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**BRIEF MARINE NOTES  
OF INTEREST**

**STORM OF YESTERDAY INTERFERED SHARPLY WITH ACTIVITY ON BAY AND RIVER—NO IMPORTANT ITEMS WERE RECORDED.**

The British steamship *Strathgyle* went up the river yesterday morning to load lumber at Portland for the Orient.

The British ship *Ancaois*, Captain Ritchie, went up to Portland yesterday morning, on the hawsers of the *Harvest Queen*.

The steamer *Johan Poulsen* cleared from Knappahton yesterday with 750,000 feet of Douglas fir, for the Bay City.

The steamer *Shoshone* entered this port yesterday and went on to Ranier, where she will load out lumber for the return voyage.

The sea tug *Vosburg* entered port yesterday from the Nehalem river, having on board her owner C. H. Wheeler, the well known millman of the Nehalem Valley.

**ASTORIA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS, ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS—BUILDING TO BE ERECTED IMMEDIATELY.**

A meeting of the Astoria Athletic Amateur Association (Incorporated), was held in the Chamber of Commerce assembly rooms, last night, to perfect the organization and elect the following officers: President, Charles H. Abercrombie; vice-president, J. H. Hanson; secretary, J. Hawthorne; treasurer, E. R. Blair.

The board of directors are the above ex-officio and A. M. Minard, W. A. Eigner and A. V. Allen, Jr.

The building Mr. A. V. Allen is going to erect at the northeast corner of Eleventh and Exchange streets will be 50x100 and two stories and a basement. The lower floor will be used as a gymnasium and will be 50x75, the other 25 feet to be used for reception room, etc.

In the basement will be the bath rooms, dressing rooms and a concrete swimming tank, 25x60, and will be 4 feet deep at one end and gradually sloping to 10 feet at the other end.

The upper floor will be used for a skating rink and the 3-ply floors will be heavily covered with deadening felt between each layer.

For a limited time the membership entrance fee will be \$2 and monthly dues at \$1. After this is withdrawn the entrance fee will be \$10, and the membership will be limited to 250. The stock is nearly all sold but small blocks of it can still be obtained at the par value of \$5 per share.

**Pilgrims Return—**  
The nine Astorians who took a trip to Lake County to look after some land they own returned on last evening's train and report themselves well pleased with the trip and also that lots of settlers are coming in. Those who returned last night were Dr. C. W. Barr, Dr. Frederick, S. E. Turner, H. R. Hoefler, J. E. Johnson and A. R. Cyrus. The other three were Olaf Pedersen, Arndt Olsen and John Gustafson and they stopped off at Prineville and will arrive home today.

**PORTLAND RATE NOT THE BASIS**

**GRAIN RATES OUT OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON FIXED BY THE TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS ON THE OLD, UNIVERSAL BASIS.**

The following deductions, made by one of Astoria's knowledgeable and studious citizens, makes interesting reading, and convey a hint to the people of Portland engaged in grain-shipping that may be of value to them as well as to the grain-raisers of the Inland Empire:

To the Editor:  
An editorial in the *Oregonian* of the 20th inst., entitled "Lower Rates, Not Longer Haul," is worthy of your consideration, excepting the usual "Oregonian" kick at the depth of water on the Columbia river bar which is not worthy of attention. The editorial goes on to say:

"As the Seattle rate and all other Puget Sound rates are based on the Portland, etc.

"That rate reductions will be made in the near future is highly probable, and quite naturally the cost of hauling wheat to tide water by way of Portland, will be the base on which any new rate which may be quoted will be established.

But it is hardly reasonable to suppose that the railroads will quietly grant a reduction in freight rates, if they are asked to haul wheat 100 miles farther than is necessary, without a possibility of their receiving anything for the increased distance covered.

As an outsider (not a railroad man) I quite agree with the *Oregonian*, that it is not reasonable to suppose that railroads will haul freight 100 miles, or any other distance, further than is necessary without compensation in some manner. On this bold statement of facts, as to distance haul Portland is therefore clearly entitled to a lower freight rate than is Seattle for instance, as Seattle is 180 miles farther to haul the freight. It costs money to operate freight trains.

The *Oregonian* is mistaken however, when it says that the Portland rate has been the base for establishing the rate to Puget Sound ports.

I am not a railroad freight man and do not know their basis for establishing freight rates, unless it is, as Jay Gould said: "All the traffic will bear."

From all competitive points the O. R. & N. Co. were supposed to charge the same rates to Portland, as the Northern Pacific charged to Seattle, but the facts are, that for some reason, or reasons, the business could not be done at Portland as cheap as at Seattle, and the O. R. & N. have been giving rebates and "absorbing" charges to the Portland shippers to enable them to complete, and do business on an even footing with the Puget Sound ports, and this has been going on for many years.

All those rebates and "absorbing" of charges by the O. R. & N. in favor of the Portland shippers, eventually came out of the pocket of the producers (the farmers) of Eastern Oregon and Washington. There is little cohesion or initiative amongst farmers, but the business men of Portland are to blame and should have long ago awakened to the fact that the citizens of the Inland Empire were being robbed by the rapacious railroads.

The direct loss to the producers of the Inland Empire during, say, the last 20 years, must have been something enormous, enough to repay the United States government for money expended on the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia, and some left over to dredge the Willamette and build a new lock at the Cascades and one at Celilo.

**WITH THE TEACHERS  
YESTERDAY**

**SPRING RAINS INTERFERED WITH THE BAY TRIP—DAY'S FINE PROGRAM CARRIED OUT TO THE LETTER IN LIEU THEREOF.**

Yesterday morning broke with weather which precluded the schedule excursion of the visiting teachers to the shores of Washington and elsewhere about Astoria's beautiful bay, so the group of 70 settled down to the prescribed program:

The regular session of the Teachers' Institute was opened at 9 o'clock by a song, "Holy, Holy, Holy," followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. Alderman began the day's work by a talk on "Oregon's School System." He discussed this subject in his usual happy vein, and encouraged the teachers very much by his words.

