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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Will Be Here—

Positive assurance has been received by County Committeeman James T. Wallace of the Democratic State Committee, that Governor Chamberlain would be in town on Friday evening to address the people of this city.

Doing Well—

Rudolph Kinkela, who was operated on for appendicitis, at St. Mary's hospital on Monday is reported somewhat weak, but is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

Petition Filed—

Dr. H. A. Smith of California filed a petition in the city auditor's office yesterday tendering \$89.20 to redeem lot 3, block 33, Adair's, which was recently sold for the collection of delinquent street assessments.

Up For Nehalem—

Louis Nystrom, the well known citizen of Vesper, and of the Vesper Lumbering Company, was a business visitor in the city yesterday. He reports his mill running steadily, at a profit, and with good prospects.

Memorial Day—

Because battleship was universally observed and because Memorial day happens on a Saturday the merchants of Astoria have, after an agreement with the Clerks' Union, decided not to observe Memorial day this year.

Lumber Reduced—

The price of all fir building material was reduced \$2 per thousand feet at a meeting held by the managers of the local saw mills. The object is to encourage local building and also to assist in keeping the mills running at full capacity.

Recorded Yesterday—

The following deeds went to the public records at County Clerk Clinton's office yesterday: W. C. Smith and wife to C. A. Nicoll, lots 7 and 8, block 10, in The Plaza, at \$600; John H. Smith and wife to R. E. Bryan, SW. 1-4 sec. 9-6-9 W. at \$5; H. B. Parker to Laura A. Shea, in trust, lot 4 in block 145, McClure's Astoria, at \$1.

Death of Mrs. M. A. Abbott—

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning, at the family home at Skipanon, Mrs. Marie A. Abbott, the beloved wife of R. A. Abbott, died from a complication of maladies that have wrought against her health for a long time. Mrs. Abbott was one of the best known women in "old Clatsop" having lived in the county for the past 35 years and where she has raised a family of 12 sons and daughters, 10 of whom survive her, four daughters

and six sons, together with the bereaved father. Her death will be noted with genuine sorrow all over the county and the remaining members of the old family will find ready sympathy everywhere. Interment will take place this afternoon, the funeral services being held at the home, Rev. W. S. Gilbert, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, officiating. Mrs. Abbott's last resting place will be in the Pioneer cemetery.

Receiving of Bids Postponed—

As next Saturday and Monday are holidays the street committee of the city council will receive the bids on next Tuesday for the improvement of Ninth street, between Jerome and Kensington avenues, for the improvement of Grand avenue between Sixth and Seventh streets and for improving between Franklin and Harrison avenue.

Preparing For The Polls—

The officers of Clatsop county are severally preparing all the impediments for the coming election, ballots, boxes, blanks, laws, stationary, etc., as rapidly as possible, and the heavier matter is being sent forward to the respective polls of the city and county. There will be no delays nor oversight in any particular at the opening of the polls on Monday next.

Work Completed—

County Surveyor Stevens has completed the work of selecting the routes for the proposed new roads as petitioned for in the Nehalem Valley and near Olney. His report will be submitted to the county court at its regular meeting next Wednesday. Possibly the court will at that time act upon the matter of having the permanent survey made for the proposed highway leading from Necanicum to a connection with the Tillamook county road at the county line.

Another Soloist Added—

The Astoria Philharmonic Society has been peculiarly fortunate in being able to add the name and talent of Miss Mary E. Conyers, of Clatskanie, a gifted singer and teacher of singing, to its concert staff for the entertainment on the evening of June 18th next. Miss Conyers has a de-

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lightful mezzo-soprano voice, in the very flush of culture, and it will be heard "In a Garden Song," a beautiful number and a splendid vehicle for her especial range.

Fish Running Better—

In a conversation with one of the best posted men on the lower river, last evening, he averred that the fish were running notably better than at any time this season. They are light in weight and size, but in several instances boats have returned with two and three hundred-pound loads since Monday morning. He says that the heavier fish will begin to run in the heels of the little fellows and he believes the season's catch will be very favorable.

Going For It, Right—

The Undine has been busy lately bringing down all manner of oil-dredging machinery, boilers, fittings, tools and derrick appurtenances for the Pacific Coast Gas & Oil Company, on the Magness properties over on Deep River. They have accumulated in the neighborhood of \$80,000 worth of value stuff in this behalf and the cheerful sound of it all will be heard as soon as they can assemble it and get it in working order. They mean business and are using every advantage at hand in the exploitation of their holdings.

Pottery Company, of Tesla, California; and Garfield Buxton, from the same plant, all expert clay and brick men, who will enter the service of the Astoria Clay Products Company, under the management of Mr. Ogan, whose personal friends all of them are and who vouches for their fine ability in the trade.

