

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY

January 2, 1901, our Second Annual Clearance Sale will commence and continue for Thirty Business Days.

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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.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—Oregon, Washington and Idaho, rain.

AROUND TOWN.

D. G. Ross, of Vancouver, was in the city yesterday.

J. L. Curry, of Tacoma, is registered at the Parker House.

J. B. Noyes, of West Superior, is a guest of the Occident.

Frank Thibault, of Sunshine, is registered at the Occident.

John Pirie came down from Svensen on the noon train yesterday.

Editor Blackford, of the Clatskanie Chief, was in town yesterday.

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

Robert Forbes, of Aberdeen, was in the city yesterday on business.

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

The George W. Rider will leave out for San Francisco this morning.

A. Olsen, the Deep river logger, was in the city yesterday on business.

Miss Letta Lewis returned from a short visit to Portland last evening.

A. C. Hanson and wife, of Portland, were in Astoria yesterday on a visit.

Where do you get your Sunday dinner? I take mine at the Central Hotel.

C. H. COOPER'S GREAT ANNUAL SALE IS NOW ON. DON'T MISS IT.

F. D. Kuetner and wife have returned from spending New Year's at Portland.

Sheriff Linville returned yesterday afternoon from an official trip to New Astoria.

The Occident barber shop has three first-class barbers under its new management.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

Several theater parties are being arranged for "The Idol's Eye" on Saturday evening.

EVERYTHING GREATLY REDUCED FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS AT COOPER'S.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the usual place and hour this afternoon. By order of the president.

The force of the Astorian is indebted to Court Astoria, Forrester, for a liberal collection sent in last evening.

The steam schooner Signal, with a cargo of lumber from Knappa for San Francisco went to sea yesterday morning.

Deputy County Clerk Couch Clinton went to Portland on New Year's eve and will be absent for a week on a vacation.

C. H. COOPER'S GREAT ANNUAL SALE IS NOW ON. COME EARLY AND SECURE SOME OF THE BARGAINS.

Cream Pure Rye. America's finest whiskey. The only pure goods; guaranteed rich and mellow. JOHN L. CARLSON, Sole Agent.

During the past year 1214 instruments were filed in the recorder's office of which 280 were mortgages and 1034 deeds and agreements.

Theodore Johnson has sold his interest in the firm of Johnson Bros. to the other members of the firm and will retire from the business.

Martin Berg Johnson, a native of Norway, declared his intention of becoming a citizen in the county clerk's office yesterday afternoon.

G. V. Porter, a former resident of this city, but who has been in England for a couple of years, has returned to Astoria to reside.

Mrs. James Hanson, who has been seriously ill with scarlet fever, is today recovering. The case has been in charge of Dr. Henderson.

Dr. H. L. Henderson received official notice yesterday as supreme medical director for the Order of Washington.

Roslyn coast lands longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stove and chimney flues than any other. George W. Sanborn, agent. Telephone 1211.

The Rabbits, a well-known South Portland eleven, won a victory over the Ilwaco eleven on New Year's day, in a score of 15 to 5. The Rabbits returned to Portland yesterday afternoon via Astoria.

Har report: Wind, southwest moderate; cloudy and squally; bar, rough.

The social that was to have been given by the Epworth League of the Methodist church has been postponed until a later date yet to be arranged.

Judge Gray went to Portland yesterday morning to attend the meeting of the legislative committee from the county judges and assessors association.

P. W. Prall and wife, who have been spending the holidays with friends in this city, will leave this evening on their return to their home in Fairhaven.

A marriage license was issued from the county clerk's office yesterday to Mr. George W. Brower, of Multnomah county, and Mrs. S. E. Knowlton, of Clatsop county.

The dredger W. S. Ladd is coaling at the A. & C. R. R. dock. Her attendant barge is being raised where it was sunk up the river. The Ladd will probably leave up the river today.

The item that appeared in yesterday morning's Astorian in regard to the wedding of a luncheon on New Year's day should have read Mrs. A. J. Taylor, instead of "F. J.," as it came out.

It's a gentleman's whiskey, a pure delicious beverage and a grand appetizer. Don't forget the name, "I. W. Harper" whiskey. The kind your grandfather used. Sold by Peard and Stokes Co., Astoria, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Prall entertained a number of guests at their pleasant home last evening. The occasion was the celebration of their wedding. The wedding was held at the fifth anniversary of their wedding.

The steamer South Portland left down for the lower harbor early yesterday morning but was not reported as getting out by the lookout. She probably remained down near the entrance so as to leave out early this morning.

Hank Ingalls, late with the firm of Peard & Stokes, left last evening for Portland, where he has accepted a position with Fleckenstein, Meyer & Co. On New Year's eve the employees of Peard & Stokes Company presented him with a handsome pair of diamond studded cuff buttons as a token of their friendship.

