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TO DAY'S WEATHER

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Miss Maybelle Young, who is studying at St. Luke's hospital in San Francisco, has lately passed through a stage of typhoid fever. She has now recovered.

Curtis M. Kimball has tendered his resignation as a member of the police force, and at a meeting of the commission yesterday it was accepted. As yet no one has been slated to succeed him.

The stranded sperm whale has made its disappearance from the beach near Fort Stevens, greatly to the relief of people residing in that vicinity. The carcass floated away during Friday night.

The funeral of the late Henry Spelmier was held yesterday from the residence of deceased's son. The interment was in Oceanview, the services being conducted by Rev. William Seymour Short.

Captain Vexsey, Lloyd's surveyor, was down from Portland yesterday to make a survey of the British steamship Glenshell, which was on fire a few nights ago. The vessel was not damaged and will be permitted to proceed to sea for South Africa.

The council will meet in regular session on Monday night, when the ways and means committee will submit its statement of appropriations for the various departments of the city government. The meeting will be the first regular session of the new council.

The only aspirant for the position made vacant by the resignation of Police Officer Kimball is John Corno, a deserving young man who has resided in this city for a great many years. He has a host of friends who are advocating his appointment, and it is quite probable he will be given a star.

An entertaining dance was given last night by the boys of the No. 3 engine house in East Astoria. About 25 couples were present and all thoroughly enjoyed the hop. Excellent music for the occasion was furnished by Mrs. Kearns. It is the purpose of the young men to give other dances in the near future.

A Victoria broker has disposed of the tug Sampson, now engaged in towing over the Columbia river bar, to a strong company of capitalists, including several residents of Seattle, who will use her as a towboat in the northern coal and oil trade. Four large barges, now in the Columbia, have also been purchased by the same firm.

The county court yesterday adjourned until next Wednesday, having completed the work of drawing a list of jurors for the circuit court. A request from School Superintendent Lyman that he be provided with office room was taken under advisement. The superintendent occupies a very small corner of Assessor Cornelius' office, and the county court can find no other place for him.

Captain Porter of the British ship Riverdale has caused the arrest of Larry Sullivan, on a charge of enticing sailors from the vessel. Sullivan has been released on \$200 bail. He claims that the sailors sent for him and asked that he take them ashore, as they were unable to get enough to eat. Sullivan denies Captain Porter's charge that he went aboard without permission, saying the mate permitted him to visit the ship.

Captain Stroak, whose ship, the County of Linnithgow, which has been in quarantine for some time, delivered himself of an interesting account of his experiences at the station, in the lobby of the Occident last night. Captain Stroak is an Irishman, and his recital was listened to by a large crowd, which found in it much cause for merriment. The captain had no complaint to make that his ship was put through the quarantine, but his story of the experience was highly amusing.

Rapid work is being done in discharging the ballast of the British bark County of Linnithgow now at the quarantine station on the north shore. Half of the ballast has been removed and fumigated, the powerful disinfectant being pumped into the muck as fast as it is taken from the hold. The disinfectant used is the most effective to be had, shovels and other tools used in the work being eaten up in a short time. The pump has been brought to this city on several different occasions to be repaired for the same reason.

Next summer salmon canneries will be established on the coasts of Behring sea. Salmon packing on Puget sound and in Alaska is controlled by a trust which has caused independent canners to look about for new sources of supply. Their investigations made last summer show that the rivers emptying into Behring sea are alive with a high quality of salmon during July and August. The first cannery will be built by James T. Scott and C. T. Luce, once Columbia river packers.

A report comes from Fort Stevens that a serious stabbing affray occurred there on the 8th inst., the soldiers' pay day. Several men became involved in a fight, during the course of which knives were freely used. One of the soldiers was slashed across the arm, the artery being severed, and it was feared for a time that he would bleed to death. Others of the participants were also cut, but there were no fatalities. Except the information here given, no particulars of the affray could be obtained last night.

A special meeting of the school board was held yesterday morning for the purpose of considering the advisability of keeping the schools closed for another week. It was decided that such a course would be expedient. The scarlet fever epidemic is now under control, but it is feared that new cases may develop if children are permitted to gather at school or elsewhere. The regulation requiring parents to keep their children at home will be strictly enforced the present week, and should there still be ground for alarm next Saturday, another week of closing will probably be ordered.

