

TO ASTORIANS.

The DAILY ASTORIAN will be found on sale in Portland at the well-known stationery house of J. F. Handley & Co., 391 Washington Street. Orders for advertising left with this firm will receive prompt attention.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—Washington, Oregon and Idaho, probably occasional light rain west of Cascade today.

MARK YOUR TICKET.

Be sure to properly mark your ticket today. Put a cross between the number and name of the candidate for whom you vote.

Look at your ticket carefully and in voting the republican ticket mark your ballot for such candidate as in the example following, thus: MAYOR 12 X OSWOLD H. BECKMAN.

AROUND TOWN.

J. L. Smiley of Clifton is in the city.

Joe Kopp of Skamokawa is in the city.

J. B. Kinney of Fort Stevens is in town.

C. P. Shorkley of Kelso is at the Parker.

John Kinnon of Portland is at the Occident.

John Driscoll of Portland is at the Occident.

The saloons will take a partial holiday today.

Crawfish, cooked in wine, at the National Cafe.

John F. O'Boya of Portland was in town yesterday.

J. F. Rieger of Portland is registered at the Parker.

J. L. Nutter of Fort Canby was in the city yesterday.

M. P. Calvesar of Knappa was in the city yesterday.

A. S. Robertson of Portland is registered at the Parker.

H. Thompson of Hammond was at the Parker yesterday.

W. W. Randall of La Grande is stopping at the Parker.

There were 47 deaths in Portland during the month of November.

E. J. and Geo. Army of Dubuque, Ia., are registered at the Occident.

Buy your Xmas tree ornaments at the Parlor. Cheaper than in Portland.

A girl wants situation to take care of children. Address E. Astorian office.

Herman Wise offers all Overcoats and Mackintoshes at a reduction of 20 per cent.

The German bark *Seawater* arrived in yesterday from Guaymas in ballast.

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The work on the new building for the Astoria Box Company is progressing rapidly.

It is easy to call a candidate harsh names. To defeat him is quite another matter.

Mark your ticket properly today. Do not lose your vote through carelessness.

FOR RENT—Single rooms or a desirable suite, in the Flavel brick. Apply room 17.

Charles Finley of Pendleton and formerly a resident of this city is visiting in Astoria.

Twenty per cent reduction on all Mackintoshes and overcoats at Herman Wise's store.

The schooner *Honolulu* is loaded with lumber and ready to go to sea. She goes to China.

The British ship *Glenholu* has been released from quarantine and will go up the river today.

Twenty per cent reduction on all Mackintoshes and overcoats at Herman Wise's store.

Mr. Howe, who formerly superintended the bindery in this city, is in town on a business trip.

The funeral of Fred Beerman occurred yesterday and was attended by many of his old time friends.

The British bark *Inverurie* cleared at the custom house yesterday. She is bound to Europe for orders.

Werner Storm, a native of Russia, was made a citizen of the United States by the county court yesterday.

The four-masted barkentine *Omega*, with a lumber cargo for Iquique, is in Scow bay undergoing some slight repairs.

Harry Hamblett and Peter Grant leave this morning for Shoalwater bay where they have extensive oyster interests.

Captain Staples, who brought in the *Abercrombie*, reports sighting four ships outside yesterday, and among them the *St. Enoch*.

Sunday the ship *Shera Meranda*, when swinging at tide time, came foul of the dock and carried her bumpkin away.

Pure whisky Harper Perfect whisky Harper every bottle guaranteed Harper. Sold by Ford & Stokes Company, Astoria, Oregon.

The Presbyterian ladies were very successful in the sale last evening, realizing a handsome sum. An enjoyable social time accompanied the function.

Portland wants a mint and proposes that the government abandon the one at Carson City and move the machinery to Portland.

Fred Nelson, who went to the Yukon two years ago, has returned to Astoria and apparently prospered in the gold country.

Our line of holiday goods is now in. Remember we have the only line of its kind in the city. Portland prices. B. F. Allen & Son.

The boilers of the *Columbine* are being temporarily repaired at the Astoria Iron Works. Later she will be fitted with new boilers.

Our prize \$375 organ will be drawn New Year's eve. Chances given on every \$2.50 purchase of holiday goods. B. F. ALLEN & SON.

Yesterday in the county clerk's office Andrew Pernu, a native of Russia, declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States.

Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other. George W. Sanborn, Agent. Telephone 1311.

The members of the Congregational church will hold their annual fair in the basement of the church Saturday eve, Dec. 16. Refreshments will be served.

