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Is kept by any Grocery firm on the Pacific coast than can be found in our store. What YOU want is the best goods for the least money. That is where we shine.

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The Morning Astorian

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THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—Western Oregon and Western Washington, Thursday, increasing cloudiness. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, Thursday, generally fair.

AROUND TOWN.

Call Main 661 for your coal requirements. Orders promptly filled.

Wanted—Girl to do house-work. Apply at 645 Duane street.

Patronize home industry and buy your Fed. hay and grain at Gaston's mill.

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.

For Rent—Suite of rooms with closet, with board, corner Ninth and Duane.

If you want box wood, slab wood or other firewood, telephone Kelly, the transfer man. Phone 2211 black.

If you can use a gas cooking stove call and see Johnson Bros., who have a new one for sale at a very low price.

Are you fond of vegetables? If so, call and let us tell you about preferred stock, the best to be had in this—Johnson Bros.

For Sale—One Jersey cow (dry), or would exchange for a good new milk cow. Address or apply to Daniel E. Moore.

A wholesome and substantial meal can be had for 15 cents at 612 Commercial street. The Rising Sun Restaurant.

During the absence of Mr. DeLin, architect, C. A. How will be in charge of his office, 2 and 3-odd Fellows building.

Patronize home industry by smoking the "Prize of Astoria" cigars. Best made. Manufactured by MacFarlane & Knobel.

Another shipment of choice milk, sweet, Virginia biscuits, Athens, Bannocks and "Charmagne" wafers, just in—Johnson Bros.

Wanted—Local mill-truck for Oregon Mutual Home Association. Apply 414 Commercial St.

Undoubtedly the cheapest place to buy cheap goods is the "Bargain Sale," next to Griffin & Reed's. Good second-hand articles at your own price, or nearly so.

EVERY ARTICLE REDUCED

tells the complete story of our great

Annual Clearance Sale

Our stock of merchandise contains many thousands of different articles. Here it means everything in wearing apparel for women and children. Everything necessary for complete home furnishing with one exception, furniture. There's hardly a want but what we can satisfactorily supply and

Clearance Sale Prices

offer a saving of from 10 to 25 per cent. This important event, which comes but once a year, is now approaching the end. Buying becomes more active as the days go by. Here and there stocks are becoming depleted. If you want to select from good varieties shopping should be done at the earliest possible moment, and mornings, if you want quick service. The 2.30 to 6 o'clock p. m. crowds reach such proportions that comfort and prompt service are almost out of the question—still the great majority like to trade in a busy place.

The A. DUNBAR CO.

A little chilly! You have put off buying new underclothes; could not afford to buy others. You can afford it now. Go to Wise's and ask for prices.

Special Officer Hawley, of the Portland Boys' and Girls Aid Society, left for Portland last evening, having in charge Willie Spence and Willis Hamilton, the two runaway boys. They will again be placed in the Portland institution.

Look at your pants, maybe the coat and vest are good enough, and with a new pair of trousers will make a good suit. Drop in at Herman Wise's big clothing store and see how the prices are reduced. You'll wear a new pair before you leave the store.

We carry many kinds of Schilling's Best Roasted Coffee. We have their Central American and Hawaiian blend. Their combination blend of Java and Hawaiian. Their Mocha and Java blend, and many others too numerous to mention. Try this coffee. We will gladly refund your money if the goods do not give entire satisfaction.—Johnson Bros.

Just received. Another shipment of Buck Springs (Wyoming) coal. This lot is remarkably free from dust, and cleaner, if possible, than the last lot. There is no coal handled in Astoria that is equal to Buck Springs for general household use. Place a trial order with Samuel Kinross & Co., agents. Telephone 661 office, corner Tenth and Commercial, coal depot at foot of Seventh street.

An interesting boxing match occurred yesterday afternoon between a Commercial street clear man and a barber, whose place of business is not more than 1600 miles from the clear store. The clear man was invited to take a little exercise, and being somewhat in need of it, accepted the invitation. A few friends witnessed the bout, which resulted in disaster to the clear man, whose nose gave evidence of the battle. The boxing match was friendly in every particular, but the clear man is compelled to wear a considerable looking.

