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ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

The A. Dunbar Co.

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TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, probably occasional rain. Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington, probably occasional snow or rain.

AROUND TOWN.

Sweet apple cider at Johnson Bros.
C. R. Abbot, of Kelso, is stopping at the Astor.
Try some of Johnson Bros' sweet apple cider.
Three first-class barbers at the Occident again.
County Judge Gray is expected home from Salem today.
Girl Wanted—For general housework. Apply at Astorian office.
Mrs. T. F. Laurin has returned from a recent trip to Portland.
Best 15-cent meal. Rising Restaurant, 612 Commercial street.
Miss Sophia Armstrong, of Svensen, was in the city yesterday.
William Wallace, of Mist, Oregon, is visiting friends in the city.
The British ship Khyber left Shanghai for Astoria, January 25.
The German bark Niobe has sailed from Yokohama for Astoria.
Miss Florence Graham, of Warrenton, is visiting friends in Astoria.
Cream pure rye. America's finest whiskey. The only pure goods; guaranteed rich and mellow. JOHN L. CARLSON, Sole Agent.
BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

Charles D. Willett was among the Portlanders in town yesterday.

Nace Grant was in from the metropolis for a short visit yesterday.

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

Lost—A Bible on Franklin avenue. Please return to Astorian office.

Bar report—Wind northwest, fresh; weather, showery; bar, smooth.

Ardie Strom, of Svensen, was among yesterday's visitors in the city.

The British bark Hawthornbank left Mollendo for Astoria January 4.

Howell Lewis came down on the noon train from John Day yesterday.

C. F. Warren came down from Seattle on the noon train yesterday.

Mrs. George Flavel and son, of Portland, are visiting friends in Astoria.

The steamship Skarpens sailed from Shomoneki for Astoria January 23.

Rev. A. P. Bradbury, of Portland, visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

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

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

M. E. Blakely, of New York, was in town yesterday, a guest at the Occident.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Holcomb, of Deep River, are being entertained by Astoria friends.

J. A. Stockler, of the Copperhead Mining Company, is in the city for a few days.

John Harrison, of Eugene City, arrived last evening and is stopping at the Parker.

Two sailors, William Rockley and Charles Thomson, were in Judge Nelson's court yesterday, charged with disorderly conduct. They were fined \$20 each.

Mrs. C. R. Higgins, who has been visiting in Portland, returned home yesterday.

The British ship Carradale, which left Valparaiso in November, is now due at this port.

The German steamship Eva went to sea yesterday with a cargo of flour for the Orient.

Rev. Wm. S. Short, of the Episcopal church of this city, went to Seaside yesterday.

E. P. Tobin, of the Pacific Paper Co., of Portland, had business in the city yesterday.

The steamer Geo. W. Elder came in from San Francisco yesterday and left up the river.

Fancy Baldwin apples \$1 per box. Choice Baldwin apples 75c per box, at Johnson Bros.

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

The County of Roxburgh, a British ship, left out yesterday with a cargo of wheat for Europe.

Orrill King, recently of Westport, has purchased the business of Charles Orkwin in this city.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Fulton, who are sojourning in the east, are at present in Washington, D. C.

Gelo F. Parker, who has been in Alaska for three years, is at home again and in excellent health.

An important meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at 2:30 this afternoon. All are welcome.

On F. Olson, of Lebanon, had business in the city yesterday and was registered at the Occident.

Charles Larson is having a gasoline launch built at the Graham yards for use as a cannery tender.

The British ship Wavertree was towed to sea yesterday. She carries a cargo of wheat for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Reinert, of Colorado Springs, arrived last evening and are registered at the Occident.

Examinations are being held in the various schools of the city for the spring term which begins next Monday.

County Clerk Wherity was notified yesterday by Judge Nelson of the ten-mill tax levy for the uses of the city.

Jas. Campbell and Henry Raymond, of Portland, came down on the evening train and are stopping at the Occident.

Among the Skamokawans who visited the city yesterday were George McDonald, Joseph Delay and Mr. Grunsted.

Rise and Shine, Gold Rope, Thrasher, anti-trust, union made plug tobacco. Save your tags. They are valuable.

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

Dr. Rhoda C. Hicks, of Portland, an osteopathic physician, was in town yesterday and contemplates opening an office here soon.

Fear of smallpox has precipitated a general vaccination program in Dawson, Alaska, 4000 citizens having already been inoculated.

The concert to be given by the ladies Aid Society will take place in the M. E. church on Tuesday, February 12, instead of the 8th.

M. Giacconi, of Clifton, who has been suffering with the grippe for some time at St. Mary's hospital, has recovered and will leave today.

