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December, 1903.					December, 1903.						
High Water.		A. M.		P. M.	Low Water.		A. M.		P. M.		
Date.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.	Date.	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.		
SUNDAY	6	2:04	7.5	1:29	8.9	SUNDAY	6	7:40	2.8	8:19	-1.0
Monday	7	2:47	7.6	2:15	8.7	Monday	7	8:32	2.8	9:05	-0.8
Tuesday	8	3:34	7.6	3:05	8.3	Tuesday	8	9:27	2.8	9:51	-0.3
Wednesday	9	4:23	7.6	4:01	7.7	Wednesday	9	10:25	2.8	10:43	0.2
Thursday	10	5:17	7.6	5:09	7.1	Thursday	10	11:25	2.7	11:37	0.9
Friday	11	6:19	7.8	6:28	6.5	Friday	11	12:28	2.7	12:35	2.4
Saturday	12	7:10	7.9	7:45	6.3	Saturday	12	0:36	1.5	1:48	2.1

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The funeral of Miss Anderson will be held from the home of Mrs. Bergman in the East End this afternoon. The interment will be in Greenwood.

The quartermaster's steamer Major Guy Howard will not return to this city as soon as anticipated. She was placed on the ways at Portland last Monday and will receive her new guards and have her bottom painted.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold a contest social at the rooms on Bond street tomorrow at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Members will please note the change of the hour of meeting. All are urged to be present.

The O. R. & N., steamer Elder arrived in from San Francisco this morning with an abundance of freight. It required some hours to unload the cargo, so the vessel was delayed in getting up the river. A good passenger list was reported by the agent.

The case of M. Susman charged with cruelty to an animal, will be heard in the justice's court tomorrow forenoon at 10 o'clock. Constable Utzinger was busy part of today subpoenaing witnesses for the hearing. In the meantime the horse is taking a much needed rest.

The tug Sadie B., popular here at several regattas, is to receive extensive alterations soon at Supple's yards. She will be given an additional width of three feet, and a new boiler and compound engines will be installed. The vessel will also be provided with a new cabin.

The local plant of the American Can Company will be located in the new quarters at Portland the first part of next week. At least that is the present arrangement and unless something unforeseen occurs will be carried out. The force of employes in this city has dwindled down to a mere handful, many of them having gone to Portland. Others will follow. The Portland plant will be in operation by the first of the year.

Rev. Henry Marcotte will be tendered a reception by the members of the Presbyterian church and congregation in the parlors of the new church this evening. This will be the last opportunity for the friends of the retiring pastor to visit with him before he departs for his new pastorate in Portland. Mr. Marcotte will go to Portland tomorrow. The committee on arrangements for tonight's reception invites the public to be present.

The employes of the Prael & Cook Transfer Company will be substantially remembered Christmas day by their employers. Each man will receive a turkey or its equivalent in cash. They received notice to this effect today. It is often the case that firms in the city supply their men with something good on such occasions as Christmas and Thanksgiving, and Manager Prael in setting the pace this year shows that his heart is in the right place.

The Monday evening Telegram was an industrial edition of 64 pages. The paper was replete with information concerning Oregon. Its wealth and opportunities were written up in a complete manner, and the text was supplemented with illustrations that were telling indeed. Portland and vicinity predominated, but other sections of the state were not forgotten. The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad had good space, which were accompanied by a couple of pictures of Astoria, showing its growth from 1853 to 1903.

If the plans of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company are carried out in southern California there will be lively war in the lumber trade, and a resultant cut in prices. James V. Bell has arrived in Los Angeles and has announced that he will conduct the war of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company against the freighters which carry passengers between California, Oregon and Washington ports. Bell declares that there are 62 lumber schooners carrying passengers and cutting into the business of his company. He says the Pacific Coast Company will establish a yard at San Pedro and stock it with 15,000,000 feet before January 1.

The steamship Lothian, with a cargo of 28,430 barrels of flour valued at \$125,500, is en route down the river. She will arrive on the flood tide. She is bound for Hong Kong. The tramp had an exceptionally large human cargo, her Celestial passengers and entire crew numbering 557 souls. At San

Francisco she took on 564 Chinese passengers and 28 more at Portland, bringing her list to 592. The China Commercial Company has arranged a regular schedule for Portland, and the second of the corporation's vessels will be here next month. It is the calculation of the management to have at least one carrier loading in the river every month, and this service may be augmented by the addition of other vessels if the trade warrants such a move.

The executive committee of the Oregon Miner's Association has prepared a bill to repeal the corporation tax law and provide a substitute thereto. The association is in session at Portland, and the bill was prepared Tuesday evening, and will be introduced at the special session which will meet next Monday. The corporation law, known as the Eddy law, was passed at the last regular session of the legislature. It places a tax of from \$125 to \$250 a year on mining corporations doing business in this state, and was generally understood to be a measure designed to defeat so-called wildcat mining schemes. The proposed new measure makes no changes of consequence even in the text of the Eddy law, except to reduce the amount of the annual tax to from \$5 to \$15 a year.

For a short time this morning the saloons of the city were open, but they did not long remain so. Sheriff Linville notified them to close their doors and the order was complied with. The liquor dealers could see no reason for observing the law, as absolutely no interest was manifested in the election. Appreciating that Dr. Tuttle had a cinch, people went about their business in the usual manner, and there was nothing whatever to indicate that a battle of ballots was in progress. The county offices did not open this morning, but Auditor Anderson was found at his post at 10:30. When a few newspaper men called at his office they suggested to him that he was working overtime and, remembering that the office should be closed, he barred the doors.

In its market report of yesterday, the Portland Journal says that the egg market today showed an additional weakness and prices went down to 35c with a bang. Even at this figure it cannot be said that there is any real strength in the market. The receipts are now beginning to show up with a largeness that simply staggers the commission men. Most of the eggs coming in now have been saved up for several weeks by the farmers, and when the price reached the top at 40c the other day everybody thought that it was time to ship—but it wasn't, and the larger receipts caused the market to become frightened and the result was a severe decline in the quotations from the 40c figure. From 40c the price went to 37½c, and today it went down an additional 2½c and fell heavily at 35c. The future of the egg market depends altogether on the weather. Warm rains will bring larger receipts and a consequent decline in prices, while a severe cold would have a tendency to cause a falling off in receipts and the usual result—an advance in figures.

Today's election will make Dr. Tuttle state senator to succeed Senator Fulton. The democrats had a chance to play a very smooth trick on Dr. Tuttle, but advantage was not taken of the opening thus offered, although it was freely discussed by the unterrified. In this land of ours it is not necessary that a man be nominated by a political convention or in any other manner that he may run for office. The ballots are always prepared so that voters may express their choice for office, even if they write the names of their favorites on the tickets. The fact that no one was nominated in opposition to Dr. Tuttle killed all interest in the election. The vote in the city will be very small, although that of the country precincts will be heavier, as an election is always a diversion in the outlying districts. It is likely, however, that not more than 500 votes will be cast today, many placing the estimate much lower. If this transpires to be the case, it would have been the easiest thing in the world for the democrats to get several hundred men to go to the polls and write the name of some member of that party on the ticket. By carefully selecting the men, the democrats might secretly carry out the purpose and bring about the election of an unnamed candidate. But they did not try this plan, and Dr. Tuttle will represent Clatsop county in the upper house.

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