A few days ago Mrs. B. J. Young was taken to Portland for the purpose of undergoing an operation. The operation, which was a most vital one, was performed by Drs. Hill and Jones. Mrs. Young was found to be suffering from cancer of the stomach and the doctors pronounced her case hopeless. It is said she will survive only a few months. This will be sad news to the many friends of the excellent woman, whose serious condition was little dreamed of prior to the time the operation was performed. Mr. Young is in Portland at the head of his wife.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Perry H. Seery, George F. Welch and H. M. Garrison, after considering the numerous answers to Herman Wise's request for a name for his great coat price clothing sale, decided upon the following as the best suggestion: "Wise's Theatre" Sale, because it shows competition and eliminates bargain hunters. This suggestion was sent to Mr. Harry Borsbeck, and he is entitled to the 15 per cent offered by Mr. Wise. The committee also thought that the answer sent in by Mr. Lester Busey was worthy of consideration, therefore, Mr. Wise decided to give him a second prize of \$250. Mr. Busey's suggestion was: "The Goodies Clothing Sale, because you need the money and we need the goods."

The funeral of the late Thomas J. Wilson was held yesterday afternoon from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Wilson, were conducted by Rev. W. S. Shurr and were under the auspices of Temple Lodge No. 2 A. O. U. M. of which order deceased was a member. The interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

The reserved seat sale for the 1902 performance of "A Valley Forge," which will be given at Fisher's opera house tomorrow night opens at Griffin & Reed's this morning at 3 o'clock, and from the number of requests coming in for tickets a large house is insured. The play will be mounted magnificently and a thorough enjoyable performance will be given.

Bill Eider, engineer on the Nantuxin, was taken suddenly ill last Sunday and on Tuesday went to Portland, where an operation was performed. It was at first thought that he was suffering from appendicitis, but the operation disclosed the fact that a stomach disorder was responsible for his condition. He is reported to be very ill.

On next Monday an Olney neighborhood (quarry) will be used in Judge Goodman's court. The defendants to be are John Farrell and James and Patrick Farrell, his sons, who are accused by S. N. Johnson of having threatened to take the life of Mrs. Johnson. The trouble started at a Thanksgiving ball at Olney, and the threat is said to have been made the following day. The complaining witness, Johnson, has also been arrested on a charge of assault. It is said he thrashed Patrick Farrell. Constable Kelly has summoned 16 witnesses and the case will doubtless be one of much interest to Olneyites.

At a regular meeting of Astor lodge No. 6, Knights of Pythias, the following officers were installed by D. D. G. C., W. McCroskey, assisted by the following corps of grand lodge officers: G. V. C., A. T. Severts; grand prelate, A. A. Cleveland, and grand M. at A., Herman Wise; C. C., George Noland; V. C., J. F. Welch; M. of W., J. H. Hansen; M. of E., D. T. Gerdes; prelate, F. M. Gerdes; M. of F., August Danielson; K. of R. and S., D. R. Blount; M. at A., Nate Jones; I. G., L. Anderson; O. G., Alfred Davis. Four new members were initiated and the lodge is in a very flourishing condition.

N. C. Koefed, one of the Washington state board of pilot commissioners, was in the city yesterday and talked about the delays in shipping at the mouth of the river. Commissioner Koefed declares that whatever delays are occasioned are not due to the activity of competent pilots, as they have always been ready to take ships either in or out whenever the weather or bar conditions would permit. The only remedy for existing conditions, Mr. Koefed says is a deeper bar channel and a better bar-dug service. For this reason, he says, it would not be well to appoint new and inexperienced pilots. The next meeting of the Washington board will be held February 4, at which time the case of Pilot Staples will be considered as to the continuance of his berth.

A special meeting of the taxpayers of school district No. 1 will be held at the city school house this evening, when the tax levy will be fixed and the financial report of the district considered. A meeting of the school board will also be held in the near future. Director Kendall has not yet tendered his resignation and the question of appointing a director to succeed him will probably be acted upon. The law provides that when a school director moves outside the district and has been absent two months his office shall be declared vacant, and members of the board feel that under that law the board should fill the vacancy. Another question to be considered is the building of a school house in West Astoria, and this matter will also be considered at the meeting in the Shively school this evening.

