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GRAPE FRUIT (very large) per dozen 50c
 LEMONS (dozen lots only) per dozen 15c
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THE MORNING ASTORIAN
 TELEPHONE 661.

TO DAY'S WEATHER
 Portland, Jan. 28.—Western Oregon, western Washington, and northern Idaho, light rain or snow; continued cool.

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MORE DAYS
 of our
CLEARANCE
SALE
THE
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Co.

A shipment of nice Northern Spy apples just in. Johnson Bros.

Only a few days more of the great out sale at Svenson's book store.

Don't forget The Astorian job department when in need of any kind of printing.

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

Fancy eastern (corn-fed) hams, 15 and 16 cents per pound. Every ham guaranteed to be first class. Johnson Bros.

Having recently purchased additional material, The Astorian is better prepared than ever to turn out briefs, books or pamphlets on short notice.

Try a pound of our perfection blend Mocha and Java coffee, and if it does not please you, your money will be refunded by us. Johnson Bros.

A "contest social" will be given this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. C. A. Gearhart to members of the W. C. T. U. All members are invited to be present.

Roslyn 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.

Complaints are made that umbrella thieves have been visiting houses in the residence sections during the past few days. The thieves apparently have boldly entered hallways and helped themselves. Half a dozen houses have been visited and efforts to locate the guilty persons have failed.

GRAIN-O
 THE PURE
 GRAIN COFFEE

If you use Grain-O in place of coffee you will enjoy it just as much for it tastes the same; yet, it is like a food to the system, distributing the full substance of the pure grain with every drop.

TRY IT TODAY.
 At grocers everywhere; 15c. and 50c. per package.

A hop will be given by the St. Mary Literary association at Hawthorn hall this evening.

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

A son of John Dragolish, living on Row bay, has a mild attack of scarlet fever and the premises are accordingly quarantined.

For pure drugs and medicines, perfumes, soaps, toilet requisites, brushes, rubber goods, purses and stationery see Charles Rogers, druggist.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold a Saturday sale next week. Cakes, pies, cookies, etc., will be on sale. Further announcements later.

The Olympia orchestra will give a masquerade ball at Suomi hall on Saturday night, January 31. Admission: Maskers, 50 cents; spectators, 25 cents.

W. J. Scully, the hardware store and tinshop man, has moved from his old location on Bond street to No. 470-472 Commercial street, opposite the Beehive, where he has a well appointed storeroom and shop, a fine stock of stoves, ranges, bath tubs, plumbers' goods, hardware, tinware, etc., and the best of facilities for plumbing and steam fitting.

At last night's meeting of the Push club Secretary Lyman reported that he had received a letter stating that Robert Suitor, who formerly conducted a saw mill at Westport, was looking for a location in Clatsop county. The matter was referred to the joint manufacturing committee of the two local commercial organizations, which will consult with Mr. Suitor and, if possible, locate him in this city.

Representative Carnahan has introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of three members to investigate the pilotage system at the mouth of the Columbia river. The matter has been referred to the resolutions committee for report. The committee is authorized by the resolution to arrange with a like committee from Washington a uniform schedule of pilotage rules.

Indications point to a very large audience being present at Fishers' opera house this evening when the curtain raises on the first act of "Il Trovatore" by the Gordon-Shay grand opera company. Everything will be done by the management to make this attraction one long to be remembered in the history of Astoria. Patrons are earnestly requested to be in their seats not later than 8:20 as the performance will commence at that time, so as not to mar any portion of the oper.

President Wibe, Past President Laws and Joseph Gribler will leave for Salem in a day or two to wait upon Governor Chamberlain and formally extend to him an invitation to deliver an address at the memorial services to be held by the local lodge of Eagles on the third Sunday in May. At the last session of the grand lodge provision was made for memorial services, and the local lodge is anxious that the governor deliver the address. In the afternoon of memorial day the Eagles will visit Greenwood and decorate the graves of departed brothers, and in the evening the services will be held at the hall. The services will be public. There is every probability that the governor will come to Astoria for the occasion.

