

**DRIED FRUIT ARGUMENTS**

THAT ARE NOT DRY  
 Apples evaporated per lb .....10c  
 Apricots evaporated per lb .....10c  
 Nectarines evaporated per lb .....10c  
 Prunes silver (large ex. choice) 1/2 lb .....25c  
 Prunes Italian (first class) 1/2 lb .....25c  
 Prunes French (a bargain) 6 lb .....25c  
 Pears (large Baretta) per lb .....10c  
 Raisins southern (reg 12 1/2c) per lb .....10c  
**BEST GOODS AT LOWEST PRICES.**

**ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.**

**THE TIDES FOR APRIL.**

High Water.			Low Water.		
Date.	A. M.	P. M.	Date.	A. M.	P. M.
Friday	4:18	7:51	Friday	10:34	1:10
Saturday	4:30	7:1	Saturday	11:17	1:41
SUNDAY	4:45	6:45	SUNDAY	12:06	1:7
Monday	4:58	6:2	Monday	12:58	1:02
Tuesday	5:12	5:44	Tuesday	1:53	1:29
Wednesday	5:28	5:11	Wednesday	2:51	1:59
Thursday	5:45	4:40	Thursday	3:52	2:31
Friday	6:04	3:41	Friday	4:56	3:29
Saturday	6:25	2:48	Saturday	6:04	2:31
SUNDAY	6:48	1:59	SUNDAY	7:16	1:47
Monday	7:13	1:14	Monday	8:32	1:07
Tuesday	7:40	0:33	Tuesday	9:52	0:32
Wednesday	8:09	-0:14	Wednesday	11:16	-0:14
Thursday	8:40	-0:56	Thursday	12:44	-0:56

**THE COMING MAN**



**LAST** week we dwelled on the superior workmanship of our "Hand Tailored" Men's Suits. Now permit us to say that our

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 Suits are Made by Superior Tailors

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**PRICES: \$3 to \$20**

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 The Reliable Clothier and Hatter

Meet me at Hoefler's soda fountain.  
 Send in your orders for Wyoming coal. S. Elmore & Co.  
 Fishermen: Dixie Queen, in 16-oz. pails, 40 cents. P. A. Trullinger.  
 The swiftest shop in the city. SIX artists at the Palace baths.  
 Four up-to-date barbers at the Occident. You don't have to wait.  
 There is nothing more dainty among toilet waters than Blue Violet. I have it in bulk. Half pint 75c. Charles Rogers, druggist.

Improve your flower and vegetable gardens with bone, or land plaster, fertilizer, for sale by Johnson Bros.  
 New stock of fancy goods just arrived at Yokohama Bazaar. Call and see the latest novelties from Japan.  
 You will always find the best 15c meat in the city at the Rising Sun restaurant, No. 612 Commercial street.  
 Dr. Nellie S. Vernon has recently located permanently in Astoria for the purpose of practicing medicine and has secured offices over Griffin's book store where she can be found from 10 to 12 a. m. and 1:30 to 5 p. m.

**CLOSING OUT**

Our stock of framed and unframed pictures. Everything in the art line will be sacrificed. Our stock of paintings includes

**Oil Paintings, Water Colors**

and copies of famous pictures by eminent artists. Every picture must be sold out as we need the room for other goods.

**CHARLES HEILBORN & SON**  
 590-592 Commercial St.

**CRANE ON THE COFFEE CLUB**

Astoria, April 27, 1903.—To the Editor: That my friend Herman Wise and others may be informed as to the real purpose of the Coffee club to be established in this city, I will answer his letter in the Budget. Without reflecting upon the useful and popular Commercial club, which he thinks meets every need, allow me to ask if the Commercial club is open to all who come. Can strangers find there a welcome without being introduced, elected to membership and paying the fee? Can the poor man, the sailor, or any other of those usually neglected enjoy the privileges of the Commercial club without cost? It is very evident that there is room for one more club because there is now none which meets these needs. The coffee club will not conflict with or pull down any other organization. The success of the Coffee club in other cities is admitted, "where there is no such organization as this Commercial club of ours." Eureka supports a flourishing Coffee club, though it boasts a Commercial club the furnishing of the reception room of which cost more than the entire club cost in Astoria! And such might be said of San Jose, San Diego, and a dozen other coast cities, where all admit that the Coffee club fills a long felt want. Neither will the Coffee club interfere with the restaurants or other business houses, as meals will not be sold, and men will not subsist long on coffee, cake, pies, etc., such as will be furnished. As to squeezing more money from an already overburdened community, let me say that Astoria spends \$400 a day—\$2660 a month—for drink alone. Surely money must be plenty, or at least there should be enough to support an institution with the high and laudable purpose of the Coffee club. There are dozens of places in our city where men are debauched and degraded. Let us have more which will assist them upward, and especially let us have at least one place in the city where a man—any man, rich or poor, good or bad, resident or stranger—can go and feel at home in a reading room, conversation and game room or gymnasium. Such a place rightly cared for, and receiving the moral support and encouragement of our citizens, will grow into an institution of greatest benefit to the city and to thousands of individuals, and will neither tear down any other worthy organization or impose an undue tax on anybody for its support. Be it said to their credit, that the prominent men and women are, so far as I have viewed, almost universally in favor of this effort, which only needs to be understood to be appreciated. Be with us on our opening night, now set for Saturday, May 23.

