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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.

Just received—A lot of brass candlesticks at Woodfield's Art Store, Bond street.

G. B. McLeod, representing A. B. Hammond, was in the city yesterday on business.

Inspectors Edwards and Fuller were in Astoria yesterday and inspected the steamer Jordan.

First citizenship papers were issued yesterday to James Haggblom, a native of Sweden.

Do your Christmas shopping now. The advertising columns of the Astorian will point the way.

25 per cent off on fancy Chinaware and money satchels this week only. Woodfield's Art Store, Bond street.

P. J. McGowan, who has been ill at South Bend, was brought to his home yesterday and is reported as improving.

Auditor Anderson yesterday sent out all the election supplies to the various polling places. Everything is now in readiness for the election Wednesday.

The Shetland colts are the drawing card at the Unique this week. Nothing like them ever seen before in Astoria. An unusually attractive program this 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.

It is reported that the county saw mill, now located at Jewell, was started up yesterday. It would have started sooner, but it has been difficult to secure sufficient men to run it.

Superintendent Nick Hansen of the Chinook hatchery was in Astoria yesterday. He states that he has 350,000 salmon eggs in the hatchery at the present time. The silverside eggs will be taken this month.

The annual meeting of school district No. 1 will be held at the Shively schoolhouse next Thursday evening, at

which time the annual school tax levy will be made. The report of the estimated expenditures will also be made at that time.

No better or cheaper plan of getting a good reputation for a town than keeping streets and sidewalks in good repair. That is the first thing the stranger notices, even to the exclusion of fine improvements.

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.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold their annual sale next Friday, the 16th, in the basement of the Presbyterian church. Fancy and useful articles, especially adapted for Christmas, delicious sweets and refreshments for sale.

Judge McBride will be in Astoria next Monday, at which time an adjourned session of the circuit court will be held. The suits brought against the county by the timber syndicates will be heard at that time, and will no doubt be decided.

At a meeting of the Columbia River Packers' Association, held yesterday afternoon, the following officers were elected: President, A. B. Hammond; vice president and general manager, Samuel Ellmore; secretary and treasurer, George H. George.

First Officer Findley of the Ellerie has written a letter, through British Consul Laidlay to Dr. Earle, denying the published interview in the Portland Journal, as to his treatment at the quarantine station. No one believed it coming from such a source.

Leonard Stebbens was arrested yesterday afternoon by Chief Hallock, charged with breaking a window in a mercantile establishment on Astor street. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5. Not having the wherewith, he will board it out with the city.

Notices of tax levies in school and road districts were received by County Clerk Clinton yesterday as follows: Push school district No. 12, 8 mills; road district No. 14, Push precinct 10 mills; road district No. 9, Svensen, 10 mills; road district No. 13, Elsie, 10 mills.

F. O. Affeld of New York, United States manager of the Hamburg-Bremen Insurance Company, was in the city yesterday, the guest of the Hon. James W. Welch. Mr. Affeld says he is a taxpayer in Astoria, is willing to be such, as he is satisfied that there

are great possibilities in store for the city. He expressed himself as well pleased at the great advance made by Astoria the past year.

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.

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.

Tuesday evening, December 13, at L. 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."

A dispatch was received in Astoria yesterday from San Francisco stating that the woman that was drowned from the steamer Elder Saturday was Mrs. Sherman Preston of that city. She left home on December 8, leaving a letter for her husband in which she stated that she was tired of life.

The Portland Telegram has figured it out that it costs the Portland board of charities \$4125 to dispense \$2069 in charity; in other words, that the board spends twice as much on itself as on the poor and needy. The figures are taken from the board's annual report. Rather an expensive method of alms-giving.

A meeting of the cannerymen and cold storage men of the lower Columbia river has been called for this afternoon. The object of the meeting is to discuss necessary legislation for the fishing industry and formulate plans for securing the passage of laws in the legislatures of Oregon and Washington.

An election of officers of the Altona Packing Company was held yesterday. The following officers were elected: President, W. T. Scholfield; vice president, S. Schmidt; secretary, Sofus Jensen; treasurer, Hans M. Pettersen; directors, Sofus Jensen, S. Schmidt, M. J. Gorman, Hans M. Pettersen, John Haggblom and W. T. Scholfield.