Rev. Henry Marvotte, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, returned yesterday from a two weeks' visit at Moscow, Idaho. The Presbyterian church at Moscow is without a pastor there on Sunday evening. Next week the members will meet for the purpose of extending a call to the Synod, preside Mr. Marvotte says his visit was a most pleasant one. The Idaho country, he writes, shows substantial evidence of prosperity and the state, though comparatively young is rapidly forging ahead. While at Moscow, Mr. Marvotte talked with one extensive wheat grower who told him he could secure 100 acres of land from his farm that would average fully 25 bushels of wheat to the acre. When it is considered that the Eastern farmer is thankful for 12 to 15 bushels an acre can be obtained of the remarkable fertility of the Idaho Empire.

An explosion that shook nearly every building in the city occurred yesterday afternoon and for a time downtown residents thought some foreign war ship was bombarding the forts at the mouth of the river. The cause of the noise was the accidental explosion of a quantity of giant powder at the scene of operations on the system de drainage.

The powder was on a scow there and in some manner was set off by fire. Fortunately the workmen had ample warning of the explosion and much pains of safety. The scow was damaged, but otherwise the explosion was without disastrous result. The work at the reef is being done by Hale & Kern, of Portland, who seem to be expediting more than their share of hard work. Only a short time ago several hundred feet of the Great harbor pier was washed away by a heavy sea, and it had been accepted by the government engineers and later a stern scow was the largest at work in the system de drainage all over the upper river, doing great damage. Yesterday's accident resulted in little financial loss, however, and it is just possible the harbor will soon disappear.

A meeting having for its object the completion of the Lewis and Clark road was held at Chubbuck yesterday. William Larson was elected chairman and W. J. Heckard secretary. Among those who spoke in favor of completion of the road were W. J. Ingalls, William Larson, R. M. Gascon and Roadmaster Frye. It was decided at the meeting that, if the county could be induced to loan its sawmill, the residents of the Lewis and Clark would do everything else necessary to plank the road to Mr. Libke's place. The following committee was appointed to wait upon the county court and make the request: W. J. Heckard, W. J. Ingalls and E. F. Libke. The people there expect to spend considerable money on the road, and Olof Erickson, of Melville; J. W. Heckard, of Chadwell; Andrew Johnson, of Tucker Creek; and W. J. Dyer, of Prospect Park, were named to solicit funds. Recently a masked ball was given for the purpose of assisting the road fund, and at yesterday's meeting Mr. Libke reported that \$50 had been realized. Another dance will shortly be held. At the Push Club meeting last night Mr. Gascon made a full report of the road meeting. Roadmaster Frye stated to Mr. Gascon that the county sawmill would soon be idle for a time, but that the engine would be required to operate the rock crusher. Mr. Gascon suggested the idea that the county court be asked to purchase a new engine, as that now owned is too small to successfully run the mill, though it is large enough to operate the rock crusher. If this were done the cost of lumber would be materially lessened, he stated. The county will be asked to place its mill and two men at the disposal of the Lewis and Clark people, who in their efforts to secure better roads will have the hearty support of the Push Club roads committee. The Lewis and Clark people have already spent \$1000 on their road.

As was announced some time ago, the Dodwell Company will establish an independent steamer line between Portland and San Francisco. Two steamers, the Lakme and Charles Nelson, will be operated. It is the intention of the company to make equitable rates to Astoria merchants, and the new line will deliver merchandise at Astoria from San Francisco for a smaller fare than will be charged Portland merchants. This has never before been done. Yesterday M. C. Cheal, of the Frank Woolsey Company, Portland, was in this city, making arrangements for wharfage privileges. Mr. Cheal has received much encouragement from the merchants.

A communication was received at the city auditor's office yesterday from Dr. Emil Dorn, of Chicago, enclosing an ordinance which the council is requested to pass. The ordinance grants to Mr. Dorn a twenty-five year franchise for a telephone system for this city. The measure says, among other things, that the system must be in working order within 12 months after the passage and approval of the ordinance or the franchise would be void. It also says that not more than \$5 per month would be charged for telephones in business houses or more than \$1.50 for those in residences. The whole thing looks like a joke or else the doctor has wheels in his head.