The chief of engineers has been in communication with the Risdon Iron works and the commandant of the Mare Island navy yard for the past few days, endeavoring to secure terms from one or the other for converting the transport Grant into a sea dredge in a reasonably short time, says a Washington dispatch. The time stipulated in the bid of the Risdon Iron works is considered too long, and the navy yard is so pressed with other matters that it cannot assure prompt work. As soon as satisfactory assurance is received from one or the other, the Grant will be placed in charge of workmen, as plans for her overhauling are completed and the pumps are being built by a Baltimore firm and will be ready for shipment before the vessel has been overhauled. The board of engineer officers that made the investigation of the mouth of the Columbia river last summer held its final meeting and adjourned, leaving the report in the hands of one member for delivery. The chief of engineers has not yet received the report, but looks for it every day, and will give it prompt action when it reaches his hands.

Despite the complaints that were made Tuesday, another crowd of boys collected yesterday at Commercial and Eleventh streets and pelted pedestrians with snowballs. The failure of the police to stop the practice seemed to have the effect of adding to the enthusiasm of the lads, and everyone who happened that way was a target for them.

Saturday night ends the week and the month. Most salaried people are glad when the end of the week or month comes, but many good people will be sorry if they fail to take advantage of our great cut sale of fine footwear which will also end with this week. The shoes are good, very good; the prices are low, extremely low; but the time is short. Come today.—Peterson and Brown.

Little Isabella Ingleton was very low last evening with a complication of smallpox and diphtheria, and was hardly expected to live through the night. Her sister Louise, aged 11, died of the same complaint on Tuesday evening and was buried privately yesterday. The children have been living at the residence of John G. Melbohm on Thirtieth street, since the fire in Mrs. Ingleton's store, and there became infected. Both girls have been remarkably unusually bright and attractive children.

"Paddy" Lynch, who was shot Tuesday night by Otto Skibbe, was resting easily yesterday. The ball lodged in a bone, making the wound extremely painful, but Lynch will be out in a few days. The trouble between the men is said to have been due to Skibbe's utterances regarding Lynch. After the former caused the latter's ejection from the sailor boarding-house, Skibbe said that he would out Lynch in the penitentiary. Lynch asked him why he had made this statement and Skibbe's reply was not satisfactory. Lynch struck the lad, who made an effort to use a stove poker on him. An hour later Skibbe shot Lynch. The wounded man at first said he would not prosecute his assailant, but in view of the statements made by Skibbe he will probably be proceeded against in a vigorous manner. No charge has yet been placed against the prisoner, who has been locked up in the county jail.

In an editorial discussion of the salmon situation the San Francisco Trade Journal says: "On Monday, the 19th inst., the Alaska Packers' association publicly announced its selling price at 50 cents per dozen for pinks and 37 1-2 cents per dozen for chums. This was the first open announcement of a radical cut, and it seems to have been met by most of the other packers, according to the eastern advices. On Wednesday the association emphasized its position by opening the price for its 1903 pack at exactly the same figures and this has been followed by several other packers. When the large surplus of pink and chum salmon is considered in connection with the coming season (which is the proverbial big hump-back year on Puget sound), and the enormous capacity of the Puget sound canneries of the association, and those of the Pacific Packing & Navigation company, and others, it is not hard to understand that pink and chum salmon may not have yet touched bottom."

