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Are too numerous for many descriptions. We've such a variety of kinds and prices that no child need be without one or more new ones.

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An artistic gathering of these acceptable remembrances. Calendars from 5c up

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In vast quantities, singly or prettily boxed, suitable for class gifts.

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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, rain; Eastern Oregon, fair in the south, increasing cloudiness in the northern portion, followed by rain or snow; Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, cloudy and threatening, probably followed by rain in the valleys and snow in the foothills.

AROUND TOWN.

Vote for the regular Republican nominees today.
Miss Husted, of Portland, is visiting in the city.
Thos. H. Allman, of Cathlamet, is at the Occident.
J. O. Hagen, of Chinook, was in the city yesterday.
John S. Vinton, of Freewater, Ore., is at the Occident.
Peter Anund, of Clatskanie, was in the city yesterday.
R. Pedersen, of Jewell, is registered at the Astor House.
St. Paul dress-making parlors at Central Hotel, Miss Wilkes.
Rev. Mr. Glynn, of Grays River, was in the city yesterday.
BEST 15-CENT MEAL: RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

Boudoir Slippers

Extra close, hand-twisted, hand-crocheted, to retain their shape. Soles of softest fleecy lamb's wool.

Ladies' sizes, 75c pair
Misses' sizes, 65c pair
Colors—black, pink, red and blue. Make cozy holiday gifts.

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Fancy Cushion Tops

Of fine art denim, pink, blue, green, red, old rose, tan and yellow. Nine handsome designs.
Sweet Marie, Chariot Race, Rainy Day, Dancing Lesson, The Swing, Flower Fancies, Youth, Norman Sire and Military Band; 75c values, at 49c ea

Mrs. Chas. Callender, of Knappton, is in the city a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Holden.

The Bazaar! Holiday goods, bamboo furniture, ladies' underwear and notions; 561 Commercial street.

Editor Davis, of the Cathlamet Gazette, left up on the steamer Hercules on his return home last evening.

A. G. Parker of the Northwestern line was in Astoria yesterday looking after the interests of his company.

H. F. Browning, of this city, has gone to Klamath Falls for the purpose of looking up a ranch upon which to locate.

The steam schooner Fulton arrived in yesterday morning with a cargo of soap and fire clay for the local merchants.

The German ship Wilkommen was started up the river yesterday for Portland, where she has a cargo of grain awaiting her.

M. P. Callender was in the city yesterday and filed the manifest of the two lumber schooners, Pioneer and Jewett, at the custom house.

Cream Pure Kye, America's finest whiskey. The only good guarantee—astute and rich and mellow. JOHN L. CARLSON, Sole Agent.

The steamer George W. Elder arrived in yesterday morning from San Francisco. She had a few passengers and a rather light freight for Astoria.

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

Place the x before the names of the Republican candidates at today's election if you desire straightforward honest administration of the city's affairs.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore failed to get out yesterday morning on account of rough weather outside, but will leave out as soon as the weather permits.

A regular fortnightly steamship service is to be established between British Columbia and South America. The line is to begin regular operations next spring.

Mr. Arthur D. Marshall, who resigned his position with the A. & C. H. R. here some time ago, has opened an office in Portland as a real estate and loan agent.

The Epworth League will give a literary and musical entertainment in the Methodist church on next Thursday evening. Admission free, and everybody invited.

Salesmen wanted to sell our goods by sample to wholesale and retail trade. We are the largest and only manufacturers in our line in the world. Libera Co., Savannah, Ga.

The schooner Pioneer, which left out from Knappton on Sunday, carried 44,294 feet of lumber and 16,416 feet of lath for the Simpson Lumber Company at San Francisco.

It is thought that the two little girls, victims of the South Park tragedy, will recover as no complications have arisen since the operations were performed upon their skulls.

David Whitney, Jr., owner of vast tracts of timber land in Tillamook county, and one of the best known lumbermen in the West, died recently at his home in Detroit, aged 70 years.

The French bark Casard, Allaire, master, 12 days out from Antwerp, arrived in yesterday afternoon. She carries a general cargo and is consigned to Meyer, Wilson & Co., of Portland.

Go and secure reserved seats for "Why Smith Left Home," which appears at Fisher's opera house tomorrow night. The sale opens at Griffin & Reed's this morning at 9 o'clock.

Prominent local capitalists are making arrangements to locate a cannery at Nabokta. The rumor and bay claim both are found in abundance at that place and the location will be an excellent one.

The logging firm of Booth-Kelly Co., after a consultation with their employees, have decided to build a hospital at Eugene. The hospital will be for the benefit of the men from their numerous logging camps.

William Gartman, a laborer at Old Tacoma, was shot and fatally wounded Monday by Goodwin L. Christianson. The shooting is the outcome of a dispute over wages, which Gartman claimed Christianson owed him.