Setting Up Laboratory—

Dr. F. L. Hawley, the forestry expert from Washington, who is interested in developing the by-products of the stumpage of this northwestern land, and of whom an account appeared in these columns a few days ago when he first made his errand known through the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, has returned to the city, and has brought his apparatus for expertly testing the values of wood, and will set up his laboratory at the Clatsop mill plant the first of the coming week. He is looking first and most directly for the quantities and qualities of turpentine, after which he will delve for the remoter but no less valuable resources that lie hidden in the timbers submitted for examination.

Campbell's Arraignment—

Attorney John C. McCue, of counsel for Michael Campbell, the man who shot John McClellan at Deep River on Wednesday last, went to

BETTER TIMES AHEAD FOR ALL OF US

LETTER FROM ONE WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN BUSINESS MAN TO ANOTHER ON THE NATURE AND DURATION OF PRESENT STRINGENCY.

There follows here a business man's letter to another business man, upon a subject that lies within the public purview and interest, and it is well worth the reading, not only for the practical expression of opinion on the engaging topic, as well as for the cheerful conclusions that figure in the resume. It was shippers of staple products, the firm that handles a vast share of Astoria's annual salmon pack, and which has offices and agencies in all the principle cities of the Union. It was addressed to a friend, H. C. Bliss, in Atlanta, Georgia, and reads as follows: "Your favor of May 11th received and contents carefully noted. You

safe. They want to know who is going to be elected; in fact, they want to know a lot of things.

"For the last few years it has been to muck-rake, attack the vested interests and destroy anything that had any value. The socialistic end of the country has been in service. Politicians have been elected by attacking the vested interests and the whole game has been worked in such a way game has been worked in such a way the vested interests has been destroyed, with the result that the railroads could not get money, big corporations could not get money, everything stopped and it is going to take a certain length of time to get the wheels in motion.

"The average wholesale grocer's attitude is against business rather than for it. He is really not trying to do anything. He is simply drifting and that is what makes the present situation so hard. You go in to a buyer, you offer him goods at a price that is right; at a price that he thinks they can sell at a profit to his house and yet he is not allowed to buy unless it is in a hand-to-mouth manner.

"It is always darkest just before daybreak and it is bloody dark just now, but all we have to do is sit tight, keep your ear on the ground and get into the band wagon when the procession starts, as it will start one of these days. Yours very truly,

"(Signed) J. K. ARMSBY."

When you need a cough cure you need one that will cure your cough. Kemp's Balm, the best cough cure, will do it. All druggists sell it for 25 cents.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Guy R. Osborne will leave on the 8:20 express this morning for a month's visit with friends and relatives at the Capital City.

Miss Lelah Gilbaugh departs on this morning's train for Portland and Seattle and will enjoy the pleasures incident to the grand naval review on the Sound, and of the Rose Festival at the Oregon metropolis. She will be absent about 10 days.

J. G. McNab, traveling freight agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

C. B. Brown moved yesterday from his old home at 661 Exchange street to his new residence at 311 Harrison avenue, which he recently purchased.

W. H. Ormsby, the traveling freight agent for the Northern Pacific Railroad went to Seaside on a matter of business. He will return to Astoria today.

Otto Sund and Mrs. Sund are expected home today after a week's visit at Carson Springs.

Fred Fulton, son of Senator Fulton and Dick Fulton, son of G. C. Fulton, who have been in the East attending school, have returned to Astoria.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Noyes, who were formerly residents of this city, were in town visiting friends here and at Seaside, for several days have returned to their home at Portland.

Chas. A. Davis, a resident of Denver, was in the city yesterday.

W. B. Kernan, of Portland, is in town, a guest at the Occident.

Mr. C. W. Knowles, a resident of Seaside, was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

W. L. Pellanda and H. T. Kruger, two seamen off one of the battleships of the Atlantic fleet, are in town, stopping at the Occident. They will leave for North Head today.

J. A. Bae, a resident of Hobsonville, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Occident.

James Patterson of Seaside is in town registered at the Merwyn.

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NORTHWEST RAIN BELT ---ITS ANNUAL AVERAGES

The Morning Astorian is under lasting obligations to Mr. P. L. Cherry, of this city, for the following tabulated data in relation to the rain-fall of this section of the northwest, taken from the federal reports, and which he has confirmed thoroughly in his re-adjustment of the seven and eight years covered by the official returns at hand. It is published because of its very interesting facts, which are frequently sought and rarely found, and which, in this particular shape, are never seen at all, and because it is information worth the cutting out and preserving, by all who have to rely on such data in any manner; and because, further, the territory embraced in the compilation is of a character that makes the record intimately understood and appreciated.

