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How can we afford to sell fine large Hartlett Peas at 60 cents a full-sized box when others are selling at from 11 to 12 1/2? We are going to do this.

TODAY-SATURDAY

As long as they last—Fine Large Hartlett Peas at 60 cents per box.

ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.

The Morning Astorian TELEPHONE 601.

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TODAY'S WEATHER PORTLAND Sept. 20—Oregon and Washington, occasional rain, cooler in the eastern portion, brisk to high and squally southerly winds. Idaho, snow, cooler, brisk southerly winds.

AROUND TOWN.

See R. M. Gaston about harness. Coal in barrel, Elmore & Co., phone 66. The voting contest for the Astoria piano closes today. White Ash Coal, best for family use. Phone, Main 66. Call main 66 for your coal requirements. Orders promptly filled. Best 15-cent meal—Rising Sun Restaurant, 612 Commercial street. The Occident barbershop now has four first-class barbers. No waiting. Call Main 66 for your coal requirements. Orders promptly filled. Special today—Fancy stock of Italian prunes, 15c per basket—Johnson Bros. Chances on that elegant \$500 piano are given with each cash sale of \$1 at B. F. Allen & Sons. Now is the time to order your winter's supply of coal. Call up phone 661—Elmore & Co. Harness cleaned and oiled at Pinnell's 109 Twelfth street. Harness supplied at lowest prices. The French bark Henriette was taken up the river yesterday morning for grain. Alright steves, all sizes and prices, according to quality. They are the best and cheapest—Fisher Bros. Have you seen that elegant piano at B. F. Allen & Sons? Tickets are given with every cash sale of \$1. For rent—Three furnished rooms for light house keeping, on ground floor. No. 491 Exchange St. A special meeting of the Alaska Fishermen's Union will be held at the C. R. & N. P. U. hall at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Some lucky customer of B. F. Allen & Sons will soon be made happy by winning that \$500 piano. Tickets with every cash sale of \$1. Cream pure rye, America's finest whiskey. The only pure goods, guaranteed fish and oysters. JOHN L. CARLSON, Sole Agent. John A. Montgomery has opened a shop at 421 Bond street and is prepared to do all classes of plumbing and tinning at lowest possible rates. Dr. T. L. Ball has severed his connection with Dr. C. W. Barr and has opened his dental office in the Page building over Conn's drug store. Roslyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other. George W. Sanborn, agent; telephone 131. Robert Sultor, of Westport, Oregon, is prepared to furnish, on short notice, the very best of lumber, rough, dressed or kiln-dried, at the lowest prices. For Windows and doors, lime and cement, shingles and all kinds of building material, call on us. Our prices are right and we can save you money.—Fisher Bros. Baths for ladies at the Palace Baths. Private entrance on side of building. Shop open on Sunday mornings for shaves and baths. Davis & Corbett, proprietors. We have Roger and Gallet French perfumes in bulk, also the best American perfumes in bulk. Bring your bottles and get them filled with what suits you.—Chas. Rogers. The O. R. & N. has made a rate of 15c from Astoria and Portland for the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. Tickets will be on sale first to third Tuesdays, June to October, inclusive. These tickets must be used for continuous passage going, but stop over will be allowed within that limit returning.

Best 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

Harness repaired at Gaston's shop. House on rent near Alderbrook school house. Hospital at Johnson Bros. store.

Wagon-tin for light house work. No children. Mrs. D. J. Shelby, room 45. Tugs hotel.

The lightness tender Manzanita departed yesterday. She will visit nearby light stations.

For first-class harness and general repairing go to A. C. Pinnell, 109 1/2 12th street. Prices reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed.

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Susan Wilson was held yesterday. The interment was in Greenwood and many friends of the family attended.

A nine-pound boy was born last evening to the wife of Nathan Schluessel. This is Mr. Schluessel's first child and his advent has caused the father untold joy.

Deputy Sheriff Prall yesterday sold the Boston restaurant under foreclosure of a chattel mortgage. The property was bought by Mary N. Walker, the mortgagee, for \$100.

