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BY GOVERNMENT.

Hon, John Minto, of Salem, Expresses His Views on a Problem of Interest.

Editor The Astorian: Being a visitor in your city, and known to some of your citizens as having a long-ago knowledge of American rule of the lower Columbia, I have frequently been asked my views of the future value of your resources and possible means of enhancing and developing them.

The first in order of time is the salmon interest. Of this it may be said, and the same is true of the chief agents brellas broken. the results attained by hatcheries point of commerce-steamships and railroad to the probability that the present trains. value may not only be maintained, but increased.

The second resource, that of forest written by one who in early youth and eryone. products, can be increased and greatly manhood learned all that the present of harvesting and use. Each species should be applied only to its best use; the refuse of the logging should be utilfires. Natural forest resources may be leagues at sea, and who now would be 200 volumes. greatly prolonged by the substitution pleased beyond his power to say, could of coal for wood as fuel, and gravel, he see trainloads of coal arriving from sand and cement for sidewalks and celmines at Nehalem, or elsewhere in lars. Health preservation in cities and Oregon, to a distributive point in your towns favor their substitution for wood. city. The substitution of coal for wood as fuel is so imperative as to make the former the foremist of public utilities

justifying the use of soverign power over its supply and use. The recent miners' strike, the public

suffering from which has justified the land. intervention of the president of the United States and appropriation of cation in Portland. public money by congress providing for payment of a commission to settle difbrences between the laboring miners and mine operators, points to the necessity of separating the coal value from the surface value of the land from which food and other crops can be taken annually by means of labor.

Saturday.

The recent contest between extortionate and obstinate mine operators and the well nigh helpless and ignor-Skipanon. ant mine workers, has shown that owners and operators of coal mines have a power of life and death over their laorers, and over consumers, which sught not to be continued. Not only that, but they hold the means of stopping the use of steam power, and preenting the means of national defense, by denying coal supply to war ships. The use of coal has become a neces-

sity of life to millions; to the freedom of commerce, and to defensive warfare; and this to such an extent as to create a new public policy, that of reserving coal measures, and working them un-OUGHT TO BE CONDUCTED der humane rules, so as to insure a pemanent supply of coal for distributive ommerce and national defense. leaving the working miners as secure of health, comfort and mental freedom as are soldiers, sailors and engineers. The reservation of growing forests, which has recently become a public policy. would be greatly aided; though this dwindles into insignificance when comnared with an assured supply of coal.

The timber reserve policy was initiated evening a pleasant little party was by its friends' showing that when the given for him in Warren's hall, nation was young congress created a Mrs. D. E. Pease has so far receoverforest reserve in Florida in order to ed from her recent serious illness that secure a supply of live oak, the sup- she is able to take short walks out of posed best timber for warships. But doors.

now the best warship is a steel box fit- The storm of the past week was very ted with steel machinery, to move all severe but no damage has been reportof which coal is an absolute necessity: ed other than a few hats lost and um-The Christmas tree at the Methodist

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church was a pleasant affair for the Mr. Editor, the foregoing is rather children. Santa Claus made a visit general than local in its aim, but is is and had a good word and gift for ev-

