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High Water.	A. M.	P. M.		Low Water.	A. M.	P. M.			
Date.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	Date.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.		
SUNDAY	8:05	7.6	12:46	7.5	SUNDAY	8:24	1.0	6:49	2.2
Monday	7:40	7.7	1:15	7.8	Monday	7:01	1.1	7:19	1.6
Tuesday	7:15	7.7	1:41	8.0	Tuesday	6:28	1.2	7:55	1.4
Wednesday	6:50	7.7	2:08	8.1	Wednesday	5:55	1.4	8:25	1.1
Thursday	6:25	7.6	2:34	8.2	Thursday	5:22	1.6	8:59	0.9
Friday	6:00	7.5	3:01	8.3	Friday	4:50	2.0	9:47	0.8
Saturday	5:35	7.4	3:29	8.3	Saturday	4:17	2.4	10:40	0.9

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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting on Monday night, at 7:30. Several matters of importance are to be brought up and a full attendance is requested.

## FAIRIES ARE COMING.

"The King of the Land of Nod" at the Methodist church on Friday evening will be a delightful entertainment. Forty children will charm with winsome songs and lovely scenes. Admission 25 cents.

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# Ruling Is Made In Morse Case

Quarantine Regulations Can Not Apply to Vessels Coming From Nushagak.

Dr. Baylis H. Earle, quarantine officer at this port, yesterday received from Surgeon-General Wyman, of the public health and marine hospital service, a letter in which the health regulations are defined in the matter of vessels arriving from interstate ports. The correspondence followed the arrival of the bark Harry Morse from Nushagak, Alaska, Captain Reynolds having come aboard before the quarantine officer boarded the ship. Dr. Earle wired the circumstance to Washington receiving in reply the following telegraphic message:

"Washington, Sept. 5.—Dr. B. H. Earle, Astoria.—As bark Harry Morse coastwise, not evident to bureau what regulation was violated. You did right in boarding vessel, as she raised yellow flag, and if contagious disease had been found could have held her under interstate quarantine regulations. But bureau unable to determine there was any violation. WYMAN."

The letter received yesterday by Dr. Earle goes more fully into details, and is as follows:

"At this writing it does not seem to the bureau that the captain of the Harry Morse violated and specific regulation of the quarantine regulations. That he hoisted the yellow flag meant that he wished quarantine inspection, which was not required by and of the maritime quarantine regulations, the vessel not being from a foreign port."

"The bureau wishes to commend your activity in the matter and the great care exercised by you, even sleeping upon the vessel during the night. And, furthermore, it is probable that shortly there will be some interstate maritime regulations published which will fit such cases."

Nushagak, like Manila and Honolulu, is an interstate port, but the department cannot have convenient communication with it, removed as it is from the rest of the world. Dr. Earle states that it is customary for the department to inform him of the prevalence of disease in such interstate ports as Honolulu and Manila, and that he is instructed during those periods when contagious diseases rages to quarantine all vessels arriving from infected ports. It is evident from Surgeon-General Wyman's letter that the health regulations are not complete as the bureau could wish, and that the interstate regulations will be extended so as to cover exceptional cases, such as that of the Harry Morse. It is the aim of the department to keep out disease, no matter what the cost, and the regulations are adjusted from time to time to fit new situations.

## DECREASE IN CHINESE POPULATION.

There are, according to the statement of a prominent Chinese resident, only 300 Chinamen now in the city. This number includes those Celestials who recently returned from the Alaskan canneries. The Chinese population of Portland is between 2,000 and 4,000. Fifteen years ago Astoria's Chinese population was as great as 1,000 during some seasons of the year, and the average population was 700. The closing down of several local canneries had the effect of driving the Chinese elsewhere. The statement is made that the number of deaths among the Chinese of Astoria and Portland is greater than the number of Chinese coming into this country. Every outgoing steamer takes a returning Chinese contingent and the population is rapidly diminishing. It is predicted that a Chinese will be a rarity 15 years hence in the Oregon cities.

## CARP ARE PLENTIFUL.

Ferrets who have recently been hunting on the tidelands south of the city report that German carp have made their appearance in large numbers. The fish can be seen working their way through the long grass that grows on the tideland, and they are said to be quite as plentiful near Astoria as along the upper Columbia river. The carp has become a great pest, and the people of the northwest heap imprecations on those responsible for the planting of the fish in northwestern waters. Large fish can be caught underneath the docks of Astoria, and the Chinese find them an acceptable addition to their unique menus.

## SICK, NOT INSANE.

Sheriff Linville went over to New Astoria yesterday in response to a telephone message saying that a demented woman was running wild there. According to the information phoned over the woman had threatened to take her child into the woods and kill it. The sheriff located the woman, but found that the sensational story was utterly without foundation. She has been ill of late, but her mind is not unbalanced. She was allowed to remain at her home. The woman is a widow.

