

# JOLLY OLD... SANTA CLAUS ....IS HERE

## GATES OF TOYLAND ARE SWINGING WIDE OPEN

Half of our store has been transformed into Toyland. Toys, Toys everywhere. Such Wonderful Toys as you never saw before—Many that Santa Claus never saw before. Marvelous new things to make the little eyes snap and sparkle, things that every mother desires her boys and girls to have, that no father can pass by who has little ones at home to jump expectantly when he comes.

**Bring the Children**  
**Welcome alike to Parents & Children**  
**Come Early**

Every Toy is New and Fresh. To all we say make your selections early.

## Morse Department Store

Where Everybody Likes to Trade

### THE COUNTY COURT

Considerable Business Transacted at Yesterday's Session.

#### MOSTLY RELATING TO ROADS

Several Roads Ordered Improved and Repairs Made—The Pauper Allowance is Very Properly Discontinued.

The county court convened yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The principal business was the consideration of road matters. A contract was awarded to James Boyle to improve the road in district No. 8 for the sum of \$320.

A contract was awarded to J. P. Ryan to improve a portion of the road in the same district for the sum of \$260.

The road master was instructed to inspect the work recently completed on the upper Necanicum road.

An order was made that the monthly allowance of provisions and money, heretofore allowed to the paupers of the county be discontinued after December 31, and ordering all desiring to receive aid or relief from the county to appear before the court at the January term.

The monthly report of Roadmaster Frye was read. It showed that the county saw mill at Jewell was ready for operations; that the portion of road damaged recently had been repaired.

On the petition from residents of Svensen for building a new road, the roadmaster said the construction of one of the proposed roads would necessitate the construction of 1-4 mile of trestle across the tidelands as well as a bridge but the road can be reopened on the old survey by the construction of 400 feet of trestle and the building of a 50-foot bridge.

A petition from F. L. Parker to vacate the plat of Parker's Astoria was granted.

The matter of raising the bridge across the slough on the road between Morrison's station and Cullaby lake was referred to the roadmaster to have the work attended to at once.

In the matter of the petition of J. R. Wherry and others for a county road at Elsie, the survey having not been completed on account of the illness of the county surveyor, an order was made postponing action on the petition until the January term.

A protest was received from John Cahill of Vesper against the change in the route of the Nehalem road at Vesper. The change was made three years ago on a petition signed by a number of settlers and Cahill put in a claim for damages and was awarded \$1. As the change was made by a former court, the court refused to take any action in the matter.

There being no further business the court adjourned until this morning at 10 o'clock.

Two words. Schilling's Best; and one more—that is moneyback—stand for the best in trade: best goods and best dealing.

Your goods; moneyback.

THE ORIGINAL JOHN A. MOLER has opened one of the famous barber colleges at 644 Clay st., San Francisco; special inducements this month; positions granted; tuition earned while learning. Write correct number, 644 Clay st., San Francisco.

# A Good Square Deal

We continually study how to please our many customers, while most clothiers just worry, as to the best way to get all they can. If you are not already a WISE customer, get wise. If you don't know what to buy for a Xmas present

## LOOK AT THIS LIST

SMOKING JACKETS

FANCY VESTS

SUIT CASES and TRUNKS

Umbrellas \$2 to \$17.50

Separable handles for ladies and men

SOX UNDERWEAR

Initialed and Plain Handkerchiefs

Fancy and Plain Suspenders

Overcoats and Suits \$4 to \$30

Ages 4 to 100—For men and for boys

Neckties and MUFFLERS

Dress Shirts and Sweaters

HATS GLOVES

# Herman Wise

The RELIABLE Clothier and Hatter

#### Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was marvelous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers Druggist."

Hansen & McCanna, who occupy the shop formerly used by T. S. Simpson, adjoining the city water office, are prepared to do all kinds of sign and carriage painting. They will make a specialty of work of this class and guarantee satisfaction.

#### CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.

Reopened Under New Management. John Blasich has leased the California Restaurant and Oyster House and is now prepared to serve the public. The best oysters and meals in the city. Family trade supplied. Good cooks, polite waiters and prompt service.

## The Palace Cafe

### The Best Restaurant

Regular Meals, 25 Cents  
Sunday Dinners a Specialty  
Everything the Market Affords

### Palace Catering Company

#### Smoke the New Size

## LA IMPERIAL CIGAR

ALL HAVANA. (No imitation goes with us.)