Dr. Sheldon followed with a talk on "Education and Superstition." The instinct in human nature for superstition, is recognized. Why are people superstitious?

First—We inherit superstition.  
Second—Any deep emotion leads to superstition.

Third—De dislike uncertainties.

Fourth—The law of causation.

L. R. Traver followed with "Language." High School teachers complain that language is not thoroughly taught in lower grades.

Professor Traver's exposition of this difficult subject was excellent. He showed how to develop the verb so that if this were thoroughly learned, all other parts of language and grammar would be very simple, and concluded this talk in the afternoon.

In place of the long promised excursion and picnic, the teachers were hailed to the M. E. church where a bountiful luncheon had been spread by the Astoria Teachers' Association. The after dinner speeches were greatly enjoyed by all present.

At 2 p. m. the teachers returned to the regular Institute work.

L. R. Alderman's talk on "Industrial Work Without Equipment," was timely and most excellent. The school should do for the growing child just what the best equipped home would do if it could. We should teach boys and girls to do whatever they do in life, as an art. Teach the things that are important so that the pupils know that they are important; for example, sewing for girls. He explained how sewing was introduced into the Eugene schools by the help of the Women's Club. He made a plea for teaching cooking in the schools, but if that is impossible, the schools should offer rewards for home cooking, by the children. The Eugene boys are making garden and learning to use tools. Prizes were offered for the best work in these things so that their interest was increased.

Every boy and girl should go out into life skilled in at least one thing.

Dr. Sheldon concluded the afternoon's work by a sketch of the "Best Liked Teacher." The necessary qualifications for a "born" teacher are:

- 1—Love for children.
- 2—A touch of egotism; that is, a desire to show others the right way.
- 3—A little altruism; a wish to help others.

The greatest disqualifications for any teacher are:

- 1—Sarcasm.
  - 2—Teacher's pets.
  - 3—Variableness.
  - 4—Irritability.
- The best liked teacher must have:
- 1—Sympathy.
  - 2—Effectiveness.
  - 3—Cheerfulness.
  - 4—Appearance.

Both the morning and afternoon session were enlivened by singing by Miss Shively accompanied by Miss Hanson and Miss Miller.

The Institute then adjourned to meet, this, Friday morning at 9 o'clock a. m., with the following interesting program forecasted for the day:

9:00, music; 9:10, "Libraries and How to Care for Them," Cornelia Marvin; 9:55, section work; 11:15, "Helping Without Hurting," J. H. Ackerman; 1:15, music; 1:25, "Industrial Work," L. R. Alderman; 2:05, section work; 2:50, "The Demand of the Hour," J. H. Ackerman; 3:30, Five-Minute Talks by all the Instructors.

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**NEW VENTURE FOR ASTORIA**

ASTORIA CLAY PRODUCT COMPANY A LEGAL AND PROMISING BUSINESS FACT—INCORPORATED YESTERDAY—DIRECTORS NAMED.

Yesterday saw the full and final launching of what will be known for many a prosperous and long year, as the ASTORIA CLAY PRODUCT COMPANY, a purely local concern, based upon local raw materials, founded by local men, on local capital, with local headquarters, and endless promise, if but carefully handled.

The company was legally incorporated yesterday and the articles duly filed with the County Clerk. The concern is capitalized at \$15,000, all of which is subscribed, and the majority of the stock paid up; and the directors chosen for the first year, with the exception of one yet to be chosen, are W. C. Logan, C. R. Higgins, Lew Ogan, Norris Staples.

The company has the entire goodwill of Astoria and it is the best hope of the community that they may realize handsomely on the project, and succeed in thrusting upon the markets of the world, the finest goods in the way of bricks, potteries and terra cottas, known anywhere in the country.

**NEW TO-DAY**

**The Commercial.**  
One of the coziest and most popular resorts in the city is the Commercial. A new billiard room, a pleasant sitting room and handsome fixtures all go to make an agreeable meeting place for gentlemen, there to discuss the topics of the day, play a game of billiards and enjoy the fine refreshments served there. The best of goods are only handled, and this fact being so well known, a large business is done at the Commercial, on Commercial street, near Eleventh.

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**The Clean Man.**  
The man who delights in personal cleanliness, and enjoys his shave, shampoo, haircut, and bath, in Astoria, always goes to the Occident barber shop for these things—and gets them at their best.

**GOOD WOOD.**  
If you want a good load of fir wood or box wood ring up KELLY the WOOD DEALER,  
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Phone Main 2191—Barn, Cor. 12th and Duane.

**New Grocery Store.**  
Try our own mixture of coffee—the J. P. B. Fresh fruit and vegetables. Badollet & Co., grocers. Phone Main 1281.

Just received a new line of umbrella covers. See C. H. Orkowitz, 137 Tenth street.

**Special Notice.**  
The Columbia Bottling Company have just received a shipment of Weinhard's Bock beer which is bottled in quarts or pints and ready for sale. Phone Main 2821 and your orders will receive prompt attention. 4-18-7t.

**Hot Tamales.**  
Mr. Joseph Mobin will have hot chicken Tamales and Chili beans for sale at the Weinhard, corner of Seventh and Astor streets. Orders can be phoned. Main 1171.

**LADY MANICURIST ENGAGED.**  
"The Modern," A. E. Petersen's beautiful tonsorial establishment, has been further modernized by the permanent engagement of a highly trained young lady manicurist, who will also serve the house as cashier.

**The New Pure Food and Drug Law.**  
We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. T. F. Laurin Owl Drug Store.