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THE BELT OVERCOAT



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"belt overcoat." The belt is the back only—doesn't go all the way round. The coat, however, is an "all-round" style garment; has all the characteristics of the Hart, Schaffner & Marx product—style fine tailoring, best quality.

EDIFICE IS GRAND ONE

New Presbyterian Church One of Finest Houses of Worship on the Coast.

NOW READY FOR OCCUPANCY

Has Comfortable Accommodations for 350 Persons and Is Modern in Every Respect.

The people of Astoria in general, and the members of the Presbyterian church in particular, can justly lay claim to having the most beautiful church in the state, if not in the country, and the most complete and perfect in arrangement. It will seat, comfortably, 350 people. Handsome as is its exterior,

a panel, the framework of which is adorned with clusters of luscious-looking grapes of rich purple hue. The south window bears, in the center, a cross surmounting a crown, and like that on the north is embellished with clusters of grapes. The members of the Christian Endeavor contributed the funds for the expense of the window on the west, while the Sunday school scholars, not to be outdone, collected the money for the windows in their own room.

The primary class room, which can be converted into a dining room is in the basement of the building. This room, were it not for the remarkable properties of the prism glass of which the window lights are composed would have been rather dark, but while it is impossible to see out of the windows, the light is so transmitted in parallel rays, that in every corner of the large room the smallest print can be readily read.

The heating appliances are all that can be suggested in that particular science, as are also those for ventilating the building. The pure air from



the beholder can not form any proper or adequate idea of its exquisite beauty until he sees the interior. The building consists of a main room and two transepts, the floor of the former sloping gently toward the pulpit platform, as is the case in all modern church edifices so as to give an unobstructed view to each person in the audience. The pulpit platform extends clear across the church, and upon it will also be the choir. In the rear is the Sunday school room, divided from the body of the church by a screen, the panels of which can be elevated so as to convert the rooms into one when it is so desired.

The woodwork, with the exception of a little redwood in the windows is all of Oregon fir, cut in such a manner as to show the natural grain of the wood. The dome is a reproduction, in miniature, of course, of the dome in St. Paul's and all the beams, as well as those throughout the building, are furnished with clusters of incandescent lights.

The church parlor, which is in the rear of the right transept, is sufficiently large to accommodate 50 persons, and is a very pleasant room adorned with an open fireplace that looks most inviting. The Sunday school room is divided into seven little class rooms, the whole forming a segment of a circle and so arranged for convenience that it would be difficult, if not impossible, for an improvement in the arrangement to be suggested.

On the right of the pulpit platform is the organ room, and on the left the pastor's study, a very cozy little room. Around the church additional seating accommodations can be arranged in case of necessity by simply raising the base-board, which is also of Oregon fir and so nicely fitted that even a close observer would scarcely notice that it could be converted into a comfortable seat when occasion requires. It will seat 100 people nicely.

In all there are about 35 clusters of incandescent lights in the building, each cluster having three globes. The windows are marvels of beauty and artistic skill, and it is doubtful if prettier ones can be found anywhere. The colorings blend exquisitely, and the predominance of green in various shades makes them restful to the eye. The center of that on the west is adorned with a bunch of beautiful white lilies, with the appropriate quotation, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." The center of the window on the north bears a design representing a large chalice in the center of

the outside is carried directly to the furnaces, of which there are two, and a large fan, operated by a dynamo, draws the vitiated air from the body of the church and conveys it through a large funnel to the exterior.

The funnels are of galvanized iron, about 18 inches in diameter, and reflect much credit for the workmanship shown upon the manufacturer, Mr. Montgomery, of this city. The capacity of the ventilators is enormous, and the congregation can depend upon having as pure air as can be obtained out of doors.

Exclusive of the organ, the beautiful edifice will cost about \$19,000, of which about \$7500 is represented in the woodwork. The workmanship is all that could be desired, and the members of the congregation are very much pleased with it and with the manner in which Contractor Gustafson treated them. He certainly has erected to himself a monument of fair dealing and great skill in his craft.

