

Special Sale for this Week

RIBBONS
100 pieces of fancy ribbons, white with pink, blue, lavender, etc. Also purple or black stripes, 4 and 5 inches wide, 25c and 30c value, 19c.

COLOR FANCY HOSE
Vertical stripes, stripes with polka dots, two tones in drop-stitch effects, etc., at 50c pair.

The A. Dunbar Co.

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, March 23.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, cloudy to partly cloudy, with occasional rain; squalls. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, probably fair.

AROUND TOWN.

20-lb French prunes 11, at Johnson Bros.

Mrs. N. A. Marrs returned from Portland last evening.

Japanese goods of all kinds, cheap at Yokohama Bazaar, 626 Commercial St.

Henry Sherman purchased three horses in Portland yesterday for his stable.

Japanese boy wants position of any kind, to cook, wash and do housework. Inquire 612 Commercial street.

The will of the late Anthonie Hill was filed for probate yesterday afternoon. The estate is valued at \$1000 and Albert J. Hill is named as executor.

Do you smoke? If so try some of our Sanchez and May or Chancery cigars. A new shipment just received yesterday. We are selling the two-for-one size at ten cents each, and the ten-cent size at three for twenty-five cents, for a few days. 10088, HIGGINS & CO.

That Astorian appreciate getting their money's worth and know a good thing when it is offered, is demonstrated by the steady and substantial increase of the subscription list of the Morning Astorian. It is the paper for the masses, and costs only fifty cents a month, delivered every morning before breakfast.

The Kinney country is being put in condition to pack eighteen hundred cases per day during the coming season if fish can be had. By the use of three Manilla cooling runs enough space is saved to permit of enlarging the filling room by fifteen feet. The soldering machines are all being reset, posts have been removed to make more clear space and a high tank has been built for reserve water supply.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

A fresh supply of all kinds of vegetables in season will be received by Johnson Bros. today.

If you have a fastidious palate and your gastric economy is in a doubtful condition, consult the appetizing menu at the Boston Restaurant.

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

For rent—A five-room cottage, furnished or unfurnished, on Tenth street, near Harrison. Inquire corner Tenth and Irving.

Fisher Bros. will receive five or six loads of provisions and canners supplies today by rail for the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company. The goods will be transferred to the bark Harry Morse.

The engine in Warren and Lester's sawmill at Warrenton sustained damage to the extent of about \$300 on Thursday last, through a serious fire coming from the boiler. The boiler was broken and a cylinder head knocked out before it could be stopped.

A meeting has been called for next Monday night at the council chamber of the citizens and merchants who have signed the membership roll of the Commercial Club. At that time the committee on organization will report and permanent officers may be elected.

The Pacific Navigation Company's steamer W. H. Harrison has been hauled out on the ways at the yards of the Portland Ship Building Company, preparatory to extensive repairs to her hull and machinery. As soon as she can be put in first class condition she will be placed on the Astoria and south coast run again.

Walter A. Lynch, chief engineer on the steamer Sue H. Elmore, lived for fifteen years on the island of Trinidad, Venezuela. Mr. Lynch was there as engineer for the Funch-Jones Company, who sold out to General Crespo, the fighting president of Venezuela, who was recently assassinated. The line of steamers for which he worked ran from Trinidad to Ciudad Bolivar, 350 miles up the Orinoco river. The products shipped out are cattle, hides, coffee and rubber. Mr. Lynch has a son who is a sergeant in the United States army in the Philippines and is expected home to be mustered out in a few weeks. Mr. Lynch and family live on Franklin avenue in the residence lately vacated by Geo. H. George.

ADDRESS BY SENATOR FULTON
The Reading Club, with about fifty invited guests, met at the residence of Mrs. Gearhart on Grand avenue, last evening. The feature of the evening was an address by Hon. Charles W. Fulton on the "Light and Genius of Edgar Allan Poe." The title of the great American author was portrayed in a very instructive and exhaustive manner by the speaker, who maintained that Poe as a man was grossly misrepresented by his first biographer and his reputation wrongfully injured through malice. "The Raven" was reviewed and "The Bells" was named as the nearest to perfection, as regards construction, of the author's production.

