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December, 1903.					December, 1903.					
Low Water.	A. M.	P. M.	Low Water.	A. M.	P. M.					
Date.	h.m.	ft.	Date.	h.m.	ft.					
SUNDAY	1:38	2.1	2:57	1.6	SUNDAY	13	8:10	7.9	9:02	6.3
Monday	2:45	2.5	4:01	1.0	Monday	14	9:05	8.1	10:10	6.3
Tuesday	3:51	2.8	4:59	0.4	Tuesday	15	9:57	8.2	11:10	6.4
Wednesday	4:52	3.0	5:50	-0.1	Wednesday	16	10:45	8.3		
Thursday	5:48	3.1	6:34	-0.5	Thursday	17	11:28	8.4		
Friday	6:32	3.2	7:15	-0.5	Friday	18	0:48	6.8	12:10	8.4
Saturday	7:14	3.3	7:50	-0.4	Saturday	19	1:29	6.8	12:49	8.3

Presents

Worth Buying

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| Smoking Jackets | Neckwear |
| Suit Cases | Mufflers |
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Cockfighting in England.
For centuries cockfighting was encouraged in English schools. Fitzstephen in the twelfth century mentions it as an amusement of Londoners and that yearly at Shrovetide the boys of every school brought cocks to their schoolmasters, and all the forenoon was spent in school witnessing these birds fight. As late as 1700 the income of the schoolmaster of Applecross, in Ross-shire, was drawn partially from cockfight dues. Down to 1815 at least there was an annual exhibition of cockfighting at the Manchester grammar school.

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Ole Bakken, a native of Norway, today declared his intention of becoming a citizen before County Clerk Clinton.

Justice Godman, County Clerk Clinton and Auditor Anderson are busily engaged this afternoon canvassing the vote cast in the special election. The formality is uninteresting, but essential.

Preparations are complete for the Letter-Carriers' Ball on New Year's eve and the carriers and their many friends are looking forward with pleasant anticipations to the affair. Good music is assured and every one can depend upon having a good time.

The first of the new style of self-playing piano, or so-called tonophones, has been received in the city. It was purchased by Proprietor Wirkkala of the Louvre, and is quite an entertainer. A feature of the instrument is the absence of the disagreeable grinding noise so common in instruments of the kind.

Mrs. A. Garner learned yesterday of the death of her mother Mrs. James Blackburn which occurred at Milwaukee. Mrs. Blackburn's home was in Ironwood, Mich., but she had been in the Wisconsin city for some weeks with a daughter. She had been a sufferer from bright's disease for some years.

The wedding of Miss Maud Kindred and Mr. Albert C. Ross will take place at Tokeland next Tuesday. Mr. Ross is the well known and popular book-keeper of the local cannery of the Booth Packing Company, and Miss Kindred is a resident of Tokeland. The young lady has often visited in this city and has a wide circle of Astoria friends. The couple will make their home in this city.

The mammoth British bark Andorinha is en route from San Francisco to this port. She is of 3187 net register tons. The bark is capable of carrying 4,000 tons dead weight. She is the largest sailing vessel that flies the union jack, though there are German ships that discount her. The bark is now about due to enter the mouth of the river, but should she be outside at the present time it is doubtful if an entrance could be effected.

As no further competition is to be feared from The Dalles Transportation Company, for a time at least, the Regulator line has announced that the rates formerly in effect will be restored tomorrow. This means that single tariffs from either Portland or The Dalles will be \$1.50 and the round trip \$2.50. The restoration was brought about through the steamer Spencer retiring from the run because of having broken a shaft. The officers of the Regulator line have contemplated the step for several days. They state the cheap rates will not be enjoyed again unless the opposition company places its boat on the route again.

At the coming convention of the National Live Stock and National Wool Growers' Associations, to be held in Portland in the near future, one of the features of the entertainment for the visitors will be an excursion to this city on one of the river steamers, and arrangements to that end are now being made. There is also to be a grand ball, a smoker and an evening at the theater. The ladies of Portland have taken in hand the matter of entertaining the visitors, and the conventions will prove very enjoyable as well as instructive to those who attend.

The building recently vacated by O. N. Johns, the creamery man, on Bond street, has been leased by Albert A. Sickau, recently of Clatskanie, and been opened with a first-class harness and saddlery establishment. There is now no necessity for Astorians or residents of those portions of the country that are tributary to the city to send away for anything in the harness line, as Mr. Sickau's stock is a good one and will be kept up so as to meet all requirements of the trade. Merchants and others owning horses should bear in mind that there is a home institution in every manner deserving of support, and that to send elsewhere for such goods as can be bought at home only serves to drive out a home institution and thereby injure themselves.

