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Today's Weather.

Western Washington and Western Oregon—Thursday, increasing cloudiness; fair in northern portion. Eastern Oregon and Washington—Fair.

JOURNALISTIC FREAKS.

It is passing strange what journalistic acumen some newspaper men are possessed of. The press of Oregon is presided over by some of the most versatile men, whose versatility supplants brain and good judgment.

In order to disapprove this assertion and quiet the fears of the infantile journalist, it is only necessary to point to the great success of the St. Louis fair. For a year prior to the opening of the gates the grand juries, both federal and state, were constantly occupied indicting members of the legislature for accepting dough from an alum baking powder company, and nearly every one in the legislature, except the chaplain and pages were indicted for complicity in the scandal.

But this did not injure the fair. In fact it was one of the principal drawing cards. Thousands of people went to St. Louis as much to see an honest prosecuting attorney, as they did to see the foreign exhibits. In fact the exhibition of an honest attorney elicited more admiration than did the liberal arts building.

If a building could be erected for indicted timber land fraud conspirators, in the shape of a "Tannery," with the inscription over the door, "Burn This," it would be an attraction that even men of limited means would be willing to travel thousands of miles to see. It would be an advertising scheme that would cause the cheeks of patent medicine advertisers and be an inducement for thousands of eastern people to locate in Portland and throughout the state.

It is to be hoped that the pessimistic editors of Oregon will not lose any sleep over the ultimate success of the Lewis and Clark fair owing to some of its members of congress having been indicted. A miniature penitentiary sufficiently large enough to hold all the indicted members of the Oregon timber land ring, duly garbed in penitentiary costumes—and plaids will be fashionable this spring—would be another

great attraction as showing some of the products of Oregon. It would be an object lesson to the rising generation and even older men who have senatorial aspirations and the office itch. It is to be hoped that the Lewis and Clark fair commissioners will not discountinue the proposition of holding the fair as most of these journalistic freaks have published sufficient advertising of the fair to insure them a free pass to all the concessions, including the trail.

LEAVING THEIR HOMES.

Events that happen in our own time need the prespective of years before their historical worth can be appraised and appreciated. Some day history will make of the extinguished Transvaal republic a second Poland, but we who know of the heroic and unequal struggle of the Boers to save their fatherland from extinction only through the press dispatches at the time, can hardly even yet grasp the full tragic significance of that war and its aftermath.

The news from Pretoria that the Boers are irreconcilable, so far as British domination of their country is concerned, and will soon practically all have moved away and left the land to the conqueror, will strike the sympathetic thinker as a story of a nation's fate sadder than the exile of the Acadians. The Pretoria dispatch in question says most of the remaining Boers in the Transvaal are shortly to begin a grand trek across the land of veldt and kopje to find asylum in German East Africa. The commission sent by the recent Boer convention at Pretoria to view the grassy uplands between Mounts Kilimanjaro and Meru has returned and, formally reported them admirably adapted to cattle grazing and agriculture. The new country, which is practically terra incognita to white eyes, contains between 50,000 and 60,000 square miles, or from 32,000,000 to 38,000,000 acres. This will give the herdkeeping burghers with their patriarchal habits plenty of room and solitude, and it is understood that Emperor William of Germany, whose famous telegram to Paul Kruger indicated that he took a lively interest in these admirable Dutch folk is making special effort hundreds of Boer families have emigrated to the United States Mexico, South America and other parts of the world.

No doubt the declimated and impoverished Boers would be happier where they can lead their old life out of sight of the hated British gold hunter and Tommy Atkins, too, but they will not be happy long in German Africa if the new land they move upon hides in its arid breast the gold and diamonds that proved the curse of their old home and brought to pass the destruction of the Transvaal republic. The Germans are quite so lustful of gold and diamonds as the British, and once let them find them and there will be an end of the Boer dream of peace.

The departure of the Boers from the Transvaal and Orange river colonies will leave the new governmental owners free to work out their plans unhampered by a disloyal and unassimilative element of population, and England will be able to reimburse herself many times over for the treasure spent in conquering the Boer patriots in arms. England has her booty in the shape of the rich mines of the Rand, and she will work every vein to exhaustion.

But the moral of it all is full of unspeakable pathos. Some day the muse of history will brush away a tear to write the tragic story of the dead South African republic—if Clio feels what she writes.

INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

Very Low Rates to Washington Via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

For the above occasion the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will sell tickets from Chicago to Washington and return at \$17.75; good going March 1, 2 and 3, valid for return until March 8, subject to extension to March 18 on payment of \$1.00. For through rates apply to your nearest Ticket Agent. For full particulars send for circular to Peter Harvey, Pacific Coast Agent, Room 1 Hobart Bldg., San Francisco.