An instrumental solo by Prof. Thornton completed the program, after which refreshments were served. Each guest received a dainty souvenir in the form of a booklet bearing a photograph of Poe on one page, and on another the picture of a raven, with a quotation from the poem, and an appropriate inscription.

CARD OF THANKS.
We, the undersigned, wife and sisters of the late Thos. W. Graves, take this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and acquaintances and the F. O. Eagles, who so kindly helped us in our hour of bereavement, particularly to Mr. and Mrs. E. Harris and Capt. J. E. Campbell for favors received.

MRS. T. W. GRAVES,
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TRUST AGENT IS HERE

REPRESENTS TIN CAN COMBINE OF NEW YORK

Is Examining Local Factory at Pacific Sheet Metal Works With View to Purchase.

R. W. Crary, of Chicago, is in Astoria looking over the plant of the Pacific Sheet Metal Works with a view to its purchase by the American Tin Can Company of New York, a combination with a proposed capital of \$75,000,000, which will take over nearly every tin can factory in the country. The Pacific Sheet Metal Works closed down their plant at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The reason, given out by the officials of the company, being the completion of the orders from Alaskan canneries.

General Manager F. P. Kendall admitted to an Astorian reporter last night that Mr. Crary of Chicago was in the city yesterday, and has looked over the plant. During the shut down an inventory will be taken to arrive at some basis for the formal transfer and, while Mr. Kendall did not say so, there is little doubt but that the concern will not only absorb the Astoria plant, but the other factories of the company at San Francisco and Fairhaven, Wash.

What bearing the combination will have upon the industrial situation in Astoria is problematical. Experts, who are behind the trust, have figured that the consolidation will effect great saving, and if one-half cent can be saved on the manufacture of each can, the yearly profit will be increased by \$5,000,000. As the tendency of all such consolidations is toward concentration a number of factories may be closed. A similar case occurred in the tin can industry last night that the trust would probably operate the San Francisco factory to supply the California trade, and that the Fairhaven, Wash., factory would supply the Columbia river, Puget sound and Alaska trade.

It is understood that the Moore Brothers of Diamond Match and American Bleach Company are behind the combination. The incorporation of Pacific Can Company of Indianapolis, experts being sent out to look over the field and complete preliminary work previous to organization. An Associated Press dispatch received last night announced that the immense plant of Pacific Can Company of Indianapolis, with an annual output of 25,000,000 cans, had been transferred to the trust. Stock has been issued to owners of plants purchased and the entire issue has been subscribed.

There will be very close connection between the American Tin Can Company and the American Steel Plate Company, the latter being an offshoot of the billion dollar steel trust, the former taking large quantities of the product of the latter. This fact has sent up the price of steel plate stocks, and the price of plate itself has advanced. The present plans of the project do not include any advance in the price of cans but profits will be made from different economies already planned and pronounced feasible.

IS IT A BOYCOTT?
Portland Brewers Query About Pending Strike.

The brewery employees' strike is still on and the brewers are wondering why. The action is presented by the union was expected to cause the immediate cessation of the strike. No such orders have been received by the employees and a Portland brewer has advanced a rather unexpected reason for the strike.

He has stated, in an interview with a Telegram reporter, that the strike was not ordered in good faith, but is part of a plan to keep Oregon beer out of San Francisco and other California cities. The Portland product has gained a profitable line of custom in the California metropolis and the brewers there resent the intrusion. The idea is advanced that the strike was engineered by opponents to the Portland breweries. Whether the assertion be true or not the breweries affected by the strike are being operated short-handed at present and regular employees are still out. One of the Portland strikers stated yesterday, after a meeting held by the brewery workers, that nothing more could be done until the arrival of advice from San Francisco. The Portland Pacific brewery is inconvenienced by the lack of sufficient men who are familiar with the processes and Mr. Kopp is patiently waiting the action of the union. He has completed all the necessary work of the organization and has always upheld union labor.

