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We feel like taking off our hat to the people of Astoria. It would be one way of showing our appreciation for their help in making our new store such a success. Our sales increased during last year fifty thousand dollars—a big jump—and we think that our goods, weights and prices, must have been about right. It is in the only way we can account for it.

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The Morning Astorian

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS
Change of copy must reach the business office by 2 p. m. to secure appearance in the following morning's edition. This rule will govern all local advertisements, excepting reading books.

TODAY'S WEATHER.
IMMEDIATE: Jan. 3.—Western Oregon, Saturday, occasional rain; cooler; Western Washington, occasional rain; Eastern Oregon, occasional rain or snow; cooler; Eastern Washington and Idaho, occasional rain, probably turning to snow, cooler.

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Try our nice home-made sauer kraut. Johnson Bros.
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During the absence of Mr. DeJin, architect, C. A. Row will be in charge of his office, 7 and 8, Odd Fellows building.

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Services will be held on Sunday at Grace church at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. While evening services will be held at Holy Innocents, East Astoria, at 7:30.

John A. Montgomery, at No. 425 Bond street, does all kinds of tinning, plumbing, gas and steam fitting promptly and skillfully and at very moderate prices.

Baths for ladies at the Palace Baths. Private entrance on side of building. Shop open on Sunday mornings for shoes and baths. Davis & Corbett, proprietors.

Mrs. Thomas Floyd, aged 45, died early yesterday morning of inflammation of the liver. Mr. Floyd is in Alaska. The funeral will occur tomorrow and the interment will be in Clatsop cemetery.

Services in the Swedish Lutheran church tomorrow as usual. In the evening the pastor will speak to the young people on "New Year Thoughts." The evening worship is always in English.

The down train was half an hour late last night, as the result of a small slide near Clifton. A tree fell across the track after the up train had passed and it required some time to clear away the debris.

The Van Cleave-Fischer company will close its engagement in this city tonight when "East Lynne" will be presented. Babe Fischer will appear in the title role. The play billed for tonight always attracts large crowds, and that Fischer's will be packed in certain. Last night the company presented "Ten Nights in a Barroom" to a large and appreciative audience.

The French bark *Henriette* is still lying at the bottom of the river and no effort has been made to float her. Instructions from the owners are expected to reach Astoria within a short time, when the contract for floating the bark may be let.

Tomorrow Rev. Harold Oberg will present the following subjects to his congregation: At 11 a. m., "The Paramount Issue;" At 7:30 p. m., "The Great Inquiry;" Sunday school at 12:15 o'clock; subject, "The Promise of Power." (Acts, 1, 1-11)

At the Presbyterian church, services will be held as usual tomorrow. At the close of the morning sermon the communion of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. The evening theme will be "A Plain Question." There will be a preparatory service this (Saturday) evening at 7:30.

The steamer *Nahcotta* had a very severe trip across the bay during the storm yesterday afternoon, and the passengers heaved sighs of relief when the boat finally made her dock. The river was exceptionally turbulent and a rack with several buckets was lost overboard.

The Sons of Herman will give their annual masquerade ball at Foard & Stokes hall on the 19th of February. The annual ball of the society has heretofore been given on the 22nd of that month, but on account of Lent it is given earlier this year.

Charity lodge No. 32 Degree of Honor, installed the following officers Thursday night: Past chief of honor, Christine Carlson, chief of honor, Lucy Wright, lady of honor, Sarah Wischler of ceremonies, Laura Johnson recorder, J. H. Stockton receiver, Fredricka Mattson usher, Anna Bayard toner watch, Ross Darragh outer watch, C. J. H. Carlson.

A man and woman were up before Police Judge Nelson yesterday afternoon for vagrancy. The man entered a plea of guilty and his female companion did likewise. After court adjourned she pleaded that they were not vagrants. Judge Nelson imposed a fine of \$10 in each case, agreeing to suspend it on condition that the outcasts leave the city. They have departed.

The remarkable discovery of a full-grown duck in the stomach of a halibut is reported by Captain Kilgore, of the United States revenue cutter *Igha*, now stationed at Sitka. The fish, an unusually large one, was caught by one of the quartermasters of the cutter November 1. A bluebill duck, as large as a mallard, was found in his stomach in perfect state of preservation, its tail, feet, and feathers all in place as in life.

The period of lethargy which always follows the holiday season will be broken next Monday night. Three of the principal societies are to have the regular installation of officers, after which banquets will be served. These are the Rebekahs, who will meet at Odd Fellows Hall, the Golden, who will have their meeting at Pythian castle, and the Federation of Labor, which will meet at the regular meeting place. Elaborate preparations have been made for the three events and a general good time is assured.