Portland is full of members of the legislature and politicians generally, who will leave for Salem tonight, to be in attendance at the opening of the session at noon tomorrow. Almost every senator and representative arriving in Portland has been questioned as to his views on an appropriation of \$20,000 for new salmon hatcheries, and thus far not one has opposed the measure that is to be introduced. All agree that the state can well afford to make a liberal appropriation for the establishment of the five new plants for which sites have been chosen, and that the bill will go through in certain. The wonderful results obtained from the propagation plants have demonstrated their utility, and there is a widespread feeling that the state should do everything possible to advance the interests of its great fisheries.

Local musicians will be highly pleased to learn that a sheet music house is to be established in this city. The crying need of this section since the Indian war dance, their whoop, holler and noisy tom-tom were succeeded by the rhythmic waltz, melody and harmonious sound has been a sheet music store, and now there is actually going to be one. A stock of the very latest sheet music, including all the popular airs, flashy two-steps and dreamy waltzes will be on hand at 464 Commercial street, between Tenth and Eleventh, on a day that will be announced later. Compositions of the masters will be available to those who desire the classics. There will no longer be a necessity of sending abroad for the latest thing in music, involving a vexatious delay and possible error. Music lovers will be highly gratified to be acquainted with the fact.

Sheriff Linville left last night for Portland to take into custody William R. Beckwith, who is wanted here to account for something like \$800. Beckwith was found in a Portland hospital by Portland detectives who were requested by Chief Hallock of this city to find him. When arrested Beckwith disclaimed that he was short in his accounts, saying he would straighten out the matter on his return to Astoria. He explained to the Portland police that he left Astoria because he had trouble with the superintendent of the brewing company. Beckwith is said to be mentally deficient, and there is much sympathy for him in some quarters. He was attacked with typhoid fever and his reason has never been normal since. The impression prevails that he was not in full possession of his senses when he left the city. On account of his affliction, it is probable criminal proceedings against him will fail.

Advices from Washington justify the hope that dredging operations may be undertaken at the mouth of the Columbia during the coming summer. Senator Mitchell has called on Chief Gillespie and urged the acceptance of the bid of the Risdon Iron works to convert the transport Grant into a bar dredge, and while the chief has not made any promises, he seems to doubt the advisability of rejecting the offer—\$267,000—which was at first regarded as excessive. Senator Mitchell insisted that the contract be let at once, in order that the dredge might be ready for use at the earliest possible moment. The senator says there is an emergency at the mouth of the river, in which the commerce of the entire Pacific northwest is involved. Owing to delay on the jetty project, the necessity is still greater for the early completion of the dredge. He contended that, if the work is to be done at Mare Island, a plan now being considered, the boat will not be refitted inside a year. It is therefore urged that the work be immediately undertaken by contract.

In last night's dispatches it was stated that the senatorial contest in the state of Washington is being overshadowed in the capital by the fight for speaker of the house. The speaker-ship contest is being narrowed down to a fight between W. H. Hare, of Yakima and R. B. Wilson of Kittitas. J. G. Megler of Wahkiakum is the third candidate. Tonight it seems probable that Hare may be selected as speaker. Caucuses of various delegations are in progress, but a change in the present lineup is not likely to be material. Hare is within easy reaching distance, while Wilson acknowledges his chances rest with the caucuses. The contest will be settled by Sunday night. The legislature convenes Monday.

THE STRANDED WHALE.

(Somebody said a whale was stranded on the beach near Fort Stevens.)

Far in the north there lived a whale. A naughty whale was he. His ma and pa would scold and rail, But threats of bogie man and jail Were found to be of no avail. The toiling curfew, too, would fail To keep him home at night; he'd scale 'The fence the world to see.

And so he'd roam around at night— The dissipated scamp! And often in the morning light He'd stagger home, so awful tight The baby whales would all take fright And lady whales paled at the sight And all exclaimed, "Oh, he will bite. 'The nasty, vulgar tramp!"

And so his father licked him hard. His mother spanked in vain. The naughty whale no small bit cared, 'Though he occasion'ly got scared And promised to be good. He fared At last for other climes and dared His folks—his shocked friends stood and stared.

He went nor came again. And so he left his home behind, But got so many knocks By battling with the waves and wind That he at last was glad to find A place to rest and ease his mind. He said, "Now really I've not dined For days—that river might be kind."