HUNDRED YEAR CLUBS.
Are becoming numerous. The idea is to promote longevity. It is interesting to note, that the means through which long life is to be obtained, is food and the stomach. Long life and good health are not possible unless the stomach does its work properly. There is a way to make it, if it does not. H. C. Thompson, of Seattle, is a strength restorer. If you would be cured of dyspepsia, indigestion, belching, constipation, insomnia, nervousness, biliousness, try the Bitters. Everybody should try it at least once. It helps rid the blood of winter impurities. It's a specific for malaria. See that our private Revenue Stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

WANT TO BE DREDGE CAPTAIN.
Lively Competition in Portland for the Position.

The Port of Portland commission has not yet selected a superintendent of dredge work and the nine applicants will have to wait until the next regular meeting before the announcement of the appointment is made. Following is a list of applicants: Captain Harry Reeve, master of the towboat Wenona; S. D. McKinnon, superintendent of bridges for the Southern Pacific; C. D. McClure, formerly in the government engineer corps; J. F. Thorne, civil engineer; M. G. Morgan, river captain and diver; Captain W. S. Buchanan, A. E. Williams, W. J. Cutbert and Major Alfred Sears.

COL. HOLT'S LECTURE.
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NEW COMBINE FORMED

SAN FRANCISCO COMPANIES HAVE UNITED.

Object Is to Prevent Profitless Competition and Uniform Scale of Prices Expected.

Telegraphic dispatches received last night from San Francisco announce that a combination has been formed by most of the companies engaged in the Alaskan trade for the purpose of preventing profitless competition. A uniform scale of prices will be adhered to and the concerns of San Francisco, Seattle, Cape Nome and Dawson will be on an equal footing.

Details of the new combination are meagre. The dispatches state that five companies have already been drawn into the union and others are expected to follow. "The Trade," a publication devoted to the canned goods industry, has the following to say relative to the existing low prices:

So heavy was the sale of medium red Alaska salmon that prices have been withdrawn, as was foreshadowed last week. The sales on all grades were unprecedented and very many jobbers purchased far larger quantities than they expect to use, believing at these prices the stock is an excellent investment. Furthermore, unless the other associations follow the lead of the first one to name prices there will be a good sale of Alaska fish because it will be possible to undersell every other dealer in the market.

The naming of low prices early in the season is believed to have been a shrewd move on the part of the association, having a number of objects in view. The first was the putting of good sales obstacles in the way of outside packers. The next was the discouragement of several proposed expeditions which were to establish canneries in Alaska this season. The effect will be, ultimately, to strengthen the market. One jobber here is reported to have bought 40,000 cases of the association goods. He is reported, too, to have been a heavy buyer of outside pack heretofore.

The Pacific Steam Whaling Company named prices similar to the association and has looked liberal orders. Or, perhaps, it is best to say that it did not name prices, but let it be understood that it would accept orders at the same figures, which it has been doing at a lively rate. No other outsider has made prices or sales as yet.

CHURCH SERVICES.
Baptist church: Morning topic, "Religion and Business." In the evening the congregation will unite with the Union temperance meeting at the Methodist church.

There will be no service at the First Lutheran church, owing to the absence of the pastor in South Bend. The usual mid-week Lenten service will be held Thursday.

First Congregational: Morning topic, "The Resurrection." No evening service on account of the ten o'clock meeting at Methodist church. Sunday school at 12:15; mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Presbyterian church: Morning topic, "Christ's Words on the Cross." In the afternoon there will be a union meeting to be addressed by Col. C. J. Holt. At night the congregation will unite with the temperance meeting at the Methodist church.

FISHERMEN ARRESTED.
Master Fish Warden Van Dusen came down the river on the Hercules last night after inspecting the sawmill at St. Helens and Rainier. The mill men all promised to obey the law in respect to dumping sawdust into the river. Mr. Van Dusen caught two men, Nathan D. Johnson and John L. Johnson, in the act of fishing contrary to law near Rainier, and will deal with them in the courts of Columbia county.

