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THE MORNING ASTORIAN

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TO DAY'S WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—Oregon and Washington, occasional rain.

A delightful reception was tendered yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Charles S. Brown to her friends at her home.

Repairs will not be completed on the water main as soon as at first thought.

At a meeting of the Astoria Aerle Order of Eagles held Sunday afternoon the following officers, to serve for the ensuing term, were installed:

F. J. Reed of Tillamook is visiting in the city. Mr. Reed is in charge of the Elmore farm near Tillamook city and is one of the leading dairy farmers of that county.

The progressive association held a brief session last evening. In the absence of Secretary Lyman, J. E. Gratke acted in his office.

Are you thinking of purchasing a piano or organ? If so, it will pay you to call and get our terms and prices.

An event of much importance to the general public is the sweeping clearance sale now under way at the popular exclusive boot and shoe store of Petersen & Brown.

This is the week universally observed as the week of prayer. Union meetings are being held by the downtown churches, beginning last evening with a very interesting service in the Methodist church.

As already published an invitation on behalf of the city has been extended to President Roosevelt by the local commercial bodies that the chief executive pay Astoria a visit during his western trip and yesterday an answer was received.

Many Astorians have visited Fort Stevens for the purpose of witnessing the struggle of the great whale that is stranded near the jetty.

The regular January term of the county court will be convened tomorrow, at which time the tax levies for 1902 will be fixed.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., December 31, 1902. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 12 noon, January 3, 1903, for delivery on a wharf accessible to ocean-going steamships at Portland, Oregon, or on government wharf at Seattle or Tacoma, Wash., of material required for the construction of 13 buildings (officers' quarters) near Manila, P. I.

At a meeting of the Astoria Literary and Debating society last evening a debate on the subject of the election of senators by popular vote was given.

New Year's eve was the occasion of a very pretty wedding in the parlor of Hotel Knapp, at Knappa. The contracting parties were the eldest son of the present proprietor of the hotel, T. S. Gibson, and Miss Anna Stoop of Washougal, Wash.

The New York Fishing Gazette pronounces incorrect the statement recently appearing in these columns that the laws of the state of New York require that fresh food shall be sent to New York markets as it falls at the hands of the butcher—that the entrails shall remain in beef, fish, etc.

In all seven new cases of scarlet fever are reported developed and every precaution possible to prevent the disease spreading over the entire city is being exercised by the board of health.

A letter was received in the city yesterday from Terry McKean, who is in Santa Jose, Calif. Mr. McKean is prosperous and well and sends his regards to his many friends here.

When it comes to real merit, all such farces as "The Wrong Mr. Wright," "What Happened to Jones," etc., must take a back seat to "The Irish Pawnbrokers," which was presented at Fishers' last night to a house that was almost a record breaker.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of McIntosh and Ross has dissolved partnership. All accounts due the firm must be paid to W. R. McIntosh, who will continue the business, and will settle all claims.

NEW MEMBERS SEATED

CITY FATHERS SWORN IN YESTERDAY.

Mayor Presents His Annual Message—Proposed Changes in the Charter.

The first meeting of the new city council was held at noon yesterday, when Mayor Suprenant presented his annual message and the newly elected councilmen were formally installed in office.

"To the Members of the Common Council—Gentlemen: It is customary for the mayor to communicate to the council on the first of each year stating as near as possible the general condition of the city affairs and making such recommendations as seem proper.

"Our streets, being the greatest source of expense to the people, necessarily require the greatest care on our part, both in their construction and repair. In the past year a great deal of street work has been done, but much more needs to be done this year, and I would advise that the street committee use every effort in its power to do all the work that comes under its supervision with as great dispatch and as little cost to the taxpayers as possible.

"I would respectfully call the attention of the council to the necessity for some improvements to the city cemetery, more particularly a supply of water is required for irrigation purposes.

"The past year has been one of prosperity and the prospects are flattering for the present year. Through the efforts of our commercial bodies and citizens quite an improvement in our industries has been made and by such efforts continued we will soon have a city that we can well be proud of.

"I will take this opportunity to thank the members of the council and all of the city officials for their kind and gentlemanly treatment, and trust that we will act in harmony during the present year."

Ways and Means—Messrs. Nordstrom, Burns and Kaboth. Health and police—Messrs. Morton, Jahlstrom and Hansen. Streets and public ways—Messrs. Burns, Wright and Robinson. Fire and water—Messrs. Hansen, Morton and Nordstrom. Public property—Messrs. Leinenweber, Wright and Kaboth. Wharves and waterfrontage—Messrs. Wright, Jahlstrom and Leinenweber.

A resolution was adopted fixing the first and third Mondays of each month as the time for holding the regular meetings, and naming January 12 as the date for the first regular meeting of 1903.

The committee appointed to recommend charter changes submitted its report, which was discussed at some length. The following alterations were decided upon by the council: First—That an amendment be made

providing that a notice of intention to improve a street or construct a sewer or drain and the notice that an assessment is due may be posted upon the bulletin board at the city hall and within the limits of the portion of the street affected by the notice which shall be equivalent to publication in a paper.

Second—An amendment providing that there shall be no special funds other than the street repair fund, and special street, sewer and drain improvement funds, and all other special funds shall be abolished and money converted to the general fund.

