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THE MORNING ASTORIAN

TELEPHONE 661.

TO DAY'S WEATHER

Portland, Jan. 17.—Oregon, showers north; cloudy in south portion. Western Washington, showers.

GREAT SALE

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Ladies' Suits

FOR

\$9.98

\$14.98

Regular Prices

\$12.50 to \$25

THE

A. Dunbar Co.

Special cut sale of books and pictures at Svensen's book store.

MacLaren's Imperial Potted Cheese is a delicacy for a lunch. Try it. Johnson Bros.

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

You will always find the best 15c meal in the city at the Rising Sun restaurant, No. 612 Commercial street.

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

Coal to burn. The famous Wyoming coal for domestic use. \$8 per ton. Good lump stove coal at \$6 per ton. Telephone 661. E'more & Co.

Wanted—Manager for new branch of our business here in Astoria. Address at once, with references. Alfred Morris, wholesaler, Cincinnati, O.

Rooms for rent—furnished or unfurnished; single or connected; newly finished; gas and electric light; in business center—523 Commercial street.

WANTED—YOUNG MEN from Astoria to at once prepare for Positions in the Government Service. Apply to Inter-State Correspondence, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

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Hosyn coal lasts longer, is cleaner and makes less trouble with stoves and chimney flues than any other coal on the market. George W. Sanborn, agent. Telephone 1311.

Plumbing, tinning, gas and steam fitting at lowest rates and in workmanlike manner. Orders promptly executed. Shop, No. 425, Bond street JOHN A. MONTGOMERY.

A stock of the best and very latest sheet music is now on hand at 464 Commercial street in the room occupied by the Allen & Gilbert Piano house. Prices same as elsewhere. All orders will receive prompt attention.

Acme "High-test" chloride of lime is a perfect disinfectant, and deodorizing agent, used for purifying vaults, cess-pools, drains, cellars, etc., and to prevent the spreading of contagion. It should be used freely. Sold by Johnson Bros.

Home-made dill pickles and kraut at Johnson Bros., the grocers.

First citizenship papers were granted yesterday to Oskar K. Johnson, a native of Finland.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore will leave Astoria for Tillamook bay points Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

There will be no Sunday school at the First Congregational church today, on account of the scarlet fever epidemic now prevailing.

Owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever there will be no Sunday school in the Methodist church today. The other services will be held as usual.

Wanted—Rooms and board with a nice private family, not north of Franklin avenue. Write full particulars and terms. M. E. Z., care Astorian office.

We guarantee our headache tablets to cure any case of headache in 10 minutes or return your money. Rogers, druggist. Don't be afraid to tell us if you are entitled to your money.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to John William Takkanen and Katarina Pekuri and to Chris. Behnke and Bell Westerland. Mr. Behnke resides in Pacific county, Wash. The others are residents of Clatsop.

Every five days we receive large shipments of navel oranges direct from the best orange localities in California. The quality is how very good, being sweet and juicy. We have them at all prices according to size. Johnson Bros.

The Eagles will roost high as usual this afternoon. About half a dozen initiations and a twin bean social by Herr Seafelt are the star attractions. There will also be musical and oratorical contests for points, and for prizes. All Eagles whose wings are in order are expected to be on hand.

Eleven of the sailors of the British ship Scottish Minstrel have left the vessel at Portland, and the captain, three mates and a few apprentices now constitute the crew. The wholesale desertion is placed at the door of the boarding-house runners by the Portland papers. The Minstrel lost her carpenter while off the Horn. A terrific storm was raging at the time and a great wave carried the man over the side. So heavy was the weather that all hope of rescue was out of the question.

Up to date there have been 154 bills introduced into the present session of the Salem legislature. The house has received 97 and the senate 67. In fact it was necessary that a recess be had in order that the office of the state printer might catch up. By Monday, when sitting recommences it is presumed headway will have been made and everything will be in smooth working order. The special feature of tomorrow's business will be the appointing of the standing committees by both senate and house. One of the bills introduced that has attracted particular attention is one by Burgess of Wasco, providing for a new county to be known as Stockman county. It will comprise about 40 townships nearly equally divided between Wasco and Crook counties.