A fir tree about eight feet in diameter, standing on the hill above Mr. Smalley's house, at Rocky Point, near Frankfort, was struck by lightning on the morning of December 25 and shattered to pieces. Only a spar was left standing, and that caught fire and burned steadily for about 48 hours. The main part of the tree was thrown over the cliff, but large pieces were scattered about for a long distance. Mr. Smalley says that he has witnessed many thunder storms, but never saw anything to equal the one in question.

The condition of the weather, as noted by Weather Observer Johnson, for the month ending December 31, was as follows: The highest temperature was on the 31st, being 54, while the lowest was 20, on the 12th. There were eight clear days, four partly cloudy, and nineteen cloudy. It rained on seventeen days, and the prevailing wind was from the northeast, 45%. The precipitation was 3.91 inches; average precipitation for the month, 12.52; deficiency of precipitation, 2.61; total precipitation for the year 1901, 77.87; average December precipitation for 18 years, 74.29; excess for the year, 1.58.

Speculation was rife in Astoria yesterday as to the identity of the French bark that collided with the *Walla Walla*. In San Francisco there seemed to be no doubt that the vessel was from this port and during the day persistent inquiries were made. Two French vessels that left Astoria recently—the *Lamorieiere* and *Francois Coppee*—may have been off Mendocino when the disaster occurred. However, the belief is pretty general that the vessel, if really from this port, was the *Lamorieiere*, which might expect some such disaster to round out her streak of hard luck. The *Lamorieiere* was out 62 hours when the collision occurred. The French bark, whatever it may have been, was certainly far out of her course, and there is a growing belief that the vessel was inward bound instead of outward bound. The French ships are nearly all provided with compartments, and from Captain Hall's account of the disaster, published elsewhere in the Astorian, it is probable the bark did not founder.

The time of the county court was occupied yesterday with consideration of claims and examination of tax matters. Many property holders are taking advantage of the few remaining hours to settle their back taxes, and County Clerk Wherity and his deputies have been kept very busy. The sale occurs on Monday. At this time of the court the tax levies for 1901 will be fixed. It is probable a 1-mill levy will be made for the construction of a bridge across the Lewis and Clark river.

In spite of the oratorical efforts of the married bowlers of the Commercial Club, who claim great things for themselves in the scoring line, the single men monopolize the daily record board, and it is seldom a married man gets representation there. The unmarried men allege that they are ready at any time to meet the beneficiaries in a contest for a costly spread, and express the utmost confidence in their ability to wipe the earth with the other fellows. They say the New Year's day game was pretty much a joke, and that it didn't show any weakness on their part, as the beneficiaries had a handicap. It appears the married men will not bowl unless their wives are present, and the proposed championship contest is being delayed from day to day in consequence. With splendid composure, the single men have agreed to stand for anything the other fellows wish to do, and will meet them at any time for bowling honors.

The salmon industry on Puget Sound and in Alaska has grown to such proportions that the stock of the companies operating there is looked upon with wistful eyes by the Eastern concerns that are trying to form a combine and control the output in the interest of better prices. Last season's pack in Alaska and on the Sound is estimated at 2,000,000 cases, all of which except some 500,000 cases is controlled by the Alaska Packers and Pacific Packers Associations. The stock of these companies amounts to \$12,000,000, which was sold to original investors at \$5 per share, par value \$100. The association has had remarkable success, and has paid a yearly dividend of 9 per cent, besides accumulating a surplus amounting to \$1,000,000. These enormous profits have raised the market value of the stock to \$150 per share last year and this year it is sold at \$272 per share. The Pacific Packing & Navigation Company, composed of Eastern capitalists, incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, with a capitalization of \$25,000,000 and authority to issue \$7,000,000 in bonds, now has a representative on the coast endeavoring to exchange stock in that concern for stock in the concerns that are paying these handsome profits, but the managers declare they will only part with stock on a cash basis.

Regular wintry weather, as common at this season of the year on the coast, prevailed in Astoria yesterday. The rain poured down in torrents during the afternoon and drenched everyone who was unlucky enough to be on the streets without an umbrella. The storm increased in intensity during the afternoon and the wind howled and blew in fitful gusts along the streets, making pedestrians feel the discomfort of real stormy weather. Ladies especially suffered from the intense blasts that swept the sidewalks, and were oftentimes compelled to seek the aid of a convenient post or railing or take shelter in a hospitable hallway until the danger was past. It was a typical wintry day, but had none of the coldness so peculiar to other parts of the country. Outdoor work, however, was suspended all over the city. Many buildings are in course of construction and on account of the heavy downpour, the carpenters were forced to leave their work. Contractor Lebeck, who is rushing the construction of the wharf at the foot of Eleventh street, laid off all hands, as he also did to the men making repairs on the O. R. & N. dock. Both contracts are nearing completion and Mr. Lebeck, with ordinary weather, will finish the work at each place about the middle or latter part of next week. The work on a number of stores and residences that are also under construction, was suspended, but the period of idleness will likely be only temporary.