Two vessels are in the offing, and may reach port today. They are the British bark East Indian, sixty-four days from Valparaiso, and the German ship Ralene, from Guaymas.

The contractors expect to complete the Sixth street improvement today. The completion of the thoroughfare will be hailed with delight by the large contingent doing business in that part of town.

A large consignment of pure extracted honey in quart and one-half gallon tins has just been received from Grays River by us. We have also received a lot of pure honey in comb—Johnson Bros.

John received two cartons of wine, brandy and beer. By buying in carload lots we are in a position to sell to our customers at prices that our competitors have to pay for the goods. We guarantee this statement.—Fisher Bros.

J. S. Dellinger, who has just returned from a trip to the Sound, confirms the statement that business is overdone at Seaside. He says Astoria compares favorably with the Sound cities, and that business conditions are quite as good here as there.

Cap'n Schultz, of the French ship Renee Rickover, reports that on the fourth day out from Nagasaki, Second Mate Fekler fell down the hold and fractured his spine. The vessel put into Kobe, where the injured man was placed in the hospital. It was thought his injuries would not prove fatal.

The bark Harry Morse sailed yesterday from Nushagak, Alaska, bringing 30,000 cases of salmon from the canneries of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing Company. Captain Fullerton reports an uneventful trip down the coast, except for head winds. All the employees of the cannery returned on the Morse.

BEAUTIFUL Decorated Tea Sets GIVEN AWAY FREE THIS WEEK JUST TO INTRODUCE OUR SULTAN COFFEE

We will serve free a cup of SULTAN COFFEE to every lady and gentleman coming to our store and each person will be entitled to GUESS THE NUMBER OF COFFEE BEANS in our tea pot. THE FIRST PERSON guessing nearest to the number of beans the tea pot contains will get one of these beautiful sets FREE. Cost you nothing. We will be more than pleased to have you come and try a cup of SULTAN COFFEE, and take a guess.

COME JUST TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL NEW PRESENTS WE ARE GIVING AWAY WITH OUR CELEBRATED TEAS, COFFEES AND SPICES

REMEMBER Great American Importing Tea Co. 571 Commercial Street, Oregon, Astoria.

DO NOT FORGET—The Great American Importing Tea Company, largest distributors of Teas, Coffees, Spices, China, Crockery and Glassware on the Coast. 100 Stores in Successful Operation.

Senator and Mrs. Magier were down from Brookfield yesterday. Senator Magier said that operations had been commenced at his cannery, but that the supply of fish was not as great as had been reported. He is receiving trap fish exclusively, paying five cents each. The fish are of exceptionally fine quality, he states.

The old customs house in East Astoria has been torn down by workmen. This was one of the first public buildings on the Pacific coast, but no effort was made to preserve it, and it was removed to make way for the march of improvement. It was situated a short distance north of the new cottages of W. H. Barker.

An account of the exposition and carnival to be held in Portland, the O. R. & N. Co. has made a special rate of \$2.50 for the round trip from Astoria. This will include two admissions to the exposition. These tickets will be on sale on the following days: September 21, October 2, 9 and 16, and will be good returning within six days of sale.

The speech of Senator Fulton which was delivered at the memorial services on Thursday is regarded as one of the highest tributes ever paid by a Western orator and the Clatsop statesman was heartily congratulated for his masterly effort. An unfortunate accident made it impossible for the Astorian to print his speech in its entirety, but it will appear in full in the Weekly Astorian, which goes to press on Tuesday morning.

Among the vessels now on the way to this port is the Ardnamurchan, whose long passage from Victoria to the United Kingdom occasioned so much comment. Salmon from the vessel washed ashore at Seaside. It will be remembered, and insurance on the ship advanced to about 80 per cent. The French bark Louis Pasteur, which also made a long trip from Calcutta with a cargo of grain bags, is on the route list, as is the well-known Inchope Rock.

