

## 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

#### SNIPE ESCAPE GILBERT.

So Does Jack Johnson by a Small Majority.

J. W. Johnstone returned from across the river yesterday and tells a somewhat lurid tale of the experiences of Alex Gilbert, who is trailing elusive snipe on the other side.

Gilbert didn't get any snipe, but he nearly bagged Johnstone, and incidentally made a complete wreck of his face and hands. Things happened so fast that Johnstone is not quite clear as to details, but it seems Alex Gilbert has a Smith shotgun of which he is extremely proud, but the weapon took the law in its own hands and every time Gilbert pulled one trigger both barrels were fired. Johnstone would dodge one barrel and the snipe would get away from the other, and the double recoil would jar loose another section of Gilbert's face, and wrench a joint in another trigger finger.

The snipe census remains just as it was, but the sale of arnica and bandages has given the market a boost that will make paying overdue notes for the druggists as easy as cutting an overripe apple with a razor.

Johnstone says Gilbert's high-priced gun is thrown on the market if he hasn't thrown it into the bay.

#### Church Notices.

The Baptist church will observe all its usual services Sunday at which time the pastor will preach from the following subjects: "The Peace That Christ Gives," and "The Weeping Savior." A cordial invitation is extended to everybody.

German Lutheran church, Grand avenue—Sunday school at 10 o'clock a.m. Services at 11 a.m. Instructions in German Saturday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. G. Weunning, pastor.

Services as follows in the First Lutheran church Sunday. Sunday school at 9 a.m. Morning service at 10:30 in

Swedish. Evening service at 7:45 in English. Subject for sermon, "The Word of God."

Services at Grace church for the third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 11, at 11 o'clock a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday school at 12:30. Holy communion at Holy Innocents chappel 9:30 a.m. Carol practice at the chappel at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

#### GEMS FOR OLD RUBBERS.

##### Stranger Gets Wagon Load of Castoff Goloshes From School Children.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 9.—A "slick" stranger visited East Orange today and did a rushing business with the school children in the Elmwood district of the city, to whom he appeared to be a veritable Aladdin of the fairy tale. Old rubbers were his specialty. At recess time he unfolded his plan to a crowd of wondering children. For old rubbers, rubber boots and rubber goods he would give jewels in exchange.

This appealed to the youngsters, few of whom ate anything at luncheon hour, but put in their time resurrecting rubbers and rubber articles from obscure closets in their respective homes. The next rainy day which falls on East Orange will probably bring disaster to many a luckless Elmwood youngster who hypothesized his father's goloshes for a handful of glass diamonds. A fine collection was brought to the man at 1 o'clock. He had a wagon, and as fast as the rubber was handed in to him gave out to the children cheap brilliants set in marvelously heavy rings. The satisfaction was mutual, and Elmwood school sparkled this afternoon like the horseshoe at the Metropolitan opera house at an evening performance.

The man who was collecting the rubber said he had secured a wagon load from the Vailsburg school children. He is making a tour of the section, and declares that the business is profitable.

## FOR A SEA WALL

Proposition to be Submitted to Legislature for Special Tax.

## CITIZENS WILL CO-OPERATE

Proposition to Levy a Small Tax Running Through a Series of Years to Build a Sea Wall.

Several efforts have been made by the progressive citizens of Astoria for the construction of a sea wall. The importance of a sea wall and its attendant benefits to the hill property is generally conceded, but all efforts for accomplishing the desired results have never matured. That a sea wall will be of incalculable benefit to the city, no one denies.

In fact, nature has ordained that a sea wall would be of incalculable benefit to owners of property on the hills surrounding Astoria.

A proposition is herewith submitted by the Astorian which prominent property owners who have been interviewed on the subject, admit is entirely feasible and will accomplish the desired results. To build a sea wall in front of Astoria will entail the expenditure of at least \$250,000. The city cannot afford to incur the indebtedness by incurring additional liabilities or the issuance of bonds. The plan suggested is, that our representatives in the legislature introduce a bill, or as an amendment to the charter, authorizing the common council to levy a tax of, say 2 mills a year, running through a series of years, for the purpose of building a sea wall. It is possible that the taxes might run for 20 years, but in the meantime, the sea wall could be built, as banks and investors would be willing to take the warrants, as long as they are authorized by legislative enactment. In this way, a sea wall could be built, and it cannot be built by any other means. The tax would be small on each individual taxpayer, while the benefits accruing would be of a substantial nature.

This is a matter that is referred to the Chamber of Commerce to formulate a plan of action. All such questions are matters for commercial organization to consider, and as the Chamber of Commerce is interested in all questions looking for the advancement and welfare of the city, it is their duty to prepare the necessary plans and advocate the enactment of a law carrying these suggestions into effect.

#### IT TOOK HIS HOME.

#### Dishonesty of an Employee Costs Leach Dearly.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Superintendent Leach of the San Francisco mint has made good the defalcation of former Cashier Dimmick by turning over his Oakland home to the surety company which was on Dimmick's bond for \$25,000. The company paid that amount to the government, and, as the law makes the superintendent responsible for shortages by employees, he has reimbursed the corporation which lost on the bond.

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## 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

### Initiated 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

### The Best Restaurant

### Palace Cafe

### 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,

## 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 Red Felt 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, .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, Doilies, Fancy collars, Picture Books, Dolls, Doll Carriages and Beds. All varieties of mechanical toys.

You can always buy cheaper at

## THE BEE HIVE