The late John A. Devlin, with characteristic benevolence, made ample provision in his will for charitable bequests. The will was probated yesterday before Judge Trenchard and the nature of the bequests made public. All the property is to remain in possession of Mrs. Devlin during her lifetime, but after her death the charities will receive the bequests provided for. For the establishment of a parochial school in Astoria the greatest bequest is made. It consists of lot 5, block 5, at the northeast corner of First and Morrison streets, Portland, his late residence in this city, and \$10,000 in cash. The two properties are very valuable. The will provides for the following other bequests to charity: For St. Mary's Catholic church of Astoria, \$2000; for the convent of the Holy Names, \$2000; Archbishop Christie as trustee for the diocese of Oregon, lots 1 and 2, block 123, at the southwest corner of First and Harrison streets, Portland; St. Mary's Home for Orphan Boys, Portland, lot 3, block 31, on the west side of First street between Salmon and Main; to the House of the Good Shepherd, Portland, \$2000 in cash; to the Sisters of the Precious Blood, Portland, \$1000; Father Lane, for masses, \$250. The request is made that the three bequests last named be paid immediately.

Drop a small coin in the slot and get any kind of a shoe-lace you may want from the automatic dispenser at the door of Peterson & Brown's shoe store. Better still, drop into the store and get a new pair of shoes, for at their clearance sale prices you can get the best there is for small money.

The body of Gordon A. Stinson, who was drowned on December 25, was found yesterday morning by Adolph Johnson floating near Scow bay. The body was taken to the undertaking parlors and was viewed and identified by many who had been his friends during life. The funeral will be held under the auspices of Seaside lodge No. 12, A. O. U. W., of which Mr. Stinson had been a member. Services will be conducted at the parlors of Coroner Pohl at 10 o'clock this morning and interment will be in the City cemetery. Rev. W. Seymour Short will officiate.

Consul Arthur Wilson of Portland, who has served in the capacity of vice-consul for the countries of Sweden and Norway for the past 22 years, has lately had conferred upon him the order of Knight of Vasa of the first class, a most flattering recognition from his majesty, King Oscar, for long and faithful service, says the Evening Telegram. The decoration is a very handsome emsign of gold, and the great honor conferred upon Consul Wilson is highly pleasing to the recipient, as well as to Consul Wilson's many friends in Oregon, as a testimonial on the part of King Oscar's government.

The report of Sheriff Linville on the delinquent tax roll of 1901 was filed yesterday with the county court. Total roll, with costs, \$4,174.95; collected from property owners before sale, \$2,119.65; paid by county on property purchased previous to sale, \$492.75; errors and double assessments, \$29.81; amount realized from tax sale, \$55.63; purchased by county, \$945.55. The sum of \$420 was paid by the county on the Holiday estate and is included in the \$492.75. This will shortly be redeemed. It is gratifying to note that the roll is closed up and that the county has fewer claims against property than at any previous period.

Two terrible accidents occurred up the river yesterday, the victim in each case being an infant and the cause of death being the same in both instances. At Oak Point Mrs. Dix went out and left her babe in care of other small children, aged 5 and 7 years. The father was away at work. When the mother returned the house was in flames. The larger children had escaped, but the infant perished. At St. Helens the 2-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Gobbert died from the effects of burns received. The parents left the little tot alone and it is thought she played with the kitchen fire, her clothing igniting and causing terrible injuries.

The Lady Macabees held two very enjoyable meetings yesterday, the occasion being a visit from state commandeer, Mrs. N. H. Lamborn of Portland. She was accompanied by the guards of Rainier hive of the Lady Macabees, who gave a full explanation of the degree work of the order. There was a large attendance of the hive here besides the visitors, who were entertained by the ladies at lunch at one of the leading hotels, and after the afternoon session supper was served in the banquet room of the hall. A large class of Astoria's prominent ladies was initiated, and at the evening session a degree team of guards was organized that will be a credit to the Columbia hive.

The funeral of the late Dr. F. D. Reames will take place from the residence of Benjamin Young today at 1:30 p. m. Rev. W. Seymour Short will officiate. The interment at Greenwood cemetery will be conducted under the auspices of Portland lodge No. 68, K. of P., of which deceased was an honorable member. The steamer Undine will leave Booth's cannery wharf immediately at the conclusion of the service at the home. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. The body arrived in the city yesterday having been escorted straight through from Ashland by a delegation of six members from the Portland lodge K. of P. Members of the local lodge met the train on its arrival and accompanied it to the residence of Mr. Young in East Astoria. Deceased was a member also of the B. P. O. E., A. O. U. W., I. O. O. F., and Woodmen. The funeral services today will be assisted in by Astoria lodge No. 6, K. of P. The active pall bearers will be members of Portland lodge; the honorary pall bearers; the honorary past bearers; Portland lodge; the honorary past bearers; Finch and members of the local orders of which Doctor Reames was a member.

