

KNOX HATS

The Latest
Summer
Blocks...

C. H. COOPER

Sole Agent for Astoria.

All contracts for advertising in the Astorian are made on a guarantee of circulation four times larger than that of any paper published or circulated in Clatsop county.

AROUND TOWN.

Pigs for sale at Gaston's stable.

Horses for sale at Gaston's stable.

A. F. Rogers of Portland is in the city.

Registrations to 5 o'clock last evening, 2465.

Have you registered? Today is the last day.

Don't forget Herman Wise's special hat sale TODAY.

W. S. Page of Portland visited with Judge Page on Sunday.

Get your name on the registration list before 5 p. m. today.

D. H. Welch returned from his visit to The Dalles on Sunday.

T. W. B. London, representing Balfour, Guthrie & Company, was down from Portland yesterday.

Fish Commissioner Reed has returned from a trip to The Dalles.

Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun Restaurant, 612 Commercial street.

D. W. Marsh, of Hilo, Hawaii, is in the city, a guest at the Occident.

Jeff's restaurant—the largest and best. A trial will convince you.

Wanted.—To rent a centrally located furnished house. Address X, care Astorian.

Two days more only in which to pay your delinquent taxes—today and tomorrow.

W. A. Hemleben, of Norfolk, Neb., who has been visiting in Astoria, started for his home on Sunday.

A. F. Rogers was down from Portland yesterday in the interest of the paper firm of Blake, McFall & Co.

A small place at Clatsop for sale or rent. Suitable for chicken ranch. Apply to A. Tagg, Parlor Candy Store.

Miss Clara Simpson, whose illness in Portland has been reported, is much improved and said to be out of danger.

Herring & Cook, Commercial street, between Tenth and Eleventh, is the only first class all-night lunch house in Astoria.

Cream Pure Rye. America's finest whisky. The only pure goods; guaranteed rich and mellow. John L. Carlson, sole agent.

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

Harrison Allen returned Sunday from a trip to Oregon City and other points. He reports his "fences in good condition" and feels confident of election, early as it is in the campaign.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

Pears'

Unless you have used Pears' soap you probably do not know what we mean by a soap with no free fat or alkali in it—nothing but soap.

The more purely negative soap is, the nearer does it approach perfection.

county and national elections. The registration books close at 5 p. m. this afternoon. If you have not registered do so today. Let no voter deliberately disfranchise himself.

Dr. August Kinney has returned from The Dalles, where he went to meet the merchants relative to the establishment of a river transportation service between The Dalles and this city.

The British bark East African left up for Portland Sunday afternoon. Owing to the fact that the East African came from Honolulu she was detained in quarantine for the regulation number of hours prior to her departure.

The final arrangements for the 20-round contest between George White and Charles Yost, to take place at the Occident on the night of the 28th inst., have been made, and local sporting men are taking much interest in the affair. Fred Brown, who is managing the contest, declares that if any of those attending the contest are not satisfied, they can have their dollar returned upon the presentation of the coupon on their ticket.

Notice to property owners building residences and stores.—We now carry a complete line of mantles, grates and tiling, electric, gas and combination chandeliers, and all supplies pertaining to electric and gas lighting. Photographs cheerfully sent on application. FRANK HOLCOMB & CO., 245 Washington St., Portland, Or.

J. B. Hume, the well-known head of Wells-Fargo Express Company's detective force, was in the city Sunday. He was a passenger on the Columbia and bound for San Francisco. When asked what he was doing up in this "neck of the woods" Detective Hume referred the reporter to that beautiful Sunday school song entitled, "We're Gathering Them In."

Grand President George Lautenschlager and Grand Guide Eschenbacher of Portland, officers of the Sons of Herman, organized a "sister lodge" in this city yesterday to the male branch of the order here. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. John Hahn; vice-president, Mrs. Henry Scheel, secretary, Mrs. Martin Poad; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Bock; trustees, Mrs. Scherneckau, Mrs. John Kopp and Mrs. Jos. Winterholter; guide, Mrs. Hartwig; inside watchman, Mrs. George Kaboth; outside watchman, Wm. Bock; finance committee, Mrs. Herman Schoene, Mrs. Louis Boetgen and Mrs. Henry Speilmeier.

A salmon weighing 60 pounds, minus its adipose fin, was delivered to the Elmore cannery Sunday. This is evidently one of the salmon turned out by the old hatchery four or five years ago for experimental purposes. Whether or not this particular salmon has ever entered this port before there is, of course, no way of determining, but that he was well enough satisfied to come back to his original haunts after the expiration of five long years seems to be prima facie evidence that he had no particular aversion to this locality. At any rate, Fish Commissioner Reed sees much significance in the capture.

