

## Store Closed All Day

We wish you a very  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
Ross, Higgins & Co.

THE MORNING ASTORIAN  
TELEPHONE 661.

### THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Oregon, probably part snow in east portion; cooler.

Buy your suit or overcoat from Danziger & Co. and get an elegant suit case free of charge.

### GREAT

# Cloak Sale

### THIS

## WEEK

A. Dunbar Co.

Ten cents per box—Christmas candles at Johnson Bros.

Boys' tool chests, suitable for Christmas gifts, at Fisher Bros.

Sweet cream 15 cents a pint. No charge for whipping. Tagg's candy store.

Clean, newly furnished rooms by the week or month, at moderate prices, over Peterson & Brown's shoe store.

For Rent—Three furnished rooms for housekeeping, on ground floor. Enquire at Sculley's hardware store, 431 Bond street.

During the past 12 days the firm of Samuel Elmore & Co. has shipped to the east and south 27 carloads of canned salmon.

I have a line of imported novelties for Christmas entirely new, never in the market before, at prices to suit every one. Rogers, druggist.

There will be no delivery of mail today by carriers. The post office will be open as usual on holidays, between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30.

Lost—Châtelaine bag, containing papers of value only to owner, and small sum of money. A reward of \$10 will be paid for return of same to this office.

David Rose of Svensen, who has been a sufferer from typhoid fever, is now convalescent and is pronounced to be out of danger. Dr. Pilkington is attending the case.

The steamer Miller was prevented from making any landing in the lower harbor yesterday on account of the fierce wind and high seas, though she left here as usual on her regular run.

For a limited time we will sell Christmas boxes containing 1 bar Kirk's toilet soap and 1 bottle Kirk's perfume, at 20c per box. Considering the quality of these goods the price is very low. Johnson Bros.

J. V. Burns, the cigar manufacturer, of 474 Commercial street, has sold during the past year over 300,000 cigars. These included the following brands: La Belle, La Imperial and the Op- per Star.

Christmas candles 10c per box. Johnson Bros.

The Messrs. Palmberg have gone to Seattle to spend the holidays.

O. B. Prael is spending today with his parents, returning to Portland this evening.

Hoefer will deliver to any part of the city, on Christmas day, any flavor of ice cream in brick moulds.

Lost—Last evening, on Commercial street, a lady's gold watch. Finder please return to Central hotel.

Step in at Danziger & Co.'s and examine the elegant suit cases he is giving away with each purchase of men's and youth's suits and overcoats.

I have the largest line of perfumes ever brought here, for Christmas, and a lot of fancy purses for ladies; prices reduced to one-half. Rogers, druggist.

For framed and unframed pictures, picture frames, burnt leather outfits and materials, art novelties, picture glass and picture framing, go to Frank Woodfield's are shop in Bond street.

The steamer Nahcotta was unable to effect a landing at McGowan on its trip from Ilwaco to this point yesterday owing to the severe storm which prevailed. No mishap was encountered, however, though the vessel was tossed about in rather a boisterous manner.

The scholars of Grace church Sunday school will give their first annual concert on Monday evening, December 29, at 5 p. m. in the school room. The children have been practicing faithfully for several weeks and will give a fine entertainment.

The A. D. T. Messenger Co. has more boys than you and they are more willing to work. Ring them up by telephone at the Western Union office or call them by the A. D. T. call boxes and let them deliver your Xmas presents. It only costs 15 cents per half hour for each errand, and besides it's the proper way to do it.

Although a few cases have resulted fatally, the prevailing disease diagnosed as scarlet fever is said by physicians to be, in most of the milder cases, not scarlet fever, but a different malady. Throat and lung ailments seem to be connected with it, and the true symptoms of scarlet fever do not appear.

Christmas shopping wound up at 12 o'clock last night with every merchant satisfied. The stores were very busy all day yesterday notwithstanding the severe gale which raged during the entire day. The stores were unusually well stocked for the holiday trade with both staple goods and specialties, and the large demands made upon them by local and out of town shoppers has shown the wisdom of the merchants in providing for a big trade.

Miss Margarita Fischer who appears at the Fisher opera house for a season of one week, commencing Monday, December 29, has, without doubt, one of the strongest repertoire companies on the Pacific coast. They carry their own uniform band and orchestra and give a street parade and concert daily. Each lady who attends the performance of the "Golden Giant" on Monday night will be entitled to one of Miss Fischer's souvenir photographs. Seat sale opens next Saturday morning at Griffin's bookstore.

The body of the late Judge H. E. Nelson was taken to Portland yesterday morning. The remains were escorted to the train by a delegation made up of the lodges of Eagles, Red Men, Elks and Knights of Pythias. Members of the police force were active pall bearers and Julius Offer, on behalf of the Eagles; Arthur Callan, for the Elks, and Kosma Franciscovich, representing the Knights of Pythias, accompanied the body to Portland. Judge Nelson was a particularly beloved brother of the orders with which he was identified and it was the wish of all that a general representation be made, the entire membership turning out to pay a last tribute, but the wish of members of the immediate family that the cortege be a small one was adhered to. It was the intention that the body be cremated immediately upon the arrival of the train in Portland, but owing to the delay occasioned by the slide, it is presumed that the final rites have been deferred.

