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TO DAY'S WEATHER

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The British steamship Indrapura, is due from the Orient, but had not been reported up to darkness last night.

A New Year's fire at South Bend did \$15,000 worth of damage, destroying a five-story building. The blaze is thought to have been of incendiary origin.

All the National Bank Circulation

in the United States could not purchase the assets of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

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This morning at 9 o'clock the seat sale opens at Griffin's book store for the performance of the laughable musical farce comedy, "The Irish Pawn-brokers," Monday evening at Fishers' opera house. Among the special features the scenic and mechanical effects and costumes demand more than ordinary comment, since they eclipse anything of the kind yet seen in farce comedy. A line of up to date specialties punctuates the course of the farce and lends additional charm to the performance. In point of a talented company, Manager Spears has always kept faith with the public, and in this case the admirers of Irish farce comedy need have no misapprehension.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., December 31, 1902. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 12 noon, January 8, 1903, for delivery on a wharf accessible to ocean-going steamships at Portland, Oregon, or on government wharf at Seattle or Tacoma, Wash., of material required for the construction of 13 buildings (officers' quarters) near Manila, P. I. Information furnished here. U. S. reserves right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for material required for the construction of officers' quarters near Manila, P. I.," addressed F. H. Hathaway, C. Q. M.

The dance given at Fort Stevens New Year's eve was one of the most successful social functions ever held at the post. The party was arranged by the men of the Ninety-third and Thirtieth artillery and was held in the messhouse, which had been prettily decorated with flags and evergreens. Handsomely engraved invitations were sent out, and special trains were run from Astoria and Seaside, the attendance being very large. Music was furnished by a Portland orchestra, and during the evening supper was served. Major and Mrs. Humphries led the grand march. The success of the ball reflected much credit on the men of the two companies, whose arrangements were complete in every respect.

The launch Swan had an exciting experience in the lower harbor Thursday afternoon and for a time it seemed that the little vessel would be wrecked. Captain John Reed, Engineer John Kearney and Victor Root were on board. A gale was blowing and the heavy seas threatened to swamp the launch, but eventually she was tied up alongside the British ship Matterhorn. When the return trip was about to be undertaken it was found that the gas-line engine had broken down, and it became necessary for the three men to remain on board the Matterhorn during the night. Yesterday the Swan was towed up to the city by the Wallula. While lying alongside the Matterhorn the launch frequently crashed into the ship's iron sides, and but for the efforts of the ship's crew would have been dashed to pieces.

The committee appointed by President Hansen at the last meeting of the council to recommend changes in the charter has been busy at work, and will submit its report at the meeting to be held on Monday night. The committee will recommend that all disbursing officials of the city be required to furnish bonds in a surety company, and that the present system of accepting bonds from individuals be abolished. It will also be recommended that the auditor and police judge, chief of police and city treasurer be required to furnish complete statements to the council every three months; that persons desiring to register for city elections be required to produce a poll tax receipt, and that all special funds be abolished. At present there are many special funds, but as the general fund is really behind them, it is deemed expedient to do away with the bookkeeping now entailed.

The appointment of three pilot commissioners is a matter that is attracting considerable attention among Astoria democrats. Governor-elect Clamberg assumes the duties of his office January 12, and within a short time thereafter he will name the commissioners. One of the three will reside in Portland and the others in Astoria. The Portland commissioner is said to have already been selected, and Captain J. C. Campbell of Astoria is regarded as another certainty. Captain Campbell is said to be not over anxious for the appointment, but his familiarity with marine matters makes him a desirable man for the place, the democrats believe. There are several other possibilities for the other commissioner, but Leander Lebeck seems to be most generally favored. Leading democrats say they themselves do not know just who will be appointed, although all agree that Captain Campbell will receive an appointment if he can be prevailed upon to accept it.

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The nine-hour day has been inaugurated in Portland in all the iron works. Employees will receive the same wages as under the 10-hour day system.

The emotional drama, "East Lynne," was performed at Fishers' last night by the Margarita Fischer company to an enraptured audience, for in spite of the bad weather there was really an audience. East Lynne has been performed a few times already, but the pathos and sentiment running through it are ever new. Last night was no exception, and local theatergoers deeply regret the inability of the Fischer aggregation to continue longer here than tonight, but as the company is billed to show in Hammond the pleasure must be foregone.

Among the many changes that have recently been made in the service of the O. R. & N. is the transferring of G. W. Lounsbury, local representative of the company, to Pendleton, where it is announced he will serve as ticket agent and assistant to the general agent at that place. Mr. Lounsbury has been located in Astoria a number of years and his transfer comes as a surprise to his wide circle of acquaintances here. While it is reported that Mr. Lounsbury has not as yet been officially notified of the change, the published report has been authenticated sufficiently to be recognized as genuine. His successor has not been named.