C. L. Parker filed a petition yesterday with the county court asking that the "town" of Necanicum be abolished. The matter was taken under consideration, and, unless a remonstrance be presented, will undoubtedly be granted. The object of the petition is to convert, by official action, the Necanicum district from town lots into acreage, as it is represented that the Necanicum town site is much better adapted for farming purposes than to the projects of wide-awake real estate agents with visions of quarter-lot empires and altitudinous investments. In the future, therefore, Necanicum will be just an ordinary, quiet farming district, instead of a bustling commercial center that was at one time the dream of those who owned the property. That is, provided there is no formidable objection to such a course.

Norris & Rowe's Big Trained Animal Shows will exhibit in this city next Monday afternoon and night, under their enormous waterproof tents, which will be located centrally. The show is well known to the amusement lovers of this city from the excellence of the entertainments given in the past. Performances will be given at 3 and 8 p. m. A grand free street parade will be given at 11 a. m., on the morning of the exhibition, at which time the entire company of over three hundred animal actors will be seen. The show has been greatly enlarged and improved since its last appearance in this city and many new and novel features have been introduced. All the old favorites are with the show, and all have learned new tricks to amuse the little ones, likewise the older ones. This will be the farewell tour of Norris & Rowe's shows, as it will shortly leave this country for a tour of the world, and incidentally to show the denizens of the old world a thoroughly American form of high-class amusement.

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL

TO CONSIDER LIGHT QUESTION

Meeting Will Be Public, and the Water Commission is Expected to Participate—Citizens Against the West Shore Bid.

Mayor Bergman has called a special meeting of the city council for 2 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, May 16th, to discuss and decide upon the matter of lighting the public streets.

This meeting will be open to the public and every taxpayer and citizen is at liberty to attend and ascertain where each councilman stands on this important question and hear his reasons, if he has any to give, as to why he takes such position.

While no special invitation has been extended to the water commission to meet with the council, it is hoped, and the people have a right to expect, that it will do so. If it is possible, and it is, the public lighting question should be finally settled on Wednesday afternoon.

If the taxpayers of Astoria are to again be compelled to place upon their necks the yoke of extortion of the West Shore Mills Company, the sooner they know it the better.

If, on the other hand, the men whom they have placed in positions to guard their interests and protect them from the rapacity of grasping monopolies, intend to stand fast, be true to their trust and the people, then let the people know it that honest men in office may be honored.

If only a portion of the public's servants are brave enough to do their duty, to do right, by all means the sooner the people know whom they can trust, the better.

The West Shore Mills Company wants \$400 per month for serving the city with forty arc lights, of no guaranteed candle power. The lights may be candle power if the company so chooses and the people will be helpless to remedy the evil until the contract expires.

The rent of the lights, poor as they are now or even worse, will be \$4,500 per year. But this is by no means all the cost of the public lighting to the city, exorbitant as it is. In addition there is the yearly interest on the \$10,000 of the people's money, because it was borrowed on their bonds, locked up at the water works, and there is the loss by deterioration of the unused buildings and machinery, which expert machinists and engineers say will reach fully \$300 a year.

In other words, the public lighting of Astoria's streets will cost the taxpayer year by year. But this is by no means Shore Mills Company's bid is accepted. It will cost them over a \$1,000 wasted money in excess of the cost of any system of lighting, unless the water commission utilizes the partially built lighting plant, but there is a chance to save money by cutting down the tax for the lights.

If the council and the water commission think it would be unwise for the city to furnish public lighting, or private and public lighting, and can figure out where such action would result in a loss to the taxpayers, then let them take up other systems of lighting than that of the West Shore Mills Company's arc lights. There are other systems equally as good as the arc electric light for street lighting—and far superior to the street electric lights the West Shore Mills Company has been furnishing—that cost much less than electric lights at \$10 per month each. It is the duty of the council and the water commission, if they will not allow the people to themselves light the streets and their houses, or will not lease the city's idle water power to a company that will give the city and its inhabitants good lights at equitable rates, to adopt some other means of public lighting than the West Shore Mills Company's "30 per month each" unguaranteed lights, if suitable lights at a less cost can be found.

Such lights have been found to serve the purpose elsewhere and should be found to do equally as good service in Astoria.

But what the taxpayers want is municipal lighting, not only for the streets but for the factories, stores and homes. They willingly consented to build an electric light plant for that purpose, that would give them the right to supply themselves with light. They complain that they are paying interest for nothing. They complain that in a short time longer, unless put to use, the machinery, etc., which cost them \$10,000, will be worthless because of the rust and rot of idleness. They complain that they are forced to pay for what they do not get by the West Shore Mills Company and they ask that they be given the opportunity to furnish themselves with one of the necessities of life.