#### Save the Bands

And get the diamond in Seymour's window, or the \$20 gold piece or a fine suit of clothes.

## J. V. BURNS,

#### KEANE WORTH SEEING.

Clever Production of "The Highwayman" at Fishers.

James Keane appeared at his best last evening in his part of Captain Wilding at Fishers' opera house. The part is the piece de resistance of the production and was handled by Mr. Keane with consummate skill. His appreciation of the niceties of the carriage and presence of the "gentleman highwayman," was such as to delight the audience and every climax was followed by applause from the crowded house.

There is one noticeable thing that strikes the observer of the Keane company, and that is the fact that there is not one weak or ineffectual voice in the cast, and tragic lines lose none of their effectiveness in rendition.

Miss Helen Hartley, as Mrs. Wilding, is a very effective actress who does not descend to bathos in handling pathetic situations. Her work was very good. Herbert Ashton as the designing butler threw rather more fervor into his part than might have been appropriate, but proved a very effective foil for Mr. Keane's suave incisiveness.

The performance, on the whole, was of considerable merit. The bill for tonight will be "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Robert Louis Stevenson's great work. The company will be at Fishers' until Sunday night.

For rent—Two unfurnished house-keeping rooms, over Peterson & Brown's shoe store.

The Imperial oyster house is prepared to furnish Shoalwater bay oysters in quantities of pints and quarts to supply the family trade. Colonial oysters always on hand.

There is only one place in Astoria that carries the genuine Old Georgia, Moonshine, corn whiskey. P. E. Peterson of the Mirror has received a consignment direct from the distillery.

#### Marine News.

The steamer Alliance left out for Coos bay yesterday with freight and passengers.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore left out yesterday for Tillamook with freight and passengers.

The steamer Weatherwax, with lumber for San Francisco, got over the bar and went to sea yesterday.

The steamer Columbia left out yesterday with freight and passengers for San Francisco.

The steamer Aberdeen cleared for San Francisco yesterday with a large cargo of lumber loaded at the Hume mills.

#### Two Boys Run Away From Home.

A telephone message was received in Astoria yesterday by Chief Hallock, asking him to look out for two runaway boys from Chinook who had left their homes. Their names were Al White and Will Alexander. The parents of the boys were very much worried over their disappearance and diligent search was made for them all day. It was ascertained that instead of coming to Astoria the boys went north, and had slept in a barn on Bear river the night before. No cause is assigned why the boys left home.

After the tilt between the government signal service bureau and the almanac prophets is over, the public will continue to judge the value of the prophecies by the state of the wealth.

#### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

##### Parker House.

Philip Minor, Portland.  
Hughie McCormick, Youngs River.  
H. Davis and wife, Gales Creek, Ore.  
C. Thorall, Tillamook.  
G. F. Hickling, City.  
Wm. Church, City.  
R. Ban, Quincy.  
L. B. Kaster, Portland.  
J. Gaffey, Portland.



# SHOE TALK



There is nothing more acceptable as a gift than a pair of nice slippers. We are prepared to show you a complete line of these goods:

- Ladies' Kid Fur Trimmed Juliets, \$1.15
- Ladies' Felt Fur Trimmed Juliets, \$1.00
- Men's Plush Embroidered Slippers, 60c
- Men's Vici Kid Slippers . . . \$1.35
- Children's <sup>Red Felt</sup> <sub>Fur Trimmed</sub> Slippers 60c to \$1.00

Shoes are needed every day of the year and therefore should be perfect in style, wearability and price.

- Ladies Shoes' from \$1.00 to \$3.25
- Men's Dress Shoes from \$1.50 to \$3.50
- " Working Shoes from \$1 to \$4.50
- Boys' "District '76" Shoes, \$1.10, \$1.35, \$1.75 to \$2.00
- Boys' "Good for Bad Boys" Shoes, 1.90 to \$2.25

#### SALE

In our Cloak and Suit Department. Owing to

the lateness of the season we will close out our Suits, Cloaks and Coats at greatly reduced prices. Now is your Golden opportunity to save money in Suits or Cloaks. This is a real bargain sale. We make no misrepresentations. Millinery—We are closing out all lines of Ladies Hats at cost, including Gage Hats.

#### HOLIDAY GOODS

Our store is crammed full of beautiful goods for the Christmas season. Things ornamental and useful: Stamped Linens, Doylies, Fancy collars, Picture Books, Dolls, Doll Carriages and Beds. All varieties of mechanical toys.

You can always buy cheaper at

# THE BEE HIVE