The Presbyterian church is observing the regular week of prayer and began their meetings with the regular Wednesday evening prayer service last evening. The meetings will be continued during the remainder of the week and begin at 7:30 o'clock. The pastor will be at the church at 7 o'clock to meet anyone who may wish to talk with him.

The mass meeting of the citizens for the purpose of completing arrangements for a united front against the transportation companies that are discriminating against Astoria on freight rates, will be held at Fisher's opera house this evening, promptly at 8 o'clock. There is room for every merchant or shipper in Astoria and a large attendance is expected.

N. Jones returned yesterday afternoon from Cannon Beach, bringing with him the body of Benson Sabine, whose funeral takes place today. While below Seaside on his way home Mr. Jones' horse became frightened by the strap by which Mr. Jones was leading the horse conveying the remains and succeeded in throwing Mr. Jones heavily to the ground, bruising him quite severely.

Dr. Finch gave a little demonstration of the various uses of the X-ray to a few interested spectators last evening. The doctor's new machine is one of the very latest improved ones on the market and the effect of seeing the bones of the hand, arm or even the body and as well through an inch board, as otherwise, is weird in the extreme. Other interesting experiments were made with the new powerful electric machine that is used in conjunction with the Crookes tube.

A couple of the deputy custom inspectors from Peard went to a little experience with the bar when the transport Thyra left out recently. They insisted on staying aboard till the ship went outside, according to order and they failed to obtain an exhibition of their seamanship when the steamship went out over the bar. The bar was moderate but the inspectors weren't used to moderation and it was too much for them. They were very well satisfied to return when the boat took the pilot off and were glad to get back alive.

Theater-goers will experience a great treat next Saturday evening when the celebrated Boston Lyric Opera Company makes their re-appearance at Fisher's opera house, in the greatest of all comic operas, "The Idol's Eye." In the company, numbering over 40 people, many of the old favorites, such as Josephine Stanton, Maude Luckley, Daisy Howard, Katherine Goodrich, Henry Hallam, John Henderson, George Kunkel, Frank Mann, Alex. Jones, Charles Van Dyne, will sing with the company, also some new people, including Bertha Davis, late of the Alice Nellson Opera Company; Sara Carr, of the De Wolf Hopper force; and Philip Ray, the eminent basso cantante in conjunction with the famous Lyric Chorus of 30 voices. Seat sale opens tomorrow morning at Griffin & Reed's.

Collector of Customs Fox received telegrams yesterday from the department as well as from Senator McBride, stating that the revenue cutter Commodore Perry had been ordered to leave out on a search for missing or disabled vessels and principally in the search for the British ship Andrada. The telegrams also stated that as the request for the services of the Perry came from him the Captain Kilgore would report to him for a conference before sailing. The Perry intended leaving out yesterday but owing to the fact that the water put into the tanks of the vessel at Portland had the effect of making nearly the whole crew sick the tanks had to be emptied yesterday and fresh water taken on board. Half the crew are laid out from the effects of the bad water but they will probably be able to get to sea today.

The ways and means committee of the common council have practically completed their deliberations on the ordinance to be prepared and presented to the council at their next meeting for the granting of a street car franchise. The work is now in the hands of City Attorney A. M. Smith, who expects to have the document completed during today. The ordinance will conform closely to the sense of the report as filed by that committee on the original franchise asked. It has not yet been decided whether a special meeting will be held or not but it is now quite probable that the business will be deferred till the next regular meeting.

The funeral of Benson Sabine will be held from Peard's undertaking parlors at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Members of Seaside lodge No. 12, A. O. U. W., are requested to meet at the hall at 1:30 o'clock by order of JOHN A. MONTGOMERY, Recorder.

ELECTRIC HEADLIGHTS. Electric headlights are now used by the engines of the Southern Pacific and the Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. Through these the danger of accidents is lessened 50 per cent. With the broad path of electric light traveling before the engine the track is as plain to the vision of the engineer as in mid-day.

It may be imagined the effect of the brilliantly lighted illuminators flooding the darkness of night are dazzling. As the engine goes roaring along their way the lights dancing in front gliding everything they touch with a spectral radiance. Old tumble-down farm houses appear like gilded palaces of fairyland, and every object alongside the road touched by the halo of light is transformed into a thing of beauty.

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ular meeting or at a meeting the time of which will then be decided. The first regular meeting of the council occurs on Monday, January 7th, at noon, when the new members will be installed and a time set for the meeting nights during the coming year. The reading of the mayor's message will also be a part of the business at Monday's meeting.