Roslyn coal is the best and most economical coal for household use in Astoria. Try it once and you will have no other. George W. Sanborn, Agent. Telephone 1311.

Frank Shields was in Astoria yesterday on a visit to his parents. He will be accompanied to Portland tonight by his mother, who will return tomorrow evening.

The Portland exposition realized \$112,445 for the monument fund, and this sum has been turned over to the Oregonian. The total amount received up to date is \$9,583.47.

There has not been an unkind word said against Dr. Beckman, republican candidate for mayor. He is an honest, upright and intelligent citizen and will make a good officer.

The British steamer *Abercrombie*, Captain Murray, 3438 tons, from Hong Kong, came in last evening in charge of Pilot M. D. Staples. She is consigned to the O. R. & N. Co., Portland.

Another barge containing 200 cords fine shabwood received yesterday from Knappton Mills by the Astoria Wood Yard Company, which they offer for sale at \$2.00 and \$2.25 per cord, delivered.

Edward Justahl, who has been employed in the engineering service at Fort Stevens, died there Monday evening after undergoing an operation for appendicitis. The body was brought to Astoria last evening.

Clean politics is appreciated by all liberty loving voters. Descending to the level of ward politicians in order

to accomplish the election of a ticket, ashamed of its party, will not be indulged at the polls today.

The British steamer *Arab*, 2674 tons, is on her way to Portland from Nagasaki. She brings no cargo but a miscellaneous cargo for the Orient awaits her at Portland. She is consigned to Dodwell & Co.

You will miss it if you fail to notice the holiday advertisements in the Astorian. You just cannot afford to do your Xmas shopping at the house whose stock is of insufficient value to be worth advertising in these columns.

Quality shakes hands with low-price at our place. It is not often these two meet but just now they're "hanging out" regularly at Jones' Cash Store. You know him—Jones? He's the man that pays the freight. Located at Portland, 105 and 119 Front.

There is no reason why George F. Welch should not be elected as city attorney. He had a year's experience as deputy under a former city attorney and made a careful and efficient officer. His election will insure a careful administration of city affairs.

There is no doubt about the election of Jas. F. Kearney as superintendent of streets. The fact that the street department has been run nearly 50 per cent cheaper under his administration than under a citizens', will bring to him the support of taxpayers and voters.

Mr. Elmore's record as mayor, of Astoria needs no recommendation. It is generally conceded that he made an excellent mayor and the business of the city was conducted on business principles. As police commissioner he will bring the same careful consideration into the administration of the police department as he did while mayor.

A city indebtedness over the limit mark, a deficiency of thousands of dollars; with no street improvements during the year, will be the repetition of municipal affairs, if the so-called non-partisan ticket is elected. The nominees are good men, but their business sagacity is sadly deficient. The tax payers cannot afford another year like the past.

Having a large invoice of shoes arriving January 1, and in order to make room for same, we will commence Monday, December 11, to close out our entire stock of fine men's boys' and children's shoes at and below factory costs. We have a splendid line of children's shoes. Men's shoes almost given away. Fred Walters, corner 12th and Bond streets.

A fairy grotto could scarcely present a more beautiful appearance than does the Bonbonniere these days. The varied and many colored Christmas tree decorations are so arranged that in the aggregate they form an artistic display which is worth going a good ways to see. The show cases and counters are lined with choice candies and other dainties that are hard to resist.

Mrs. S. Elmore, Mrs. I. Pearl and Mrs. J. T. Lighter, with Miss Halsted and Miss Elmore, have cushions, large and small, for sale: from the big downy couch pillows to the tiny sachet that perfumes your dresser. Nothing prettier or more useful for a Christmas gift could be found. Come and see them at the Methodist fair, Thursday, Dec. 14. Sale opens at 4 p. m., corner Ninth and Commercial Sts.

An "old rounder" says that the present system of voting is not proof against fraud. One method of cheating in the count is used where the two election clerks are in collusion. They sit so that they can touch feet and when the judges call off "Smith" the clerks agree through pedal telegraphy to tally the vote for "Brown." In some elections, like that of today, the character of the election officers stops suspicion, but the "old rounder" says the trick has been tried.

MR. REED'S REPORT.

An Exhaustive Review of the Fish Commissioner's Work.

Fish Commissioner F. C. Reed filed his annual report in the office of Governor Gear yesterday. It covers the year ending October 31, 1899. The report is a voluminous document and covers the year's work in detail.

The total number of salmon tags taken from the catches tributary to the Columbia on both sides of the river is 23,100,000.