WILL HASTEN THE WORK. No More Delay to Occur in Improvement of Columbia Bar.

There is to be no needless delay in improving the Columbia river bar, according to Washington advices. Senator Mitchell recently urged upon Chief of Engineers Gillespie the need for immediate action and General Gillespie has made highly satisfactory reply. His letter to Senator Mitchell follows: "I can assure you that this office is most fully impressed with the urgent desirability of inaugurating the new work at the mouth of the

Columbia at the earliest date practicable. The securing of the transport Grant was promptly effected, and arrangements for its conversion into a dredge are being pushed as rapidly as possible, and it can be confidently predicted that such dredge will be available for operation some time during the coming summer.

The last river and harbor act provided for improving the Columbia river, in accordance with the latest approved project, and such modification thereof as may be approved by the secretary of war. At the same time there was a plan and estimate before congress for work which could have been proceeded with rapidly but for the fact, as reported to the secretary of war, that such plan did not meet with the approval of the senators from Oregon, and the further fact that it was the evident intention of congress to call for some other plans which had been presented, including one from the Reaction Jetty company, which should have due consideration.

"Such consideration of plans necessitated the constitution of a board of engineers to consider the various plans. Such a board was formed of five neutral officers experienced in the class of work under consideration. A consideration of the plans of the Reaction Jetty company necessitated hearings and an examination by the board of the work at Arkansas Pass, Tex., upon which the company bases its assurance of success at the mouth of the Columbia. I regret the apparent delay, but the importance of the work and the conditions named have resulted in delays which could not possibly have been avoided. The board has been giving the matter earnest consideration, and it is expected that a report will be received by February 1. When the report is received action thereon will be taken at the earliest date thereafter practicable."

PERSONAL MENTION

Doctor Henderson was in Portland yesterday.

J. L. Black was over from Grays river yesterday.

Walter Kindred of the west side visited the city yesterday.

Editor Jackson was in the city yesterday from Cathlamet.

Miss Sadie Patterson of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Flora Harmon was in the city yesterday from Warrenton.

Miss Lottie Bennett, formerly of this city, is visiting here from Salem.

W. W. Ridehalgh leaves this morning for Tillamook, to be gone for several days.

A. S. Frauld of the Necanicum Spruce Lumber company was up from Seaside yesterday.

Charles V. Brown who has been in Portland on a short business trip returned home yesterday.

A. E. Peterson will leave tonight for a business visit to Portland, The Dalles, Salem, Newberg and other valley towns.

Capt. Jas. Tatton and wife left last evening for San Diego. They expect to return in April.

Reverend and Mrs. James Matthews of Nahcotta are in the city on their way to Salem for a brief visit. They are accompanied by Professor Matthews of Salem, who has been sojourning at Nahcotta.

OIL AS FUEL.

The many oil discoveries during the past few years would seem to indicate an almost inexhaustible supply, and as a result much of it is being used for fuel purposes. Experiments have shown that it is just as servicable as coal but considerably cheaper. There are many people, however, who will always prefer coal, just as there are many people who prefer taking Hostetter's Stomach Bitters in preference to any other remedy because they have tried it and know its value as a stomach strengthener, an appetizer and general health restorer. They also know from experience that it positively cures sour stomach, dizziness, headache, indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness or malaria, fever and ague. Try a bottle and be convinced of its value. Avoid all imitations.

YOU'LL HAVE TO HURRY.

The beginning of the month Herman Wise first made the offer to sell 200 suits of men's clothes at the ridiculous price of \$7.50. Some people at first paid no attention to the offer, but the bargain hunter soon appreciated the treat in store and began to invest until now there's hardly a day but Mr. Wise sells from 5 to 10 of those suits. There's nothing the matter with these suits, except that Mr. Wise has only one or two of a kind left and as he prides himself on cleaning stock before another season opens, he felt it advisable to mark such low prices on the odd suits that would surely move them. Half of the month is gone, so if you, gentle reader, are wise you will go to Wise and at once for one of those suits that formerly sold at \$12.50 to \$17.50 and get one now at \$7.50. Don't wait until they are all gone and then kick. See Wise now.

DANGER NOT YET PAS!

