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TO DAY'S WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—Western Oregon and Washington, occasional rain.

The Packers' cold-storage plant in East Astoria is being enlarged and will have greatly increased capacity next season.

Frank Greenough, of the O. R. & N., will not go to Pendleton, but will remain here. The Pendleton office has already been filled.

It is expected that the work of repairing the Youngs bay bridge will be finished today, and that traffic will not be further interrupted.

The legislative session begins next Monday and a large number of Astorians will go to Salem on Saturday. The session promises to be of unusual interest to the people of this city.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C. states that Representative Cushman of Washington has introduced a bill for the appropriation of \$150,000 for promotion of salmon culture in Alaska.

W. W. Whipple will arrive in the city today from Bucoda to consult with the members of the joint manufacturers' committee. Mr. Whipple will submit a proposal looking to the establishment of two new enterprises here.

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The Thursday club spent a very pleasant afternoon yesterday at the home of Mrs. J. E. Higgins, the occasion being a farewell to Miss Margaret Higgins who leaves this morning for Palo Alto to resume her studies at the Leland Stanford Jr. university.

The Master Plumbers' association elected the following officers at the annual meeting held last night: President, S. H. Willett; vice-president, J. N. Laws; secretary and treasurer, W. N. Smith. After the election the officers entertained the members at supper.

The Commercial club is shortly to institute a tournament for a handsome medal. Handicaps will be apportioned and it is expected fully 100 members will participate. A tournament with the Irving club and another series with outside clubs are also to be arranged in the near future.

The steamer Redondo arrived down from Portland at 7 o'clock last evening and discharged 20 tons of freight at the Columbia River Packers' association wharf and left out at once for Tillamook to load lumber. The freight was brought up from San Francisco by the Redondo which arrived in port Tuesday. At that time nothing was discharged here, the steamer leaving up immediately for Portland.

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.

Office Constructing Quartermaster, Astoria, Ore., Dec. 19, 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. Goodale, Capt., and Quar. Mr. U. S. Army.

Everybody appears to be actively interested in the stranded whale and many there are who go to see the monster. Yesterday the noon train was packed with Astorians eager to get a look at the whale that formerly lived in the north sea. In fact whalers has spread to Portland and a whole trainload of people are coming down next Sunday, a special excursion being arranged to accommodate the many who have evinced a desire to make the trip. Indeed it has developed in a striking manner that folks do love to gaze upon a dead whale. If the whale had only known that he would, in his present position, be such a source of attraction, he doubtless would have long ago eagerly stranded himself and would never have run any risks of being harpooned, and converted into oil by a lot of ordinary prosaic whalers.

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It was stated to an Astorian representative yesterday by a man who knows whereof he speaks that there will be no contest between C. W. Fulton and H. W. Scott for the United States senate. According to the statement, Mr. Fulton is to have the first chance, and in the event of his failure of election, Mr. Scott will receive his support. It is said also that Bingee Hermann is favorable to Mr. Fulton, and that Governor Geer is really the only outsider.

The army board which was appointed to distribute \$500,000 for post exchanges, amusement rooms, etc., at army posts, has allotted \$50,000 for Vancouver barracks.

Secretary Root has addressed letters to E. H. Harriman, representing shipping interests of San Francisco, and to Alfred Winsor, representing interests of Seattle, and Tacoma and also to Clement A. Griscom, of the International company, notifying them of the conditions under which he proposes to open army transport service of the Pacific to competition. The scheme of the war department is embodied in a bill proposed for action of congress authorizing the secretary of war to let army transports by charter or otherwise to the highest bidder in open competition for terms of three years, unless the vessels are required sooner for military purposes.

At the regular meeting of Court Astoria No. 8, Foresters of America, last evening the following officers were installed by Deputy Grand Chief Ranger Alfred Schroder: Past chief ranger, A. B. Dalgity; chief ranger, L. H. Sprauer; sub-chief ranger, A. C. Callan; financial secretary, C. E. Foster; recording secretary, F. P. Leinenweber; treasurer, H. R. Wallace; senior woodward, A. Minard; junior woodward, Edgar Gearhart; senior beadle, M. Knutson; junior beadle, M. Vraglion; trustee for three years, H. Threlkott. The court is in a very prosperous condition, having over 200 members and is making extensive preparations for the grant court which meets next May in this city.

