circuit court will be in special session on Monday. Among the cases to be called up by District Attorney Allen is that against the cold-storage men who were indicted for violation of the closed fishing season laws. The outcome of this case is awaited with interest.

R. M. Leathers is at present engaged in building 10 fishing boats for the Alaska Fishermen's Packing company, for use during the coming season. The first of the boats will be finished today. The contract price is more than \$2000. Mr. Leathers now employs eight men and expects soon to increase his force.

Doctor Cordner reports that Ole Tangen, the smallpox patient, is getting along nicely, and that his illness will not be attended with serious results. The case is really a mild one, and the young man is promptly responding to treatment. The house on Eighth street where he resides is still under quarantine.

Mrs. N. H. Natterstadt of Grays River was in the city yesterday, and during the afternoon lost a handbag containing some papers of value only to her and \$5 or \$8 in cash. The bag evidently was found a short time after she lost it, for she was unable to recover it, although she immediately retraced her steps. A reward of \$10 has been offered for the return of the bag to this office.

T. O. Trullinger has brought suit against John Stephenson for \$75. It appears that Stephenson owns property in the west end through which the car company desired a right-of-way. Trullinger interested himself in the matter, Stephenson says, with the result that the defendant received a consideration for the right-of-way and other inducements. Now, the plaintiff steps in and demands \$75 commission. Stephenson declines to pay the amount and the suit has followed.

Samuel Elmore met with a very painful accident yesterday afternoon while making an inspection of the Clatsop mills with A. B. McLeod, representative of the Astoria company. In attempting to avoid some gear set in the floor, Mr. Elmore walked within range of a large belt, that revolves at a high rate of speed. He was thrown backwards by the belt, his face was badly lacerated, and he came nearly losing an eye. As a result of the mishap, Mr. Elmore will probably be confined to his home for a few days.

Santa Claus has arrived in the city with sleigh and four-in-hand and taken up temporary quarters in one of the spacious windows of the Foad & Stokes Co.'s store. His prancing steeds seem impatient for the frolic which is to begin on next Wednesday evening, but sly old Santa sits comfortably in his handsome cutter and holds a tight rein while the bells jingle

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PROTECT OUR FORESTS

URGENT NEED OF LAWS FOR NORTHWEST.

Measure Covering Matter to Be Introduced at Coming Legislative Session.

George M. Cornwall, publisher of the Oregon Timberman, is making a commendable effort to secure the enactment of the forthcoming session of the legislature of a law that will prevent future forest fires of the magnitude, such as those which occurred this fall. Mr. Cornwall points out that the statement of the immense loss suffered will forcibly call attention to the need of laws to prevent practices which result in fires, but as yet he has not given out any statement as to the probable contents of the proposed bill. He says in a letter to The Astorian that Oregon's timber is altogether too valuable to be destroyed through the carelessness of those who are responsible for forest fires, and incloses the subjoined statement of the losses this year:

The bureau of forestry has received a report from one of its agents which shows that the damage caused by forest fires in northwestern Oregon and southwestern Washington during September was much greater than has been generally supposed. After a careful trip through the regions devastated by the fire, William T. Cox, who was detailed by the bureau for this work, in a conservative estimate, places the damage in Oregon and Washington at \$12,767,100. Of this, \$3,910,000 is in Oregon, and \$8,857,100 in Washington. This includes all losses caused by the fires to farm property, sawmills, manufactured lumber, standing timber, etc. This estimate is based on personal observation in the burned districts, both in Oregon and Washington, conferences with lumbermen, farmers and settlers, and other trustworthy sources of information. Owing to its nearness to market however, much of the damaged timber in the burned regions of Oregon will be saved, and the net loss will be smaller than the foregoing figures. In Washington a portion will also be saved, though a smaller percentage, owing to its being less accessible to means of transportation.

Much of the area burned over was covered with virgin forest, mainly the Douglas spruce, cedar and hemlock. Besides the great loss of property, 18 persons were killed and many more injured, and 86 families rendered homeless. Much of the large and small game in those regions was destroyed.

In his report the agent of the bureau of forestry included not only the loss of life and property, but also the causes of the fires, the methods used in fighting them, the damage to the soil, and the outlook for reproduction of the forests.

and snow flakes fill the air. All manner of Christmas gifts puff out of his robes and jangle around him, just waiting to be chucked into somebody's stockings. It is a sure thing that he will be here on time.

Captain Turner of the steamer Thompson passed a craft of death on his way down the river Thursday. Near Puget Island a small boat containing a corpse was seen. The Thompson had the ship Holyroad in tow and could not stop, but Captain Turner told people living at Westport of the circumstance and also told the captain of the steamer Oklahama. The small boat was half full of water and the corpse was in an almost upright position. It appeared to be much swollen. Evidently the occupant dropped dead of heart failure, or perhaps succumbed to exposure. The body was probably recovered, as it has not since been seen.

Marcus Susman, the cattle king, has officially announced that he wants to die. For some months past Mr. Susman has been suffering from a complication of ailments, not the least of which is kidney trouble. He is unable to sleep and feels that life is scarcely worth living. He says he would be tickled to death were someone to come up behind him and blow out his brains, but thus far he has failed to find anyone who is willing to end his suffering. Mr. Susman carries on a very large business, and this sort of talk from him may cause a flurry in the world of trade. It is hoped by his friends that he will be induced to live out his career.

The opera, "Little Duke," will be given on Monday evening, at Fishers' opera house, with Mrs. J. T. Ross in the title role. The opera has been in course of preparation for some weeks past, and the entire cast is composed of local amateurs. The opera is full of catchy solos, duets and rousing choruses, and being a light opera, affords abundant opportunity for many a good hearty laugh. It is safe to say that no local performance of the magnitude of the "Little Duke" has ever been attempted by amateurs in this city and a crowded house will attest the appreciation of the public for the efforts of the young ladies and gentlemen composing the cast. The opera depicts scenes laid in France; the time being the seventeenth century. The opening act shows the palace of Versailles, and the scene is indeed animated, the court ladies, courtiers, pages, maids of honor and soldiers in gorgeous costumes, making a scene long to be remembered. The second act shows the convent school at Lunville to which the young duchess, recently married, has been sent for a period of two years. The duke in the meantime having been made colonel of a regiment, rescues her and goes off to battle. The third act shows an encampment of the army, and among the incidents is a night attack, in which the army of the duke repulses the enemy. The costumes have been imported from the costume house of Goldstein & Co., of San Francisco, and are elaborate. The leading characters are all well sustained and the vocal numbers have been carefully prepared under the direction of Mrs. J. T. Ross, whose generous efforts in many public entertainments in the past deserves recognition at the hands of the public. Reserved seat sale opens this morning at Griffin's book store. The entire cast of characters will appear in tomorrow's paper.

Other Astoria Wholesale Cigar and Tobacco dealers sell at Portland prices.

SO DOES Will Madison

Santa Claus buys all his Xmas cigars there Why don't you do the same?

TWO STORES:
534 Commercial Street.
114 Eleventh Street.

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BIRTH NOTICE.

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