

C. H. COOPER'S Annual Sale

Commences on Tuesday Morning JANUARY 2.

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, Jan. 12.—Western Oregon and Washington, occasional rain today.

AROUND TOWN.

Crawfish, cooked in wine, at the National Cafe.

For Rent—Housekeeping rooms, 119 Eighth street.

Wanted—A girl for general housework, 218 Commercial street.

Sergeant Scott of Fort Stevens is enjoying a furlough in Portland and vicinity.

Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other. George W. Sanborn, Agent. Telephone 1211.

The death of Mrs. Margaret L. Price, mother of Ex-Senator John H. Mitchell, is reported from Portland. Mrs. Price was an Oregon pioneer, coming to the Northwest in 1846.

Mrs. Burgess Partlow, business, mining and text medium, will give readings from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. for a few days only. Parlor 9, Main Street House.

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 1211.

Lieutenant Cloke is acting commanding officer at Fort Stevens during the six weeks' absence of Lieutenant Bethel, who is serving on the Artillery Board, temporarily at Fort Flavel, Wash.

The bar is reported exceptionally rough. A pilot who returned from there last night describes the waves as breaking sky-high, rendering the bar impassible to craft of any description.

Old Continental is a standard high grade Kentucky whiskey. Absolutely pure, and can be recommended to those seeking a stimulant for medical and social use. Sold by Aug. Danielson, Astoria, Oregon.

L. F. Amundson will return to Tillamook rock light-house as soon as the Manzanita can leave here for the rock. Mr. Amundson has just completed his vacation, which falls to the lot of every light-house attaché at given intervals.

T. C. Rush of Chehalis, Wash., has sold to Phineas H. Dodge a tract of land described on the map of Clatsop county as the S. W. 1/4 of the S. E. 1/4 and S. E. 1/4 of the S. W. 1/4, and lots 2, 3 and 4 of section 20, and lot 1 of section 31, township 4 north, range 4 west.

Pending the reorganization of the football club, the assets will be in the hands of C. J. Trenchard, as trustee. Members in arrears for dues should pay the same to Mr. Trenchard. It is hoped by all the members that a re-organization may soon be effected.

The funeral of Andrew Nelson, who died at the hospital Wednesday night from a paralytic stroke, will take place at the Pohl undertaking parlors this forenoon, and the remains interred in Greenwood cemetery. Mr. Nelson was a native of Sweden and 63 years of age. He recently came to Astoria from Oysterville, Wash.

One needs to be neither a cheerful nor a sombre liar to say that the aggregation which held the boards at Fisher's opera house last night put forth a good show. "A Cheerful Liar" is a clever conception of funny nothingisms in which Max and Rose Steidle rise fully to the opportunity for amusing team work in rag-time specialties. There was a good attendance.

The bids for the city advertising for the present year were opened by

the ways and means committee yesterday. The Astorian bid 2 1/2 cents for the first insertion and 2 cents for each subsequent insertion; Budget, 4 cents for first insertion and 2 cents for each subsequent insertion; Daily News 4 cents for first and 2 1/2 cents for subsequent insertion. J. S. Dellinger's bid for job printing was lowest. The committee will report the matter to the common council which will award contracts to lowest bidder as above.

The work of completing the assessment of county and city property for the fiscal year will be completed some time next month—probably about the 20th. The fiscal tax rolls will then be placed in the hands of the sheriff for collection. All the taxes not paid prior to April 1, will be declared delinquent and an additional sum of three per cent will be imposed as a penalty. The work of assessing the county property has progressed favorably and it is hoped by the officials that the closing labor of collection can be similarly expedited.

A dispatch just received by the collector of customs in this city states that the treasury department has taken final action in the proceedings pending against the British steamship Cambrian Warrior. The owners of the vessel were fined \$5000 in September last on the ground of the vessel having come into port without a bill of lading. The violation consisted of the captain entering the harbor of Taitai, Chile, from Bahia, Brazil, and continuing on his journey to the Columbia river without having first received health papers from the American council at the first named port. The authorities reduced the fine to \$10, the circumstances surrounding the captain's course being considered sufficiently mitigating to justify only the lightest exemplary punishment.

It is not known that Astoria ever laid any claims to the Angelic, but if her criminal records are to be taken as a criterion, our city deserves the refulgent wreath of rectitude. At the present time but two prisoners are incarcerated in the county jail, this number not having been exceeded for some time past and there being fair prospect for little if any increase in the immediate future. Only a short time ago the jail was entirely vacant. The reason for this comparative freedom from the vicious criminal element is made plain in the fact that Astoria is, geographically and otherwise, a natural terminal point, removed from the ordinary course of the aimless prowler. Astoria is essentially a busy man's town—no place for the itinerant loafer, hence the small number of prisoners generally found in the county jail.