"Why Smith Left Home," the great farce comedy at Fisher's opera house tomorrow night. Go and hear a good laugh. It will do you more good for a dose of blues than a doctor. Secure your seats at Griffin & Reed's.

At a meeting of the ladies of the M. E. church yesterday afternoon it was found that the receipts from the church fair and dinner last week were \$140. The greater portion of this is net as the expenses amounted to less than ten dollars.

The Columbia orchestra will have twelve pieces at the benefit ball to be given Harry Twilight on Friday evening. The music will be the best heard at a dance here for a long time. Tickets can be had from any of the members of the Astor Club.

Wanted—\$500 cords more or less of first growth, partly seasoned fir wood, four-foot lengths. Delivered about 100 cords per month on board of schooner Hawthorn cannery. Address, E. T. JOHNSON, Room 10, I. O. O. F. building, Portland, Or.

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The British ship Cedarbank arrived out at Queenstown on Sunday after an exceptionally quick passage of 105 days, having sailed from Astoria on August 26. It will be remembered that her master, Captain Robbins, had trouble with the sailor boarding house keepers and left with a crew short seven men.

The steamer South Portland arrived in port yesterday morning from San Francisco. She is under charter to the O. F. & N. and will be used exclusively as a freight boat as the regular boats are unable to carry all the freight offered. She is in command of Captain Wilson, with Charles Sprague, purser.

A number of slot machines were shipped out of Seattle Saturday on account of an agitation in the temperance organization in that city. The machines are owned by a firm in Portland and leased out. The owners have become alarmed by the recent municipal reform agitation and are withdrawing some of them.

A unique line will soon be put in operation for freight and passenger transportation between Dawson and Grand Forks. Five automobiles have been shipped to that region and are to be put on the smooth trails between the two places. Later the line, if successful, will be extended to White Horse.

Speculation is rife among railroad men just now as to the meaning of the present visit of Oregon's quartet of railroad magnates, Messrs. A. L. Mohler, Ben Campbell, A. B. Hammond and L. Gerlinger, to New York. In view of recent happenings the presence of the quartet in the East causes no little comment.

The British bark Centesima, which has arrived in on the Sound, reports passing an unknown derelict November 1. In mid-ocean, latitude 37 north and 133.45 east. It was raining at the time the wreckage was passed and the Centesima was unable to get near enough to make any examination. Only the ribs of the wrecked vessel were to be seen sticking up out of the water.

Judge Brower yesterday afternoon dismissed the case against David Brown, charged with using obscene language. A demurrer was filed by defendant's attorney showing that the law under which he was arrested had been repealed. It appears that there is at present no state law that prohibits the use of profane or obscene language at any time or place.

The following are the Republican candidates for the city election this afternoon, as shown by the official ballot: City attorney, J. A. Eakin; police commissioner, D. H. Welch; councilmen, First ward, A. McPherson; Second ward, Fred J. Johnson; Third ward, Charles Goldard. These men are all excellent citizens and are perfectly capable of looking after the business interests of the city in a most satisfactory manner.

The British bark Muskoka cleared from Portland yesterday afternoon for Queenstown or Paimouth for orders. She was dispatched by Kerr, Gifford & Co., and carries 129,625 bushels of wheat, valued at \$71,331.70. The Muskoka was but three days loading. She left down stream yesterday afternoon. She is the third vessel of the December fleet to clear. The British ships Dunmore and Ardencraig and the French bark General Millnet finished loading yesterday afternoon. The craft in the harbor are being worked rapidly, and three more may get away before the end of the week.

Benjamin Wise, manager of the general merchandise store of I. Benjamin, at Silverton, in which a destructive fire occurred on last Saturday morning, causing a loss to various firms and individuals of about \$1400, had his preliminary hearing in Salem Monday evening. The state introduced a mass of testimony, waving so strong a chain of circumstantial evidence around Wise that he was held to the grand jury in the sum of \$2000. He was unable to give bonds and was committed to jail. Morley, the young man arrested as Wise's accomplice, was discharged, there being no evidence tending to connect him with the crime.

Captain E. S. Edwards, who was down here yesterday with Inspector Fuller to inspect the Chinook steam launch Flyer, was with his wife, the recipient of a beautiful china dinner set, by the members of the "Knockers Club" at Portland, in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the marriage of Captain and Mrs. Edwards. The remembrance was accompanied by a testimonial. A barrel had been secured in which to pack the china set, but as practical jokers sometimes use such a pack for a perpetration, the set, as "Joshes," Captain Edwards was reluctant to open it. Inspector Fuller was summoned and he bravely went to work and disclosed the contents of the apparently mysterious barrel. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were most completely surprised.

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On the lower portion of the ballots to be used in today's election there is a section devoted to the question to be decided by the voters of the city and stated as follows: "Shall an act relating to parks, approved on the seventeenth day of February, 1899, be accepted?" The question was voted on at the last city election but an insufficient amount of interest was shown by the voters to make a majority on the total vote cast. The question has to receive an affirmative majority of the total vote and while it received but a very few negative votes, a large number failed to vote at all on the matter, and it was lost because of lack of interest. All those interested in the upbuilding and advancement of Astoria should place the x before the answer "yes."