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.

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 soldier from Fort Stevens, dressed in civilian clothes, has been working two two-bit nickle-in-the-slot machines the past two days. He has a number of one penny Canadian money, silvered over, resembling closely a silver quarter, and has been reaping a harvest. He sent east for them paying \$5 for 800, which he considers a good investment. It is no crime to beat a nickle-in-the-slot machine. It is an accomplishment.

This year promises to be a banner year in the police court. Last year the total receipts from fines and forfeitures was \$10,843. Up to date this year they amount to about \$11,000, indicating that the receipts will exceed \$12,000, the largest amount ever received in the history of the city. The largest receipts from any month during the past 10 years was \$1125, during Mayor Surprenant's administration, and the smallest \$5, during Mayor Crosby's administration. The fines have been constantly increasing, owing principally to gambling fines.

Marine Notes.
 The steamer Kilburn left out yesterday morning for Coos bay, Eureka and San Francisco with a full freight cargo and 36 passengers. She will be continued on this route in opposition to the Alliance, running from Portland and stopping at Astoria, Coos bay, Eureka and San Francisco.

It is reported that the Alliance will discontinue her run to Eureka in the future.

The Northland finished loading Saturday and is ready for sea. She carries 800,000 feet of lumber for San Pedro.

Notice.
 All persons having bands of the La Imperial and La Veras cigars must turn them over to the members of the committee not later than Saturday, December 24, at 1 o'clock p. m. sharp. For further particulars see committee. By order, Committee CIGARMAKERS' UNION.

WANTED—THREE HOUSEKEEPING rooms in a private house, by the city editor of the Astorian, for himself and wife. Address J. T. Merrill, Astorian.

DOG LICENSES.

Proposal to Amend City Charter and Arrest Owners of Dogs Who Pay No License.

Among the matters to be considered by the committee appointed to suggest amendments to the city charter, is one providing that the chief of police shall have the authority to arrest all persons owning dogs who refuse or neglect to pay a license. As the matter now stands the collection of a dog license is left discretionary with the dog catcher, and while efforts are made to enforce the ordinance, very few of the dog owners are made to pay the license. The proposed amendment will provide that any person falling or neglecting to take out a license for his or her dog, as required by the ordinance, shall be arrested and fined not less than \$5, nor more than \$300. In this way it is expected that owners of dogs will be compelled to pay a fine. Under the present ordinance all dogs found running at large, without a license, are captured by the dog catcher, taken to the city pound and shot. The new proposed amendment will save the lives of hundreds of dogs and place the blame where it lies, upon the owners of dogs who escape the license. There are at least 1000 dogs in Astoria and only 42 of the owners paid a license for them last year. About 100 were killed and the other 558 are still running at large.

AT THE STAR.

Thousands of People Visit This Popular Place of Amusement.

Not only was standing room at a premium at the Star last evening, but Manager Gervurtz was compelled to lock the doors for the first performance. The streets were blocked by an expectant crowd anxious to witness the performance advertised in Sunday's Astorian. The Garity sisters are certainly the most clever dance artists ever in Astoria and the applause that greeted them showed that they were appreciated. DeGrans, acrobatic trio, Foxy Grandpa and the bad boys, kept the audience convulsed with laughter at their ludicrous antics. While the performance is exceedingly funny, it displays artistic skill never equalled, and places them as the most skilled artists in their line on the stage. The projectoscope, showing two great pictures, Revenge and a Railway Tragedy, is well worth seeing. The week's program at the Star is certainly the best ever presented to an Astoria audience. In fact, it is most expensive, and the highest salaried performers ever here. A continuance of the immense patronage of last night will result in a repetition of shows of rare merit, characteristic of this popular place of amusement.

Royal Neighbors, Attention.
 Special meeting at the residence of J. W. Smith Tuesday evening, the 13th at 8 p. m. Question of hall to be considered.

ELIZABETH RICH, Oracle.

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.

Everybody is saving the Imperial cigar bands, not only because they enjoy a good smoke, but are also anxious to win the diamond ring.

We have a few boxes of nice apples which we offer at 75c per box while they last. Astoria Grocery.

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 Astoria's Leading House Furnishers.