

TOWN TOPICS

LACK OF PROPER ATTENTION

No Accommodations at Astoria for Smallpox Patients from the Steamer Elleric.

CAPTAIN AND SAILOR IN TWO MISERABLE HUTS

Heavy Loss to the Portland & Asiatic Company by Delay of the Vessel.

Vigorous complaints are being made by the local shippers about the quarantine conditions at the mouth of the river.

Because no houses are available for the other members of the crew, the Elleric is to remain in quarantine for several weeks, and possibly months.

The isolation houses consist of three small huts, in one of which Captain McLeod, master of the British steamer Elleric, is confined with a bad case of smallpox; a sailor from the same vessel is suffering with the malady in the other.

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A. M. steamer Geo. W. Elder; schooner Virginia, from Portland. San Pedro, Dec. 4.—Arrived yesterday, schooner Robert H. Hind, from Portland. Astoria, Dec. 4.—Arrived from Astoria, Dec. 4. Sailed at 8 a. m. for San Francisco; steamer Acme, for San Francisco.

Arrived at 7:30 a. m. and left up at 7:50 a. m. steamer Aberdeen, from San Francisco. Sailed at 8 a. m. schooner Honolulu, for Shanghai; schooner Ahukona, for San Pedro.

Arrived at 9 a. m. schooner W. F. Hewitt, from San Pedro. Arrived at 10 a. m. French bark Martha Roux, from Swanesa.

Astoria, Dec. 5.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m. moderate; wind, east; weather, cloudy.

Astoria, Dec. 5.—Steamer Alliance left up at 11; British steamer Langdale arrived down at 11:45.

PREPARING ST. JOHN'S NEW CITY CHARTER

St. John's new city charter, which will soon be submitted to the people for ratification, closely resembles the charter of the city of Portland.

Under the new charter the mayor, councilmen, recorder, treasurer and city attorney are elective officers.

The mayor, recorder and city attorney constitute a civil service commission for the purpose of passing on the qualifications of applicants for positions in the public service.

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CHRISTMAS and the opportunity for purchasing your gifts for the occasion is shortened that much. We have always urged that purchases be made early, while stocks are complete and salesmen have time to look after the individual wants of every customer.

- Chairs Buffets Dressers Hall Trees Sideboards Hall Settees Chiffoniers Bookcases Tabourettes Side Tables Metal Beds China Closets Dining Tables Colonial Beds Center Tables Parlor Tables Parlor Chairs Parlor Rockers Parlor Couches Library Tables Dining Chairs Morris Chairs Ladies' Desks Music Cabinets Eclipse Heater Eclipse Range

Or some other useful and ornamental furnishings for the house? The acceptability of such gifts and their giveability must appeal to all. Scarcely anything else will serve to hold the memory of the "giver" for the same period of time. Live in deeds, not words. We will help you. You may pay us for these goods as your circumstances warrant.

Great Cash Sale of WOOD AIR-TIGHT HEATERS For Four Days Only—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. No. 18—Regular \$4 for \$2.75 No. 21—Regular \$5 for \$3.25 No. 24—Regular \$6 for \$4.90 We deliver these stoves but do not put them up. Sold for cash only.

I. GEVURTZ & SONS The Little-at-a-Time Store Corner Yamhill and First Gevurtz Sells It for Less

GREAT GROWTH IN SCHOOL ATTENDANCE Over Fourteen Thousand Scholars in Portland, a Gain of Nearly Two Thousand.

At the end of the third month of the school year the reports from the various principals in the city schools show a larger attendance than ever before.

It is usual at this time of the year to have the attendance slightly decreased on account of bad weather and sickness, but this year, instead of decreasing it has been increasing in a majority of the schools.

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COLUMBIA THEATRE A. E. BALLARD, Lessee and Manager. The Superb Columbia Stock Company. "Mistakes Will Happen"

MARQUAN GRAND W. T. Fagin, Les. Mgr. MARQUAN THEATRE Phone Main 668. Tuesday night, December 7, Thursday night, December 11.

The Star Theatre Cor. Park and Washington. The Best and Most Fashionable Vaudeville Theatre.

THE GRAND THEATRE A Wonderful Offering TODAY—NEW BILL—TODAY. Le Mon's Dog, Cat and Monkey Circus.

Bijou Theatre THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM. VIOLET ROSS AND LITTLE ARNOLD. HILDEBRAND STROM SAN.

Get Our Quotations ON Sash Doors Mill Work Before Building. Rasmussen & Co. N. E. Corner Second and Taylor Sts.

Imperial Hotel Co. PORTLAND, ORE. EUROPEAN PLAN ONLY. Rates from \$1 to \$25.00 per day.

Got a Christmas Gift Richard M. Mullen bought the OLYMPIC PRODUCT and secured a Lewis & Clark souvenir dollar. He says: "Gentlemen—I want to thank you for the Lewis and Clark souvenir dollar."

Richard M. Mullen JOURNAL WANT AD

Christmas Presents ARE NOW TO BE THOUGHT OF. It was never larger than this year. Our immense line of 10 Cent Articles Are novel and good values OUR SPECIAL BLEND 25c Coffee IS THE BEST HAINES TEA STORE 170 THIRD STREET Phone Main 1708

ALONG THE WATERFRONT. After a passage of 131 days from Swanesa the French bark Martha Roux arrived at the mouth of the river yesterday afternoon.

TO END THIS WEEK ANNUAL DISPLAY OF LEADING MAKES OF KEY INSTRUMENTS. Delivery of Sold Pianos Commences After the 8th. Many Homes to Be Made Happy.

WINTER RATES TO YAQUINA BAY. The Southern Pacific Co. will sell, on Wednesday and Saturdays of each week, round-trip tickets to Yaquina Bay.

BEEF BY WAY OR SOUND. Local officials of the Portland & Asiatic company say they have received positive assurance that the beef shipment coming from Omaha to the Russian government is to be sent by way of Puget sound instead of Portland.

MARINE NOTES. Astoria, Dec. 5.—Arrived at 7:50 a. m. and left up at 8:45 a. m. steamer Columbia, from San Francisco.