The Artillery Board, composed of Captain Rumbold, adjutant of the Third Artillery, Lieutenant Bethel, commanding officer at Fort Stevens, and Lieutenant McMatus, has been in session at Fort Stevens, examining soldiers as to their qualifications in gunnery. Twenty-two non-commissioned officers and a small number of privates were examined. These examinations are of much moment and interest as it is relative to ability to plant a shell exactly at a given point at will that they are made. The process, by which a heavy projectile can be accurately dispatched to hit and destroy, the explosion timed to the second, has been a source of much curiosity to the general public. Everything is calculated mathematically—the range, velocity of projectile, etc. During the past few days whole squadrons and armadas have been sunk by the participants in the examination at Fort Stevens—that is, on paper and without powder or balls, the identical training, save for open practice, being at the bottom of Dewey's success at Manila. The board has gone to Fort Flavel, Wash., to hold examinations; from thence they will go to California, covering all posts north of San Diego.

From some source which the most diligent inquiry failed to ascertain, the report was sent afloat yesterday afternoon that the lightship which recently went aground at North Head and which is now being removed,

had broken loose from her moorings at an early hour in the morning and was being pounded to pieces in the surf. The report was anonymously credited to Captain McVicar but that gentleman, when found, stated that he had given out the story upon the authority of a member of the life saving crew. But the original story was robbed of much of its glaring sensationalism by the statement of Captain McVicar direct. Captain Parker, who arrived here on the Narcotia at 4 p. m., disclaimed all knowledge of the reported accident. Finally, however, Contractor McIntosh, who has charge of the work of getting the lightship afloat, was found. Mr. McIntosh was both amused and annoyed by the report and started off pointing-blank with the emphatic statement that there wasn't a word of truth in the whole story; that he had left the boat as late as noon yesterday, at which time she was floating as smoothly as a silvery-feathered swan on Lake Como; and, once and for all if any one knew anything about the lightship at all, he came as near to it as any one he knew of and he knew the story to be fabricated "rot" from stern to stem. With this rather conclusive statement all further inquiry was dropped and if Mr. McIntosh's word goes for it, the ill-fated lightship will be safely anchored off the buoy station at Tongue Point within the next few days.

Registration of voters under the provisions of the new law has just been begun at the county clerk's office. Up to 4 o'clock yesterday p. m., 54 voters had already filled out the necessary papers. Although the new law is based upon the Australian ballot system, it differs materially from the individual adaptations in force in California, Nevada, and the other states in the west where a reformed system has been adopted. In the first place the Oregon registers are not printed, as is the case in all other states and in this and a few minor respects the system can but be regarded a rather primitive. All registrations are entered in a great official register kept by the county clerk, and from this they are transferred or copied into precinct registers, each precinct having an individual copy of its own, containing only the names of voters within the limits of its jurisdiction. It is in the registration of voters in precincts outside Astoria that the cumbersome features of the new law are made more particularly apparent. For instance, every voter must fill out a blank setting forth his eligibility and personal description, to which he is required to sign his name three times, each being taken before any notary or justice of the peace, who forward the documents to the county clerk. When the affidavits and signatures succeed in arriving at headquarters together and intact, the clerk cuts out two of the three signatures. One is placed opposite the entry on the great register and the other is pasted in the precinct register. The third is left, unaccompanied, to bear the burden of identification of the original document, which is kept on file among other important archives at the county house. This is the process that will be required of every voter who wishes to cast his ballot at the forthcoming general election, and the work must be completed by May 1, 1900.

