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#### NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Change of copy must reach the business office by 3 p. m. to secure appearance in the following morning's edition. This rule will govern all local advertisements, excepting reading locals.

#### TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Western Oregon and Western Washington—Cloudy, with showers. Eastern Oregon—Clearing weather. Eastern Washington—Cloudy, probably cooler in southern portion. Northern Idaho—Cloudy.

#### AROUND TOWN.

See Hoefler for ice cream today.  
Try Heine's mince. It's nice.—Johnson Bros.  
Nice Navel Oranges may be had of Johnson Bros.  
Call main 661 for your coal requirements. Orders promptly filled.  
Best 15-cent meals—Rising Sun Restaurant, 612 Commercial street.  
Patronize home industry and buy your feed, hay and grain at Gaston's mill.  
BEST 15-CENT MEAL; RISING SUN RESTAURANT.  
"General Sullivan," the finest 5-cent cigar on the market. Sold everywhere.  
Call at the Occident barber shop for up-to-date work. Three first-class barbers.  
Japanese goods of all kinds, cheap at the Yokohama Bazaar, 622 Commercial street.  
New stock of fancy goods, suitable for Christmas, just arrived at Yokohama Bazaar.  
Large line of fancy parlor chairs in polished oak and mahogany.—Chas. Hellborn & Son.  
Morris chairs, richly carved frames, upholstered in the latest styles.—Chas. Hellborn & Son.  
Do you smoke? Try a "General Sullivan," the finest 5-cent cigar on the market. Sold everywhere.  
If you want box wood, slab wood or other hardwood telephone Kelly, the transfer man. Phone 2211 black.  
Santred Paavola, a native of Finland, was granted final citizenship papers in the county court yesterday afternoon.  
I carry a list of Roger & Geller Perfumes in bottles and bulk. Also Phoenix Royal Perfumes, Laniers, Maybells and Carnation; an assortment of Lubin, Goretta, Cherry Blossom, Muskita and others.—Chas. Hays.

We extend a merry, merry Christmas to our many friends and patrons.—Johnson Bros.  
The schooner Volant arrived yesterday from San Francisco. She will load lumber at Portland.  
Cheese sandwiches are excellent for a dainty lunch. Ask us about them.—Johnson Bros.  
Ice cream in all flavors. Order now for Christmas. Deliveries made to all parts of the city. H. R. Hoefler.  
Patronize home industry by smoking the "Pride of Astoria" cigars, finest made. Manufactured by MacFarlane & Knobel.  
Hoefler is prepared to supply family orders for all flavors of ice cream today. Orders delivered to any part of the city.  
During the absence of Mr. DeLin, architect, C. A. Bow will be in charge of his office, 7 and 8 Old Fellows building.  
You can't make candy at home as cheaply as you can buy it at Hoefler's. Pure candies made in Astoria, 10c to 50c a pound.  
Buy your suit and overcoat at Herman Wise's big store. He gives a suit or overcoat free with every ten suits or overcoats.  
We have a very fine stock of new crop nuts for Christmas trade. Christmas candies, three boxes for 25c.—Johnson Bros.  
Dr. T. L. Ball has removed his dental office from the Page building to No. 524 Commercial street, by Smith's jewelry store.  
Cream pure 75c, America's finest whisky. The only pure goods guaranteed rich and mellow. 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 fitting at lowest possible rates.  
Rugs of all descriptions, including Moquettes, Axminsters and Wiltons. The assortment is the best ever shown in Astoria.—Chas. Hellborn & Son.  
Rustyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other. George W. Hachborn, agent; telephone 1241.  
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.  
Our assortment of Pictures was never larger or better. The line includes beautifully framed carbon prints, copies of master pieces, water colors and oil paintings.—Chas. Hellborn & Son.  
The Toke Point Oyster House is prepared to serve Tomales and all kinds of shell fish. Families supplied with famous Toke Point Oysters, on short notice. Eleventh street, between Bond and Commercial. Phone 274.