The West Shore Mills Company is going to try and have the council accept its latest bid, the bid that a majority of the council has already rejected as unjust and extortionate, and the only argument they advance as a reason for the council stultifying itself and robbing the people for light is that, unless it does so, the West Shore Mills Company will leave the streets in darkness.

If a vote of the citizens of Astoria could be taken today upon the public lighting matter, ninety-five out of every hundred taxpayers would vote in favor of dark streets as against paying \$400 per month for arc lights of no guaranteed power.

A New, Up to Date
Stock AlwaysHerman Wise
THE RELIABLE
CLOTHIER-HATTERAlways the
Lowest PriceHerman Wise
THE RELIABLE
CLOTHIER-HATTER

First Special Weekly Sale!

This week inaugurates a new departure.

The big stores in the large cities have special sales on certain days.

Ours is the big store in Astoria, we always lead in new features, as well as in new goods.

If you watch these special sales you will certainly make money.

SPECIAL SALE DAYS

Tuesday and Wednesday
OF EACH WEEK

HATS!

This week it is
HATS!On
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
Of this weekEvery Hat in our
Big, Light Store
REDUCED!You'll want a Hat soon, buy one on
Tuesday or Wednesday
Of this week.Herman Wise
THE RELIABLE
CLOTHIER-HATTER

SALMON ARE RUNNING.

Prospects Good For a Banner Catch
This Season—All the Fishermen
At Work.

The fishermen are jubilant. The promises of early April for a good run of salmon during the season, are being more than fulfilled in May. The catch, up and down the river, in gill nets, traps and on seine grounds, has been steadily improving until now the supply of fish is almost sufficient to keep all the canneries running full time.

The last days of the month of April and the opening week of the present month were marked by a decided falling off in the run of fish, so much so that many of the gill net fishermen came in and laid up their boats; but today every available boat is in the river and about 4000 fishermen are at work.

The fish are of a finer quality, although not of an average great weight, than have ever been taken from the Columbia river. The average weight of the fish taken is about 25 pounds, although a number of much larger fish are delivered daily.

But it is in the fish, fibre and color of the fish taken this year that the packers rejoice. Columbia river salmon have always commanded the highest price in all the markets of the world, and the pack this year will not only add to the well established reputation of the Astoria river fish, but will add to the price of the goods.

"The Columbia pack of salmon always sells first, wholesale and retail," said Mr. Calloway, the well-known San Francisco fish broker the other day, "and the only thing that is bothering us this year is, will the pack be large enough?"

The indications are that the 1906 pack will be a banner one, and that means prosperity for thousands of our citizens.

JUST WHY THEY WERE LATE.

An Explanation That Is Due the Railroad—Its Splendid Success Under Adverse Conditions.

"The criticisms passed upon the train service of the Astoria and Columbia River railway in connection with the Sackem's excursion from Portland on May 6th last, are undeserved," said Superintendent John McGuire of that railroad yesterday. "In the first place we had a train of twenty-one cars, a heavy pull for a single locomotive itself, but not too heavy for us to have made the time had there been no hindrances.

"In order to provide coaches enough for the people we had to borrow them from connecting roads in Portland. They were coaches designed for mountain travel and fitted with the safety air brake check that can be operated at will from inside the coaches. The ordinary cars do not have this appliance or, if attached, the lever controlling the emergency brake is in a locked closet where it can only be reached by the train men.

"This was not the case on the borrowed coaches, the brakes being controlled by a rope-pull overhead. Of course there were hundreds of young men and boys on the train who were up to any and all sorts of mischief and someone showed them how to set the emergency brakes. Time and again, the train was brought to a standstill

in this way and it was not until the Red Men had stationed members in each car to protect the brake, that we were able to make the time. No engine could pull a train of twenty-one loaded passenger coaches with the brakes set on eight or ten of them. That is the reason, and the only reason, no better time was made. There was but little trouble going home and good time was made."

The truth is that the Astoria and Columbia Railway has a remarkable record in more respects than being always on time, and always on time it is with regular trains, so much so that Astoria people who know the hour of arrival of the morning train look at their clocks when they hear the whistle and compare the time. The road was built over and through a country that at one time was pronounced impassable for a railroad by competent engineers. After the track was laid, sinks, landslides, spreading of rails and even the displacement of large sections of track were of constant occurrence.

It was enough to discourage the management of the railroad, but the men in charge of the Astoria and Columbia line never faltered. They put piles in the sunken places, bridged over other sinks, rip-rapped the hills where slides occurred, ballasted track and, in short, built one of the best pieces of railroad in the whole northwest over a route that was called impossible.