"It is false! The statement that overtures have been made by the O. R. & N. with a view of bringing about an adjustment of the rate war, and that our company has declined to treat with them, is utterly without truth," declared one of the managers of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company to an Astorian reporter yesterday. "How any credit can be placed in such a report is incomprehensible, in view of the fact that the history of the whole affair proves matters conclusively to be the reverse. It is useless to attempt to improve the situation in anyway through newspaper interviews," he continued, "for the matter is one that can be remedied only by the management of the two companies getting together on some reasonable ground. At present no such prospect is in sight for the O. R. & N. is just as obtuse as it is unreasonable. If the only way in which an adjustment can be brought about lies in the Astoria road throwing open its safe to the O. R. & N. to the extent of one-third of its revenue in differentials, this little light of ours will continue till the crack of doom. It is a most preposterous proposition. Figure it out for yourself. Suppose, for instance, that two persons were conducting merchandise stores, side by side. One employed thirty clerks by the other ten. The ten-clerk merchant goes to the thirty-clerk merchant and arbitrarily demands from him one-third of the income of his establishment, and in the event of a refusal threatens to retaliate by selling his goods for less than cost—absolutely nothing. Do you think for a moment that the thirty-clerk merchant would accede to such a demand?—would he submit to a bare-faced hold-up like that, if he had any business stamina and backbone at all? The proposition is too ridiculous to be given a second's thought, yet this is precisely the attitude assumed by the O. R. & N., and having some sense and regard for fair business principles, the Astoria & Columbia River road declines to be held up. That's the proposition in a nutshell. Whenever this matter can be settled upon a reasonable basis with fairness to all concerned, we will be found both ready and willing to negotiate, but until that time shall have arrived—so long as matters stand as they do now, people can continue to ride to Portland for two-hots."

HAD TO GIVE IN AT LAST

PORTLAND'S MASK FALLS

Oriental Steamer, Unable to Complete Her Cargo at Portland, Pills Her Hold Here.

The Oriental steamer Arab, plying between this port and Astoria points in the flour, wheat and tea trade came down the river from Portland yesterday and tied up at the dock at Flavel.

Almost simultaneously a special train came thundering down the valley, on the Astoria & Columbia River railroad, carrying 600 tons of coal, and about 200 tons of wheat from the Willamette valley. These also stopped over at Flavel and large gangs of men are now working diligently at unloading the aforesaid wheat and coal from the aforesaid train into the spacious hold of the aforesaid Oriental steamer.

And thereby hangs a tale—spelled both ways.

Like-wise hangs an argument without words, bold and irrefutable. An object lesson, as it were, with a red silk band around it.

Putting two and two together, sifting away the chaff and stating the point briefly in plain Anglo-Saxon so that even he who runs may read, the little incident in traffic above referred to means simply that the Arab, which meandered cautiously down the river, drawing but 23 feet in high water season, had to have nearly a thousand tons of her cargo sent by rail to meet her at the mouth of the river for the only reason that in doing so lay her only possible chance of ever clearing river bottom sufficiently to reach the mouth of the river at all.

The incident rises to the dignity of importance both here and in Portland for two reasons: First, that deep-water vessels of ordinary capacity cannot take on a full cargo at Portland and make the trip in safety down the Columbia river to Astoria, but must complete their cargoes here, as evidenced in the case of the Arab, for instance; secondly, yesterday's shipment of wheat by rail to be taken on after the boat had made the river trip, was the first consignment of the kind, and afforded proof that the mathematical gymnasts and fact jugglers up the river have at last been forced to publicly acknowledge in the eyes of the shipping world the fact that Astoria is the natural seaport outlet for Oregon and the Island Empire. In brief, the incorrigible and unctious heifer has been walloped home to its milk.

The Arab came down yesterday under the most favorable conditions. Just what proportion of her cargo will have to be taken on here in the future when the water is lower and the tides weaker can only be conjectured until her later trips convert facts, born of necessity, into history, or the shippers of the Northwest succeed in getting their eyes fully open and thrust off the yoke.

TRANSVAAL LOSS IN LIFE.

Moralists are discussing the terrible loss of life brought about by the Transvaal war. Yet here life is sacrificed for a purpose—or for an honest principle. It were better to preach against the needless sacrifice of life. Thousands of people succumb to ailments which might easily have been checked in the beginning. Dyspepsia carries off more people than are killed in war. The use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters would save many lives. Constipation may seem a little thing, but it invariably develops into something worse, and the longer it is allowed to run, the harder it is to cure. The Bitters cures indigestion, constipation, dyspepsia and biliousness, naturally and permanently, good for everybody.

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\$17.50 Men's Overcoats or Suits	\$14.00
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\$3.00 Pants	\$2.35
\$3.50 Pants	\$2.75
\$4.00 Pants	\$3.00
\$4.50 Pants	\$3.50
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\$5.50 Pants	\$4.40
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The Washington Agricultural College of Pullman, Wash., has just purchased four new-model Smith Premier Typewriters of L. & M. Alexander & Co., 245 Stark St., Portland. Other so-called standard typewriters were in competition, but owing to the superiority of the Smith Premier the college decided in its favor.

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