The festive equinaxial season is once more here and the loyal Astorians who have been enduring a parched martyrdom for the last few months are taking on a new lease of life. About five days of this wet weather, however, will dispel all remembrance of the magnificent summer months just over, and the air will be full of malcontents against the overcast sky. Perhaps this very inclemency is responsible for the rain-thirteen-months-year reputation which Oregon enjoys abroad.

It is stated that the franchise recently granted the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company will be accepted some time during the coming week. Superintendent Thatcher yesterday phoned Auditor Nelson to ask whether or not the mandatory ordinance had been signed, and when informed that it had, said the company would send down the necessary \$100. The failure of the company to promptly accept the franchise occasioned some feeling among members of the council, but the matter will be settled within a few days.

Fish Warden Van Dusen, who returned Thursday night from a trip to Eastern Oregon, left again last evening for the Clatsopias, to view the progress of the work at that place. At Colfax Mr. Van Dusen and Deputy Fish Commissioner M. R. Tracy, of Washington, selected a site for a hatchery, which will be operated by the two states. It is the intention to install a large plant, but nothing will be done until next year. At Huntington, Mr. Van Dusen met Field Superintendent Brown, who was instructed to commence work on the Swan Falls hatchery.

As will be noticed by the figures of Assessor Carnahan, there is only \$2,757,125 in money, bonds and accounts in Clatsop county. Of course, this does not include money in banks, except that kept there by business men. In assessing money the assessor is compelled to rely entirely on the statements of taxpayers, who usually allege that they pay out more money than they receive it. The increase in the assessed valuation will make practically no difference in the amount of money that will be received by the city, as the added values are outside the city limits.

An Astorian who is extensively engaged in the lumber business said yesterday, in speaking of the effort to establish an expert sawmill, that the promoters should endeavor to interest a number of logging concerns. "I believe half a dozen lower river logging men could be induced to give into the proposition," he said, "and that they would gladly take stock in the mill for their property. This would insure an unlimited supply of logs and place the mill on an absolutely independent footing. It would be a good thing for the loggers who would not be compelled to submit to the sharp practices of the millmen who are now reducing the value of their logs. If I were one of the promoters, I would make an effort to secure the Tongue Point site in like manner, giving the owners stock in the concern to the value of the property. By these two arrangements, a very large concern could be organized." It is understood that the promoters contemplate securing the Tongue Point site on some such arrangement, and it is reliably stated that the owners are willing to go into the mill enterprise. The movement to bring about the establishment of the mill is well-defined, and the men at the head of the plan are sanguine of success.

The circuit court grand jury was in session yesterday. It is expected that the work of this body will be finished by Monday, when the circuit court will be reconvened. It is reported that additional evidence touching on the Kyle case has been presented to the jury, but nothing will be known of the matter until the report of the jurors is submitted to the court. Unless evidence sufficient to fasten the crime upon some person is presented to the jury, the case will not be reported upon.

The British steamer Glentworth, Captain Webster, reached port last evening from Shanghai, from which port she sailed August 21. She proceeded to the river at once. The Glentworth is one of the largest carriers that has ever entered the Columbia river. She registers 2014 tons and will carry about 600 tons of freight. While her registered tonnage is not quite as great as that of the Indrapura and Indravali, the arrival of which occasioned so much hot air in Portland, her capacity is equal to that of the sister ships. The Glentworth has never before made this port, but has run out of the Sound for a number of years. She is under charter to Haffner, Guthrie & Co., to load grain, and a cargo of something like 600 tons awaits her in Portland. Perhaps 5000 tons will be loaded in Portland and the balance taken aboard here. The Glentworth is a vessel of great beam and will probably take away the largest cargo of grain ever shipped from the Columbia. The Indrapura took only about 450 tons of freight while the Indravali carried 5000 tons.