Away back in 1851 a representative of the United States negotiated a treaty with thirteen tribes of Indians living near Astoria for lands held by them—in all a vast domain exceeding 25,000 acres. The treaty was never properly ratified and the Indians are now seeking to recover that which is due them. They are represented by Harrison Allen and Silas B. Smith. Testimony is being taken before County Judge Gray, as a matter of convenience to the interested parties, and when the hearing is concluded the evidence will be forwarded to the court of claims at Washington. The claimants ask that they be allowed \$125 an acre for their land, and Mr. Allen believes they stand an excellent chance of winning their suit. The taking of testimony involves much ancient history, and the narrators themselves well along in years are quaint old characters. The hearing will extend over a period of several days.

NOTICE

Damaged wheat of S. S. Penobscot—About 50 sacks, damaged and partly damaged wheat of this steamer will be sold by auction at the warehouse of the Columbia River Packers' Association, Thursday, the 23rd inst., at 10 a. m., in lots of 10 sacks, with option of taking 100 sacks.

JOHN KENNEDY, Master.

Astoria, Ore., Jan. 21, 1902.

The ship canal scheme has been pending since the year 1920. While in no wise responsible for its inception, the present century should make early disposition of the matter.

A SNAP Tuesday, Jan. 21 We will place on sale for one week four lots of MEN'S SUITS Good Value at \$12.00 FOR \$6.50 Look at display in window S. DANZIGER & CO.

What Shanahan Says "When other ads. from Dry Goods Stores Their tale of values tell In language whose success imparts The FRAUD they know too well There will I know when in such scenes RECOLLECTION be OF BARGAINS got from SHANAHAN'S, Then you'll remember me. Our Great Slaughter Sale IS STILL ON. See Window Displays at 576-80 Commercial Street.

Expansion Contraction PRICES SHRUNK OUT OF SIGHT Fine Oak Sideboard \$10 50 Elegant Mantel Bed 6 00 Lady's Oak Desk 4 50 Oak Extension Table, 6 ft. 7 50 Window Shades 25 Linoleum, best, 4 yards wide 55 Hair Mattress, 30lb. 10 50 25% per cent off on Picture Framing. Everything in proportion. H. H. ZAPP

Special Silver-ware Sale Some Excellent Pieces in Fancy Toilet-Sets and Tableware. at 20 PER CENT OFF Don't Fail to Make a Selection. Sale lasts only this week FOARD & STOKES CO.

HERE'S A SHOE SALE THAT'S A MONEY SAVER DON'T WAIT The time to buy is right now. WE ARE sacrificing Shoes this month, so that you can buy an extra pair without feeling it. Peterson & Brown

QUIT PAYING RENT Own your own home Don't pay interest. The Oregon Mutual Home Society Will buy you a home for \$100, or pay your mortgage for the same amount. You can repay them at \$5.35 per month, without interest. Send for leaflet explaining our plan. Home Office, 606 Commercial Bldg., Portland, Ore. Tel. South 1091. Local agents wanted in every town in the state. Contracts matured as follows: December 21, 1901, No. 1. January 18, 1902, No. 5. Branch Office: 424 Commercial St. J. A. FASTABEND GENERAL CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER. Dr. T. L. Ball DENTIST. 624 Commercial St., Astoria, Ore. Andrew Asp, Wagon Maker, Blacksmith and Harnesser FIRST-CLASS WORK AT REASONABLE PRICES. Special Attention Given to Ship and Steamboat Repairing, General Blacksmithing, First-Class Horse-Shoeing, etc. CORNER TWELFTH AND DUANE STS. Reserved seats, 70c; gallery, 50c; Sale opens Thursday morning at Griffin & Reed's. Cream pure rye, America's finest whiskey. The only pure goods; guaranteed rich and mellow. JOHN CARLSON, Sole Agent.

Fisher's Opera House L. E. SELIG, Lease and Manager. FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 Buhler & Mann's Immense Production. W. L. ROBERTS' Picturesque Colonial Drama. AT VALLEY FORGE A play of intense interest; stupendous scenic production; cast of unequalled excellence.