The machinery for the new Tallant-Grant cannery is now being manufactured at the Astoria Iron works, and it is expected the cannery will be ready to begin operations with the beginning of the spring season. The result of the experiment of employing only white labor is being awaited with interest, as it has been many years since white labor was exclusively used in a salmon packing house. The experiment was tried by the late Joseph Hume at Eagle Cliff, but resulted in failure, the employees committing one of the most villainous crimes ever perpetrated, because they disliked Mr. Hume's foreman. The cannery crew used then was picked up in Portland and was comprised largely of young toughs. It is thought that white men will do the work quite as well as orientals, the growing scarcity of whom necessitates employment of other men.

CHURCHES

LUTHERAN—(First)—East Astoria—All the usual services. Rev. Oscar Ostrom will preach.

PRESBYTERIAN—Services as usual with communion and reception of members at morning service. Theme of evening sermon: "Emphasis in Reading and in Life."

BAPTIST—There will be all the usual services at which sermons will be preached on subjects as follows: "The New Year's Call," and "The New Year's Service."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. Harold Oberg will occupy the pulpit morning and evening. Morning theme: "A Revolutionary Power." Evening: "What Shall I Do With Jesus?"

NORWEGIAN-DANISH—Methodist—No Sunday school on account of the prevalence of scarlet fever. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Song service at 7 p. m. Services every evening next week except Saturday. Subject for Sunday morning service: "Out of the Darkest Dungeon." Evening subject: "Simon's Prophecy."

PERSONAL MENTION

C. H. Callender and wife are in Portland.

Peter Mikkelson returned to Portland last evening.

D. Masten was in the city yesterday from Skamokawa.

Miss Dickie Byrd has returned from a visit to Portland.

M. R. Pomeroy and wife have returned from their wedding trip.

Editor Williams of the Skamokawa Eagle was in the city yesterday.

Henry Wheeler, a resident of Clatskanie, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Albert M. Smith is visiting friends in Portland for a few days.

Tom Ross will return today to resume his medical studies in Portland.

Walter Jackson, a traveling man with headquarters at Portland, is in the city.

Robert Finlayson and wife spent New Year's with Mr. Finlayson's parents in this city.

Hon. J. G. Megler and wife were in the city yesterday from their home at Brookfield.

J. S. Dellinger has returned from a

business trip through the Grays harbor country.

Mrs. N. P. Berenson who has been spending the holidays in Portland, has returned home.

Miss Clara Marion will leave the first part of next week for Mt. Angel where she will take a collegiate course.

F. W. Prael and family have returned to their home in Fairhaven after having spent the holidays with relatives in this city.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the firm of McIntosh and Ross has dissolved partnership. All accounts due the firm must be paid to W. R. McIntosh, who will continue the business, and will settle all claims.

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WISE AND OTHERWISE

Fine feathers do not always make a fine bird, but they make a girl feel like one.

The average man's pessimistic views are due to the fact that he is acquainted with himself.

The man who loves his neighbor and minds his own business never wanders far from the right path.

About all the use the average man ever makes of his ancestors is to inherit weak traits from them.

The reason of so many failures in the world is because people fail to learn the difference between common sense and a gilt-edged dream.

Many a man would have left his footprints upon time's eternal sands had he gotten his mother's slipper at the proper time and place.

If some people could talk as eloquent while looking for a job as they do when kicking about hard times they would always get a job.

Massachusetts has some very strange laws. They sent a man from that state to the penitentiary the other day, for stealing a pin—it had a diamond on one end of it.

An aged woman's idea of a good husband is a good provider. She has learned from experience that a pretty mustache and a smooth talker will never keep the wolf from the door.

Most of the kicking done in this world is done at the wrong person. When a man wants to kick he usually talks to every person he meets but the right one. If you must kick, why don't you hunt up the right one, and do your talking to him.

Following was written by a St. Louis boulder while in jail awaiting trial: Out goes my pipe, The time is ripe To write a book on boulders. While I'm in jail Without a bail I'll have to work my noodle.

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15c Matting, sale price ..10c	\$1.25 Feather Pillows for ..75c
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20c Matting, sale price ..15c	\$1.75 Feather Pillows for ..\$1.25
25c Matting, sale price ..20c	\$2.50 Feather Pillows for ..\$2.00
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50c Carpet, sale price ..\$7.12 c	\$15 Bedroom Suits to go at Sale price ..\$11.95
65c Carpet, sale price ..\$9.37 c	\$15 Oak Sideboards, to go at sale price ..\$11.95
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