W. A. CRANE.

**UPPER CLACKAMAS HATCHERY**

King Spurgeon, superintendent of the Upper Clackamas hatchery, was in the city yesterday conferring with Master Fish Warden Van Dusen relative to next season's operations. Mr. Spurgeon will be actively engaged by May 1 in getting the plant in readiness for profitable results. Owing to the early run of salmon next season's operations will be begun much earlier than heretofore and conditions generally are favorable. Trout fishing in the vicinity of the hatchery is claimed by Mr. Spurgeon to be the best in the state, but owing to the difficulty of getting in the section is not greatly frequented by anglers. The trout follow up the salmon and they are in fine condition, fat and the average length is something that would not be credited if published. Mr. Spurgeon has been actively engaged in the hatchery business for the past 14 years and has the reputation of having superintended the spawning of more salmon than any other man of either Oregon or Washington. He left last evening for his station.

**SMITH SAILS AGAIN.**

Fred Smith, who has figured notoriously in police court circles during the past year, was released from the city jail yesterday on an order of the court and shipped on the Pegasus, bound for Africa. The record in Chief Hallock's office shows that Smith was arrested on June 28, 1902 by Officer Thompson for disorderly conduct, and was fined \$10, which he paid. He has since been apprehended no less than three times, the last time on the 8th inst., being fined by Judge Anderson \$100 for disorderly conduct and \$100 for vagrancy. On one occasion last August when Smith had been released and placed on a ship under promise to leave the country he jumped overboard in the lower harbor and came ashore. He is described as a desperate character and has threatened to annihilate the police force, being particularly bent on killing the chief and officers Thompson, Oberg and Phillips, who have at various times interfered with his liberty.

**QUEENS AND DRAGON.**

At a meeting of the Regatta committee last evening it was decided to select a queen from the ladies of this city. It was also arranged that the queens of various carnivals, to be held throughout the state during the summer would be accorded a special invitation to attend the festivities here as guests of the regatta. The committee was pleased to report that the dragon will be here in all its oriental ferocity. The Chinese having the matter in hand are evincing the keenest possible interest in the proposition and they are arranging to import the genuine article from

China. It will be decidedly the best thing in its line ever had in the country, and promises to be one of the chief features of a regatta that gives every indication of being the swiftest yet held.

**ABOUT SALMON.**

Four cars of salmon were shipped east yesterday, one being the first car of the season from the Sanborn-Cutting cannery, one a car of pickled salmon from the Packers' cold storage and a car each of pickled and frozen salmon from J. Lindenberg's cold storage. Fish were scarce yesterday both on the upper and lower river. Only two seines are running so far, the Oliver seine and the Packers' seine on the Hodgkins & Ball grounds. Neither are now taking many fish. Operations were commenced on the Fritz Miller grounds but only a few hauls were made. It is reported that F. M. Warren is paying \$6 cents a pound straight on the upper river, in competition with Chlopek Bros. Fish are not plentiful at any price, though the run has been good previously as compared with former years. Last year was the first in which the Alaska Packers' association canned chums. This year it is given out on good authority that the superintendents of the A. P. A. canneries have instructions to pack all the pink and chums they can get. The presumption is that they will endeavor to control the market for red fish by naming prices on jinks and whites too low for competition. It is also stated that the lately published reports of the successful reorganization and funding of the Pacific Packing and Navigation company are much inflated, and that very few of the company's Alaska plants will be operated during the coming season. J. T. Barrop of the Thlinket Packing company will operate the Alaska cannery only for red fish this year, and is taking up only a few boats for that reason.

**FOUR LUCKY ASTORIANS.**

Will go to the World's Fair at St. Louis, at Wise's Expense.

The other day Mr. Wise made glad the little hearts of the children by giving them noise producing toys. Now it is the turn for the older ones. In order to increase his business, Herman Wise the Reliable Clothier and Hatter, makes this offer: With every \$10 worth of goods bought at his store Mr. Wise will give a coupon entitling the holder to participate in the distribution of the tickets.

You need not always buy \$10 worth at one time; save your sales checks given with every purchase and when you have \$10 worth of checks you will receive a coupon.

Of course these four first-class round trip tickets including berths and meals will cost Mr. Wise about \$500, but the increase in business which Mr. Wise will enjoy will bring him more than that amount back.

The St. Louis fair will be the greatest the world has ever seen. The progress made in manufacture, the arts, and science since the last world's fair has been marvelous and probably never again will you have the opportunity to see these wonders of the Twentieth century.