Representative Galloway has introduced a bill in the house "to create a licensing board, to define the duties of said board for license fees, to require bond for license, to provide for the revocation of license; to constitute the keeping of sailors' boarding houses without license a misdemeanor; to furnish badges to owners and agents of licensed sailor boarding houses; to compel the wearing of said badges under certain conditions, and to prohibit the wearing of same by persons not authorized; to make it the duty of certain officers to prosecute; to provide for investigations and to fix penalties for violations of the terms of this act." The bill requires keepers of sailor boarding houses to procure licenses from a state board of commissioners, which is to consist of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. This board is to issue a license to a keeper of a boarding house only on being satisfied as to the respectability and competency of the applicant. The license is to last for one year and is to cost \$500. Every applicant is to give \$3000 bond, to be forfeited in case he violates the law. The board is empowered to revoke any license when satisfactory evidence has been presented that a boarding house is disorderly or that the keeper thereof has resorted to fraud, force, deceit or misrepresentation, or attempt to persuade sailors to desert their ships. Failure to take out a license makes the offender liable to a fine of not less than \$400 nor more than \$600, or to imprisonment for not less than three months nor more than two years, or to both fine and imprisonment. Failure to exhibit badges required also makes the offender liable to penalty.

A meeting of the board of school directors will be held this morning for the purpose of considering the health situation of the city. For some days past there have been new cases of scarlet fever, and parents are not satisfied that danger of contagion is past. It is understood that considerable pressure has been brought to bear on the board to close the schools for an indefinite period, and at today's meeting action will be taken. Parents urge that the monetary loss of the district

is as nothing compared with the danger to the little ones who attend the public schools, and that, rather than see a single death, they would forfeit the amount that is required to conduct the schools for the remainder of the term. Many poor families in whose homes scarlet fever has broken out are unable to provide their children with new clothing after illness from scarlet fever, and when the little ones return to school they wear the same clothes that they wore prior to their sickness. This labors other children to disease, and all efforts on the part of teachers to prevent contagion must necessarily prove ineffectual. Yesterday a child who had called on another child that was ill attended school as usual. It developed that the sick child was suffering from scarlet fever. The principal of the school at once sent the pupil home, but the other children had been subjected to the disease by his presence in the school room. The general opinion is that danger from scarlet fever still exists, and careful parents decline to allow their children to attend school. In view of the condition of affairs, it is quite probable—and absolutely imperative—that the school board will again order the schools closed.

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"To the Astoria Progressive Commercial Association—Gentlemen: Your special committee appointed to investigate the present condition of the city park fund would beg leave to report as follows:

"At a general city election held on December 10, 1901, it was decided that a levy of 1-2 mill for park purposes should be made. Subsequently the board of park commissioners ordered that such levy be made. This act was formally presented to the county clerk in writing by the clerk of the board, on January 3, 1902. The county clerk extended this 1-2 mill levy on the tax roll, together with the 10 mill levy for the city, and here the park tax levy lost its identity and became a part of the 10 1-2 mill levy collected for the city. The amount shown on the tax roll at this time that was to be collected for the city on this 10 1-2 mill levy was \$18,572.48. Of this amount the park fund levy of 1-2 mill would have amounted to \$803.45 if paid in full. Through discounts and uncollected taxes, however, it is estimated that about \$750 was collected on this account.

"As the money was collected it was turned over to the county treasurer and by him to the city treasurer in the regular course of business, and was credited to the general fund of the city. In this way the money that was levied for park purposes never reached the fund which it was intended to establish, and which could be used for no other purpose. The error started by a separate account not being opened for the park levy on the tax rolls, and there was no legal right to include it with the regular levy made by the city council, as it was by law ordered by a distinct body organized for that purpose. The money, or the greater part of it, has been received by the city and applied to the general fund.

"As this is not a matter for this association to arrange, but for the board of park commissioners, your committee would recommend that the secretary be instructed to draw the attention of that body to the condition of its affairs, in the hope that the work of this association to secure the benefits of parks for Astoria may not be wholly lost through the negligence or carelessness of public officials."

The report of the committee was adopted, and the park commission will be urged to attend to the important matters which have been left to its care.

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KNAPPA NOTES

W. J. Ross is in Washington on a business trip.

Mrs. M. Colum has been on the sick list for several weeks.

Frank Kelley has returned from a business trip to Seattle.

Mrs. Geo. Mussey spent a couple of days in Astoria recently.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Belknap did shopping in Astoria this week.