	PORT TOWNSEND				TACOMA				PORTLAND				ASTORIA				
	Rainy Days	Clear Days	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy Days	Rainy Days	Clear Days	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy Days	Rainy Days	Clear Days	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy Days	Rainy Days	Clear Days	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy Days	
1900...	135	121	53	191	173	71	92	202	179	126	0	239	208	98	90	177	84.97
1901...	124	126	57	182	156	79	108	178	143	115	1	249	198	88	106	171	77.87
1902...	137	139	57	169	176	56	105	204	188	92	87	186	207	86	97	182	86.46
1903...	111	116	77	172	159	42	98	226	155	87	100	178	176	81	60	224	74.63
1904...	125	133	51	182	157	72	127	167	172	86	72	198	184	128	70	218	88.67
1905...	125	140	55	170	143	70	133	162	152	86	101	178	170	144	47	174	72.63
1906...	130	146	59	160	158	72	90	203	157	92	98	175	182	132	67	130	82.73
1907...	130	141	48	161	133	85	91	189	133	111	111	143	132	180	41	140	73.91
A'v'g.	887	1062	457	1387	1255	547	844	1531	1279	795	570	1546	1457	937	528	1416	641.87
	128	132	57	173	157	68	105	191	160	100	71	193	187	117	68	197	80.23

For the same periods of time and the same districts, Mr. Cherry has reduced the foregoing totals to the following essential averages of rainfall:

PORT TOWNSEND	TACOMA	PORTLAND	ASTORIA	YEAR
20.37	46.82	36.85	84.97	1900
15.52	45.75	34.49	77.87	1901
22.32	54.67	50.15	86.46	1902
18.50	45.11	35.62	74.62	1903
23.13	45.91	46.37	88.67	1904
17.08	36.60	34.10	72.63	1905
20.59	42.10	43.29	82.73	1906
.....	33.51	42.89	73.91	1907
7 Years 137.51	8 Years 350.47	8 Years 323.74	8 years 641.87	
Average 19.64	43.81	40.92	80.23	

Off For Lake County—

W. T. Eakin, of this city, accompanied by his two daughters, the Misses Bessie and Mary Eakin, will leave this evening on the Undine for Pendleton and the interior, on an outing that will last the better part of a month, and will comprehend a bit of business along with the undoubted pleasure incident to the trip. They will go into Lake County, where so many Astorians have already been, and will file on lands there. Mrs. Eakin will take the evening train for the metropolis where she will visit with friends and relatives while her family is abroad.

Prophetess of Anarchy—

Miss Emma Goldman, the famous student and lecturer upon the peculiar and socially dangerous cult of anarchy has engaged the Astoria opera house for tomorrow night, Thursday, and will deliver one of her best lectures there. She is likely to have quite an audience, as many will attend from pure curiosity and but few from any sense of sympathy or allegiance to the doctrine Miss Goldman has greatly modified the text and tone of her lectures, else she could not secure reputable and popular halls for her assemblies in cities like Portland and Astoria.

Three Valuable Acquisitions—

When the steamship Geo. W. Elder docked at the Callender pier here yesterday at 1:30 o'clock p. m. there descended her gang-plank, three gentlemen who mean much for the industrial progress of Astoria. They were followed, in two instances, at least, by their families. They were Messrs. H. H. Holland and Patrick

Cathlamet on Monday to attend the formal arraignment of Mr. Campbell there before the local justice. He was duly arraigned and entered a plea of "not guilty," and upon motion of Mr. McCue the preliminary hearing of the case was continued until 10 o'clock on Saturday morning next. The case will ultimately come before Judge Rice of the Superior Court for Washington. Mr. McCue says that the defendant has very many friends around the north shore counties who are deeply sympathetic and interested in the case, as Mr. Campbell was never known to be in any sort of grave trouble before the happening of this tragedy.

FOGS AT NEW YORK.

Forerunners of a Tropical Climate Says Captain Mills.

NEW YORK, May 26.—That the fogs which have been hanging over New York harbor and its approaches for several days greatly interfering with shipping are the forerunners of a tropical climate for New York is the opinion expressed by Captain Arthur Mills, commander of the American liner Philadelphia which was delayed outside Sandy Hook for many hours by the fog. "Its the gulf stream," he said, shaking his head. "The stream is getting closer to New York every year and I expect, if I live that long to see the gulf stream running right past our door and New York become a tropical city with an almost continual fog rolling in from the sea."

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have given me just what I wanted to know, regarding the Southern country. Conditions there are no different from anywhere else. It is a case of too many people out of work—a case of scare. The mental situation in playing a very important part. People are afraid to start mills, afraid to try to sell the output, afraid to do anything. The situation would clear up much sooner if people could only get a little nerve in their systems and at it, because the country has not gone to the bow-wows.

"The foundation of the who situation, as you say, is the farmer and the farmer is a long way from broke; on the contrary, he is particularly prosperous, but he has also got the conservative bug in his system and is pinching his cards and is not spending the money he is entitled to spend, from his financial situation.

"Now there is another big crop coming down upon us and I cannot help feeling that we are on the bottom and that while resumption will be very slow and delayed far longer than necessary, nevertheless, the pendulum has got to swing back, but I am free to confess that I don't think the swing-back will be very hard this year. We may get it late in the Fall but when it does come it will be steady and then each month will see conditions a little better than the preceding month. Of course while the prospects for crops are great, nevertheless, many things can happen between now and the time they are harvested and the financial interests generally are not going to take anything for granted. They will wait first to see who is nominated; what the attitude of the two parties is to be towed the vested interests. Then they want to know that the crops are