You know that Herman Wise has the largest and finest stock of men's and boys' togs, he has one price and treats his patrons generously. Why not trade with him and get the opportunity on these free round trip tickets to the wonderful St. Louis fair?

**RETIRED DAIRYMAN.**

J. Svensen and wife of Tillamook were passengers up on the Sue H. Elmore. Mr. Svensen has just sold his 160 acre dairy ranch in Tillamook county for \$27,000 and auctioned his 60 head of dairy cattle. The latter brought an average of \$56 per head, the highest priced selling for \$80. Mr. and Mrs. Svensen are now on their way to Oakland, Calif., to retire.

**CHARITY SALE**

On Thursday afternoon and evening of April 30, at the home of Mrs. G. Ziegler No. 114 Seventeenth street, the Women of Woodcraft will give a tea and sale of aprons, handkerchiefs, etc. The proceeds of which will be devoted to charity. A musical program will be rendered in the evening. The public is cordially invited.

**STRUCK OIL.**

J. B. Wethered and E. S. McCoy, oil experts, who have been prospecting in Tillamook county for oil, have discovered promising indications near Tillamook city and came out on the Sue H. Elmore to secure machinery for boring to determine the value of their prospect.

**PERSONAL MENTION**

Harrison Allen and Mrs. Allen went to Portland last night.  
 Tom Fraser the Ilwaco logger, went up to Portland last night.  
 T. H. Curtis of the A. & C. R. R. went up to Portland last night.  
 Ardie and Hugo Strom were here from their home in Svensen yesterday.  
 J. A. Howerton the Ilwaco furniture dealer is doing business in Astoria today.  
 Mrs. Samuel Elmore and Miss Sue H. Elmore are spending today in Portland.  
 A. G. Barker, general agent of the Northwestern line in Portland is in the city.  
 J. C. Mayo, general passenger agent of the A. & C. R. R. is in Portland today.  
 Ex-County Commissioner Howell Lewis of Fern Hill was in the city yesterday.  
 George W. Kiger, a Tillamook banker came up on the Elmore enroute for Portland yesterday.  
 Deputy Fish Warden Webster went to Rainier last evening on business connected with his office.  
 Arthur Smith of the Palace Catering company returned last night from a short visit to Portland.  
 Editor Harvey W. Scott and Mrs. Scott, returned to Portland last evening after a day at Seaside.  
 J. M. Arthur returned yesterday from a visit to Long beach and went up on the evening train to Portland.  
 W. W. Whipple arrived in the city last night from Bucoda, Wash. He intends remaining here for two days.  
 Captain Charles Kamm, who has been spending a few days on his Olney farm, returned to Portland last night.  
 Mosie Ballard, late head clerk in Morse's department store has accepted a position in the clothing store of N. Schlusel.  
 Rev. A. Griggs of Hoquiam was a passenger out on the steamer Elmore after attending his wife who has been ill while on a visit at Tillamook.  
 Paul Baddolet is in receipt of a card from Geo. Kaboth written at Hoboken, New Jersey, April 23, stating that his party would sail for Europe on the 23rd.  
 Sheriff Thos. Linville and Special Deputy Charles Jordan returned yesterday from Salem after leaving Paddy Lynch and Theodore Tobiasson in safe keeping.  
 D. S. Clemens for several seasons foreman of the Packers' box factory, leaves this morning for Sumpter, Ore., with a view to locating there or elsewhere.  
 Gen. Pass. Agt. A. L. Craig and wife of Portland, accompanied by C. E. Rice and wife of Minneapolis returned from a short visit on North beach yesterday.  
 C. A. Robatcher, special agent of the Washington Life Insurance company, who has been laid up with a severely sprained ankle in Tillamook for the last two months came up on the Elmore.  
 James W. Welch returned yesterday from Portland where he spent an anxious week at the bedside of his son George whose life was despaired of a few days ago. He is now much improved, and expected to make recovery. Mrs. Welch is still with her son.  
 Urenham Van Dusen will go to Portland this morning to attend a meeting of the board of Lewis and Clark fair directors, of which he is a member. Mr. Van Dusen is just in receipt of a handsomely gotten up special invitation to attend the dedicatory exercises of the St. Louis exposition on April 30.

IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED.  
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**A BAD CUT.**

Herman Nelmi, a logger employed in Kelly's camp at Knappa was brought down on a launch last evening with his left foot split open by a blow from his ax. He was taken to the home of his brother Wm. Nelmi in West Astoria, where Dr. Estee dressed the wound, which is rather serious the tendons being badly cut.

S. G. Peterson purchased at sheriff's sale yesterday 168 acres in sec 18 and 19, T. 4, R. 10 on which he had been given judgment against S. G. Adair et al.

**LACE CURTAINS**

YOU CAN AFFORD THOSE NEW CURTAINS NOW. IN OUR SHOW WINDOW YOU WILL SEE SOME EXTRA FINE \$1.75 LACE CURTAINS WHICH WE WILL SELL AT 90c WHILE THEY LAST. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE.

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