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TO DAY'S WEATHER
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Water consumers will take notice that Saturday, January 10, is the last day on which to pay water rates to avoid the penalty charged all delinquents.

The school board will meet tomorrow morning for the purpose of determining whether or not it will be advisable to reopen the schools on Monday morning. It is quite probable that the schools will remain closed for another week, as the danger from contagious disease is not yet over. Doctor Cordiner will recommend that the schools be kept closed during the coming week.

Special cut sale of books and pictures at Svensen's book store.

Miss Gertrude Stockton has closed her dancing classes until after the scarlet fever epidemic.

Otto Sandell, a native of Norway, was yesterday granted first papers of citizenship in the county court.

The engagement is announced of Miss Anna Gratke of Astoria and Mr. Preston Raine of San Francisco. Mr. Raine is foreman of a large lithographing establishment in the bay city.

The new steel fixtures for the county clerk's office reached Astoria yesterday and will be installed at once. Heretofore the fixtures have been of wood, and there was little protection for the records.

The surprisingly low prices prevailing in the great clearance sale at Morse's department store have the effect of attracting a continuous stream of shoppers who are carrying away goods at a lively rate.

Although a very busy man and much engrossed in the affairs of this world, M. M. Susman desires it made known that he is prepared to back his friend Fulton for the senate with coin in any amount and against all comers.

When you purchase first class asparagus in tins, canned where grown, it is much better in quality than the fresh shipped from California. Ask us for a can of Preferred Stock asparagus, and you will agree with us. Johnson Bros.

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The Woman's club will hold its regular meeting in Pythian hall today at 2:30 p. m. The topic for discussion is "Current Events." Mrs. Hattie Cooper is the chairman for the afternoon. The response to call will be some item of interest in the events of the year.

The gasoline schooner Anita, which arrived yesterday morning from Siletz river, brought 1117 cases of salmon from the Kierman cannery there. The Anita started in over the bar Thursday, but the strong ebb tide made it impossible for her to come in and she dropped back to sea.

The crowds are still heading for the gay scene of the great annual slaughter of footwear at Petersen & Brown's shoe store. The immense stock on hand a week ago is rapidly disappearing and everybody is wearing new shoes. When goods of the well known quality kept by this enterprising firm are offered at such prices they are bound to go.

General Agent Maya, of the A. & C. is in receipt of a circular announcing the extension by the Northern Pacific of the 25 cents rate from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and Superior, to Astoria. Agent Lounsbury of the O. R. & N. has received similar notice of a like rate from Missouri river points to this city. The rates will become effective February 15 and will continue in effect until April 30. In anticipation of a rush to this section, the local commercial bodies will take steps to secure Astoria's share of the new people who will seek homes in the west.

J. B. Dimick of Hubbard, Ore., writes The Astorian that the surviving veterans of the First Oregon cavalry and the First Oregon Infantry (Oregon's "boys in blue" of 1861-65) will hold a reunion and campfire in the council chambers of the city hall at Salem, on February 3. The afternoon meeting, at 1 o'clock, will be of a business nature, and the campfire will be held at 7:30. The evening meeting will be open to veterans and the public generally. The papers of the state are requested to make mention of the gathering.

What might have proved a disastrous fire was discovered in the hold of the British steamship Gleneslin Thursday night. The vessel has a cargo of flour and is waiting an opportunity to depart for East London, South Africa. The fire, of unknown origin, started between decks, and some difficulty was experienced in reaching it. However, it was soon extinguished, after about 100 sacks of flour had been damaged by fire and water. Captain Pritchard called a board of three other ship captains, who made an examination and found that the vessel had not been damaged, and directing that she proceed to sea.

Roadmaster Frye is highly pleased with his reappointment, and his friends regard it as a flattering tribute to his efficiency. Mr. Frye is a republican, while the county court is democratic. However, Judge Trechard and Commissioner Young recognized merit and named Mr. Frye for another term.

The funeral of the late Henry Spelmier will take place this morning. Services will be conducted at the Main Street house at 10:30 by Rev. William Seymour Short, and the body will be shipped to Oceanview cemetery on the 11:25 train for Interment. The services at the grave will be private, while those at the residence will be public.

The county court has appointed Andrew Johnson, Jacob Sture and Howell Lewis as viewers to meet on the 20th and examine the proposal that the old county road in the vicinity of Andrew Young's place be vacated. A remonstrance against the petition for the vacation has also been presented to the court.

County Treasurer Hellborn's semi-annual statement, filed with the county court, shows that the general fund receipts during the last half of 1902 amounted to \$19,845.77, while the disbursements were \$18,468.25. The balance on hand July 1 was \$12,484.94, while the balance January 1 was \$12,862.46.