Third—A provision that no person injured upon the streets of the city shall recover damages unless he shall within 30 days from the date of the injury file with the council a statement showing the nature of the injury or injuries, the time and place of the accident and the persons present, if any.

Fourth—An amendment requiring the treasurer to file a statement showing in detail all receipts and disbursements of the city quarterly.

Fifth—An amendment providing that a person must produce his tax receipt in order to vote or register for a city election.

SALMON PACKERS WILL MEET

George H. George, Samuel Elmore, George W. Sanborn, Samuel Schmidt, Messrs. Lindenberger and Alter left for Portland last night to attend a meeting of the Columbia river salmon packers to be held today at the Portland hotel to consider the question of a new fish law.

PERSONAL MENTION

J. H. Imhoff is in the city from Portland.

W. F. McGregor is in Portland on business.

W. R. Hume has returned from a visit in California.

A. J. Johnson left last night for Portland to be gone for a few days.

Del Scully has left for a week's visit with friends in Portland and valley towns.

E. Bradbury returned Sunday to his home on Clatsop plains from a visit to Skamokawa.

C. F. Lester passed through the city yesterday enroute for Warrenton from a visit to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patton will leave this morning for California where they will spend the winter.

N. A. Marrs and wife left yesterday for Seattle to visit with Mrs. Marrs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis.

Misses Mamie and Nellie Shanahan left on Sunday for Providence academy at Vancouver, Wash., to resume their studies for the coming term.

Mrs. W. E. McAfee returned yesterday from a visit to Portland. Mrs. McAfee was accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. McCausland who will be the guests of Mrs. J. Caustland's parents.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining Unclaimed for 30 Days

January 5, 1903.

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REMOVAL SALE

After February 1 we will occupy our new store at 470-472 Commercial street, with an entire new stock of stoves, ranges, tinware, general hardware and plumbing goods. Until that date our present stock will be closed out at from 15 to 25 percent off. Everything goes. Call early. W. J. SCULLY, 431 Bond St.

FIRE SALE

Damaged Stock Now Selling at Reduced Prices. The damaged stock of clothing, wraps cloaks and millinery is now being sold at remarkably reduced prices in order to make room for an entirely new stock coming. Don't fail to call and see the goods. Almost have them at your own price. MRS. INGLETON, Welch Block.

Grand January Clearing Sale

Has begun and lasts all through the month. Remember we handle nothing but first class goods, and our low prices cannot fail to please you. Below are a few of the many things we are offering:

Table with 4 columns: Ladies' Jackets, Ladies' Silk Waists, Walking Skirts, Men's Underwear, Ladies' Flannel Waists, Ladies' Tailor Made Suits. Lists various items and prices.

If a sale is not right—return the goods and get your money back.

Morse Department Store

OUR REDUCTION SALE

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- 20 per cent off on Fancy Crockery 25 per cent off on Bisque Vases and Figures 10 per cent off on Fancy Stand and Hall Lamps 10 per cent off on Floe Blue and German China Ware and Dinner Sets. 10 per cent off on all Plated Ware except 1847 goods.

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Of Furniture, Carpets, Stoves and Bedding

Table with 2 columns: Art squares, best quality granite in new Oriental patterns at reduced prices. 2 1/2 x 3, reduced from \$4.75 to \$3.25. 3 x 3, reduced from \$5.25 to \$3.75. 3 x 3 1/2, reduced from \$5.75 to \$4.63. 3 x 4, reduced from \$6.75 to \$4.95. 15c Matting, sale price...10c. 18c Matting, sale price...13c. 20c Matting, sale price...15c. 25c Matting, sale price...20c. 35c Matting, sale price...27c. 50c Carpet, sale price...\$7 1-2 c. 65c Carpet, sale price...\$9.00. 75c Carpet, sale price...\$10.50. 85c Carpet, sale price...\$12.00. 95c Linoleum, sale price...\$15.00. \$3.50 Iron Beds, sale price...\$2.50. \$4 Iron Beds, sale price...\$3.00. \$5 Iron Beds, sale price...\$3.75. \$7.50 Iron Beds, sale price...\$5.00. \$1.25 Feather Pillows for...\$1.00. \$1.50 Feather Pillows for...\$1.25. \$2.50 Feather Pillows for...\$2.00. \$15 Bedroom Suits to go at Sale price...\$11.95. \$15 Oak Sideboards, to go at sale price...\$11.95. Good High Back Dining Chairs, sale price...\$6.00. Hard Wood osking Chairs, for sale price...\$6.00.

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Call and see the latest novelties from Japan. Large stock of fancy goods. Yokohama Bazaar, 626 Commercial st.

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

The recent heavy rains flooded some of the low lands at Seaside, but so far as has been reported there was not much damage to property.

For mirrors, brushes, soaps, perfumery, stationery, and fancy and toilet articles where you are supplied so well as at Charles Rogers', druggist?

The school board has agreed to accept the conditions made by the water commission to extend the mains to the Taylor school and the work will probably be finished in about a month.

The regular January term of the county court will be convened tomorrow, at which time the tax levies for 1902 will be fixed. The Youngs bay bridge levy of 1.5 mills has expired, but a similar levy is to be made for the Lewis and Clark bridge. It is probable that the court will take some action looking to a small levy for the purpose of building a new courthouse. This year's state tax will be only 5.06 mills, last year's levy having been 7 mills.

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