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THE MORNING ASTORIAN TELEPHONE 661.

TO DAY'S WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 6.—Western Oregon and Washington, cloudy with light rain or snow; cooler north portion, and continued cool south portion.

For BARGAINS

Come to Our

Seventh Annual Clearance Sale

THE A. Dunbar Co.

The county court meets in regular session today.

MacLaren's Imperial Potted Cheese is fine for a lunch. Try it. Johnson Bros.

The first rhubarb of the season was received by Johnson Bros. from California.

Sweet cream 15 cents a pint. No charge for whipping. Tagg's candy store.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, a fine cash register. Apply at Astorian office.

Thomas Russell will erect a fine residence on the corner of Third and Bond streets.

Wanted, Immediately—Diningroom girl and chambermaid. Apply at Tucker house.

You will always find the best 15c meal in the city at the Rising Sun restaurant, No. 612 Commercial street.

Call and see the latest novelties from Japan. Large stock of fancy goods. Yokohama Bazaar, 625 Commercial st.

For Rent—Three furnished rooms for housekeeping, on ground floor. Enquire at Scully's hardware store, 431 Bond street.

Carl L. Carlson yesterday made declaration of becoming a citizen of the United States. He is a native of Norway.

The finest line of purses in the city, entirely new and new styles. I have purses for everybody, from 5 cents to \$10 each.—Chas. Rogers, druggist.

The union prayer meeting at the Baptist church last night was largely attended. The meeting will be held tonight at the Presbyterian church.

Repairs have not yet been completed on the injured bridge crossing Youngs bay but the work is progressing nicely. Today the draw will be kept closed.

The next attraction at Fishers' will be "Peck's Bad Boy." This farce is said to be the funniest on the road; and will be presented on the night of January 24.

Mrs. J. M. Jeffers is critically ill at a Portland sanitarium and may not recover. The patient is suffering from rheumatism which is nearing her heart and it is feared will result fatally.

The Norwegian-Danish Methodist church has decided to discontinue the prayer week services on account of the spreading of scarlet fever. There will be no meetings of any kind during the week.

It was not found necessary to shut off the water supply Monday night as had been expected and before morning the broken main was repaired and everything at the present time is in machine like order.

All hope of finding G. A. Stinson, the lost blacksmith, alive has been abandoned, but diligent lookout is still being kept up for his body which is expected to be found washed up on either the north shore or on the sands of the lower harbor.

O. W. Hazard, agent at Des Moines, Ia., for the Columbia River Packers' association and for Samuel Elmore, arrived in the city last night to look over the local salmon situation. Mr. Hazard is largely interested in fruit raising at Pasadena, Calif., and is now on an annual trip to the coast.

Commissioner C. C. Clark will soon resume the shipping of logs from the banks of the Necanicum to this city by rail. It has been some time since this has been done, but as an agreement cannot be reached between Mr. Clark and the Seaside market as to price, Astoria millmen will get the logs.

The case of M. Susman vs. Kruse and Malar Bros. was begun yesterday in Judge Goodman's court. The Smith brothers appear for Mr. Susman and Harrison Allen is fighting the case for Kruse and Malar. The case is the one bearing on the beef which Susman sold and had returned to him by the defendants, who were not satisfied with their purchase. The hearing will be resumed today.

An event of much importance to the general public is the sweeping clearance sale now under way at the popular exclusive boot and shoe store of Petersen & Brown. When a stock of this size is offered at special sale, everything goes and nothing withheld, and prices way down to bedrock, it is no wonder that a run is made on the firm which bids fair to clean them out of goods before the time is up.

Senator Fulton has opened headquarters in Portland and his friends from all over the state are gathering there daily to assist the candidacy of the Astoria man. From all counties of the state come expressions to the effect that Mr. Fulton will be elected, and there no longer seems any question that he will be successful. W. L. Robb, collector of customs, is in charge of Mr. Fulton's Portland headquarters.

At the meeting held yesterday in Portland the salmon packers of the Columbia river adopted the committee's report which is a 50 percent increase of licenses and taxes imposed on fishermen. The idea is to eliminate personal taxes as have been applied to boat-pullers and seine workers and apply the increase only to the captains of fish boats and the operators of seines. This will advance the license of the former to 5 cents and seine operators will pay 4 cents per foot. The revenue to be derived by this method is expected to amount to \$19,000 which will be devoted to hatchery purposes. The balance of the \$25,000, estimated by Fish Warden Van Dusen to be necessary for the protection and propagation of salmon, is expected to be furnished by the state. At least the state will be asked to appropriate \$9000 to the purpose and it is expected will do so. The warden's recommendations along some lines are not accorded in by the packers. His suggestion as to an increased revenue meets with a hearty response.