Important Notice.

We have made another progressive step. We now carry at our branch store in the Flavel brick building on Bond street a complete line of oil clothing and rubber boots. Fisher Bros. Company.

FOR FUTURE GLORY

Authors' Club of New York Wants a Pardon.

IN BEHALF OF MAXIM GORKY

Memorial to the Russian Government Asking that Gorky Be Restored to Liberty for Future Glory of His Profession.

New York, Feb. 15.—By direction of the executive committee of the Authors' Club a memorial adopted by the club recently interceding for Maxim Gorky has been transmitted by cable to Count Lamsdorff, Russian minister for foreign affairs. The memorial concludes as follows:

"We, as members of the guild of authors and devoted to its highest ideals, respectfully pray his majesty in the name of those ideals and of that profession of which M. Gorky is a distinguished exponent to release our brother author and spare his services and genius for the future glory of his profession and of Russian literature throughout the world."

Marine Notes.

The steamer Harrison left out last night for Siletz.

The Gerald C brought 1428 cases of salmon from Siletz yesterday. She will leave for Nehalem next Wednesday.

The steamer Kilburn left out yesterday for San Francisco with passengers and freight.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore arrived in yesterday morning with freight and passengers.

The steam schooner Iaqua and the oil tank steamer Geo. Loomis are due from San Francisco.

Elks, Notice.

Astoria Lodge, B. P. O. Elks will give a ladies social on the evening of Tuesday, February 21, for the Elks and families and lady friends. The ladies' committee has arranged an elaborate program for the evening's entertainment and every member is requested to come.

Committee.

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.

Reopened Under New Management. John Blasich has leased the California Restaurant and Oyster House and is now prepared to serve the public. The best oysters and meals in the city. Family trade supplied. Good cooks, polite waiters and prompt service.

A. O. U. W. Notice.

The members of Seaside Lodge No. 12, Ancient Order of United Workmen, are hereby requested to assemble at the next regular meeting of that lodge, to be held at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Saturday, February 18, 1905, to consider business of the gravest financial importance.

By Order of the Lodge. Attest: F. D. WINTON, Recorder.

Shocking Shivering Fits of Ague and Malaria, can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitters. This is a pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it exerts a true curative influence on the disease, driving it entirely out of the system. It is much to be preferred to Quinine, having none of this drug's bad after-effects. S. Munday of Henrietta, Tex., writes: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice, till he took Electric Bitters, which saved his life. At Chas. Rogers' drug store; price 50c, guaranteed."

Greatly in Demand.

Nothing is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At Chas. Rogers' drug store, 25c, guaranteed.

SCIENCE PREVENTS BALDNESS.

The Fatal Germ and Its Remedy Now Facts of Science.

It is the rarest thing in the world for a man to be necessarily bald. No man whose hair is not dead at the roots, need be bald if he will use Newbro's Herpicide, the new scalp antiseptic. Herpicide destroys the germ that cuts the hair off at the root; and cleans the scalp of dandruff and leaves it in a perfectly healthy condition. Mr. Mannett, in the Maryland Block, Butte, Mont., was entirely bald. In less than a month Herpicide had removed the enemies of hair growth, and nature did its work by covering his head with thick hair an inch long, and in six weeks he had a normal suit of hair. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

Eagle Drug Store, 351-353 Bond St. Owl Drug Store, 549 Com. St., T. F. Laurin, Prop. "Special Agent."

Advertisement for P. A. Stokes, featuring 'TOP COATS' and 'ALL GOODS GUARANTEED AND MONEY BACK IF DISSATISFIED.' Includes an illustration of a man in a suit.

Advertisement for THE STAR THEATER, listing various acts and programs including 'MONSTER BILL' and 'ROBERT'S TRAINED BEARS'.

Advertisement for First National Bank of Astoria, established 1886, with capital and surplus of \$100,000.

Advertisement for Princess Floor Paint, highlighting its durability and quick-drying properties, sold by B. F. Allen & Son.

Advertisement for Special Sale in Boots and Shoes for 30 Days, featuring S. A. Gimre and 'Every Woman' hair cream.

Advertisement for FISHER BROTHERS COMPANY, agents for Linen Thread Co., specializing in salmon twine, cotton twine, and rope.

Advertisement for YOU CAN TAKE MY HAT, featuring Frank Hart's cold cure and its effectiveness against the grippe.

Advertisement for ASTORIA IRON WORKS, offering canning machinery, marine engines, and boilers, with complete cannery outfits furnished.