In noting the arrival of the big log raft at San Francisco the Call says that just as the monster was passing out from Astoria news reached the captains of the Tatosoh and Hibbard Holyoke that President McKinley had been assassinated. All on board both vessels thought the president dead, and the flags had been at half mast ever since they crossed out over the Columbia river bar. It was a drifting match all the way down the coast. Sometimes the tugs would be ahead, but more often the raft was broadside on and the logs were doing their best to hold it up to the wind. A gale came up on the evening of September 7 and blew hard from the northwest right up to Sunday night. The tugs had nothing to do but hold on and let the raft drift. In consequence both the Holyoke and Tatosoh were well supplied with coal when port was made Sunday night. During the run down the coast the raft did not lose half a dozen pieces. It was in perfect order when it arrived, and the tugs Monarch, Sea King and Sea Prince found no difficulty in getting it to a safe anchorage in Mission bay. It will be broken up at once and the majority of the piles sent to Oakland.

H. C. Thompson, who has just returned from a visit to South-eastern Alaska, says things are overdone there. Skagway has now about 1500 people and does a large business, though conditions are not so flourishing as in the case a few years ago. Dyea, which at one time boasted 3000 people, has been depopulated. When Mr. Thompson first arrived at Skagway, Dyea had dwindled to a settlement of four families, but one of the families left soon after Mr. Thompson's arrival, and but three now remain. All the buildings which were erected in the boom times stand just as they were left by their owners, mute witnesses to the truth of the statement of the members of the three families remaining that "we have seen better days." Sheep Camp was once a flourishing town of 1200 inhabitants. Now there is not a soul there. Mr. Thompson had occasion to visit this deserted town. He says the people did not take with them their household furniture when they left, and that shades are still to be seen on the windows. Inside the pretty residences dishes, tables and chairs are to be found. White Horse has 1000 somewhat better and will have 1000 population. Two years ago the town had 1500 or 1600. Dawson has 1000 people, but very few are at White Horse, though it is only 115 miles from Skagway. Dyea lost 25 cents per commodity and Mr. Thompson's meals are worth from 75 cents to \$1.50, and those desisting the luxury of a shave are required to compensate the artist to the extent of 50 cents. Mr. Thompson occupied a dingy little room there, paying \$2 a day for it. These high prices are due to the action of the railroad company in billing all freight through to Dawson. Mr. Thompson shipped 100 sacks of potatoes from Skagway to White Horse and the freight charges were \$30, though the distance was only 115 miles. The freight on a like quantity of merchandise between Portland and Astoria, 100 miles, would be about \$7.50. While there is lots of business in the southeastern part of the territory there are too many concerns to handle it, and conditions are not so bright as they were two or three years ago.

TO THE LADIES. I take pleasure in informing you that my fall and winter stock for little men has arrived. The new yoke overcoats, Russian blouse and Lord Raglan overcoats, The Norfolk suits, 3-piece Manly's, 2-piece suits and other new things. Also an endless variety of separate pants from 30 cents to \$1.50 with double seat and knee. These goods are the creation of the leading boys' house in America. If you desire good, reliable boys' clothing at reasonable prices for good goods, call at "The Big Store."

Very respectfully, HERMAN WISER, The Reliable Clothier and Hatter.

BIG INCREASE IS SHOWN

ASSESSED VALUATION RAISED FULLY TWENTY PER CENT

Total for This Year Is \$3,198,159—Increase Affects Timber Lands to Greatest Extent.

Total valuation, 1901, \$3,198,159. Total valuation, 1900, \$2,664,748. Increase, \$533,411.

Assessor Carnahan yesterday completed the work of compiling the 1901 tax roll, and the above statement shows the increase in the valuation of the assessable property of Clatsop county. The roll is subject to equalization, and the county board, consisting of Assessor Carnahan, County Clerk Wherry and County Judge Gray, will meet on Monday for the purpose of going over the figures. The session of the board of equalization will continue for a week. The increase in the valuation is about 20 per cent and has been made principally on non-tiltable lands. This property includes timber lands, of which there are probably between 100,000 and 150,000 acres in Clatsop county. The following statement shows the increase in the valuation of non-tiltable lands:

Table with 3 columns: Acres, Value, Increase. 1901: 274,209 acres, \$1,153,778. 1900: 264,252 acres, \$78,228. Increase: 10,957 acres, \$455,060.