Several prominent republicans left last evening for Salem to attend the session of the legislature. Considerable interest centers in the organization of the two houses, and it is expected there will be an interesting fight. The Fulton candidate for president of the senate is George C. Brownell of Clackamas county, while L. C. Harris of Lane county is favored by Mr. Fulton's friends for speaker of the house. P. L. Eddy has always been very friendly with Mr. Fulton, especially at the last session, but he seems to be well under the influence of the Multnomah delegation, which usually tries to dictate matters in both houses. The indications are that Brodwell will be elected president of the senate, but the result of the speakership contest can not be foretold. The organization will be effected at noon on Monday, at which time Governor Chamberlain will be inaugurated. The inauguration ceremonies are very interesting, and many will go to Salem to witness them. Reports received yesterday from Portland are very favorable for Mr. Fulton, whose election to the United States senate seems assured.

The hearing and argument in the Lewis and Clark road case was concluded yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the court took a recess pending the deliberations of the jury. Eventually the jurymen agreed to disagree, standing three for conviction and one for acquittal, and were therefore discharged. Not much of a defense was put up and it developed that the defendants acted unwisely in relocating the road, acting as they did upon their own initiative, without showing consideration for the legal status of the case or the wishes of the general public. Mr. Demer, over whose land the road now runs, is opposed to the trespass and if the present arrangement continues states that he will enclose the property with a fence and confiscate the planks as according to the law he will be entitled to do. It is the wish of both Judge Winton, representing the defense, and Mr. Eakin, for the state, that the case be transferred to the circuit court and on the return of District Attorney Allen the matter will be referred to him. Mr. Allen, who is at Cannon Beach, will be home the early part of the week. There is a legality about the transfer to be considered and the district attorney is the right official to render a decision.

A Washington dispatch, dated January 8, says: "There is apparently no cause for concern over the delay of the engineer board in making a report on the project for improving the mouth of the Columbia river. Representative Tongue today called on the chief of engineers to learn the cause of the delay, and was assured that the report would be made in ample time to permit the resumption of work next spring as soon as the weather permits. Furthermore, work is being hastened with a view to fitting out the transport Grant for dredge work on the Columbia river bar. So far, it has been impossible to award the contract for the work of overhauling, as all offers made were considered excessive. Moran Bros., of Seattle, however, intend to submit a bid which they promise will be made reasonable, and if a better offer is not made at San Francisco or Portland, the boat will be turned over to them. When completed, the dredge will immediately start in to cut a deep channel across the bar. Mr. Tongue was told that the Columbia river board is composed of exceptionally strong-minded men, and that because of the differences of opinion it had been impossible to reach a general agreement. However, an early report is now looked for. When the plan of jetty extension is approved by Secretary Root, active work will be at once commenced."

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.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS

CASHIER OF BREWERY DIS- APPEARS FROM CITY.

Amount of His Defalcations Is Thought to Be in Neighborhood of \$600.

W. R. Beckwith, cashier for the North Pacific Brewing company, has decamped after squandering about \$600 of the firm's money. Beckwith failed to make out the customary monthly statement on January 1, and an investigation disclosed the fact that he was to the bad. Experts are now at work on the books, and until their work is finished the exact amount of the shortage will not be known. When seen yesterday about the defalcation, Manager Emil Schimpff said:

"It will be a day or two before the amount of Beckwith's shortage is known, but I expect it will be in the neighborhood of \$600—perhaps a little more. It is customary for our cashier to prepare a monthly statement, but Beckwith neglected to do so on January 1. I spoke to him about the matter, but he said he was ill and would render a statement as soon as he recovered. On Wednesday, when I asked for the statement, he again said he was ill, and left the office, presumably for medical attendance. That night I found him in an intoxicated condition and took from him the keys to the office. He promised to show up the following day and balance the books, but instead of doing so he left the city. He was under surety bonds in the sum of \$5000 and the company will lose nothing."

Beckwith was an erratic fellow, and of late had incurred the enmity of many persons. He seemed anxious that everyone with whom he came in contact should pose as his devoted slave, and some of his actions were decidedly queer. Of late he had been drinking heavily. A warrant for his arrest has been issued on a charge of embezzlement, and it is thought he will soon be arrested.

HAS BEEN TREATED UNFAIRLY

Milkman Ekoos Disclaims Having Violated Health Regulations.

ASTORIA, Jan. 9.—To the Editor: In your issue of January 7 appears an item that is very misleading and detrimental to my character and standing as a citizen. The statements made are absolutely untrue, and the one that reported me ought to be compelled to prove the charges he has made against me. I have not sold a drop of milk to any of my customers since I was quarantined, except to Mr. Iverson's family, in which the fever already existed. It has also been stated that I have brought milk to Mrs. West, to be distributed by her to my customers. That is also untrue. I have brought no milk to her, or any one else. Concerning the sanitary conditions around my place, I think that they will compare favorably with the rest of my neighbors. Now, let the persons who have made the complaints against me come forward like men and prove their statements, and I will abide by the truth. Until this is done they will stand as persons who spread false reports about their neighbors. Respectfully,
BEN. EKOOS.

Some days ago it was reported to The Astorian that Mr. Ekoos was selling milk while his house was under quarantine, there being scarlet fever in his family. This report was later verified by the city health officials, and not until this verification was anything published concerning the matter. The Astorian did not state that Ekoos furnished milk to Mrs. West for his regular patrons, but gave the statement of the health officials, and from all reports the condition of his dairy premises is bad enough. Whether or not it compares favorably with other places in the vicinity is not the question. Generally there seems to have been a disposition on the part of East Astoria residents to overlook the instructions of the city health officials, and The Astorian is reliably informed that Ekoos was one of those who failed to follow the instructions of the city physician.