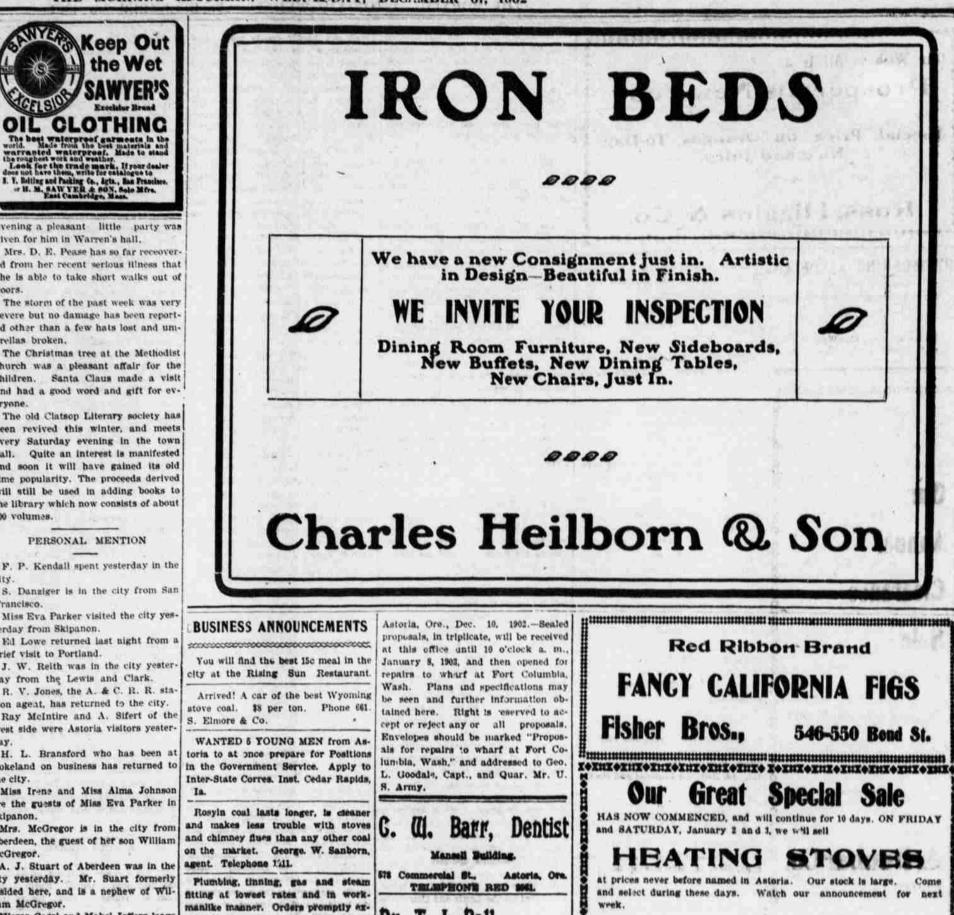
The old Clatsop Literary society has prolonged by more economical means commission will learn of the oppressive been revived this winter, and meets power of the mine operators over the every Saturday evening in the town mineworkers, and left the anthracite hall. Quite an interest is manifested mines in order to attain the free life and soon it will have gained its old need for fuel, and all debris be careful- of an Oregonian, who wishes well to time popularity. The proceeds derived by burned so as to remove it from be- every interest of this state, from the will still be used in adding books to coming a dangerous conductor of forest top of the highest mountain to three the library which now consists of about

PERSONAL MENTION

F. P. Kendall spent yesterday in the

JOHN MINTO. city. S. Danziger is in the city from San Francisco Miss Eva Parker visited the city yes-WEST SIDE NOTES. terday from Skipanon. Ed Lowe returned last night from brief visit to Portland. A. Sifert spent the holidays in Port J. W. Reith was in the city yester day from the Lewis and Clark. Miss E. V. Hess is spending her va R. V. Jones, the A. & C. R. R. station agent, has returned to the city. Herman Cables and family went to Ray McIntire and A. Sifert of the Portland for the holidays. west side were Astoria visitors yester-F. H. Mudd and family have moved day. back to Hammond for the winter. H. L. Bransford who has been at Tokeland on business has returned to Malcolm Grider was at home for the holidays. He returned to Portland on the city. Miss Irene and Miss Alma Johnson are the guests of Miss Eva Parker in Mr. Pete Nelson is spending the Skipanon. Christmas holidays with his family at Mrs. McGregor is in the city from Aberdeen, the guest of her son William Miss Polly Dawson came home from McGregor. Astoria on Wednesday and will remain A. J. Stuart of Aberdeen was in the during the Xmas vacation. city yesterday. Mr. Suart formerly Miss Hess had a Christmas tree and resided here, and is a nephew of Wilexercises in her schoolhouse Wednes-

liam McGregor. day afternoon for her schoolars. Misses Carol and Mabel Jeffers leave this morning for Kalama, Wash... Ed King made a short visit to his sisters, Mrs. Harmon and Mrs. Malder- where they will visit during the bal man, during he week. On Saturday ance of their holidays.



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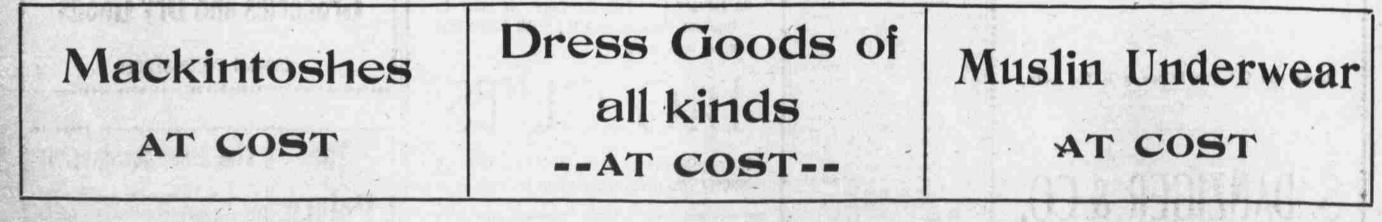
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