## CARPENTERS BANQUET.

The carpenters' labor union held a social session in Carnahan hall last night. The feature of the evening was the presentation of the flag awarded the carpenters as the first prize for the best turnout in the Labor day parade. The presentation speech was made by Adolph Johnson and response by Fred Wright. A banquet followed.

## FOX WILL HAVE SEARCHLIGHT.

A Rushmore acetylene projector was received by the Reliance Electrical Works yesterday that will be installed by Warren Cyster on John Reid's new launch Fox. At present there is no

launch in this section that possesses a search light, but there are several launchmen on the river who say they intend to follow the example of Captain Reid in the near future. The new projector displays a nine inch light that is created by acetylene gas generated by calcium carbide sprayed by water. The light itself is supplemented by a generator. A paper can be read a distance of 150 yards from the light on the darkest night, while small objects can be easily seen at a much greater distance. The Fox will be equipped with the projector the first of the week.

## TWO RELICS THAT INTEREST

Mr. Himes Secures Valuable Addition to Collection.

Mr. George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical Society returned from Seaside last evening. He brought with him two interesting relics, the first a smooth bore rifle, secured from Mrs. Munson at Skipanon, which was an heirloom in the family of her late husband, J. W. Munson, the veteran light keeper at Point Adams, for generations. It is believed to have been used in the Pequot Indian war, long prior to the revolution. It came into the possession of Mr. Munson about 1828-30. He then caused it to be restocked and used it as a hunting gun in eastern New York until he came across the plains to Oregon in 1853. A few years later he grew hungry for a sight of the old gun, and finally the relatives, with whom it was left, sent it to Oregon in 1870 via Cape Horn, and great was Mr. Munson's joy in coming into its actual possession again. It was a flint lock originally, but many years ago a percussion lock was substituted. It was a famous gun in its day, providing the right man was behind it, and on its last public appearance two wild geese were killed with one shot.

The other relic is a piece of a brick made in New York state and brought around Cape Horn to Astoria in 1850, at an expense of \$50 per thousand. Then it cost \$5 additional to remove them from Astoria to Lexington, now Skipanon, the former county seat of Clatsop county. The brick was used by Mr. A. C. Wirt in the building of his fireplace.

## CAME NEARLY GOING TO SEA

Big Log Raft Broke Loose From Its Moorings.

The big log raft came nearly going to sea without the assistance of a tow Friday night. A heavy blow came up and the raft broke loose from its moorings at Flavel. The steamer Leggett, which was lying near by, started in pursuit of the boom and passed a steel cable, but the cable was caught in the steamer's wheel and severed. The steamer was temporarily disabled by the accident, and the raft started toward the mouth of the river. Fortunately it was caught in an eddy just below Fort Stevens and came to a standstill in a small cove. The Leggett recovered it and towed it back into deep water, where it is being held until weather conditions are favorable for its departure for San Francisco.

## BIG VESSEL ARRIVES.

The British steamship Yeddo arrived in port yesterday from Port Townsend. The Yeddo is one of the largest vessels that plies regularly to oriental ports and this is her first visit to the Columbia river. She left up the river during the day to take a lumber cargo to the far east. The Yeddo was originally chartered to take the lumber cargo that the Yeddo will load, but the vessel arriving yesterday was sent to take her place.

## HAD ROUGH PASSAGE.

The steamship Columbia arrived from San Francisco late yesterday afternoon, about 10 hours late. She experienced the full effect of the gale which raged all along the coast, and from the time she left San Francisco until she reached her dock here the weather was very severe. The passenger list was a large one, and many of the travelers were quite sick. Among the Columbia's passengers were 25 men who are to work in the Bugby rock quarry. After discharging freight for local merchants, the Columbia left up the river.

## MARINE NOTES.

The steamer L. Roscoe, recently built arrived down the river yesterday. She has a quantity of sawmill machinery for Florence, Oregon.

The steamer Homer arrived yesterday from Seattle. She has on board a quantity of lighthouse supplies and will load additional supplies at Portland. On completing her cargo she will depart for Alaska, where the stores will be unloaded at different lighthouses.

The British ship Blythwood is on the way down the river in tow of the Harvest Queen. She has 1,300,437 feet of lumber, valued at \$30,045, and goes to Cape Town, South Africa.

The steamer Signal arrived down the river yesterday, and will depart Monday for Redonda, Cal., with a cargo of lumber.

