

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1888.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

For the sixteenth time THE ASTORIAN tips its hat to its multitude of readers and heartily wishes them, one and all, a Merry Christmas.

"Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings good cheer." So runs the old rhyme, and so it is at every recurrence of this Christmas time, which is or should be a time of peace, of happiness and loving remembrance.

The religious aspect of this joyous occasion is overlooked in the festivities universally observed, gifts, the reunions, and good cheer attendant upon the day.

We have none too many holidays, and the merry Christmas day is one of the brightest in our yearly calendar.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

This silly assessment law that we have is one of the first things that the coming legislature should alter so as to insure just and equitable taxation. As it is the law and system are a farce. Millions of dollars worth of property escape taxation, fictitious "debts" are allowed, and a premium is virtually set upon rascality. The law allowing indebtedness should be repealed and a stricter account demanded from the several county assessors, and while on this subject it is in order to direct the attention of the Clatsop county court and other courts to the matter of hidden property; property that escapes taxation. We mean really, land and improvements thereon. There is a good deal of owned land in this county that is not taxed; there are believed to be a good many land owners in Clatsop county whose names do not appear on the county tax roll. It is the province and should be the purpose of this and other county courts to see that no such omissions are made. As it is at present the whole thing is a farce. The assessors, in this regard, need the assistance, co-operation and support of the county courts.

Tax granting by congress of the right of way to the Astoria and South Coast Railway company to build a bridge over Young's river, was another big step in the preliminary work of the road. Congress can confer a right of way quicker than a good many folks nearer home who would be greatly benefited, but who appear to look upon the scheme from too selfish a standpoint. But people who will stand in the way of progress and improvement, cannot continue to occupy such objectionable position.

He Told It To His Wife.

Tom—Dick, what word can be made shorter by adding two letters? Dick—I give it up. Tom—Why, short, of course. Dick—That's pretty good. I'll spring that on my wife as soon as I get home. I bet I'll catch her. (At home) Dick—My dear, what word can be made longer by adding two letters? Wife—Why any word. What a foolish question. Do you think I'm an imbecile? Hello, where are you going? Dick—I'm going to hunt up the fellow that introduced that joke to me. There's something wrong somewhere.

A Woman's Discovery.

"Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle had been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Herrick & Co., of Shelbyville, N. C.—Get a free trial bottle at J. W. Conn's Drug Store.

Notice.

Our store is not quite so crowded in the morning; parties can have more time in making their selections by visiting our store in the morning. GRIFFIN & REED.

All of Herman Wise's customers are invited to call at his store from now until Christmas Eve and leave their address. Santa Claus has a surprise in store for you.

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The Display of Holiday Goods at the New York Novelty Store is something simply immense. Their prices are lower than the lowest.

Price the New York Novelty Store's line of Pitch Goods, Albums, Autograph and Scrap Books. If you are looking for anything of the kind you are bound to get them there after pricing them.

Ludlow's Ladies' \$3.00 Fine Shoes; also Flexible Hand turned French Kids, at P. J. GOODMAN'S.

SURRENDERED THE VESSEL.

Loss of Life on the "Kate Adams."

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Parliament was prorogued to-day.

LABOR IN DETROIT.

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Congressman Hurd, chairman of the special committee on immigration and labor, began an investigation this forenoon. The evidence showed that a number of Canadians worked in this city during the day or season, retaining their alien character. This amounted in the printer's trade to 40 per cent. and in street car men to 25 per cent.

SURRENDERED THE VESSEL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Whitney to-day received a cable message from rear admiral Luce, in command of the United States steamer Galena at Kingston, Jamaica, who says the American steamer Haytian Republic, recently seized at Port au Prince by the Haytian authorities, had been surrendered to him upon demand.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 24.—Loss of life by yesterday's accident is not yet definitely known. The prospects are the exact number of the drowned will never be accurately known. It is stated that thirty-five is the most conservative estimate. Out of the party of fifteen white laborers who boarded the steamer, only two are said to have been saved. If this be true, and there is no means of ascertaining the facts, the loss of life may reach sixty, as many negroes on the lower deck lost their lives in attempting to swim ashore from the stern of the burning steamer. The boat and cargo is valued at \$145,000. The Kate Adams has the record of the fastest time between Helena and Memphis. She was the steamer that conveyed president Cleveland and wife from West Memphis to this city on the occasion of his visit to the south.

A SHIPMASTER'S OPINION.

As To Bar Pilotage and Tonnage.

Br. Ship Maxwell.

ASTORIA, OREGON, Dec. 1888.

CAPTAIN BETTS.

DEAR SIR:—In answer to your request I give you my opinion regarding the pilotage service on the bar and Columbia river. First, as to the bar pilotage, I can only instance my own experience. My ship was off the bar in 35 fathoms of water on the 9th of November last, the weather being so thick we could not make the land out. We stood off the land, and when about 30 miles off we fell in with a pilot boat, and though this boat was without pilots she gave us our position, which allayed my anxiety very much and enabled me to keep the ship in such a position that on the first favorable opportunity we were enabled to get in. The weather kept very thick and was blowing hard until the 12th, when we received a pilot and sailed in. We saw no tugs until near the bar. I consider that if compulsory bar pilotage was abolished the result would be a great loss of shipping, and consequently an increase in the insurance premiums. As to the river pilotage—Mr. Johnson on the 13th ultimo took charge of my ship at 2 P. M., and at 7 A. M. on the 14th anchored her off Portland. Before coming down Mr. Hoyt was most attentive in going and sounding the bar, and saving us the utmost possible draught; he allowed us to load to 19 feet, and though in crossing the different bars, and particularly the St. Helens bar, where there was barely sufficient water for our draft, by his care and attention we got down without grounding. I am of opinion that if the river pilotage was abolished as an independent body the tug boat captains, as servants of a company, would have a strong inducement only to load the ships to such an easy draught as would insure a speedy passage down. The consequence would be that the extra lighterage required under those circumstances would amount to considerably more than the pilotage rates. There are other objections to doing away with the pilotage service which must strike every one. The pilots work for the interest of the ship, and I think it would be unwise, and would militate against the interests of the port to abolish them.

