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**Local Brevities.**

Cravennette rain coats at Danzigers.  
 Go to the New Style Restaurant for a square meal.

See Danzigers' display of bath robes and house coats. Prices to suit all.

The regular meeting of the chamber of commerce occurs next Monday night. A full attendance is requested.

Captain McLeod of the Ellerie is rapidly recovering from an attack of small pox and will be released in a few days.

Mrs. C. W. Holmes scalded her hand quite severely last evening. It was caused by the overturning of a kettle of hot water.

Several thousand tons of slush was removed from the streets yesterday by Superintendent Kearney, and the public is much obliged.

Commencing Monday, and continuing until Christmas, the stores will remain open until 8 o'clock p. m., and Saturday nights later, also during Christmas week.

If you purchase a bath robe or smoking jacket at Danzigers' you may be sure that everyone in town is not wearing the same style and pattern. Prices from \$4 to \$15.

The estimates for the school year beginning January 1 were considered by the school directors at a meeting and will be submitted to the meeting of the tax-payers to be held next week.

House coats and bath robes at Danzigers': if you choose one of these as a gift it surely will be appreciated. Prices range thus: \$4.50, \$5, \$7.50 to \$15. Be sure and see window display.

C. G. Palmberg has been awarded a contract for the enlargement of Hedrick's theater. Work will be commenced Monday, and it is expected to have the theater opened by the first of the year.

The Danziger Co. are contemplating enlarging their store to twice its present size in order to accommodate their fast increasing business. The new store will be one of the finest in the city, and the stock will be doubled.

P. F. Bower left last evening for Salem in response to a telegram announcing the death of his father, Jacob Bower. The deceased was 89 years of age and had resided in Oregon for 35 years. The funeral will take place in Salem today.

The registration books closed yesterday afternoon. The total registrations were 1118. It is probable that about 1200 votes will be polled at the election next Wednesday. The principal contest seems to be over the office of city attorney.

Tuesday evening, December 13, at I. O. O. F. hall, Hon. D. Solis Cohen of Portland will deliver a free lecture under the auspices of the Women's Club. The public, and especially the Elks and A. O. U. W. are invited. Subject, "Woman of the Book."

The appraisers appointed to appraise the property of the Barrel Beacon Seling Company have submitted a report to Trustee F. J. Carney. They estimate the assets at \$13,000 and the liabilities at \$22,000. The creditors will receive about 50 cents on the dollar.

A number of the Eagles will go to Seaside on the noon train today to attend a social session given by Seaside lodge of Eagles. An interesting program has been prepared, and the visitors are certain of a cordial welcome.

The outside towns were all well represented in Astoria yesterday, and merchants report a good business. Indications point to a brisk holiday trade. Information relative to bargains can be found in the columns of the Astorian, which covers the entire field of legitimate advertising.

Anton Maringovich, who purchased the building from the Sisters, which was to have been moved on the lot on Commercial street, claimed by the O. R. & N. Co., yesterday disposed of all his right, title and interest in and to the building to John H. Koch, who will move it on the lot on Seventeenth street adjoining the Astoria hotel.

The Astoria Central Labor Council nominated the following officers, to be elected at the next regular meeting in January: President, William Ross and P. Metzler; vice president, J. N. Jorgenson and Frank Holly; recording secretary, H. B. Cornell; financial secretary, H. M. Lornsten; guide, Edward Lawrence and John Sayers; guardian, Charles Dalstrom and H. Scheels.

Insurance adjusters have been in Astoria the past two days, resurveying the city with the object of raising insurance rates. As there has not been a fire in Astoria for a year, and the fire alarm system has been improved and the hose tested, and the fire department strengthened, it was to be expected that these cormorants would put in an appearance and raise the rates. The principal increase is on canneries. Insurance is becoming prohibitive in Astoria.

At the meeting of the Women's Club yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Samuel Mad-dock sang, "A Four-Leaf Clover." A most interesting paper of a "Day in St. Louis Fair," by Miss May Magee. A song by Mrs. Wilbur Babbidge, completed the program. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant afternoon spent.

Tonight the James Keane Company will conclude the week's engagement at Fishers' opera house, after producing the four-act funny farce-comedy, "A Night Out." The company has done a fairly good business during the engagement; tonight a record breaker is looked for. Seats can be secured at the opera house at 2 p. m. Secure them and don't get left.

W. N. Smith and C. G. Palmberg will soon commence the erection of four cottages on the property recently purchased by them back of Mrs. Steven's residence. The cottages will be modern and will cost about \$1000 each. There is a great demand in Astoria for cottages of this kind and they will no doubt be rented as soon as completed.

Christmas novelties at Hoefler's have been received. All candy manufactured at home, 10 cents per pound and up. Decorations for Christmas surpass anything ever brought to Astoria. Everything in the line of confections and pure candy guaranteed to be first-class. The largest and most complete line in Astoria can be procured at Hoefler's.

No. 1 of Vol. 1 of the Weekly Bulletin, published by Rev. L. D. Mahone, with Georgia Ekstrom as editor, and L. D. Mahone as managing editor, has been received. It is devoted to the interests of the Congregational church and the general church life of the city. It is a complete bulletin of church matters which will be appreciated by those interested in church work.