MATINEE TODAY.
The engagement of the Bittner Company will close with tonight's performance of "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room." There will be a matinee at 2 o'clock at reduced prices. No seats are reserved and first come, first served. Last night the company presented "Maloney's Wedding" by request. The theater was comfortably filled and the performance gave universal satisfaction.

CALL FOR WARRANTS.
Notice is hereby given to all parties holding Clatsop county warrants endorsed prior to February 1st, 1899, to present the same to the County Treasurer at his office, 164 Tenth street, for payment; interest ceases after this date.

H. C. THOMPSON, County Treasurer.
Dated, Astoria, Oregon, March 21, 1901.

LEBECK'S MANY CONTRACTS.
Indication That Points to Prosperity in Astoria.

L. Lebeck has several contracts on his hands at present. He has contracted to drive the piles for the new net racks for the Fishermen's Co-operative Packing Co. above Kopp's brewery and

to place the steamer Nutan on the deck of the Harry Morse for the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company, to accomplish which he intends to drive temporary piles at the Gas Company's wharf. He will also drive piles at Knappston for a new boom at the sawmill and drive a breakwater on Gray's river where the county road has been washed out. He will also build a new dock for Mueser Bros. at Gray's river landing. He has just driven two dolphins for the Astoria Wood Yard Company, and one for Captain Skibbe at Smith's Point, to be used for mooring log rafts while waiting for the turn of the tide.

BARBER PETERSON REPLIES.
A. E. Peterson, proprietor of the Occident barber shop, resents the imputation contained in an item published in an evening paper yesterday, which intimated that he was at odds with the Barbers' Union. According to the story as printed the union sign had been removed from the shop because of the proprietor's refusal to discharge the Chinese porter and employ a white man instead. Mr. Peterson stated last night that he was willing to employ a white man who would work for the wages the position carries, but had been unable to secure such a man. Mr. Peterson has always employed union barbers and paid union wages and he is inclined to think that some enemies have gone out of their way to hurt him.

STREET ASSESSMENT NO. 44.
Notice is hereby given, that the special assessment roll, made for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of repairing Twelfth street from the south line of Commercial street to the North line of Franklin avenue, has been filed with the auditor and police judge of the City of Astoria by the board of assessors and marked and numbered "Street Assessment No. 44" and that in the Council Chambers, in the City Hall of the City of Astoria, Clatsop County, State of Oregon, on the 5th day of April, 1901, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, has been fixed as the time and place of the meeting of the board of assessors and committee on streets and public works constituting the board of equalization, for the purpose of examining, correcting and equalizing said assessment roll. Any person having objection to said assessment are required to make the same in writing and file the same with the auditor and police judge of said city prior to the time of meeting of said board of equalization.

H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.

C. W. BARR—DENTIST
Successor to Dr. Ball.
573 Commercial St., ASTORIA, OR.
TELEPHONE, RED 2601.

WHERE DO YOU
BUY YOUR GROCERIES?
HAVE YOU TRIED
A. W. SHIPLEY?
555 Commercial Street.

DO YOU KNOW
That he gives you the best there is to be had in the city for the least money? Place an order once and see.

THE LOUVRE
Beginning tomorrow evening Professor Montague's great Australian bird circus will appear for a week at the Louvre. This is reported to be a most marvelous aggregation of trained birds and shows the highest training of which their intelligence is capable. Manager Wisensten also continues with him the vocalists who have proven such popular attractions.

Dr. Rhoda C. Hicks,
OSTEOPATHIST
Consultation Free.
573 Commercial St., Astoria, Or.

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The Only First-Class Hotel in Portland

KOPP'S BEST
A Delicious and Palatable
Drink Absolutely Pure

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Bottled beer for family use or keg beer supplied at any time. Delivery in the city free.

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