The spring pack on the Oregon side was 233,215 cases, valued at \$1,262,645.50. On the Washington side the pack was 61,000 cases, valued at \$333,755. The full pack, Oregon side, was 34,567 cases, valued at \$153,551.50; Washington side, 16,850 cases, valued at \$48,825. The fresh and salt fish shipped East during the year amounted to 5,448,617 pounds, valued at \$370,848. For fees and licenses in the several districts, \$15,318.90 was collected.

The report says that Yaquina bay contains the only oyster beds in Oregon, from which any revenue is derived.

In opening the report Mr. Reed pays a warm tribute to ex-Commissioner Hollister D. McGuire and Senator A. W. Reed, who were drowned in the Umpqua river while engaged in the work of the fish commission.

A Free Trip to Paris!

Reliable persons of a mechanical or inventive mind desiring a trip to the Paris Exposition, with good money and express paid, should write The Patent Record, Baltimore, Md.

THE SALOON VOTE MYTH.

The Clumsy Generalship of Near-Sighted Politicians.

The Astorian feels under no obligation to defend the liquor traffic but the attitude of the democratic managers of the so-called non-partisan ticket in attempting to herd up the "saloon vote" is too insulting to many really thoughtful and honest citizens to be passed by in silence.

Every man who has paid the least attention to local politics knows that the whole democratic campaign is based upon the idea of "capturing the saloon vote," as though liquor dealers and their patrons constitute a peculiar class with no individual political ideas, and held together by some discreditable affinity and ready to be "captured" in a bunch.

It is highly improbable that such a view would be just in any city.

It certainly is vastly false in Astoria and is a gross libel on many men in the saloon business whose political actions are governed by conditions of public welfare and who are among the most independent and sensible of our voters.

Why men who presume to be politicians should act upon the silly theory that the way to gain a saloon man's respect is to paralyze his bar is a mystery. There are saloon men and bartenders in this city who themselves never drink liquor of any kind.

There are saloon men and saloon men. Some are governed politically by petty considerations, some are not. Some are republicans, some are democrats. Some today will vote the republican ticket and some the alleged non-partisan ticket, if they can forgive the insult offered them by the managers of the alleged non-partisan candidates.

The Inauguration ceremony concerning a Sunday evening sermon was designed to influence the "saloon vote." It would be a very stupid bird that would allow such an awkward hunter to put salt on its tail.

The moral status of the saloon business is not at issue in today's election. The Astorian is not defending nor condemning that business but it does condemn a gross insult to the intelligence, independence and good citizenship of citizens who have given no provocation for the assumption that they can be controlled by petty political manipulators.

THE MODERN MOTHER.

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

MACKINAW COATS, Blue only, \$2.75. MACKINAW PANTS, Blue or Brown, 1.75. MACKINAW PANTS, Yellow only, 1.50. These garments are regular made 40 or goods. During the Alaska trade the same class of Mackinaws sold for \$10 per suit. Jones bought 'em at a snap and is selling them the same way. They are bound to go at the price. Better order at once. JONES' CASH STORE, 108 and 110 Front Street, Portland, Oregon.

Merrie Christmas. Hoeffler's Bonbonniere. Is the place to buy your Christmas Candles. Pure Home Made Mixed Candles 15c a pound and up. Lowney's Famous Chocolates. All shapes, sizes and flavors. A profuse display of Fancy Baskets, and boxes. Just the thing for a dainty present.

Santa Claus. Will find it to his interest to call on us before purchasing elsewhere. Our Holiday Goods are all new and will not be kept after New Years. Everything guaranteed as low as Portland prices. B. F. Allen & Son, 365 Commercial St.

Decorative Art Room. Miss Bertha Martin's. Full Line of Newest Embroidery Materials. Initials a Specialty. Choice Selection of Sampling Designs. Stamping Neatly Done. Room 220 Dekum Building, 31 and Washington Sts., Portland, Or.

Nice Work. I can wash and iron, but can not do it as nice as the New Columbia Steam Laundry. I am young and they are old hands at the business, you know. Telephone 981 and they will call for your wash and you will be pleased. J. W. DALTON, Proprietor.

DO YOU BATHE? NO. WHY? Because at our house we have neither a bathtub, nor hot water handy. Then go to the Russian Baths at 217 Astor St. 25 cents is the price. Private apartments for ladies. Only the better class of patronage is entered to. Try one and you will come regularly.

C. J. TRENCHARD, Commission, Brokerage, Insurance and Shipping. Custom House Broker. ASTORIA, OREGON. Agent W. F. & Co., and Pacific Express Co's.

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