We have just opened another barrel of those fine home-made dill pickles.—Johnson Bros.  
The German bark Schiller cleared yesterday for the United Kingdom, carrying 65,466 bushels of wheat, valued at \$29,000. The French bark Eugenie Fautrel also cleared for Queenstown, taking 111,001 bushels of wheat, valued at \$66,001.  
Commencing Thursday evening, December 26, all stores employing union clerks will be closed at 5 o'clock, except on Saturday. This is in accordance with the agreement heretofore entered into between employers and the clerks' union.  
Postmaster Reed announces that the general delivery window will be open today between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30 p. m., while the registry window will be open between the same hours only for the delivery of registered packages. There will be no deliveries by the carriers in any portion of the city.  
The British ship Wendur arrived in port yesterday from Valparaiso. The ship was sailed in, the pilot evidently being of the belief that he would remain in the office a long time if he waited for the tugs to pick him up. The Wendur brings 200 tons of coal, the property of her master, Captain Nichol.  
"The Crisis" a popular work, is not all fiction to a prominent resident of this city, who was raised in that part of the country with which the book has to do. Nearly all the characters were personally known by the Astorian, who at once recognized the men referred to by the author's description. A few of the characters are known in the story by their true names.  
When Steward "Grandpa" Dean of the Commercial Club went into the reception room last night a large stocking suspended from a chandelier attracted his attention. Carefully examining the package, the steward found a very attractive smoking jacket, the gift of members, who had remembered Mr. Dean's many kindnesses and his efforts generally to make things pleasant.  
Work on the Nehalem road has been suspended for a short time, in order that the men may be afforded an opportunity of observing Christmas. Tomorrow the loggers will continue the work of getting out logs for the mill, which will be shut down for a short time. About 50,000 feet of lumber will be sawed to complete that portion of the work which is to be finished before the general suspension of operations.  
The British ship Irbis, which arrived Monday from Fremont, was yesterday fined \$500 by the local customs officials for failure to secure a consular bill of health. Captain Law, of the Irbis, says he left the matter to the Fremont agent and that he neglected to provide him with the papers. The matter has been reported to the treasury department, and it is likely the fine will be remitted.  
Collector Fox yesterday received notice from Secretary of Agriculture Wilson that, on account of the prevalence of animal disease in the Philippines, no animals would be permitted to enter this country or Hawaii until further notice. The diseases are surra, affecting horses, cattle, mules, dogs, apes, etc., foot-and-mouth disease, affecting horses, cattle and swine, and rinder-pest, affecting neat cattle and other ruminants.  
The Budget printed a remarkably interesting Christmas edition last evening. Among the contributors are Professor H. S. Lyman, Judge J. Q. A. Bowley, Dr. August C. Kinney and Dr. O. H. Estes, whose articles deal with subjects of particular importance to Astoria and the Lower Columbia river region. Typographically, the edition is by far the most attractive special number ever issued in this city, and Messrs. Gratie, Kern and Lee are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.  
Commencing next Monday evening the Fischer & Van Cleve Company of players will open a six-night engagement at Fischer's opera house. The company is very well spoken of wherever they have appeared. They carry a challenge band and orchestra of 20 people and the prices are popular, namely, 10c, 20c and 30c. The opening play will be the laughable comedy drama entitled, "Jerry, the Tramp," or "The Convict's Daughter." Seat sale opens next Saturday morning at Griffin & Reed's.  
Christmas services will be held at St. Mary's church today at 8 and 10:30 a. m. A special musical program will be rendered by the children's choir at the early service and at the high mass the pastoral hymn, "Adeste Fideles," will be rendered, with Miss Feeley at the organ. Rev. Father Lane will officiate and will deliver the sermon, the subject being, "The Good Tidings of Great Joy." Benediction will be held in the hospital chapel at 3 p. m., and the day will close with a Christmas festivity for the inmates of the hospital.  
Steps looking to the location here of a revenue cutter were taken at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held Monday night, when the committee on commerce and navigation was instructed to correspond with the treasury department regarding the matter. The need of a cutter at this