A dispatch from Washington states that bids for building \$25,000,000 worth of warships were opened at the navy department yesterday. The feature of the event was the submission of the proposition to supply the enormous horsepower required to drive the Tennessee and Washington, the speediest ships of war the United States navy will have, with new turbine motors, the latter to be supplied by an American company. Another feature was the submission of the statement from one of the largest bidders to the effect that no less than 25,000 horsepower would be required to drive the ships. The highest bid submitted was by the Fore River Ship and Engine Works, Quincy, Mass., one ship \$4,578,000 and the lowest was by Wm. Cramp and Sons, Philadelphia. This firm offers to build one ship for \$4,150,000 or two for \$4,000,000 each. The provision is made, however, that the firm will use its own design. The time for delivery in nearly all the bids was about three and a half years.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Welch of this city are at Heppner with their son, George F. Welch, who has been quite ill. A telephone message received yesterday from Mr. Welch conveyed the cheering intelligence that there was marked improvement in the condition of his son, whose speedy recovery is looked for.

Dr. Estes reported last night that the four Deulich children, who are down with scarlet fever, were getting along nicely, although the eldest daughter is quite ill. The doctor says that City Physician Cordner took prompt steps to prevent spread of the disease, stationing a special police officer in front of the home to see to it that no one visited the premises. Dr. Estes says Dr. Cordner has done excellent work during the present epidemic, and is satisfied that the contagion will be stamped out in the western portion of the city.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Washn., 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.

J. P. Johnson died early yesterday morning in East Astoria from blood poisoning. Some days ago Johnson, who works in a mill, scratched the palm of his hand, and poisoning followed. There are five cases of scarlet fever in the Johnson household, and scarlet fever attacked the father. The poisoned hand was the most serious ailment, and although the arm was cut down, the sufferer died. The body was buried privately yesterday. Mrs. Johnson has been ill with scarlet fever, as have four of her children. The mother and three of the children are well on the way to recovery, but the other child is seriously ill and may not recover. The house is in quarantine. The Johnson family is in destitute circumstances, but the city and county are providing for it.

Portlanders who have been in the city for a few days verify the oft-repeated rumor that Harvey Scott is after the senatorial toga. A democratic politician, who is well versed in Portland politics, stated yesterday to an Astorian representative that Scott was sent abroad by his political managers and commanded to remain until the legislative session was well under way. It was feared he would undo the work that had already been done for him by his manager, City Editor Piper of the Oregonian. Mr. Piper freely acknowledges that he is booming Scott for the senate. The frequent denials of aspiration in that direction that have emanated from the tower, however, have ruined what little chance Scott might have had. It is said, and only a few democrats and followers of Jack Matthews are making themselves believe that the editor will go to Washington with senatorial credentials.

Complaint has been made at this office that an East Astoria milkman named Ben Ekooos has been selling milk during the prevalence of scarlet fever in his family. Six cases are reported in his home. An Astorian man who yesterday made an investigation learned from City Physician Cordner that Ekooos had been selling milk in direct violation of instructions given him by the health authorities. The disease was reported in his home six or seven days ago, and at once he was ordered to discontinue his milk business. However, he managed to supply his patrons, and continued to do so until Monday night, when the authorities went after him. A special officer was detailed to watch him, and his arrest will follow if he does not obey instructions. A visit to the neighborhood in which Ekooos lives furnishes ample reason for the prevalence of fever in that district. Refuse from the barnyard is everywhere in evidence, and it is remarkable indeed that scarlet fever has not made its appearance before this.

That no provision was made by the council charter recommendations for the immediate calling in of warrants was due to the fact that the matter can be regulated by ordinance. The city treasurer is out with a statement which shows that the amount of cash now on hand is \$22,300. It is the intention to pass an ordinance which will provide that not more than \$2500 shall be kept on hand. If an ordinance of this kind were now in effect the amount of cash on hand would be more than \$20,000 less than the statement shows it to be. City warrants bear 6 percent interest, and the interest on \$20,000 is \$1200 yearly, or \$100 monthly—an item worth saving. City Attorney Smith, when questioned last evening, said an ordinance would probably be passed by the council after the work of expediting the books was finished. The proposed change in the charter requiring applicants for registration to produce a poll tax receipt does not meet with popular approval, and it is not at all certain that the legislative delegation will favor it. Objection to the proposed change arises because of the unsatisfactory poll tax law now in effect.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try

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a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! no baking! add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocers to-day. 10 cts.

"If the regulations now in effect are adhered to, the scarlet fever epidemic will be effectually wiped out," said City Physician Cordner last evening. "No new cases have been reported since Sunday, and there are only 24 patients in the city at present. Unless some of the children get cut and spread the disease, we will soon have it under control. Indeed, new cases will now be a surprise to me. With two special officers, the health department is enabled to put its regulations into effect, and there should be no more cause for alarm. It is my opinion that every possible precaution should be taken, and that gatherings of children should be prohibited at least for a fortnight." Another physician said yesterday that, were it not for the copious rainfall and natural drainage of Astoria, this city would be at the mercy of the disease. He pointed out that the filth in some quarters was enough to start epidemics of the most fatal diseases. It is understood the health department will take steps to clean these disease-breeding spots within a short time.