Miss Lizzie Ross spent two weeks in Portland the guest of Miss William Monroe.

Finley Taylor's new house is nearing completion and will soon be ready for the painter.

There was no services in the Presbyterian church last Sunday owing to the fresh paint.

Mrs. J. S. Ryckman spent several days in Astoria last week, the guest of Mrs. D. H. Welch.

Reverend Hill preached in the M. E. church last Sunday evening and at Svensen in the morning.

A. Frantz still walks with a cane, from the effects of an accident in his camp several weeks ago.

Dan Melkis of Westport spent several days here last week, the guest of his aunt, Mrs. C. G. Boss.

Mrs. Cameron who has been confined to his house for some time from lagrippe is again able to get out.

A meeting of district No. 16—White schoolhouse—was held last week and a special tax of 1 1-2 mills was levied for school purposes.

Mrs. A. S. Foster is visiting her daughters, Misses Maysie and Ara in Oregon City. Mrs. Foster also attended the Eastern Star lodge in Portland of which she is a member.

The Loyal Temperance Legion gave a social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lena Knapp recently. A pleasant evening was spent. Songs, recitations, tableaux and charades were the principal amusement.

E. P. Ross returned to Astoria Friday after painting the interior of the Presbyterian church. W. E. Stone and Fred Sturp assisted Mr. Ross. The work is done very neatly and is a credit to the workmen.

The Ladies' Aid society met at Mrs. L. Mitchell's last Wednesday. It was decided at that time to have a social on the 14th of February in Union Hall. This will be a Valentine social, and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

WILL ARBITRATE.
 Santo Domingo, Jan. 28.—The proposition presented to United States Minister Powell to refer the disputed claims of the Santo Domingo Improvement company of New York to international arbitration has been accepted by the Dominican government. They involve \$5,000,000.

ANOTHER FORMALIN TRIUMPH.
 New York, Jan. 28.—It is said at the Behanmann hospital that the young woman who was treated there several days ago with the new formalin method for septicaemia, was making satisfactory progress toward complete recovery.

THIRTY PERCENT INCREASE.
 Vienna, Jan. 28.—As an outcome of support given by the municipality to the working tailors, the strike of 19,000 of the latter has ended by the masters conceding an increase of wages of 30 percent.

Of all the idiotic yells that the different colleges have formulated this from the Syracuse Medicoes is the worst ever: "Well man, sick man, dead man, stiff, dig em' up, cut 'em up, what's the diff? Humorous, tumorous, blood and gore. Syracuse medicoes, 1901."

FIRE SALE.
 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.

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TOBACCO SMOKE IN THE AIR.
 New York, Jan. 28.—Sigmund Rothchild of Detroit, Mich., arrived here Monday, says the Tribune's Havana correspondent. His mission to Havana is to secure as members of the National Tobacco and Cigar Dealers' association in America all the independent cigar manufacturers in Cuba. There will be a meeting on Saturday night when plans will be formulated and some interesting developments are expected.

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Lot 2, all \$1.69 and \$1.98 Waists..... 1 25	All \$6 and \$7 Silk Waists..... \$ 50
Lot 3, all \$1.50 Waists..... 1 00	MEN'S OVERCOATS.
Lot 4, all \$2.25 and \$2.75 Waists..... 1 48	\$15 00 Overcoats.....\$11 50
Lot 5, all \$3.00 Waists..... 1 98	\$12 00 Overcoats..... 7 50
MEN'S SUITS.	FLANNELLETTE SKIRTS.
To go at a price without any regard to cost.	Lot 1 50c Waist.....30c
\$ 5 00 and \$ 6 00 Suits.....\$ 3 50	Lot 2, 40c Waist.....30c
10 00 and 12 00 Suits..... 7 50	Lot 3, 60c Waist.....55c
15 00 and 20 00 Suits..... 12 50	Lot 4, 75c Waist.....65c
	Lot 5, 25c Waist.....15c

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