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 12 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.

A resident of East Astoria called at the Astorian office last night to register complaint against violation of the quarantine regulations. He said that a man named Jackson, in whose family scarlet fever had prevailed, boarded a crowded car last night and rode down town. He was asked if the quarantine had been raised at his home, and replied that it had not; that he thought there was no longer any danger. The complainant said he thought Mr. Jackson's judgment might possibly be in error, and expressed the opinion that the proper authorities should see to it that persons quarantined should remain so until official action had been taken. City Physician Cordner stated to a reporter that it was his intention to cause all infected premises to be thoroughly fumigated as soon as the patients were convalescent.

A circular from Charles M. Reeves, secretary of the committee on legislation of the St. Louis fair, urges the press of this state to do everything possible to induce the Oregon legislature to make liberal provision for a creditable exhibit. The letter says in part: "The enterprising state of Oregon has always played a prominent part in the development of the northwest and in every line leading to the advancement of humanity. Her sons and daughters are among the best of every state and territory in the Union, and her social, commercial and civil influence extends throughout the whole. We ask you to do everything in your power to pave the way to a liberal appropriation by the legislature to enable Oregon to be so well represented that it will not be second to any other state. We are especially anxious to have Oregon do her full duty in this matter on account of the moral effect it will have on the Pacific coast states. Laying aside all sentiment and state pride and considering it strictly in the light of a business proposition, a liberal appropriation by the legislature would be repaid many fold within the next few years."

"I'm willing to wager my life against six bits that C. W. Fulton will be Oregon's next United States senator," said C. J. Curtis yesterday afternoon. Now, all Astorians believe that Mr. Fulton will surely be elected, but even the most sanguine would hesitate before making a wager of the sort mentioned by Mr. Curtis. Knowing this, a reporter asked him what made him so confident. "Well, I'll tell you," was the reply. "Susman has bet Sam Harris \$20 against \$15 that Fulton will get there. To my certain knowledge, Susman never lost a bet in his life, and the very fact that he has placed his money on Fulton is sufficient to convince me that the Astoria man will be elected. No one would have the temerity to say that Susman is in possession of exclusive information on this and any other subject, but just the same the fact remains that he always bets right. You can put it down as absolutely certain that Fulton will receive the votes of a majority of the members of the legislature." Speaking seriously, Mr. Curtis said he thought three or four ballots would suffice to bring about Mr. Fulton's election. He is firmly

of the opinion that Geer and the other alleged aspirants have no show. "At this session Mr. Fulton will have no organized opposition," said Mr. Curtis, "in which respect he is more fortunate, perhaps, than any other candidate who has come up in recent years. Those men who are supposed to be out for the toga are fighting individual battles, and have all along and are still in each other's way. This, of course, gives the popular candidate all the best of matters, and I will be greatly surprised if Mr. Fulton is not successful. I cannot conceive of a possible arrangement that can now be effected to bring about his defeat."

The Astoria Progressive association convened in regular session last evening at 8 o'clock with President Carnahan in the chair. The principal business of the meeting was the election of officers to serve for the ensuing year, and this was carried through without contest, each officer being elected unanimously. Following is the result of the election: President, Harrison Allen; vice-president, Martin Foard; secretary, H. S. Lyman; treasurer, John Griffin; board of directors, Gus Hilderbrand, Albert Dunbar, A. S. Morse, F. L. Parker and O. I. Petersen. An amendment to the constitution was introduced by S. S. Gordon and was adopted by the association after going through the proper form. The constitution as amended now reads that no effort can hereafter be made to collect money from the public in the name of the association without the full approval of the president. His object in causing the constitution to be so amended, Mr. Gordon explained, was that things might be worked more on a systematic basis, curbing undue public subscriptions. Reports of the president and secretary were read by Secretary Lyman. The report of the president was a brief review of the year's work, and dealt particularly with the outlay made on the proposed city park. Some effort, the report urged, should be made to get the value of the money paid out back. The report of the secretary treated of the financial condition and membership standing of the association. During the evening the body was entertained by an informal and somewhat racy road report by William Larson, member of the road committee. The Lewis and Clark road was the burden of Mr. Larson's remarks and aside from passing up a few reflections on the harmonious condition of things in that region, offered some wise suggestions on the subject. The point at which there appears to be the principal difference is the location of the road, so it was finally decided by motion to appoint a committee of three to investigate the advisability of relocating the road from the rock crusher to the Clatsop schoolhouse, the idea being to avoid heavy grades. The committee is composed of Judge Taylor, F. L. Parker and Martin Foard. It was suggested that crushed rock be used in constructing the road and this matter will also be reported on by the committee. Reports of the other committees were informally given, but contained many valuable points and suggestions. The session was a good one and the members felt much benefited by having attended.