And so careful has the management been—so watchful of their line—that not a single accident has occurred and no passengers injured or killed. Trains have been run on time, day in and day out, in all kinds of weather and under the superintendent down to the track walkers there seems to be a spirit of determination to overcome all obstacles and that without accident to property or persons.

It is a record the management of the new road can be proud of and one of which no other railroad running through a similar country can boast.

A SWEDISH NIGHTINGALE.

Mme. Jennie Norell, who sings soprano at the Unitarian church, has been termed "The Swedish Nightingale." She is a native of Sweden, and received her musical education in the Royal Conservatory of Music, at Stockholm; she was the one admitted out of a class of 39 applicants. She spent six years in the conservatory, and then went to Paris, where she studied one year with Mme. Viardot, the renowned dramatic singer and teacher. Subsequently she returned to Stockholm, where she made her debut as Marguerite, in Gounod's "Faust."

Then followed a fourteen months' tour throughout Europe, she singing in the foremost capitals and before the most critical audiences. Finally she accepted an engagement with the Redpath Lyceum Bureau, of Boston, under which management she toured the United States, closing with a three nights' engagement at the Auditorium, in Chicago. Mme. Norell then toured the Pacific coast with the celebrated Swedish ladies' quartet, meeting with ovations everywhere. She is possessed of a fine voice, of good compass and great purity. Her flexibility of tone is wonderful, showing remarkable control and enabling her to make the most difficult trills and runs with ease. She is graced with pleasing stage presence and a most charming personality. Sunday Oregonian.

WEST SIDE NOTES.

Mr. John Brill of Astoria is visiting at the home of Alfred Dawson.

Mr. O. B. Wirt of Skipsanon spent several days in Portland last week.

Mrs. E. Seifert was quite ill but is now improving.

Mr. C. S. Caruthers is still on the sick list. It is hoped the summer will bring on improvement in his condition.

Battery M will remain at Fort Stevens. It is battery N that is to go to Fortress Monroe.

Mr. Edwin Hobson is a guest of Alfred and Ernest Dawson.

A little baby girl gladdened the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Turk last week. Born—May 7, to the wife of John Boyce of Skipsanon, a son.

It is reported that the works at Fort Stevens will close down soon, owing to the lack of funds. Twelve men were laid off recently.

The draw on the county bridge at Warrenton is out of repair. It is hoped it will be fixed soon.

Mrs. C. H. Collins of Pasco is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Abbott, of Skipsanon.

N. J. Crain has secured a position in a drugstore in Portland. His family will soon join him there.

The paymaster made a visit to Fort Stevens last Friday. He always has a hearty welcome.

The schools of Warrenton closed last Friday. In the evening an entertainment was given in Warren's hall that reflected credit to the teachers and children.

Mrs. T. Nicholson and daughter of Spokane arrived in Hammond Saturday and will remain for the summer.

Mrs. Sherlock and Miss Lois Steers of Portland were guests at Lockley Hall last week.

Miss Kate May has returned from a short trip to Portland.

Rev. Henry Marcotte held services at Warrenton Friday evening.

Prof. A. E. Bruce of Portland will fill the position of chief clerk at Flavel this season.

Miss Mabel Taylor spent Sunday with her grand parents at Flavel.

Miss Judson gave a candy pulling for her scholars Monday evening.

Mrs. Perrine of Salem is visiting with Miss W. Campbell.

Mr. Sid Campbell has returned to Warrenton for the summer.

Mr. H. Harrison spent several days of last week at Warrenton.

Superintendent McGuire is almost a daily visitor to the West Side. The A. & C. road is being put in first-class condition.

Contractor L. A. Conn expects to complete his work soon. He has begun work on the sewer and will have it finished by the time the buildings are completed. The store house has been turned over to the government, as it was needed as soon as finished.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE LADIES.

The City of Paris Dry Goods Co., of San Francisco, has on display at the Occidental hotel, an elegant stock of millinery, tailor suits, ready-made skirts, jackets, silk and cotton waists, underwear, etc., etc., dress goods of every description, neckwear, feather boas, and many novelties of the latest styles. Mrs. Bostwick, representing the house, invites the ladies to call and inspect the goods.



Corset Sale

There are hundreds of makes and styles in Corsets, but there is

Only one Warner's

Did you ever wear a

"Rust Proof"
Corset? No!

Try a pair—it costs no more than the common \$1.00 Corset. Colors, Pink, Blue, Black, Drab.

All Styles \$1.00

These Corsets are being sold now at \$1.00 in order to introduce them; the regular price will be \$1.50.

BEST CORSET MADE.

McAlLEN & McDONNELL

Sole Agents

Counterfeit Corsets WILL NOT have Warner stamped on them. BEWARE!