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Today's Weather.

Portland, Jan. 6.—Western Oregon and Western Washington—Saturday, increasing cloudiness, followed by rain. Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington—Fair and warmer.

RUSSIAN PRACTICE.

After having made a gallant defense of Port Arthur; after sacrificing thousands of brave lives and thousands of dollars; making one of the grandest defenses in modern warfare, against great odds and fighting until they were completely exhausted, out of ammunition, with a determination to die in the last ditch, General Stoessel must go to St. Petersburg and be court-martialed for his bravery. This is the way the square heads of this effete empire of cowardly curs reward bravery. There is only one class of people in Russia whose lives are considered of any value, and that is the most worthless class that infest the empire, the czar and his paid hirelings, who think no more of a man's life than they do of the venomous viper that crawls the earth. The best thing the inhabitants of Russia can do, is to stop fighting the Japs and organize for a final onslaught on the czar and the royal family and wipe every vestige of them off the face of the earth. The men who fought at Port Arthur are heroes. The czar and his retinue are cowards, and a change in the form of the Russian government will be an advance along the lines of civilization. No nation on the earth has any respect for a government who punishes its heroes for bravery and considers the life of a brave soldier no more than a fly speck on the walls of a prison.

Russia is the most cruel and barbarous nation in the world. It is this that antagonized every country against them, except Germany and France, who were loaning them money to carry on the war. They do not care for their paupers and insane, either in the old country or this and they are a burden to every community. The better element of Russians, those who refuse to stand the edicts of tyranny, have emigrated to the United States, where they become good citizens, the same as every liberty-loving man does who comes under the hallowed influence of a government that meets out equal and exact justice to all irrespective of race, color or previous condition of servitude. The orders issued for General Stoessel to return home and report for court-martial are in keeping with the barbaric customs of an uncivilized race, and will be denounced by every liberty-loving man who believes that bravery should be rewarded and honors instead of the gullatine given him.

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED.

After waiting two years, the state sailor boarding house board have appointed a sailor boarding house commission consisting of A. M. Smith, William McMasters and Andrew Hoben of Portland to look after the shipping of sailors. Two years ago a commission consisting of E. W. Wright, Herbert Holman and S. M. Mears, was appointed, but the supreme court divested them of all their powers and they resigned. The sailor boarding house commission is the outcome of the Portland Municipal Reform Association, receives no emoluments and has no duties to perform. In this it is close-

ly allied with all reform measures adopted by this hybrid organization. They have an idea, that any man can be legislated into heaven by legislative enactment, and it is this belief that has made the reform association an important factor in the destruction of legitimate enterprises in the state of Oregon and made them a laughing stock seldom witnessed in the history of the state. There are more worthless and useless grafting commissions in Oregon than in any other state in the union. Some people imagine that all the ills that human beings are heir to can be regulated by legislative commissions.

WRONG MAN INDICTED.

In their efforts to secure the indictment of Mayor Williams, the Portland Reform League missed their hold, and are subject to indictment themselves. The Evening Telegram says: "Concerning indictment of city officials by grand jury—
"The opinion of several attorneys, voiced in the state circuit court this morning, is that the law does not make it the duty of the mayor to frequent gambling houses in order to obtain evidence against the proprietors; that the mayor is in the matter of investigation simply a private citizen; that John Bain, D. A. Pattullo and other members of the Municipal League who obtained evidence against the gamblers are liable to indictment, for the reason that when they had learned that gambling houses were being conducted they did not appear in the municipal court and swear out warrants against the proprietors of such houses."

This is the contention made by The Astorian. People who snoop around, prying into everybody's business and trying to have honorable men indicted are the ones to blame. The mayor is not supposed to visit gambling dens to see that the laws are enforced. That duty devolves upon the officers and every citizen. The members of the Reform League visited the gambling houses, procured the evidence and didn't have the sand to make complaints to the proper officers, but instead, resorted to the most reprehensible and contemptible methods known to humanity. They are moral cowards, unworthy of confidence and politically rotten to the core. The more the actions of these consecrated reformers are exposed, the more contempt is held for them by all honest men. No one expects that Mayor Williams will ever be tried. He was not even arrested and when he presented himself to the court to be admitted to bail, he was informed that no bail was required. This is a self-evident fact of the moral cowardice of the pernicious grafters that compose the Portland Reform League, and should relegate them to everlasting infamy.

An instance of the lack of appreciation on the part of the county paupers was shown yesterday, when a little girl, accompanied by her mother, applied to the county court for an allowance of groceries. The county court inquired if the mother was willing to go out in the country and go to work, there being a good place there where the girl could attend school. The woman is a stout, able-bodied person, but she scorned work. All she wanted was to live off the county. It is very probable that her rations will be cut off. A woman that is able to work and wont work is not entitled to support at the expense of the county.

Still, it seems rather too bad that Vardman should refuse to go to the inaugural ball and do something graceful and appropriate in the line of a can-can.