O. Nelson, father of Judge Nelson, who has been visiting in town for several days, returned to his home in Independence yesterday.

D. S. Vernon, a theatrical manager, was in town yesterday arranging with Manager Selig for the appearance of his company here soon.

Pancake Weather.—We have just in, best brands prepared pancake and buckwheat flour, maple, cane and sugar syrups. JOHNSON BROS.

Ball of \$500, \$250 of this being cash, was secured yesterday for John Ferry, who has been held for circuit court trial and he has been released.

John Christians has moved his engine and logging outfit from Westport to John Day, where he has an engagement with Campbell & Co.

John A. Montgomery has opened a shop at 421 Bond street and is prepared to do all classes of plumbing and tinning at the lowest possible rates.

The Portland chamber of commerce is making elaborate preparations to entertain President McKinley when he makes his trip to the coast this year.

The Lewis and Clarke road will be ready for travel within a few weeks. The committee having the work in charge has purchased 30,000 feet of lumber to be used in its construction, which will be delivered shortly from the Knappton mills.

Pears'

Pears' soap is nothing but soap.

Pure soap is as gentle as oil to the living skin.

Pears' is the purest and best toilet soap in all the world.

All sorts of people use it, all sorts of stores sell it, especially druggists.

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

The British ship Lamlithgow left Hogo for Astoria, January 10. The German bark Willy Rickmers left that port for the same destination January 19th.

Plans are on foot for a sparring exhibition in this city between Tommy Tracy and Fred Miller. These men have met before, the contest resulting in a draw.

E. E. Leasy, of Hammond, has secured the contract for grading and sodding the grounds around the new hospital at Fort Stevens, the consideration being \$374.50.

Mrs. Helen Svensen, daughter of Mrs. James Dalgity, of this city, died Tuesday evening at Stockton, California. The remains will be brought to Astoria for burial.

The scow Defender, which ran aground near Tongue Point recently, was gotten off without damage and is now on the gridiron at Smith's point to be overhauled.

Governor Geer has signed the scalp bounty bill and that bill is now a law. It levies a tax of one mill on all property assessed in 1900 for the purpose of creating the scalp bounty fund.

L. Winters, O. E. Woods, Thomas and Chas. E. Betts, Frank J. Hobert and Anton Kopp, all of Vancouver, Wash., came in on the evening train and are registered at the Parker.

The steamship Strathgyle, of the Santa Fe line to the Orient, was due yesterday from Puget sound. She will take on 20,000 sacks of flour at this port and proceed to San Francisco to complete her cargo.

In checking up the signatures to the road petition secured in Uppertown the commissioners discovered yesterday that out of 50 signatures only 42 of them were those of citizens who had voted at the last election.

Anderson & Risvig are building a number of large fishing boats at their works in Uppertown for the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company. There are ten of them under construction and they are fine looking craft.

Katata Council Degree of Pocahontas will give a rag-time dance at Fisher's hall on Saturday evening, February 2. Wear your rags and come and have a good time. Two prizes will be given for the most ragged costume. 50 cents a couple; ladies unaccompanied, 25 cents.

The Celestial order of Bo Loung Tong abandoned its old quarters yesterday and moved into a new building a few doors east of the former location. The society celebrated the event by burning a quantity of powder, firing a good many crackers and indulging in many other Oriental formalities.

The grippe is everywhere prevalent, and its ravages this winter are probably greater than have ever been known before. There are now more than a dozen cases in this city. Fatalities from this strange disease are of less frequent occurrence here, however, than in the eastern cities.

The Jeffersonian Club held its monthly spiritual symposium last evening, with a goodly number of the faithful present. It was decided to continue the organization in perpetuity, and at the meetings hereafter social features will be introduced. The club is also planning a fitting celebration of Jefferson day.

The work of checking the names on the petition for the special road levy was begun yesterday by Commissioners Peterson and Young. Judge Gray is expected home from Salem today, and on his return the court will take action on the road proposition. It is believed that more signatures have been secured than will be necessary.

In case the present franchise is granted the street railway company a number of changes will be made in the line of the road. One of the first will be to abandon the present line from the corner of Commercial and Eighteenth streets to the Clatsop mills, and run the line past the railroad depot. A switch will be installed and two cars will be there to meet every incoming train. This will be an improvement over present conditions, as now the cars are three blocks from the depot. The company also proposes to abandon the route from Schofield & Hauke's to McGregor's mill, continuing the line along Franklin avenue to the street east of the Adair school house instead.