Of course you are aware that this is my first visit to your port, but what I have said is after 15 years as a shipmaster, and after having had experience in most of the principal ports in the world. So you can put the foregoing down as being it strikes a stranger. I remain yours sincerely, T. G. FRASER.

P. S.—Why don't you agitate and get the river deepened?

Something for the New Year.

The world renowned success of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and their continued popularity for a third of a century as a stomachic, is scarcely more wonderful than the welcome that greets the annual appearance of Hostetter's Almanac. This valuable medical treatise is published by Hostetter & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., under their own immediate supervision, employing 60 hands in that department. Six cylinder printed presses, 5 folding machines, 5 job presses, &c., are running about a even months in the year on this work, and the issue of same for 1889 will not be less than ten millions, printed in the English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages. Refer to a copy of it for valuable and interesting reading concerning health, and numerous testimonials as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, amusement, varied information, astronomical calculations and chronological items, &c. which can be depended on for correctness. The Almanac for 1889 can be obtained free of cost, from druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the country.

Notice.

A full line of Sunset Diaries for 1889, contains the Astoria Tide tables and other valuable information. These diaries make handsome Christmas presents for old and young, to be obtained only at GRIFFIN & REED.

Sweet Apple Cider.

At the Astoria Soda Works.

Tender, Juicy Steak at Jeff's.

CHRISTMAS CHIMES.

A Merry Season of Enjoyment.

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

Christmas is emphatically the children's festival. For them is displayed the lavish array of gifts; to them Kris Kringle is a veritable reality, by them the Christmas festival is made the purest and most home-like of feasts, in them is the sweet faith that many of us lose on life's path way, and through them we live again over our own childhood and the youthful zest reflected from their bright young faces as they come trooping in to see the laden Christmas tree and its wonderful fruit on Christmas eve.

Yesterday the time-honored Christmas tree occupied a prominent place in our city churches, in each of which a happy crowd collected, and to a reporter who visited each it was hard to say who were the most pleased—the givers or the recipients of the gifts.

At the Episcopal church last evening Messrs. Tranchard, Tuttle and Reed dispensed the presents to the delighted little ones, at the Methodist church Messrs. Peterson, and Proebstel; at the Presbyterian church, Messrs. Holden and Hauser. In all the churches the pastors were deservedly and generously remembered. Rev. W. S. Short received a well filled purse, Rev. Mr. Grannis and Rev. Mr. Hall were equally remembered, and at the Congregational church, Miss Nettie Wilson, the accomplished organist, was the recipient of a \$40 set of books. In many homes there were private Christmas trees.

THE SWEET WORD "HOME."

Dr. Talmage's Tribute to the Theme.

"Home! It is a charmed word. Through that one syllable thrill untold melodies, the laughter of children, the sound of wellknown footsteps, and the voice of undying affection. Home! I hear in that word the ripple of meadow brooks in which knee deep we waded, the lowing of cattle coming from the pasture, the sharp hiss of the scythe amid thick grass, the creaking of the hay-rack where we tramped down the load. Home! Upon that word there drop the sunshine of boyhood and the shadow of tender sorrows and the reflection of 10,000 fond memories. Home!

"When I see it in book or newspaper that word seems to rise and sparkle and leap and thrill and whisper and chant and pray and weep. It glitters like a shield. It springs up like a fountain. It thrills like a song. It twinkles like a star. It leaps like a flame. It glows like a sunset. It sings like an angel. And if some lexicographer, urged on by a spirit from beneath, should seek to cast forth that word from the language, the children would come forth and hide it under garlands of wild flowers, and the wealthy would come forth to cover it up with their diamonds and pearls, and the kings would hide it under their crowns, and after Herod had hunted its life from Bethlehem to Egypt, and utterly given up the search, some bright, warm, day it would flash from among the gems, and breathe from among the flowers, and toss from among the coronets, and the world would read it bright and far and beautiful and resonant as before, Home! Home! Home!"

The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Sult, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Bellville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at J. W. Conn's Drug Store.

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TICKS OF THE TELEGRAPH.

Southern Republicans will let Gen. Harrison alone in the formation of his cabinet.

Wm. Graham drank embalming fluid at San Bernardino, Cal., on the 23rd, and died in great agony.

Gov. Moonlight has made all Wyoming angry by officially stating that the territory has 50,000 people.

A large fleet of bar bound vessels, comprising forty ships and steamers arrived at San Francisco last Sunday.

The proposed meeting of the Chicago anarchists last Sunday evening was outwitted and foiled by the police.

A fire at Menominee, Mich., has destroyed the town and occasioned suffering among the frost-bitten survivors.

Two boys smoked near a Mt. Pleasant, O., dynamite magazine last Sunday and blew everything in the neighborhood out of existence.

The steamer Kate Adams burned to the water's edge forty miles south of Memphis, Tenn., last Sunday morning. Of the 200 people aboard 40 lost their lives by drowning.

The wrecked Yaquina Bay has been finally abandoned. Capt. Lord says the wreck was due to the pilot's carelessness, and that it was his (the captain's) first trip to Yaquina.

The general verdict is that Griffin & Reed have the largest and best assortment of Holiday Goods ever shown in the city.

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