ENGLAND'S ARMY AND NAVY. It was recently stated that England would be unable to cope with a swift enemy, and that both the army and navy is inadequate to meet a sudden invasion. England is in this predicament, like the individual who allows disease to slowly creep into his system through a stomach too weak to properly digest the food taken into it. To strengthen the stomach, there is nothing better than Hostetter's Stomach Bitter. It cures dyspepsia, constipation, indigestion, liver and kidney troubles, and as a tonic, it is incomparable. The Bitters strengthens the nerves, produces refreshing sleep and gives renewed vigor to the system. It is undoubtedly the best medicine in the world for debilitated systems. Try it. See that our Private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

FORRESTER'S INSTALLATION. Deputy Grand Chief Ranger A. Schroder last night installed the following officers of Court Astoria, No. 8, Forrester of America:

Past chief ranger, Chas. Ring; chief ranger, Arch. McLean; sub. chief ranger, P. C. Mikkelsen; senior woodward, H. Leinenweber; junior woodward, W. E. Hubbard; senior beadle, Jasper Pedersen; junior beadle, Ed. Muddeman; recorder, C. E. Foster; financial sec., Thos. Corbett; treasurer, J. J. Ditzinger; trustees, S. M. Gallagher, C. A. Leinenweber, C. H. Strom.

After the installation ceremonies the retiring chief ranger and sub. chief ranger were each presented with a handsome emblematic charm as a slight token of the esteem in which they were held. All then sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared by the committee in honor of the occasion. After the refreshments were served, a literary and musical program was rendered. Court Astoria is in a flourishing condition and will have two representatives at the next grand court meeting to be held next May.

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POSTOFFICE AFFAIR SETTLED.

Captain Reed Begins His Duties as Postmaster—Z. H. Greenough Reinstated as Mailing Clerk.

On January 1, Granville Reed assumed the role of postmaster of Astoria in place of Charles MacDonald, removed, and Mailing Clerk Z. H. Greenough was reinstated to his position after being out of the office about nine months, pending the action of the civil service commission. On April 2, 1900, Mr. MacDonald, then postmaster, requested Mr. Greenough to resign his position as clerk and accept the position of carrier, which, acting in conformity with the civil service rules, he refused to do. Greenough was then summarily discharged and charges of disrespect and inefficiency were preferred against him. The postoffice inspector for this district held an investigation on the matter and the postmaster was unable to prove any of the charges. Constant charges were then made by the clerk and substantiated by affidavits. In the meantime Watson Binder had been given the position of clerk by the postmaster, although he had not taken the civil service examination and was not eligible to the position.

The matter was thoroughly investigated by the inspector and reported to the civil service commission at Washington. The commission, after several weeks, ordered the postmaster to reinstate Greenough as clerk. No attention was paid to the matter and another order was sent the postmaster to the same effect. This, with several others was ignored. By this time the charges against the postmaster, made by the clerk, had been looked into and one of the first recommendations made to the senate at the beginning of its session in December, by President McKinley, was the appointment of Granville Reed for postmaster at Astoria. This was later confirmed by that body. It would have taken about a month to arrange the necessary preliminaries of making out the papers for Mr. Reed to take charge of the office, but the department, evidently wishing to get the matter straightened out as soon as possible, ordered the inspector to come here and install the new incumbent and also to reinstate Mr. Greenough as mailing clerk, which was done in time to begin the new year.

Mr. MacDonald had served as postmaster two years and four months at the time of his removal. Mr. Greenough's discharge never having been recognized by the department, he will receive full salary for the time which he has been out of the office.

The selection of Mr. Reed gives almost universal satisfaction and the settlement of the whole matter is very agreeably welcomed.

HUNGARIANS FOR CANADA. The Canadian Pacific railroad has closed a contract for the transportation to the Canadian Northwest of about 30,000 Hungarians and other European immigrants, who are leaving their homes in the old world and will begin life anew in the prairie section of the Dominion. This is the largest immigration party that has ever been handled in America, and it is said that while it will begin moving shortly after February 1, it will not be completed until late in the fall.

As yet it has not been decided where they will be placed over the land, in a general way they will be given land west and northwest from Winnipeg, stretching as far north as Prince Albert and on the same line as far west as Edmonton. They will be settled in colonies on farms of fifty-five acres each, which will be given them by the Canadian government free. They will also be exempt from taxation for a period of ten years, and if at the end of that time they have done the required amount of cultivation, they will be given title to the land and placed on the same basis as other colonists of that section. There will be an abundance of land for all and of such a class, it is reported as will be among the best wheat-growing in the whole Canadian northwest.

MASS MEETING. The citizens' committee, heretofore appointed to secure signatures to the pledge not to patronize the O. R. & N. Co., until it grants common rates to Astoria, believe it important that every citizen of Clatsop county should enlist in this cause. We, therefore, hereby call a mass meeting to be held at the opera house in Astoria, on Thursday, the 3rd day of January, 1901, at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. We urge that every resident of the county, ladies as well as gentlemen, who can, be present.

At that time a list of the names of those who have signed and of those who have refused to sign, will be read. The various questions connected with the subject and object of the movement will be taken up and discussed. By order of the Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING. The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company will be held at the office of the company, Astoria, Oregon, on Wednesday the 9th day of January, 1901, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

JOHN NORDSTROM, Secretary.

Fisher's Opera House. L. E. SELIG, Lessee and Manager.

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