Beating swords into plowshares will be improved upon if true that Great Britain is to turn the Halifax navy yard into a railroad terminal.

The modern business method is to send your card in with the pleasant remark that your host is a liar and obtain an immediate interview.

Dowie announced that his debts were paid when he gave another note, so it may be that he is really Micawber II.

Ten men are in jail on a charge of dynamiting a bank at Mont Alry, Md., in the old-fashioned way, instead of looting it with bogus notes.

"What a fool I was! What a fool I was!" says President Beckwith of the Oberlin bank after his second look at the Chadwick notes. Was?

CHETCOE NEW ONE

Will Ship Chinooks to Foreign Countries.

FROZEN FISH FOR THE TABLE

Schooner Starts for Rogue River With Miscellaneous Cargo Including Mining Machinery for Development of Quartz Mines.

The schooner Chetcoe arrived down from Portland yesterday, and took on a cargo of miscellaneous merchandise and machinery for the Rogue river district.

The Chetcoe is a new venture, and is unique in the salmon trade. The vessel is fitted with a first-class cold storage plant, and is designed for use in the salmon industry in the Rogue river trade. This salmon is deemed the best on the coast by the company that is putting the schooner into business, and all takes are contracted for far in advance for shipment to Germany.

Captain E. B. Burns is in charge of the fishing operations, and Captain S. F. Scott is navigator.

The company has arranged to furnish gear for the fishermen on the river, and the best of the catch will be placed in the immense cold storage plant and delivered in Astoria and Portland.

The smaller fish will be delivered at various canneries until next summer when the company operating the Chetcoe will begin pickling, though their principal revenue will be derived from the foreign shipment of the Royal chinooks.

The fish will be sent across the continent under refrigeration, and will be sent abroad frozen and fresh. Prices have been quoted the company for the foreign delivery of the fresh fish that seem to insure a profit for every trip. The Chetcoe will use about 35 days to the trip, making Astoria the home port.

The salmon industry if, of course, one of the principal ones of the lower Columbia, but the prospect that the Chetcoe is developing is one of the new ones, and the progress of the experiment will be watched with interest by those interested in the trade.

Among the other cargo the Chetcoe took a number of tons of mining machinery and pipe for the development of the quartz claims owned by Mr. Burns and others. These are stated to hold out much promise for future development.

The Chetcoe will go to sea this morning, having been delayed yesterday by breaking in machinery that had to be repaired here.

MARINE NETES.

On Swan island bar upper post light, page 38, No. 169 (list of lights, buoys and daymarks, Pacific coast, 1904, page 64). December 30 the structure from which this light was shown was carried away. The structure will be rebuilt and the light re-established as soon as practicable.

At Coos bay entrance, page 43, North spit jetty buoy No. 1, a black second-class can, reported adrift December 30, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

In Gray's Harbor, pages 71 and 72, Trustee spit buoy No. 0, a red first-class nun, found missing December 24, was replaced the same day. The old buoy is reported in the breakers on Point Brown spit.

Trustee spit buoy No. 2, a red first-class nun, was renumbered 2 1/2, December 6, without change in location.

Westport spit buoy No. 2, a red second-class spar, was established December 7, in 18 feet of water, to mark a sandspit making out from the westerly side of the channel, and as a guide to the anchorage in South bay.

Outer end of wharf, Ocosta, NE by E 1/4 E; outer end of wharf, Westport, S by E 1/4 E; outer end of jetty wharf, WNW 1/4 W.

Port Side of Channel buoy No. 3, a black second-class can, was established December 12, in 16 feet of water, to mark a sand spit making out from the northerly side of the channel at the easterly entrance to the Humptulpa river channel.

Ned rock, N by E 1/4 E; outer end of jetty wharf, SSE 1/4 E, easterly; Lone Tree on Damon point, NW by W 1/4 W.

In Peril strait, page 94, Rose island rock buoy No. 5, a black second-class can, reported adrift December 24, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

In British Columbia, Queen Charlotte islands, the name of the southernmost island (Provost island), is changed to Kunghit island. To prevent confusion the geographic board of Canada has decided to change the name of the southernmost large island of the Queen Charlotte group from Provost island to Kunghit island, the former name being better known as that of an island off the east coast of Vancouver island.

A light established by the government of Canada on the southwest point

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of Birnie island, entrance to port Simpson, was put in operation on November 30, 1904. Teh light is an unwatched light shown from a Wigham 31-day oil lamp. The light is fixed white, and is visible for 10 miles.
There are now no craft in the lower harbor, all having made their way over the bar yesterday.
The schooner Borealis left up the river in tow yesterday.
The gas schooner Chetco arrived down Thursday night with a cargo of cannery supplies for Rogue river and will probably get to sea today.
The British ship Glaucus sailed yesterday morning wheat laden for the United Kingdom.
The schooner Alexander lumber laden for California passed out at noon yesterday.

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