PERSONAL MENTION

Hugh McCormick was in the city yesterday from Wise. Ben Worsley was in the city from Svensen yesterday. Miss Callie Munson was over from the west side yesterday. J. Bruce Polworth was in the city yesterday from Cathlamet. F. P. Leineweber and wife have returned from their wedding trip. Postmaster Peterson and wife of Altona were in the city yesterday. C. H. Wheeler, a prominent lumberman of Nehalem was an Astoria visitor yesterday. Master Fish Warden Van Dusen is in Salem in attendance on the fish commission. W. T. Elsen, formerly of The Astorian, is now in Klamath Falls, this state, lecturing. Miss Eva Parker of Skpanon is the guest of her cousins the Misses Irene and Alma Johnson. A. L. Mahler returned yesterday from a business trip to Nahcotta, and left for Portland. R. L. Hawkins is over from Ilwaco. Miss Floretta Elmore spent yesterday with friends in the metropolis.

SUBSTITUTES FOR COAL.

Necessity is the surest promoter of invention. The recent coal strike causing the price of coal to advance to almost beyond reach has resulted in the granting of over 4000 patents on machines to burn either oil or gas. The necessity for a family medicine that could be relied on absolutely in cases of stomach, liver and kidney ailments led to the introduction of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters 50 years ago. Today it is world famed as a cure for loss of appetite, indigestion, nervousness, flatulency, indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness. Try a bottle and be convinced of its value. It contains nothing that will injure the most delicate system and is therefore specially adapted for restoring strength to those who have become weak from long sickness or those in need of a tonic. Don't accept a substitute.

REMOVAL SALE.

After February 1 we will occupy our new store at 470-472 Commercial street, with an entire new stock of stoves, ranges, tinware, general hardware and plumbing goods. Until that date our present stock will be closed out at from 15 to 25 percent off. Everything goes. Call early. W. J. SCULLY, 431 Bond St.

MEETING NOTICE.

There will be a special communication of Temple lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., this (Wednesday) evening at 7:30 o'clock precisely. All sojourning brethren are cordially invited. By order W. M. E. C. HOLDEN, Secretary.

FIRE SALE.

Damaged Stock Now Selling at Reduced Prices. The damaged stock of clothing, wrap cloaks and millinery is now being sold at remarkably reduced prices in order to make room for an entirely new stock coming. Don't fail to call and see the goods. Almost have them at your own price. MRS. INGLETON, Welch Block.

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. W. R. MCINTOSH, A. M. ROSS.

FOR FORESTRY EXHIBIT

OUR TREES WANTED AT ST. LOUIS FAIR.

Urges a Creditable Display of Timber in a Letter to A. J. Johnson.

A. J. Johnson, government forestry expert, is in receipt of a letter from Tarleton H. Bean, acting chief of the forestry department of the St. Louis fair board, urging that Oregon make a liberal forestry exhibit at the 1904 fair. Mr. Johnson hopes to see the legislature make the necessary appropriation, believing it would do much to advertise the Lewis and Clark fair throughout the east. Mr. Bean's letter is as follows:

"In accordance with your letter, and at the suggestion of Mr. Sudworth, who has returned to Washington, I write you again on the subject of a worthy forestry exhibit from the state of Oregon. In order to give you a clearer idea of what we hope to do at St. Louis in 1904, I shall send you under separate cover some copies of the first circular of the forestry department. A new and fuller edition of this pamphlet will be issued as soon as the plans of the building are available. I inclose herewith a brief synopsis of forestry at expositions, containing the principal items which have been presented at previous expositions.

"I should be very glad to have your cooperation in making this the most notable forestry exhibit of the world. With the great resources of your state and your knowledge of the subject, you can easily render us effective assistance. I trust your state will take up the matter actively and promptly. I hope also that the big manufacturers will be represented in a satisfactory manner. We have the sympathy of all the big associations in the region and hope to have a very general participation in the contest for awards. We want to show forestry from the scientific as well as the commercial side, and if we all work in harmony we can accomplish good results."

"The display made by Oregon at previous expositions have widely advertised the great lumbering industry of this state, and the St. Louis directors have been urging a liberal exhibit for 1904. Mr. Johnson is of the opinion that the Lewis and Clark fair cannot be properly advertised unless creditable exhibits are made at St. Louis, and, as timber would make the best showing and attract the most attention, he thinks Oregon should show her trees. The list of awards for forestry displays shows that about 100 prizes will be offered. Every department of scientific and commercial lumbering will be given an opportunity to secure an award, and Mr. Johnson expresses the opinion that Oregon can capture just about half of the total prizes.

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Office Constructing Quartermaster, Astoria, Ore., Dec. 10, 1902.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m., January 8, 1903, and then opened for repairs to wharf at Fort Columbia, Wash. Plans and specifications may be seen and further information obtained here. Right is reserved to accept or reject any or all proposals. Envelopes should be marked "Proposals for repairs to wharf at Fort Columbia, Wash.," and addressed to Geo. L. Goodall, Capt., and Quar. Mr. U. S. Army.

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10 per cent off on Floe Blue and German China Ware and Dinner Sets.
10 per cent off on all Plated Ware except 1847 goods.

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