The increase of 10,957 acres here shown represents the new claims filed upon during the past year. Whereas the increase in the value of non-tiltable lands is shown to be \$425,050, that of all other taxable property is only \$58,361.

This year's higher valuation affects principally about 100,000 acres of timber land. Last year this property was assessed at \$2 an acre, while the increase of this year will now show an average assessed valuation of \$3.98, an increase of \$1.98 an acre. The large number of sales recorded during the past year enabled Assessor Carnahan to get an accurate idea of the true market value of this land, and the increase has followed.

Following is a statement of the assessed valuation of all property in Clatsop county:

Table with 2 columns: Property Type, Value. Includes: Tiltable land, 4790 acres, \$7,352. Non-tiltable land, 274,209 acres, \$1,153,778. Improvements on devoted lands, \$8,580. Value of all 1901, \$1,162,928. Improvements on lots, \$38,719. Improvements on lands not devoted, \$3,205. Miles railroad, telegraph and telephone (589.75), \$112,414. Rolling stock, \$30,450. Steamboats, railroads and stationary machinery, \$20,000. Value merchandise, \$129,350. Farm implements, \$5,310. Money, notes and accounts, \$2,785. Shares of stock (750), \$2,500. Household furniture, \$100,245. Horses (634), \$7,376. Cattle (3428), \$6,500. Sheep (815), \$1,018. Swine (165), \$33.

Gross value all property, \$3,198,159. Exemptions, \$126,680. Actual assessable property, \$3,198,159.

MEANS MUCH FOR ASTORIA

Concession Made by the Union Pacific Causes Great Rejoicing in This City.

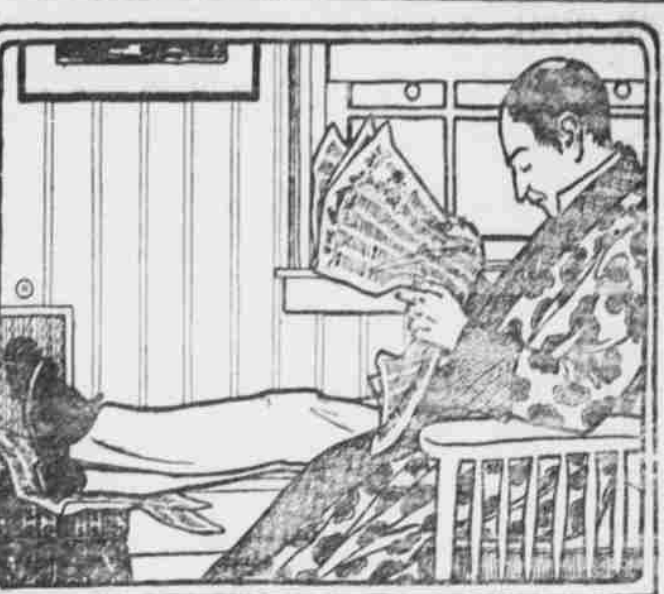
The publication in yesterday's Astorian of the determination of the Union Pacific to extend common pole rates in lumber to Astoria caused general rejoicing throughout the city. The action of the company is regarded here as an indication of a purpose to treat this city with consideration, and everyone agrees that the outlook for the future is bright.

Mr. Leunberry, the Union Pacific representative here, said yesterday that the conference between General Freight and Passenger Agent Mays of the A. & C. and Traffic Manager Campbell of the O. R. & N. would probably be held some time during the coming week. Both Mr. Hammond and Mr. Campbell are now out of town, and the conference will not be held until they return.

"Credit for this concession is due to Mr. Campbell," said Mr. Leunberry to an Astorian representative yesterday afternoon. "He has worked for the extension of common rates on lumber to this city, and through his influence the concession was made."