ALASKA PACKERS WIN BIG SUIT

Court Holds That Other Firms Have Infringed on Jensen Patent.

Judge Hanford, of the United States circuit court at Seattle has rendered a decision in favor of the Alaska Packers association, in an action in which the association is plaintiff and against Letson & Burpee, defendants. The decision is important as it affects almost every salmon cannery along the Pacific coast, British Columbia and Alaska. It is for an infringement on a patent used for canning salmon, and relates to capping cans—that is, putting the caps on the cans after the latter are filled with the fish. The Alaska Packers' association claims sole ownership of the patent, the first machine of its kind to supplant tedious work which otherwise had to be done by hand, and gives the packer an advantage of at least 5 cents on each can packed, over

the old method of capping cans by hand. The plaintiffs claim that the patent has been infringed upon by almost every cannery on the coast, and this action was brought against Letson & Burpee as a test case. All canneries will have to abide by the decision. Judge Hanford ordered an injunction to issue, enjoining the defendants from using the patent, and awarded damages at a specified amount for a case, for which the defendants will have to render an account for the entire time they have used the patent. All canneries will have to discontinue the use of the patent and account to the Alaska Packers' association for its use during the past six years, which will aggregate about \$300,000. The patent is the invention of M. Jensen, formerly a resident of this city, who sold his patent to the Alaska Packers' association, receiving a fortune for it.

PERSONAL MENTION

John Vallmer has returned to his home at Seaside.
 T. H. Allman visited the city yesterday from Cathlamet.
 F. P. Kendall arrived in the city yesterday from Portland.
 John Nasa of Cathlamet was an Astoria visitor yesterday.
 R. A. Hawkins, a resident of Bakers bay, was here yesterday.
 Lot Gilmore, the well known farmer, visited the city yesterday.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kline have returned from a visit to Portland.
 Frank Stillwell arrived in from Tillamook yesterday, coming overland.
 C. J. Curtis will leave today for Salem to be in attendance at the legislature.
 Miss Mary Brayne and her cousin, Miss Shanks, were in the city yesterday.
 K. F. Johnson, the dairy man, was in the city yesterday from the Lewis and Clark.
 W. J. Ingalls was in the city yesterday from the Lewis and Clark attending the road case.
 Hon. C. W. Carnahan left last evening for Portland, where he will remain until the legislature is ready to convene, when he will go on to the capital.

CHURCHES

GERMAN LUTHERAN—ZION'S—Services at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.
BAPTIST—There will be no Sunday school, but all other services will be observed as usual.
FIRST LUTHERAN—Rev. Oscar Ostrom, pastor—There will be the usual services morning and evening. No Sunday school until future notice.
METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. Harold Oberg will preach both morning and evening. Timely subjects will be presented at both services. No Sunday school in this church.

GRACE—Services as usual. Morning prayer with sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer at 7:30 o'clock. Service at Holy Innocent's chapel, East Astoria, at 9 a. m. Both Sunday schools will be omitted until further notice.

NORWEGIAN-DANISH Methodist—No Sunday school on account of the scarlet fever. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Morning subject: "The Gospel Mirror." Evening subject: "The King's Wedding." Song service at 7 p. m.

PREBYTERIAN—There will be no session of the Sunday school. Other services as usual. Theme of the morning sermon will be, "Is the Church Decadent?" In the evening the pastor will give the first of a series of lectures on the general theme "How We Got Our Bible." Theme of this lecture: "The Romance of the Manuscripts."

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.
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Best Spool Cotton, per spool	2c
Best Print, fast colors	2c
Gingham, per yard	4 1/2c
9x4 Bleached Sheetting	19c
Corset Covers	5c
\$5 and \$6 Ladies' Jackets	\$ 3.48
\$10 and \$12 " "	7.98
\$18.50 and \$22 " "	14.48
50 and 60c Ladies' Underwear	.38
\$1 and \$1.25 " "	.89
\$1 and \$1.25 " Flannel Waists	.89

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3 x 3 1/2, reduced from \$5.75 to \$4.65	\$7.50 Iron Beds, sale price \$4.00
3 x 4, reduced from \$6.75 to \$4.95	\$1.25 Feather Pillows for \$1.00
15c Matting, sale price 10c	\$1.50 Feather Pillows for \$1.00
18c Matting, sale price 13c	\$1.75 Feather Pillows for \$1.25
20c Matting, sale price 15c	\$2.50 Feather Pillows for \$2.00
25c Matting, sale price 20c	\$15 Bedroom Suits to go at Sale price \$11.00
35c Matting, sale price 27c	\$15 Oak Sideboards, to go at sale price \$11.50
50c Carpet, sale price 37 1/2 c	Good High Back Dining Chairs, sale price \$1.00
65c Carpet, sale price 50c	Hard Wood Sinking Chairs, for sale price \$1.00
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