The Palace Turkish baths are a source of delight to the patrons who frequent the establishment—courteous treatment and your comfort guarded. Lady attendants furnished for lady patrons by appointment. These baths are especially recommended by the leading physicians of the city and respectfully solicit your patronage. Turkish baths and bed \$1.00. Russian bath 50 cents.

A very attractive window at the Morse Department store drew the attention of a large crowd yesterday. A large fireplace, lighted, glowing with the cheer of Christmas; beautiful dolls, tables set with dinner dishes, dollies in carriages and the floor strewn with toys, gave a fair representation of Christmas at home. The window was unique and the design original. It was a fair representation of the elegant line of goods within the store.

A woman giving her name as Mrs. May Brown was drowned on the trip of the steamer Eider which arrived in Astoria yesterday. On Thursday evening Mrs. Brown left the supper table rather hurriedly and went to the stern of the boat. No attention was paid to her, as it was supposed that she was seasick. As to whether she jumped overboard or fell over will never be known. She was not missed until the next morning when the stewardess went to her stateroom and found that it had not been occupied during the night. Search was made on the boat for her, but she could not be found. Among her effects was a card upon which was printed "Mrs. M. Preston," and a dress in a bundle addressed to Mrs. Sherman Preston, 323 Connecticut street, corner of Eighteenth, San Francisco.

**DODGE BOREAS.**

Department Says Today Will Be a Stormy Time.

If the weather bureau hasn't "got the wrong dope" today is going to be disagreeable for those who haven't had webs inserted between their toes. The official outline of the trouble proposed by Jupiter Pluvius and Boreas reads thus: "Storm southwest, warnings 5:40 p. m. Storm off Washington coast, moving inland. High southerly winds along the coast Sunday—probably reaching gale force.

Eick out an umbrella with good, thick ribs and take a chance—the bureau may be wrong.

**First Presbyterian Church.**

A cordial invitation is extended to all to participate in our services: 11 a. m., morning worship. The pastor will preach on "The Saving Element in Life." At 7:30 p. m. a special service of praise and song. The following is the order of service: Organ prelude, Mrs. Ranneis; invocation by the pastor, the congregation standing; anthem, "Rejoice Greatly," Woodward, the choir; psalter hymn 35, being a version of the 23d Psalm; anthem, "Sweet Is Thy Mercy," Barnby, Miss Hobson, assisted by the choir; prayer; in song; hymn 29, congregation; solo, "Fear Not Ye, O Israel," Burk, Miss Hobson; address; offertory, "God Be Merciful," the choir; Closing hymn, 143; benediction. These services will be given at least once a month during the winter. The public is cordially invited to all services.

There is no complaint about business at the Star saloon. Good goods and courteous treatment will draw trade to any first-class saloon. That's what makes business good at the Star. The best is none too good for our customers.

**STREET IMPROVEMENTS.**

Two Important Streets That Should Be Improved Immediately.

Attention has been called to the importance of improving Exchange street from Seventeenth street to the Clatsop mill. All of the water mains and hydrants are on this street, and there is absolutely no fire protection for property on Commercial street from Seventeenth to the mill. If a fire should occur, the fire department would be powerless to cope with it, as there is no chance of getting water. Thousands of dollars worth of property might be destroyed. All of this can be averted by improving Exchange street.

Another street that should receive the immediate consideration of the council is Eighth street from Franklin avenue to Young's bay. This street is unsafe for travel. It is the thoroughfare by which all the farmers from the Lewis and Clark and Youngs river reach the city. Several accidents have occurred there the past week, and several wagons have been broken. The result is that unless the street is improved the farmers will have to come to Astoria in boats. With the present condition of the streets, all the residence property in that section of the city is practically valueless. Lots that are worth \$500, would not sell for \$100, whereas, if the street was improved, there would be no trouble to dispose of lots at their actual value. The common council should take this matter under consideration, and provide a street for the farmers to reach Astoria. The street, when improved should be widened. What there is of a street, is impassable, as teams have to wait on the top of the hill until teams arrive at a turn-out so they can pass.

**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 every body.

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. Weunung, 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 chapel 9:30 a. m.

At the Congregational church there will be preaching by the pastor, Rev. L. D. Mahon, morning and evening. Subject for morning service, "The One Idea." Evening, "An Awakened Soul Solving the Problem of Life."

There will be a union meeting of the young people's societies Sunday evening at the Baptist church. We urge all the young people to attend this service. Subject, "How to Break Bad Habits and Cultivate Good Ones." The meeting will adjourn in time for you to get back to your respective church for the after-service.

**Boys' Brigade.**

A Boys' brigade has been organized under the auspices of the Congregational church. Over 20 have joined up to date. The regulation military drill is given, combined with gymnasium work and out-door sports. The object of the organization is to do good; and from the interest manifested and the way the boys do things there can be no question about the profitability of the work. Any boy with good moral character can join regardless of his church connections. We urge the boys to get into the Sunday school, and attend the church to which their parents belong.

Other than the physical exercises arrangements will be made from time to time for lectures, entertainments, socials, etc. Our motto: "A Well Rounded Boy." That means development, physically, mentally and morally. The work is under the management of the pastor of the church. Co-operation of parents is asked to make the work just as effective as possible.—Weekly Bulletin.

Choice pieces of brass at the Little Book Store, 170 Tenth st.

Just In—A shipment of fine Queen olives, 25c per pint, Astoria Grocery.

Take Point or Shoal Water Bay oysters at the New Style Restaurant.

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