And, entering, hit the rocks. So, dashing youths, you must not fail To keep from harm's long reach. Mind the curfew, 'twill avail To keep you outside of a jail. And when your parents spank and rail You must not o'er the back fence scale And sneak away, or like the whale You'll strand upon the beach. —M. L. B.

PERSONAL MENTION

H. T. Finlay is in the city from Portland.

F. Bartoldus is in from his Walluski dairy yesterday.

Alex Gilloert has returned from a Portland business trip.

Mrs. C. M. Celler has returned home from a visit to Portland.

Mrs. William Chadwick of Warrenton visited the city yesterday.

Anton Brix, the well known logger of Grays river was in the city yesterday.

Oscar Wilson, a steamboat man of Seattle is in the city. He formerly resided here.

C. H. Deana who has been associated with the gasoline schooner Anita, was in the city yesterday from his home at Warrenton.

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, insomnia, 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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FEARS BUBONIC PLAGUE

PESTILENCE MAY SPREAD TO THIS PORT.

Governor Urged to Ask That San Francisco Ships Be Placed in Quarantine.

Bubonic plague, the most terrible of all contagious diseases, is prevalent to an alarming extent at San Francisco, and there is fear that it may be brought to Astoria and Portland by incoming ships. Dr. J. B. Biersdorf, health officer at Portland, who has been studying the situation, believes there is good reason for alarm, and has urged that Governor Geer take steps to establish a quarantine at this port against vessels arriving at San Francisco. The plague exists at the Bay city in the extensive Chinese quarters there, and should it once get a start, terrible results would follow. In his letter to the governor, Doctor Biersdorf says:

"I take the liberty of addressing you in regard to the plague at San Francisco. I have watched the conditions there carefully, and am thoroughly convinced, not only that the plague exists there, but that the health of our state is in danger. The number of cases has been increasing rapidly, and a recent investigation shows that rats have contracted the disease. Rats are considered to be carriers of this disease. Every ship from San Francisco brings a great many rats, and it will be only a short time, under existing circumstances, until the disease will have asserted itself here.

"Doctor Fagan, health officer of Victoria, B.C., has recently returned from a tour of inspection. On his return he visited me and reported the situation to be alarming. So seriously did the health officers of British Columbia regard his report that a strict quarantine has been established against San Francisco and also against certain Oriental vessels.

"Oregon has no state board of health. The only possibility of a quarantine here is through you as governor of the state. I am informed that the United States health and marine service has power to adopt any measures regarded as necessary for the protection of the health of the people of any community, upon the recommendation of Surgeon-General Wyman of Washington, D. C. A petition from you, representing the people of Oregon, would probably induce him to take some action in this case.

"Doctor Fagan and myself are not alone in the fight against this disease. Upon the petition of the health officers of more than five or more states, Surgeon-General Wyman may call a special meeting to consider any great health problem. Such a petition has been received by him, and he has called a meeting, at which he requests representatives of every state in the Union to be present, and which will meet in Washington the latter part of January. The purpose of the meeting, as expressed by him in the call, is to consider the problem of protecting other states from invasion by bubonic plague, which he says exists in San Francisco."

EARLE COMMENDS BIERSDORF.

Believes Every Precaution Should Be Made Use of.

Doctor Earle, the local quarantine officer, when seen last evening, commended the action taken by Doctor Biersdorf, believing that there is cause for every precaution being taken, though he has not been officially acquainted with the present condition of the plague in San Francisco. During his residence there two years ago, as assistant of Doctor Kinyoun, quarantine officer, there were, to his personal knowledge, 32 cases of bubonic plague in that city. The disease was confined strictly to the Chinese quarters, every victim being a Mongolian. This, however, in no sense does away with the possibility of the malady spreading amongst the whites. Should it once obtain a start its devastating effects would prevail anywhere. Though it is true that the Asiatic races, owing to their modes of life, are particularly susceptible to the dreaded disease.

In the year just past, according to the current number of the Public Health Reports, there were reported 41 cases of plague in San Francisco, 40 of which are reported as having resulted fatally. The largest number were in August when 19 cases were reported. December, February and April had but one case each, while the only months that escaped entirely were January, March and June.

Doctor Earle explained that according to the late-state law he could, should conditions demand it, close the port to incoming vessels, but does not feel justified in taking such action at the present time.

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