PERSONAL MENTION

Captain Reynolds left last evening for Clifton.
H. F. Prael returned last night from a trip to Portland.
J. H. Ross formerly of the A. & C. blacksmith at Warrenton, is in the city.
S. Dammiger will be a passenger on the O. R. & N. steamer today for San Francisco.
Geo. Peters, the popular Greek chef, is in Clifton attending a Christmas festival with his people.
Millard F. Hardesty, who has been ill for the past three weeks, has recovered, and is now able to be out.
George Boras at one time proprietor of the Boston restaurant, but now a resident of Everett, Wash., was in the city yesterday.
H. B. Gist, representing the California Saw works, arrived in the city on last night's train. Mr. Gist is on the lookout for ferocious cows, and his visits to the suburbs will be carefully made, in anticipation of another attack such as was recently made on him when he visited the Universal Sash and Door factory.

RENOUNCED HER INHERITANCE.
OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 7.—With the possibility of becoming a countess and the heiress of an Italian nobleman, Miss Florence I. Burton of Alameda, aged 18 years, has bartered her inheritance rights for \$8000 in American gold. The exchange took place in Superior Judge Orjen's court. Miss Burton renounced her adoption by Countess Ruripoll, wife of Henry Ruripoll, an Italian nobleman, and the decree of adoption was annulled, and the young lady having accepted the offer of compensation made by the count.

DOUBLE GOLDEN WEDDING.
NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—A double golden wedding was celebrated at Rye, N. Y., yesterday, at the home of Postmaster Alexander Harriott, by Mr. Harriott's aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Haviland Harriott and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Burgess, the postmaster's uncle and aunt. Twelve children, 23 grandchildren and several great grandchildren of the two couples attended and brought gifts of gold.

WILL MAKE THE LEVY

TWO MILLS TO BE FIXED FOR COURTHOUSE.

Levy of One and One-Half Mills to Be Made for Lewis and Clark Bridge.

The county court met yesterday in regular session, but adjournment was taken until today, after the admitting of claims and reading of reports from the district attorney. Commissioner Clarke could not be in attendance yesterday, so the matter of levying taxes for the year was laid over until today's session. The most important matter taken up yesterday was that of the construction of a new courthouse. The legality of the plan to build a joint courthouse and city hall had been referred to the district attorney, who reported adversely. According to the report, the state constitution specifically provides against the use of county funds jointly with the funds of any other corporation, although it will be possible for the county to build its courthouse and lease part of it to the city. It can be stated positively that a levy for a new courthouse will be made this term. The extent of the levy will depend entirely on the aggregate of all other levies, the object of the court being to keep within the amount of the total levies of last year. Indications are that it will be possible to fix the courthouse levy at 2 mills. A levy for this purpose can not be made for more than one year, and it will be necessary, in consequence, to fix new levies every year until the necessary amount is raised. In discussing the matter a member of the county court said yesterday: "So far as I am able to learn, there is no objection to the courthouse levy. For a time those who favored the Lewis and Clark bridge levy were opposed to the courthouse levy, believing that the two conflicted. However, a levy for the bridge will be made, and I anticipate no further opposition to the courthouse levy. The bridge levy will be 1.5 mills for four years, and we will probably make a levy of 2 mills for the courthouse. The assessed valuation is \$2,184,784, and the courthouse levy will net more than \$6000 for the first year." Apart from the fixing of tax levies, the court will, at its present session, appoint a road supervisor and draw a list of jurors. Yesterday the court named Dan Rierson as justice of the peace of Mishawaka precinct, to succeed Justice E. Birchard, and approved the bonds of E. E. Johnson, supervisor of road district No. 12. The district attorney, reporting on the question as to repair of county roads that cross railroad tracks, stated that the railway companies were required to keep in repair those portions of public highways lying within their right of way, including the crossings.

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.

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