SCHOOLS OF CITY WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

Decision Reached by Board of Directors at Meeting Held Yesterday Morning.

The schools of the city will not be reopened Monday morning, as there is still grave danger of spread of scarlet fever. A meeting of the school board was held yesterday morning and the decision was reached by the directors. When seen last evening Chairman W. H. Barker of the board said: "The schools will remain closed for at least another week. The physicians of the city were practically a unit in advising this action and the parents generally are very anxious that the schools should not be reopened. We are satisfied that the attendance would have been very light if opening had been decided upon, but apart from all such considerations, we feel that the interests of the public health demanded that the schools remain closed. The present order of things will be continued for a week, and if conditions are not then improved another week's vacation will be declared." The action of the board meets with the approval of all parents having children of school age, and much satisfaction was expressed yesterday when the decision of the board became known.

FINANCES OF THE SCHOOLS.

Debt Has Been Decreased More Than \$4000 in the Past Year.

On Monday night, January 26, the taxpayers of school district No. 1 will hold their annual meeting to fix the 1902 school levy. School Clerk Ferguson's report, which shows the following condition of the district's finances, will be presented at that time:

Table with Receipts and Disbursements columns. Receipts: Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1902, \$322.37; Ten-mill levy, 15,499.72; Taylor school levy, 3,874.93; Tax redemptions, 1,724.35; State apportionment, 4,143.15; County apportionment, 9,127.41; Back taxes, 35.72; From sale of old stoves, 5.00; From bills payable, 1,500.00; From Astoria National bank note to take up bonded indebtedness note, 11,000.00; From tuition fees, 103.01; Total, \$47,348.66. Disbursements: Fuel, supplies, etc., \$3,362.78; Paid outstanding warrants Dec. 31, 1901, 457.44; Paid bonded interest, 3,600.00; Paid floating debt interest, 137.33; Teachers' salaries, 15,619.50; Janitors' salaries, 1,665.00; Clerk's salary, 600.00; Paid bills payable, 5,900.00; Taylor school payments, 4,812.25; Paid bonded debt note, 11,900.00; Total, \$47,154.40; Less warrants outstanding Dec. 31, 1902, 180.31; Total, \$46,974.09.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

All members of Astoria lodge No. 180, B. P. O. E., are requested to attend the funeral of our late brother, Doctor Reames, at 1:30 o'clock Sunday, January 18, from the residence of Benjamin Young, Upper Astoria. Members will meet at lodge room promptly at 12:45 o'clock.

FIRE SALE.

Damaged Stock Now Selling at Reduced Prices.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Mr. A. Clawson having left our employ on expiration of contract, he is no longer authorized by us to contract for work in our line of business.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Our late brother Dr. F. D. Reames will be buried from the residence of Hon. Benj. Young today. All Knights are earnestly requested to assemble at Pythian Castle at 12:45 this afternoon.

Clean-up Sale

Of Flannel Waists, Silk Waists and Flannellette Skirts

Table listing prices for Flannel Waists, Silk Waists, Men's Overcoats, and Flannellette Skirts. Flannel Waists: Lot 1, all 75c and \$1 Waists, \$50; Lot 2, all \$1.69 and \$1.98; Lot 3, all \$1.50 Waists, 1.00; Lot 4, all \$2.25 and \$2.75; Lot 5, all \$3.00 Waists, 1.98. Silk Waists: All \$4 and \$5 Silk Waists, \$2.50; All \$6 and \$7 Silk Waists, 3.50. Men's Overcoats: \$15.00 Overcoats, \$11.50; \$12.00 Overcoats, 7.50. Flannellette Skirts: Lot 1 50c Waist, .30c; Lot 2, 40c Waist, .30c; Lot 3, 60c Waist, .55c; Lot 4, 75c Waist, .65c; Lot 3, 25c Waist, .13c.

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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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Best Entertainment at Moderate Prices. Corner Seventeenth and Commercial Sts.

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We are prepared to make them on short notice and of the best materials. Let us give you estimates on any kind of castings or pattern work. Lowest prices for first-class work.

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Clearance Sale

\$7.50 Takes Choice of 800 Unclaimed Tailor-Made Suits Made by the Royal Tailors, valued from \$20 to \$35; \$2.50-\$3.50 Takes choice of 1200 pair of pants valued at from \$5 to \$9; \$7.50 For Overcoats made by leading tailors. Good value at \$20 to \$30; \$5.00 For Coats and Vests valued at from \$12.50 to \$25.

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