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Just in, a lot of nice shaped and clear glass sets, sugar bowl, spoon holder, butter dish and cream pitcher, at 75 cents a set, before the holidays. At Foard & Stokes Company.

There are improvements worth \$20,000 on Miller Sands, is reported, including the additions recently made, in the shape of buildings, 90x50 feet, and a wharf 100 feet long. In fact, the place now looks like a village in embryo.

For supper what is nicer than a chicken tamale or a dish of Chile Concarnie? And the only place in town to get either is at the National Restaurant, which also serves all kinds of sandwiches and fine steaks and chops.

They must go! Who? Not the Chinese, but those Christmas presents at Hart's Drug store, opposite Foard & Stokes. Owing to changes being made in the store early in the coming year, Christmas goods, toilet articles and perfumery will be sold at a reduction.

Among the passengers arriving on the California steamer this morning was a celebrity known as Captain Carl Beach, "the human fish." Captain Beach comes to fill an engagement at the Unique theater. He exhibits himself in a huge crystal tank, in which under water, he reads, writes, eats and smokes. His performance is said to be remarkably interesting. His engagement begins tonight.

The heavy rains of late are creating havoc with the late improvements to Birch street between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets. Superintendent Kearney has a force of men employed in repairing the damage done. The same thing has occurred before and will likely happen again. The improvement is in the nature of a fill and as fast as it is replaced, the rain creates a volume of water that knocks things awry.

The council last night adopted a resolution calling upon the public library to present to the council a list of the papers and periodicals taken by that institution. The resolution specifies that the list be presented so that the council may make such recommendations as it sees fit as to other books and papers. Mr. Burns, father of the resolution, said he wanted to know just what could be found at the library, and thought the resolution the best means of securing the information.

The fourth annual exhibit of calendars will be given by the Young Men's Christian Association of the Capital City of the Old Dominion, January 1-15. Last year almost 500 calendars were received. The exhibit was international in character. Calendars should be sent by mail, or prepaid express, to Central Y. M. C. A., Main and Sixth streets, Richmond, Va. Original designs will be given special prominence. This annual exhibit attracts large crowds. Our merchants, manufacturers, insurance and banking interests should be represented. Send yours "On" to Richmond.

The Christmas day game between the Commercial Club and Cehemawa football teams will be the best ever played in this city, and there promises to be record-breaking attendance. The Indians met Multnomah last Saturday and were defeated 15-5. Charles H. Abercrombie and Charles Stockton, of the Commercial team, saw the game, which was characterized by considerable dirty work. The local players say they believe Commercial will have no trouble in defeating the Indians, who gave Multnomah a close rub. The Christmas game will give football enthusiasts a line on the respective strength of the Commercial and Multnomah teams, and, should Astoria win, the state championship will not rest between the teams. It is possible Commercial and Multnomah will come together this season in Portland.

Leander Lebeck, the contractor, has two boys that are being brought up in the right way. They have been endeavoring this year to make money for the purchase of Christmas presents, preferring to make it rather than to have it given them. Accordingly they asked their father if they could sell some iron from a scrap pile in the possession of the contractor, receiving an affirmative reply proceeded to select a lot of bolts, etc. Then came the question of finding a market. In this they were assisted by their father, who proceeded to the blacksmith shop of Andrew Asp and asked if there was a market there for old iron. Mr. Asp offered two cents a

pound for it. A wagon was procured and a load of iron taken to the shop, where the two young financiers were each given a check for seven dollars, or thereabouts. Then they were taken to the Astoria National Bank where Mr. Asp does his banking, and after endorsing their checks, were given the amounts in silver. As they wended their way homeward to report success to their mother, it would have been difficult to have found happier children anywhere.

The tickets for the entertainment at Fisher's Opera house this evening under the auspices of the Convent of the Holy Names were selling rapidly today, and the indications are good for a well-filled house. Astorians are fortunate when they patronize an entertainment given by home talent, and there is no lack of enthusiasm among them when a call is made to assist at an entertainment of either a musical or literary nature; and especially is true with reference to entertainments given under the auspices of the Convent of the Holy Names. They are always of a high class in point of artistic merit, and every audience that the pupils of the institution have entertained so far has gone away delighted. That to be given this evening will not be any exception to the rule.

A letter was received by Master Fish Warden Van Dusen today from Deputy Warden Webster, who is doing the Washington state hatcheries. Mr. Webster gives "probable outcomes" that vary somewhat from figures based on last year's previously given. He gives Klama 5,128,000 (chinook), Wind River 2,496,000 (chinook), Wenatchee, 240,000 chinooks and 2,650,000 silversides, Methow 1,260,000 (silversides). The letter explains that eggs taken at Wenatchee and Methow other than chinook are silverside, none of them being either sockeye or blueback. The output for Chinook river for this season is known to be less than 2,000,000. In early estimates the Chinook, Wenatchee and Methow hatcheries were given at 12,000,000. This error gave to the state nearly 6,000,000 more eggs than present conditions indicate as being the real result.

The county court of Columbia county has just completed the purchase of a rock crusher and traction engine for use on the county roads. The cost of the plant aggregates about \$3000, and it is planned to make some extensive road improvements in Columbia county during the coming year. Clatskanie road district is the first in the county to levy a special tax under the new law. Clatskanie's portion of the county road fund had all been expended, and some of the thoroughfares were almost impassable. Road Supervisor E. S. Bryant called a meeting to vote a tax, and about 60 voters were present Saturday night. The proposition to levy a 9-mill tax carried by a good majority. The Rainier road district held a meeting, but the proposal to levy a 10-mill tax was voted down. It is not likely that any more road districts will vote special taxes this year, but will depend on the county court making sufficient levy to answer all purposes.

The Ilwaco football players are not very well pleased over the refusal of the Astoria men to give them a return match, and they have organized an association team which will play its first match on Sunday next against a picked team from Fossil, Condon, Heppner and other eastern Oregon towns. The men who are to be pitted against the Ilwacos are all old country players of experience, and, as Ilwaco has at least eight or nine first class association men, including Jack Wilson, one of the best captains and coaches that ever handled a team at the association game, the coming contest should be a good one. Referring to the refusal of the Astorians to give them a return match, one of the Ilwaco men says: "Considering that, in order to avoid disappointing the Astorians we played with four of the team missing, their places being supplied by 'kids,' the deal was a raw one, but we will not complain. We were willing that a return match should be played either on our side of the river or at Astoria, all we wanted being the opportunity to show that we could do better than we did with a partial team, and think that we were entitled to that courtesy."

First citizenship papers were granted today to Gustav Ottosen, a native of Norway.

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tions and all available information will be furnished on application to this office
Columbia River Packers' Association, Samuel Elmore, Vice-President, Astoria, Ore., Dec. 21, 1903.

A marriage license was issued to Otto Salm, of Pacific county, and Miss Helga Hetta, of Clatsop county.

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