The last will and testament of the late May H. Smith was filed in the county clerk's office this morning. By its terms the clothing, jewelry and trinkets of the deceased are left to her daughters, Agnes G. Day, Laconia G. Boysee and May B. Wallingford. The

remainder of the provisions of the instrument are expressed as follows: "To my daughter, Laconia G. Boysee, I leave my sewing machine; to my daughter, May B. Wallingford, one acre of land on the east side of the road; to my son, Starr T. Smith, one acre of land on the west side of the road; to my son, Goldwin T. Smith, all the remainder of my real estate." County Judge Trenchard made an order appointing as appraisers of the estate, George Oeffler, W. I. Morrison and C. F. Lester.

Sheriff Linville returned last night from Salem, where he had taken Abraham Junna, who was recently committed to the insane asylum. While at Salem Sheriff Linville saw Mat Hillstrom, the Lewis and Clark rancher who killed Lake Moores when the officers went to arrest him. Hillstrom is hopelessly insane, the sheriff says, and while he is semi-rational at times, his face usually wears a blank expression. The asylum authorities have been experiencing considerable trouble with Ed Birchard, who lived at Jewell, this county, and who was committed to the asylum about a year ago. Birchard becomes violent at times, and only a short time ago attacked one of the guards and injured him severely. Indeed, had assistance not arrived at an opportune moment, the guard would become violent at times, and only a doubtless have been killed. Birchard labors under the hallucination that enemies are trying to kill him, and the sheriff considers it remarkable that the man did not end the lives of several persons before his arrest. He was armed with a shotgun and spent nearly all of his time in the hills looking for his imaginary enemies. Friends advised him to come to town and have the sheriff arrest the would-be assassins, and in this manner his detention was brought about without loss of life. Birchard is regarded as one of the worst cases at the asylum.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

METHODIST—At 11 a. m. sermon on "Christian Requirements" followed by reception of new members. Sunday school at 12:15. Evening sermon at 7:30, subject, "Does Christianity Meet the World's Needs." Epworth League at 6:30 p. m., led by the pastor. Subject, "A Choice for Eternity."

FIRST LUTHERAN—Rev. Oscar Ostrom, the pastor, will conduct the usual services tomorrow. On Christmas day morning the early service will be held beginning at 5:30. The Sunday school exercises will take place Saturday evening or day after Christmas day, beginning at 7 o'clock. Music by large chorus will be an extra feature this Christmas.

NORWEGIAN-DANISH M. E.—East Astoria. Rev. C. J. Larsen, pastor. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and 7:45 p. m. Miss Elsie Larsen will render a violin solo at the morning and evening services.

FOREIGN NOTES OF INTEREST

The latest cure for internal cancer reported in England is a tablespoonful of molasses four or five times a day.

The London city council now makes £69,000 a year from tramways. Leeds corporation secures from a similar source an income of £21,000.

In the south of Ireland near Inchicool, is the "Cats Well" the waters of which are supposed to exert marvelous remedial effects upon ailing tabbies.

It is reported that 2,573 out of 2,594 congregational ministers in England and also the total abstainers, while in Ireland and Scotland the proportion is still larger.

Through tattooing on his right arm a sketch of a young woman's head a Crewe workman has met his death by blood poisoning. The outline was drawn with copying ink pencil.

A London eating house is to be opened near the bank, at which the waitresses will be octroons of the genuine chocolate cream tint, specially imported from the southern states.

Some of the old Nile lakes, which were formerly dry salt plains in summer and covered with a few inches of alkali water in the wet season, have been reclaimed by the British government and are now worth from \$500 to \$300 an acre. They produce magnificent crops.

About 95 per cent of all modern agricultural implements and tools used in Mexico are imported from the United States, the remainder being imported from Germany, latter principally with single handle and wooden frame, all

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A Leipzig trade paper, in reporting on the recent fair held in that city, speaks favorably of a new line of doll heads made of tin and covered with celluloid. The opinion is expressed in the paper quoted that this novelty is a desirable improvement, as many lines of doll heads now on the market are composed of celluloid and are of great danger to children on account of the liability to explosion to which celluloid is subject. The paper says the use of celluloid in the manufacture of toys is making steady progress.

lication in the papers of the letters of Mrs. Anita McGee, president of the Association of Spanish-American War Nurses, offering the government of Japan, through the Japanese minister at Washington, the services of trained nurses in the event of war with Russia has produced an excellent impression and is warmly appreciated as a mark of the traditional American friendship for Japan.

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