port has been felt for a long time, particularly during the winter months, when vessels frequently are in need of assistance. It is the wish of the chamber that a powerful cutter be located here, so that she may patrol the coast during stormy weather and assist vessels in distress. It is hoped by the members of the chamber that the department will grant the request.  
Judge McBride held a brief session of the circuit court yesterday. In the case of John Fox vs. Ida J. Hanthorn, J. R. A. Bennett was named as receiver and his bonds placed at \$200. The complaint recites that plaintiff recently received a judgment against J. O. Hanthorn for \$10,422.85, and that to satisfy the judgment East End property was sold. The land included lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 2, on which the Hanthorn residence stands. It was alleged that, after the judgment was rendered, Mr. Hanthorn transferred the four lots mentioned to his wife. Now plaintiff brings suit to have a receiver appointed, as the property is bringing in a month rental, and also for a decree giving to plaintiff all title to the land. The receiver was appointed pending final settlement of the suit. In the case of R. W. Gilbert vs. Andrew Johnston a decree by default was entered. The action was brought to recover \$250 due on a promissory note. Several other minor orders were entered yesterday, and court was adjourned until the third Monday in February, when the regular session will be held.  
At the Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night, an interesting discussion took place with reference to the filling up of the river and the cause. James W. Welch said that he once saw sixteen large ships moored inside the O. R. & N. dock, where a fish boat will now ground at low water. Mr. Welch said he was satisfied that the altered condition was due to the throwing of sawdust into the river. He explained that the sawdust flows only a short distance and that in the course of several years enough refuse comes from a mill to appreciably fill even as large a stream as the Columbia. Mr. Welch is of the belief that sluicing also has a detrimental effect, for the reason that much of the silt is carried into the river, narrowing the channel. There was also an interesting discussion at the meeting with regard to the construction of a seawall. Judge Bowley, chairman of the committee on commerce and navigation, believed the chamber could secure an appropriation from congress to assist in building a seawall, as the wall would be necessary to protect the harbor. The cost of the wall, it was stated, would be much less than is generally thought. This matter is to be taken up by the chamber, with a view to securing an appropriation.  
L. E. Selig has received a copy of the San Francisco Dramatic Review containing the following interesting story of the origin of a popular expression: "The popular phrase 'Go 'way back and sit down' has been credited to many sources," said a music publisher, "but the true story has never

been printed. One night about a year ago, several colored sports gathered in a saloon in the tenderloin of New York, which was owned by a negro, and patronized chiefly by men of his own race. In the party were Smithy, the tenor, and Bully, the tout. Smithy came from the West, and dressed in the height of fashion, while Bully's home was in the South. Bully had had quite a turn of ill luck, and his attire suffered in consequence. Smithy began kidding him about it. Finally Bully got angry. He sized Smithy up from head to foot for a few seconds and then called in: 'Yo' am er dude, yo' am,' he began, contemptuously. 'Yo' done come 'round here an' try t' let de folks know dat yo' am livin' on easy street. Don't yo' sink, man, dat dem horses am a gwine t' run fo' yo' in de snow dis winter? Yo' ain't no eated red. Yo' kin hit broke. Say nigger, do yo' see dat chair yonder by dat stove? Take mah advice, an' go 'way bac' and sit down, an' when yo' git here stay dere an' don't come back no more t' night. Understand, noney?' Smithy did go 'way back and sit down and was not heard of the rest of the night. Al Johns, a colored musician, who was present, thought the phrase was unique, and the next day told Elmer Bowman, a negro song writer, it would make a good title for a song. So Bowman wrote some verses which Johns put to music. In the story of the song, Bowman struck to the incident that took place in the saloon that night, and when the song was published it at once became popular. The phrase was used a good deal by the opposite political parties in the last campaign.  
SOLDIERS WILL CELEBRATE.  
Thirty-Fourth Company to Have a Royal Banquet at Fort Stevens.  
When the bugle sounds, "soupey, soupey, soupey, soupey, without a single bean," etc., at the artillery barracks at Fort Stevens at noon today, Uncle Sam's boys in blue will say, "Guess again," as they march in to a festive board lined with viands and luxuries that soldiers, as a rule, think are served only on the other side of the Jordan. The dining rooms of the Thirty-fourth company barracks have been artistically decorated with holly, evergreens and the Stars and Stripes, and long tables have been arranged from end to end, each decorated with flowers, evergreens and flags.  
The following menu on little cards at each soldier's place shows the list of delicacies and luxuries outside the ration of "bark and beans" which daily constitutes the fare of Uncle Sam's soldiers:  
MENU:  
Celery Purree a la Artillerie.  
Take Points Raw.  
Olives. Celery. Peanuts.  
Royal Chimook Baked With Caper Sauce.  
Clatsop County Turkey Baked, and Stuffed With Oysters Mucha Bueno.  
Potatoes a la Maistie.  
Fresh Corn (Fresh from the Can.)  
Rookie Croquette with Hell Sauce.  
Mince Pie (like Mother Used to Make).  
Plumb Pudding—Nit.  
Fruits, Nuts, etc.  
Cigars. Coffee.

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