The board of officers that convened to inquire into the manner of Lieutenant Bevan's death have finished their session, but their findings will not be made public here, army regulations requiring that they be forwarded to the department at Washington. While absolutely no information is obtainable from the officers, the belief is general at the post that Bevan was short in his accounts. He was post exchange officer, and as well handled the commissary funds. In all, perhaps, he handled between \$500 and \$1000 monthly. The exchange steward did all the buying, but bills were allowed by Bevan. On the morning of January 1 he was to have turned over to the steward a considerable sum of money, said to be in the neighborhood of \$250. Presumably he was short in his accounts, and, rather than face the inevitable disgrace, blew out his brains some time during the early hours of the new year. Bevan is said to have been a hard drinker, but, as has already been related, he declined to drink while in Astoria last Friday. The supposed shortage is the only reason that can be assigned for the suicide. Presumably the shortage, if there really was such a thing, did not amount to more than \$600 or \$700, and the unfortunate young officer certainly could have raised that amount and settled the obligation. There is a natural sympathy between army officers that

prompts them to shield and aid each other, and had Bevan lived to face whatever the cause of his rash act might have been he would doubtless have received plenty of assistance. He was fond of legitimate sport and advanced \$50 for the Christmas football game. The New Year's game was to have been played for the purpose of reimbursing him.

ASTORIA'S BIG GAIN.

Population of the City by the Sea Rapidly Increasing.

Among the interesting features of the New Year's Oregonian is a statement showing the population of Oregon towns and cities. The statement is a comparative one, the censuses of 1890 and 1900 being given, together with an estimate of the population, December 1, 1901. Astoria's population is estimated to be 11,000, while the next largest city, Baker, is credited with 8600. Mayor Bishop, of Salem, claims 2000 for the state capital. The population of the principal cities and towns, excepting Portland, is as follows:

Astoria	1901	1900	1890
Baker City	8,600	8,000	6,663
Pendleton	5,400	4,400	2,500
Salem	5,000	4,250	3,600
Eugene	4,500	3,250	2,200
The Dalles	4,000	2,542	2,020
Oregon City	4,000	3,194	2,002
La Grande	4,000	2,991	2,282

CYRUS NOBLE IS DEAD.

Famous Distiller Recently Passed Away at Lynchburg, O.

One of the best-known names in the United States is Cyrus Noble, after whom a celebrated brand of whiskey was named. Cyrus is no more, but his memory will live on as long as men imbibe good liquor. The news of Mr. Noble's death was conveyed in a letter received by George A. Lewis, of this city, who formerly lived at Lynchburg, O., the home of Mr. Noble. Noble himself never touched liquor of any kind, but for many years was superintendent of a large distillery at Lynchburg, where the manufacture of whiskey is an important industry. Eventually he was sent out West by his firm to sell liquor, and his remarkable success prompted the firm to name a brand after him. Since then this brand has become famous all over the West, though it is not so well-known in the Eastern states. Mr. Noble was at one time interested in the Lynchburg distillery, but during the last few years of his life was not connected with the liquor concerns.

Deceased was a very large and powerful man, and his unflinching good nature endeared him to all who knew him. He was often twitted about his weight and had always declined to step upon the scales to satisfy the curiosity of his friends. One day, however, Mr. Noble's weight was determined by a resourceful friend, who induced him to take a buggy ride. During the ride the buggy was driven onto a hay scale and the weight of the man, horse and cart recorded. Later, when Mr. Noble was taken back to his home, the owner of the cart returned and weighed

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In the letter received by Mr. Lewis the statement is made that Mr. Noble's coffin was so large it could not be placed in the hearse, and sixteen pallbearers conveyed it to the cemetery.

Deceased was a warm personal friend of Dr. Wm. Lewis, now of Canyon City, and the doctor relates many interesting stories concerning the life of Mr. Noble.

Dudley Greison, who recently distinguished himself by climbing Ben Nevis on a motor bicycle, is among the pioneers of automobilism in London.

Abel Hincliffe, now 88 years old and still active in journalism as editor of the *Grimsby Observer*, claims to have been the originator of the English half-penny daily.

PERSONAL MENTION.
J. W. Seaborg came over from Ilwaco yesterday.
H. M. Ogden, a well-known Portland commercial traveler, is in the city.
J. Thorburn Ross, of Portland, was a passenger down on last night's train.
Benj. Ely, a Salem contractor, was in the city yesterday looking over the local situation.
L. L. Peetz, a farmer and wheat-grower of Mora, Sherman county, was in the city yesterday.

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