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Today's Weather.

Portland, Dec. 28.—Western Oregon and Western Washington—Thursday, rain.

Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington—Rain or snow.

PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE.

The efforts of the citizens of Upper Astoria to secure the building of a public thoroughfare from the Hume mill in the east end to the sash and door factory in the west, is one that is deserving of recognition at the hands of the common council and the legislature.

It is an injustice that the property owners along the line of the only street between upper and lower town should be compelled to bear the burden of improving and keeping in repair this one street.

To relieve these property owners from the excessive street assessments and distribute benefits upon the public in general, was the object of the meeting.

FISH LEGISLATION.

Persistent efforts have been made during the past month to secure a meeting of all interested in the fishing industry to secure laws that will be beneficial to the industry without reference to any diversified interests.

A HAIRLESS SUIT.

According to the Butte Inter Mountain a girl employed in a handkerchief factory in a New Jersey town, stooping near a machine to pick up a hairpin, was caught by revolving wheels.

Despite the fact that the hairs of our heads are supposed to be numbered, the plaintiff in this action is unable to state just how many strands she lost.

The awful consequences of such a precedent may not be dwelt upon and reason retained. Every man caught with a hair on his lapel would be liable to damages, and as a hair is exceedingly difficult of identification, he might be sued by his stenographer, his cook, his wife, his sister-in-law and his chambermaid for one offense.

TO SAFEGUARD STOCK INVESTMENTS.

President Roosevelt may not have foreseen the present remarkable war between the great stock gamblers, in which hundreds of innocent, well-meaning investors have been beggared by the manipulation of certain securities supposed to possess an intrinsic value sufficient to protect them from such raids as have been made by "Frenzied" Lawson and his band of financial outlaws.

"If corporations are to continue to do the world's work, as they are best fitted to, these qualities in their representatives that have resulted in the present prejudice against them must be relegated to the background.

Amalgamated Copper and a large number of kindred stocks were placed on the market by corporations supposed to be controlled by honorable men, and the innocent investors who purchased those stocks are entitled to some protection at the hands of these men.

No matter how careful a man may be in his business ventures, there are times when it becomes necessary for him to part with some of his investment securities. If such emergencies arise when stock gamblers carrying enormous lines of stock on margins take a turn at manipulation, the loss is just as heavy on the prudent investor as on the gambler who was short in his margins.

The persistent efforts of the Lewis and Clarke advertising bureau to advertise the fair has brought thousands of men to Portland who are unable to find work.

JAPANESE TREASURE

Would Be Good Thing for the Baltic Fleet.

CASTAWAYS ARE PICKED UP

Old Steamer Gaelic Makes Her Last Pacific Run—Will Go to Liverpool From Hong Kong—Miscellaneous Marine News.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Laden with the largest cargo ever shipped out of San Francisco on a vessel, the steamer Mongolla will depart for Chinese and Japanese ports today.

In her treasury tanks will be stored \$1,500,000. Much of the cargo for Japan is contraband. She will also carry 500 passengers.

Prominent on the saloon list will be Prince Fushimi and suite, returning to Japan, and Archbishop Agius, papal delegate to the Philippines, accompanied by his secretary, Monsignor Petrelli.

CASTAWAYS RESCUED.

Tossed About for Days Near Cape Horn.

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—Captain F. K. Fall of the British ship Londale, from Newcastle on Tyne, just arrived at Port Los Angeles, tells a story of picking up 26 castaways at sea, who had been drifting about near Cape Horn for over a week.

The Londale cruised around in the vicinity after picking up one boatload of eight men, which had been drifting for six days, until the entire crew of 26 men were rescued. All but three of the men were left at Valparaiso.

Her Last Trip.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The White Star steamer Gaelic, which was on the run between this port and the orient for 19 years, and which is now on its way to China for the last time, is to be sent to Liverpool. Since the steamer left two weeks ago, advices have been received here that she will load at Hong Kong for Liverpool.

Marine News.

Grays Harbor entrance, page 71, south channel outer buoy, a P. S. first-class nun, marked SC in white, was established December 24 in 45 feet of water, to mark the entrance to the new south channel over the bar. This channel is very narrow and is close to the jetty.

Bellingham bay, page 82, Starr Rock buoy, a red second-class nun, reported out of position December 20, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

On account of the storm and the rough condition of the bar the steamer Columbia is lying inside. She will leave out for San Francisco as soon as possible.

With a miscellaneous cargo for Delagoa bay, the British steamer Durbridge arrived down the river yesterday. She will leave as soon as she can cross the bar.

The steam schooner Northland will load lumber for California in a day or two, having left up river after an uneventful passage.

The steamer L. Roscoe, incoming from Florence, was fined \$500 yesterday by the collector for a shortage of two hands, and \$100 for failure to have a list of her passengers, as required for vessels making a trip of over 100 miles.

BEACH COMBINGS.

The difficulties attending travel by night when Sheriff Tom Linville occupies lower 11 in the Pullman are well told by a couple of men who were on the train when the sheriff went up to Spokane a couple of weeks ago to bring back a prisoner.

When Linville packed himself away in his berth the porter had him under close surveillance, and everything went lovely for at least 25 minutes, and then, above the roar and rattle of the wheels and the creaking of the car came a sound, sibilant at first, but persistent, and gradually it rose to deafening proportions.

The passengers began to complain audibly, and the porter went down to the smoking car.

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pointing accusingly at lower 13, and they pounced on that porter; informed him that the world's champion snorer was beating a record, and, as the curtains prevented them from seeing all the game they paid for when the gate-man took their money, they wanted it stopped.

"Wake him up, you idiot," said a fat drummer, "make him turn over." "Foah Gawd, bawws," replied him of the cloudy complexion.

The tall man with the white moustache said: "A gentleman is never drunk," so long as he is able to apologize for his condition.

The general laugh had hardly subsided, though, when a melancholy chap in the corner, who was holding sweet communion with a long seltzer lemonade, rapped for order and droned out the following: "When you wake on a garment-littered floor,

Like a Chinese family moving out, And for one drink you'd cut each vice, But find your pockets are shy the price,

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