The sacred edifice will be a source of great joy to all of the church members, and none of them are apt to forget the kindness of the heirs of the late Captain Flavel, to whom they are indebted for the ground upon which the handsome building stands.

MR. COPELAND WITHDRAWS OFFER

The offer of M. S. Copeland for the purchase from the city of the present city hall site has been withdrawn. Mr. Copeland communicated with the mayor last Monday to the effect that if the deal was not finally closed at 10 this forenoon it was all off. At 10 o'clock the deed was not forthcoming, nor has it been at any time since, so Mr. Copeland announced positively this afternoon that his offer is withdrawn, that he will not further consider the matter.

The merchant expresses surprise that his offer has not been taken up, as he is confident that it is a good one. His business interests will not permit him to wait longer on the council, and so he announces that he is done with the matter for all time. Mr. Copeland offered \$15,125 for the property.

FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Washington, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The state department has been informed by the officials of Panama that an election will be held January 4 for the purpose of deciding whether or not a constitutional convention will be held January 20.

THOUGHT TO BE DROWNED

Seven Japs From Liner Indravelli Probably Succumbed in Icy Columbia.

SEARCH PROVES FRUITLESS

Nothing Found to Indicate That They Ever Reached Shore After Jumping Over Ship's Side.

The fate of the seven Japanese passengers who made their escape in a mysterious manner is still a matter of conjecture, and speculation continues rife as to what became of them. The search of the officials of the government has proved futile, and there is a difference of opinion as to whether the men were drowned or never really left the big liner on which they took unwilling passage for the orient.

At 11 o'clock this morning the customs launch patrol returned from upper river points. She went up yesterday morning and was gone 30 hours. Five government officials were aboard, and they searched every nook and corner from Altoona to Eagle Cliff. Old houses, huts and barns were carefully inspected, and diligent inquiry was made of residents in the section visited. However, not the slightest trace of the missing Japs could be found. No one had seen them, nor was there any indication of their having been ashore.

One of the men who accompanied the searching expedition said that he was satisfied the men were all drowned if they really left the vessel at Brookfield, as she lay at anchor there waiting for high tide to proceed down the river. Had the passengers taken French leave at that point some knowledge of the fact would undoubtedly have been secured by the officials. That no trace of the men was found leads the inspector to believe that the men must have perished in the icy waters of the Columbia, if they attempted to escape the requirements of the immigration laws by plunging over the side of the ship and swimming ashore.

It was reported this afternoon that careful search of the Indravelli was not made prior to the time the Patrol was

sent up the river. The men were announced to be missing from the ship, but it is said the announcement was made on the mere fact that seven of the Japs had neglected to put in an appearance at muster. It transpires that the passengers do not take kindly to muster, which necessitates a general turnout on deck. These turnouts are always cheerless affairs, for the air is cold in the lower harbor and the drizzling rain has a tendency to dampen the spirits of the sun-loving orientals. It is just possible that the seven men stowed themselves away where the officers of the ship could not find them, and that they are aboard, and not at large, as is generally believed. A thorough search of the liner is to be made, and if the Japs are found the government officials will have a sigh of relief, notwithstanding their fruitless quest.

The probabilities are, however, that the men left the vessel at Brookfield, and the theory that all were drowned seems much more reasonable than the statement that possibly the men never left the ship. A day or two will settle the matter.

Chicago Chosen For Convention

National Republican Committee Selects Wind City and Fixes June 21 as Date

Washington, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The national republican committee today selected Chicago as the place, and June 21 as the date, for holding the national convention next year.

St. Louis and Pittsburg were active competitors for the honor. St. Louis offered \$40,000 for the expense fund, Chicago offered \$60,000 and Pittsburg offered \$100,000. Chicago's offer was subsequently raised to \$140,000.

COLONEL PROCTOR DEAD

Washington, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Colonel John R. Proctor, civil service commissioner, died this afternoon of neuralgia of the heart.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Germany has severed relations with Servia because King Peter persists in entertaining at court the assassins who murdered King Alexander and Queen Draga.

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