"Personally, I regard the Union Pacific's action as one of the most important occurrences in years, and the effect of the new order of things will, I believe, be far-reaching. It means the development of the lumber industry, which will work wonders in the way of building up the city. As an Astorian I regard the development of the lumber industry as of more importance than the shipment of grain, because it means more payrolls, more new enterprises. When I came here twenty years ago from 150 to 1000 tons of every grain cargo shipped down the Columbia was lightered down the river and loaded. All the benefit which Astoria derived was the stevedoring. Of course, the shipment of grain from this port is most desirable, but I am of the opinion that it is not paramount. If we look after our lumber business, the growth of the city will be rapid enough to satisfy everyone."

Senator Fulton had the receipt of the news was extremely gratifying. "It means much for the state at large, and particularly for the city," said Mr. Fulton. "Our lumber should be cut at home, and in the concession of common



A LITTLE BIG WASTE.

DISTINGUISH between economy and wisdom. Sitting at home to save shoe-leather is economy, but it is scarcely wisdom. In the same way, doing without Ivory Soap is economy but it isn't wise; your risks are greater than all possible saving. Every cheap soap contains free alkali. Now, free alkali will eat its way through the new oil cloth on the kitchen floor. Imagine, then, what it will do in a single Monday's washing! Is such economy wise?

rates to the points most desired by the mill people the way is opened for thorough development. I consider the action of the Union Pacific the most important move for Astoria's advancement that has ever been made. We certainly have every reason to be grateful to the Union Pacific, which has, by the latest move, shown itself to be friendly to Astoria."

PERSONAL MENTION. C. Duncan, of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

Frank W. Suprenant is in from his Youngs river ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Eldridge, of Portland, are visiting in the city.

Judge Raleigh Spott, of Portland, was in the city yesterday, on legal business.

Rev. W. Seymour Short and family have returned from an outing at Seaside.

Harry H. Gerhard, of Austin, Tex., is among the late arrivals at the Occident.

Miss Carrie Short leaves Monday for Portland, where she will enter St. Helen's hall.

Chief Hallock has been under the weather for a few days, but is now able to attend to business.

Judge A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles, arrived in the city yesterday. He came down to look after his property interests here.

Miss Charlotte M. Bennett, who is spending September at the Kinney cottage, Gearhart Park, will entertain a number of her Astoria friends for several days.

T. S. Jewett, formerly police judge of this city, but now a resident of the peacable community of Seaside, was in town yesterday.

D. K. Warren and wife have returned home from the Sound and British Columbia, where they had been visiting for several weeks.

Among the Grays River people who arrived in the city last evening were Mrs. C. T. Black and son, Muelde J. Hart, Olive A. Bast and J. F. Robertson.

The engagement has been announced of Miss M. Lettie Tallant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Tallant, to Richard E. Carruthers. The marriage will be celebrated at an early date.

Mrs. Jaffe, who has been spending several days in the city, will leave the morning to join her husband in Portland and will go on East with him to Annapolis, where he will assume a position as one of the instructors at the naval academy. Mr. Jaffe has lately been relieved from duty on the Philadelphia.

IN THE CHURCHES TOMORROW

Presbyterian church—Services will be held as usual tomorrow. Theme of the morning sermon, "God's Comfort"; evening theme, "The Hidden Sufferer of Life."

First Congregational church—Regular services will be held at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The theme of the morning sermon will be "The Man of Sorrows."

A Model Kitchen THE HOUSEWIFE'S DELIGHT. We carry everything for the Kitchen from Rolling Pin to the Stove or Range. RIGHT PRICES AND THE RIGHT GOODS. FOARD & STOKES CO.

MORSE DEPARTMENT STORE 510 Commercial Street, Kinney Building

We take pleasure in informing the people of Astoria and Clatsop County that we will open our store on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

We will carry a complete stock of Dry Goods, Ladies' Cloaks, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, Shoes, Clothing, etc., and by courteous treatment and low prices hope to merit a share of your patronage.