## HARRY JOHNSON NUPTIALS.

The marriage of Mr. John Harry and Miss Hilma Johnson was solemnized last evening at the residence of Dr. C. C. C. Rosenberg, at Bond and Fifth streets. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Rissenen, pastor of the Finnish church. The Rosenberg home was beautifully decorated, and between 70 and 80 guests were present. Miss Sofia Lanto officiated as bridesmaid and Mr. E. Lanto as best man.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a sumptuous repast was served, lasting until midnight. Mr. and Mrs. Harry were the recipients of many handsome presents.

Illustrated concert under auspices of W. O. W., M. E. church tomorrow night. Admission 15, 25 and 35 cents. Performance 8 o'clock.

# Convention for An Open River

People of Astoria Urged to Interest Themselves in Project Under Way.

Levi W. Meyers, secretary of the Columbia River Improvement Association, offers an excellent suggestion in a letter to The Astorian. He believes a river improvement convention should be held for the purpose of urging upon congress the necessity of opening the Columbia. Mr. Meyers' letter follows:

"Portland, Sept. 10.—(Editor The Astorian)—It seems to me that the opening of the Columbia river to unobstructed commerce, between The Dalles and Celilo, is one of the most important of all the public enterprises now before the people of our state, and I drop you a few lines to ascertain how you think and feel about it, and to ascertain whether the people of Astoria will take part in a river improvement convention that is projected to be held some time next month at The Dalles. I will not undertake to review the history of this river question, its present status or its prospect in the future, for you already know all about these matters. It is sufficient to say that nothing will be accomplished in the way of a permanent improvement at the point of obstruction designated until there is a decidedly popular demand for it. At present all talk about something about to be done is, substantially, to kill time and stave off the inevitable."

"I have corresponded with editors of the Inland Empire about this improvement and a mass convention to help it along, and all favor it: only cooperation at this end of the river is necessary to give it life and force."

"I am a citizen of Portland, but my interest in public affairs is not tied up in this city or even in this state. I know something about the improvement of rivers, having lived for a large part of my life on the banks of the Mississippi, and I want to see the Columbia opened to the Pacific. It ought to be done, and it can be done if the people will press congress vigorously enough through the delegations from the Northwestern states. I do not believe it will be done in any other way and so I favor this proposed convention. What will Senator Fulton say about it?"

"There has been rivalry between this city and Astoria. It ought not to have been, but the solution of this matter is the opening of the Columbia to Lewiston and the Snake into Idaho. Open the rivers to safe navigation and then let the laws of trade and of transportation determine results. The city that can build most boats and do the carrying to the best advantage should, and will, control the trade and make the shipments to the Orient. Has not Astoria as vital an interest here as any other city of the Northwest?"

The contents of Mr. Meyers' letter were conveyed to Senator Fulton yesterday and the senator was asked for an expression. He said:

"I believe the suggestion for a river improvement should be adopted. A convention of the kind suggested would show congress the deep interest which the people of the Columbia basin take in the matter of the open river and would, I believe, perhaps have influence in securing the necessary appropriation. To my mind, the convention should be held at an early date, and, while the people of Eastern Oregon ought to be most largely represented, it would be well to have representation from Astoria, as showing that the improvement affects the interests of all alike. I think the idea is an excellent one and hope it will be carried out."

## PAY YOUR TAXES.

Deputy Sheriff Binder is anxious that property owners be again cautioned that taxes will become delinquent on October 5, the first Monday in the month. Many tax payers are inclined to be forgetful and when they see their property advertised for sale are suddenly reminded of their failure to discharge a public duty. Property owners should remember that they will experience much difficulty in redeeming their property once it is sold, and as the time for paying taxes is growing short, delinquents should settle up at once.

## NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR LOUVRE.

Charles Wirkkala has assumed management of the Louvre, the well-known resort, succeeding Victor Lindbeck, who goes to Portland. Mr. Wirkkala will probably sever his connection with the firm of Seefeldt & Wirkkala and give his entire time to management of the Louvre. It is his intention to thoroughly renovate the place and arrange for attractions of interest.

## JACOB KAMM GIVES CONSENT.

At the last session of the Circuit court Clerk Olson was instructed to ask Jacob Kamm for permission to take gravel from the bottom of a creek running through his farm, for use in paving the Nehalem road. Mr. Kamm, in a letter to Mr. Clinton, grants the permission.

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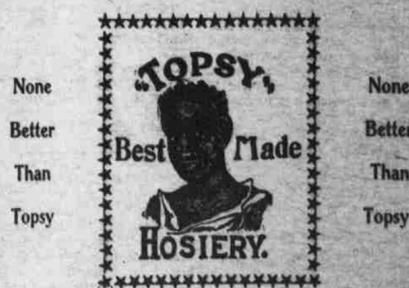
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