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NEW CABINET OFFICERS.
Now that the presidential election has been decided, the most important question is the selection of trustworthy men for the cabinet, and we hope the changes made will prove beneficial to the country's interests. In private life the people are also making many changes. For instance, in regard to their health. When their stomachs become weak, their nerves unstrung, and dyspepsia, indigestion, nervousness and sleeplessness result, they try this and that medicine without getting relief. What they need is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the only sure cure for these ailments, and after giving it a fair trial, they will be convinced that this is the medicine they have been looking for. If you are among these sufferers and want to get well, try it at once.

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Is what a cigar is. It will tickle the palate of the fastidious without depleting his pocketbook. There isn't a cigar rolled that there is so much pleasure, richness or perfect satisfaction hidden in its folds for the money as there is in a GENERAL GOOD for five cents. A box of these luscious cigars should be on every man's dresser.

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PIANOS AND ORGANS

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The Why and Wherefore, When and How—An Astounding Proposition—Lowest Piano Prices Ever Seen in Print.

Owing to the untimely death of our partner's uncle, which necessitates the immediate settlement of his estate, we are compelled to lay out a retiring partner's interest in this concern. We have never borrowed a single dollar of indebtedness outside of the firm since commencing business, nor do we feel that we want to take another partner into the firm now. We are therefore confronted by the necessity of converting at least one-third of our present stock into cash or short-time paper, and, realizing that only the most extraordinary inducements will accomplish this purpose in the limited time at our command, we have decided to commence this (Thursday) morning, at 10 o'clock, a special closing-out sale of our Portland stock at such low prices and figures, the equal of which have never heretofore been seen in print.

Our stock is all of it brand-new, our instruments are the very finest and highest grade manufactured in America, and includes every catalogue style of the three greatest American piano-makers, the Chickering, the Weber and the Kimball, as well as such well-known and old-established pianos as the Pease, the Whitney, the Wheelock, the Decker & Son, the Hinz and the Weser Brothers' Orchestral; and, in order to accomplish the object in view within the time specified, we are offering each and every one of them for sale for less money than dealers ordinarily buy them for cash.

As to the Prices.

In order to protect the interests of dealers who handle Kimball and Weber and Chickering pianos, no definite prices at which these instruments are now for sale can be quoted here, but every new piano and organ in stock will be sold at less than the actual wholesale billing, and a discount of from 10 to 50 per cent on actual cash cost will be made on every slightly shopworn, rented or second-hand piano.

You will find here now some fine square pianos, Chickering, Steinway, Hallett & Davis, Kranich & Bach, Fischer, and other makes, for sale at \$37, \$48 and \$65, respectively; strictly up-to-date squares, worth \$55, \$110 and \$155 respectively, at the lowest estimate. Several second-hand uprights, and used organs, for a mere song. \$137 and \$147 will secure choice of several beautiful brand-new \$275 uprights, of well-known New York make, that have never been sold, East or here in the West, for less than \$235. And other instruments will go for still less money, though all are good, reliable pianos.

We offer a strictly high-grade, fancy seven and one-third octave piano, full swinging duet music desk, revolving lock-board, with three pedals, the third a soft or practice pedal, for \$212 which is less than half price. A fancy-figured Brazilian mahogany case for \$24 more money. Some a little plainer, yet very beautiful, instruments for \$228 and \$196—at least \$200 below the regular retail price of these or same grade of instruments in this city or any other city. Largest cabinet grand size, thoroughly reliable, fully warranted upright pianos, in mahogany or oak, standing four feet nine inches high, with latest duet desk, rolling fall-board, and three pedals, instruments that we guarantee cannot be bought in Chicago or at the New York factory for less than \$325, each, will go during this sale for \$178. Rosewood cases for \$22 still less money.

Another well-known make, recognized everywhere in the trade as the most honestly constructed, most perfectly finished, most reliable and most durable piano made, in beautiful plain mahogany or oak or walnut cases, retail prices \$325 and \$350, for \$172, \$183 and \$196.

On Easy Terms of Payment.

With the exception of the very highest-priced styles, the cost of which slightly exceeds \$350, and on which terms of payments will not be made less than \$100 down and \$20 a month, all pianos are for sale on payment of \$15, \$20 or \$25 down, and at the rate of \$6, \$8 and \$10 a month, according to make, style and design.

Since all prices are based on the actual cash cost, those taking advantage of the above-named easy terms will pay interest on deferred payments at the rate of 8 per cent per annum.

Every piano and organ sold will be accompanied by the respective manufacturer's five years' warranty, duly countersigned by us, thus fully protecting the customer in every way.

We personally guarantee the price and quality of every instrument in this sale, and any used piano bought of us at this time may be returned to us within two years and we will allow the full amount paid toward any new Kimball or Weber or Chickering piano.

This sale, as above, will be at 351 Washington street, in our new Music Block, commencing at 10 o'clock