The announcement by the Tallant-Grant Packing company of its intention to employ only white labor has been received with hearty approval by every man, woman, boy and girl in the city—the Chinese and Japanese contingents excepted. The inauguration of the plan at the commencement of the next fishing season is looked forward to with greatest interest, both by a large number of worthy people who must depend upon the labor of their hands for their daily bread, and by the rival salmon packers who have long believed that such an innovation could but result in failure, as previous attempts in the same direction have resulted. Although it is not necessarily true that a can of salmon is unclean because it was filled by a Chinese, yet many people, regarding the celestial of the working class from the standpoint of his habits of living and general appearance, look up-

# Pears'

was the first maker of sticks of soap for shaving. Sticks in 3 sizes; shaving cakes in 3 sizes.

Pears' Soap established over 100 years.

on his fitness to handle a food product with pronounced distaste. Be that as it may, it is safe to say that if the experiment proves successful it will result in better fortune for many working people by a largely increased demand for their services; to far more profit to the merchants by the trade of an increased population, and in great advantage to the city by the money being kept at home and circulated for domestic uses. This company in remodeling its cannery property and increasing its capacity, preparatory to handling a large pack during the coming season. As its officers are very popular and capable business men, it is predicted that the departure will be a pronounced success.

President J. L. Leroy of the Leroy Mining company is spending Christmas in Astoria. He says the snow is unusually deep in the Bohemia district, but about 400 men are working through the winter in the various properties. He has 11 men at work and two machine drills, and the ore is increasing in richness as it is opened up. The railroad into the district is now built 13 miles from Cottage Grove, on the Southern Pacific. It is to extend 35 miles when completed.

The observer at Fort Canby reported a southerly gale of 68 miles an hour yesterday. It blew some in Astoria. Every time a "Merry Christmas" was shouted a hat was almost sure to make a touchdown or an umbrella to make a funnel of itself. Altogether, it was a very lively day, both in shopping and in atmospheric maneuvers. The prospects are fair for a continuance of the latter, and up to the hour of going to press there was some indication of falling rain.

Engineer A. F. Rober has been engaged by the contractor to superintend the installation of the machinery in the new government boat built to ply between Astoria and the forts. The steamer is 87 feet long and of 18 feet beam, considered very speedy and is to be fitted with all modern conveniences and elegantly furnished throughout. Her engine will be a compound condenser of about 300-horse power. Mr. Rober has a record for putting machinery in steamers, having installed the engines in the steamers Nahcotta, Callendar, Athlon, Sea Foam and Canby.

Christmas was creditably observed by the Protestant churches of the city last evening. The program rendered by the pupils of the Presbyterian Sunday school was particularly fine. Solos, duets and choruses by the primary department, proved very interesting to the congregation, which was quite large in spite of the blow and bluster. A feature of the evening that deserves special mention was a tableau of young girls attired as angels. To heighten the effect, Miss Stella Stephenson, invisible to the audience, sang "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." The young lady's voice is a well trained, sweet soprano and she won the ad-

miration of her hearers by her vocal rendition. A Christmas tree and Santa Claus delighted the little people. Instead of presents each teacher supplied her class with boxes of candy and these were handed from the tree and distributed to the recipients.

The slide which covered the railroad track for a distance of 70 feet on Tuesday night between Knappa and Svensen has been removed and trains are running as usual. When the down train reached the spot only a few minutes after the slide occurred, it was 40 minutes late, and Engineer Dick Evans was feeling his way along cautiously while endeavoring to make as good time as possible. The obstruction came into view just around a sharp curve, but the train was brought to a stop without injury. Many remarked that a less careful engineer than Dick Evans might have had a serious smashup.

The overturning of a lamp last night at about 11:30 o'clock in the store of Mrs. Ingleton on Commercial street resulted in a very disastrous fire. Mrs. Ingleton was sewing and had a lamp placed near her on the machine when in some manner it tipped over and in almost an instant the rear of the store was in flames. The fire department promptly responded to the alarm that was at once turned in and managed to extinguish the flames, but not until a great deal of damage was done. Dress goods and millinery alike suffered from fire and water, a large amount of stock being entirely ruined. The elegant Fische piano, which was to have been given away to some lucky customer, was entirely destroyed, being placed against the rear wall where the flames were fiercest, and naturally got the full force of the powerful stream which was turned on by the firemen. The loss, which as yet cannot be correctly estimated, will be somewhat eased by insurance.

Olof Anderson was elected to the office of auditor and police judge of the city of Astoria, to succeed the late Judge H. E. Nelson, by the city council at a special session held yesterday at 11:30 a. m. Judge Anderson enters upon the duties of his office at once. His term of office will continue until January 1, 1904. Three other candidates, Messrs. H. J. Wherry, J. A. Eakin and Sidney Dell, were in the field, the council vote standing as follows: Dell, 1; Wherry, 2; Anderson, 6. Judge Anderson has for some years been identified with the citizens movement, serving two terms as treasurer of the city central committee, and to his relations in this respect and his great personal popularity may be attributed the fact that he was slated for the office and was the almost unanimous choice of the councilmen. He is a young man, of well known honor and integrity, and has a host of friends. His bond, in the sum of \$2500, was filed yesterday and approved by Mayor Suprenant. The sureties are Martin Foard and Leander Lebeck.

**STOP! STOP!**  
LOOK NO FARTHER FOR

# Christmas Novelties

A FEW SUGGESTIONS  
**Dinner Jackets, Smoking Jackets**  
In Fancy Colors and in Silks

**BATH ROBES, LOUNGING ROBES**  
**UMBRELLAS**

**DENT'S GLOVES**  
The Finest on Earth

**Silk Mufflers for Full Dress**  
See Our Up-to-Date Neckwear, Full-Dress White Vests for Evening Wear, Fancy Suspenders and Fine Hosiery

# P. A. Stokes

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# Merry Christmas!

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Sunday Dinners a Specialty  
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# A Merry Christmas

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# Great Eastern Furniture Co.

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