The steamer J. M. Hannaford, which has made three trips on the Snake river from Lewiston to other points, under charter to the Northern Pacific, is to be taken from the route and substituted with competition with the O. R. & N. Co. W. G. Pearce, who occupies the position of assistant to President Melien, is at Lewiston, and dispatches state that his presence there was responsible for the statement of the withdrawal to be given out. It is said there are 100,000 sacks of wheat along the river which has been contracted for by operators of the Northern Pacific, and but 7000 sacks were freighted down during the time the Hannaford was in operation. It was stated that the steamer drew too much water which was the reason of taking her off, but from other sources it is stated that she was only placed on the route in order to secure concessions from the opposition company elsewhere.

A NEW YEAR'S GUIDE.

There is one book every one should make an effort to get for the new year. It contains simple and valuable hints concerning health, many amusing anecdotes, and much general information. We refer to Hostetter's Almanac, published by The Hostetter Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. It will prove valuable to any household. Sixty employees are kept at work on this valuable book. The issue for 1901 will be over eight millions, printed in the English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages. It contains proof of the efficiency of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the great remedy prepared by the publishers, and is worthy of careful preservation. The almanac may be obtained free of cost, at any drugstore or general dealer in the country.

MURDERER CONFESSES.

Stickel, the Castle Rock Murderer, Makes a Clean Breast of the Whole Affair.

On Monday afternoon Martin Stickel, the prisoner held at the county jail at Tacoma, for the murder of the aged couple, Cornelius Knapp and wife near Castle Rock, Coville county, Washington, on Wednesday night, November 23, confessed to being the murderer of the aged couple.

Workers from the Salvation Army have been giving the prisoners what religious consolation they could, and he professed to have been converted.

When Deputy Sheriff Watson, of Cowitz county, and Deputy Sheriffs Ben Davis and Tom Maloney went to the prisoner's cell he confessed to having shot and killed the Knapps and also to having been the author of the murder of a man named Shanklin, a rancher in that part of the state, about a year ago. He said he had experienced a change of heart, and laid all his burden on the Savior of mankind, and then concluded to make a clean breast of the whole affair, and rely upon the mercy of the court, with the thorough conviction that he would accept whatever punishment might be meted out to him.

In the first confession, made last week Stickel claimed a mythical man named Ed Pierre had done the shooting.

BANK NOTICE.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Astoria, for the election of directors and transaction of other business, will be held at the banking office, Tuesday, January 31, 1901, at 4 p. m. S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

SOLDERLESS CAN COVERING.

Telegram. An invention has been patented which may revolutionize the practice of canning salmon and fruit. H. L. Guenther, a cannery engineer of Astoria, is the inventor. The invention is the result of three years hard labor. It is called "the solderless canning machine."

The present method of canning salmon requires solder for capping the cans. The invention does away with this, including all the tools used in soldering. It accomplishes the same purpose by the aid of flanges upon the can and the lid, which fit together so closely as to be airtight. The lid is pressed upon the can by an automatic machine at the rate of 20 or more cans per minute, as against 16 cans per minute under the old system. The flanges fit so tightly that no rubber is necessary to make the cans airtight. No vacuum is left inside for the air, therefore venting is unnecessary.

Under the present system, after the cans filled with salmon are cooked, it is necessary to drill a small airhole in order to let the gas escape. This, of course, requires extra work, both in drilling the holes and in again soldering them. As stated, the invention leaves no vacuum for gas, and once the lid is clamped upon the can nothing else remains to be done. Everything is worked automatically.

The inventor claims other advantages for his new scheme. He says that the leakage under the soldering system is from 25 to 50 per cent. Under his plan, he says, this is reduced to 1/2 per cent, or, in other words, a mere trifle, hardly worth considering. The only leakage, he claims, comes from the seams at the sides of the cans. The only solder used at all is about one drop to the pound for these side seams. A working exhibit of the machine is at the Willamette Iron Works.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the city treasury to pay all warrants drawn on the road and crossing fund and endorsed prior to October 5th, 1900, also warrants numbered 12, 518, 12,022, 12,028, 12,029 and 12,033 on same fund endorsed October 5th, 1900. Interest will cease after this date. F. J. CARNEY, City Treasurer.

Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 11, 1900.

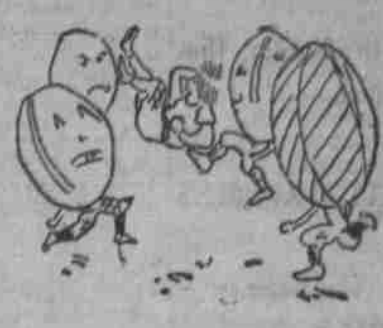
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