

**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

IS VERY MYSTERIOUS

No Report as to the Amount of Dredging Done on the Bar.

THE COST WAS ENORMOUS

Red Tape and Officers' Salaries is a Very Expensive Item to Be Considered in Deepening the Channel.

Although no official report has been issued as to the cost and amount of work done on the Columbia river bar the past year, there is no doubt but the cost is enormous compared to the resulting benefits. It is reported from outside sources that there is two more feet of water on the bar than a year ago, and that this has been accomplished by the Chinook. If this be true then the jetty is a useless piece of engineering. That there is not as much water on the bar as before the jetty was constructed is claimed by men in a position to know. It is estimated that during the past year, 325,000 yards of sand has been removed at a cost of \$1 a yard, making a total cost of \$325,000. The dredger Ladd has been dredging at various places on the river during the year, and the cost has been four and seven-tenths cents a yard. The crew of the Ladd numbers 19 men, while nearly 100 are employed on the Chinook. The cost of repairing the Ladd has not exceeded \$1000, while the cost of the Chinook will exceed \$25,000. It is to be expected that the amount expended by the government in maintaining the Chinook will be deducted from the amount of the appropriations made by congress for work on the jetty and bar. The Chinook is not the kind of a boat for the bar. It is too unwieldy and costs too much to maintain it. The opinion prevails among a large number of river men that dredging is the only means of securing the necessary depth of water on the bar, and that the jetty is practically useless. This is a matter that ought to be investigated, if it is possible to investigate it, so that some good may be accomplished on the bar without squandering government money. If it is going to cost \$1,000,000 a foot to deepen the water on the bar, as it has cost in the past, some new scheme ought to be devised to cheapen the cost.

WARRENTON NEWS.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Hansell died Sunday night at their home in Clatsop.
E. S. Low, who has been employed at the Warrenton mill, has accepted a position as stenographer with the Tongue Point Lumber Company.
Mr. Earl, master mechanic for the A. & C. R. R., was over to Warrenton on Monday.
Word has been received that Mrs. P. C. Warren is improving rapidly at Pasadena, Cal.
By common consent the new battleship New Jersey will be assigned to the mosquito fleet.

What two words mean most to your grocer? and what do they mean?

Schilling's Best; and they mean a good deal of business without any trouble.

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**

Charles P. Falberg.
Chief of Police Hallock is in receipt of a letter from B. Anderson of Omaha making inquiries about Charles P. Falberg. The letter states that Falberg is a native of Sweden, a sailor by occupation, and fished on the Columbia river about 10 years ago. He was 48 years of age, 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighed 215 pounds. He lost a part of his right foot in an accident at Omaha in 1886. An investigation for the missing man discloses the fact that a man answering his description and name died in Astoria about four years ago. However, anyone knowing anything to the contrary, is requested to communicate with Chief Hallock.

Don't buy your hair brushes until you see my new stock. It will be here soon. Charles Rogers.

The Occident tonsorial parlors and bath facilities are equalled by none. Everything modern and up to date. See Peterson.

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 Best Restaurant

Palace Cafe

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,

Death of T. A. Hyland.

Rev. Thomas A. Hyland died at his residence in the Rucker building Sunday evening. He had been in feeble health for a number of years, and on Sunday suffered an attack of paralysis, from which he did not have strength to resist. Rev. Mr. Hyland had resided in Clatsop county a number of years and was the first Episcopal minister in the county. He was born in Great Britain 70 years ago, and came to New York city when a boy. Later he went to California and for several years was rector of the Episcopal church of Los Angeles. He came to Astoria about 35 years ago and established Grace Episcopal church, remaining its rector for 15 years. He then returned to New York city and conducted a seamen's mission for a short time. He returned to Astoria 12 years ago and retired from active ministerial duties.
Mr. Hyland was an affable gentleman, kind and considerate in all his dealings, a conscientious Christian gentleman, honored and respected by all who knew him. He was an indefatigable worker in his chosen profession, and idolized by his congregation. He leaves a wife, one brother, but no children. The funeral will occur Wednesday morning from Grace church and the interment will be in the L. O. O. F. plot in Ocean View cemetery.

safely guarantee the best play, company and production ever seen in Astoria, and nothing will be left undone to make this a memorable engagement. The company is under unusually heavy expense and to make Astoria a side trip is necessary, and in consequence I have agreed to play them at dollar prices for reserved seats, and I am sure that those who witness this great play will agree with me in the above. Respectfully yours,
L. E. SELIG,
Manager Fishers' Opera House.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

- Parker House.**
- J. Wiley, Ingalls, Ore.
 - Chas. V. Cooke, U. S. A.
 - Harry V. Crawford, Ft. Columbia.
 - Lewis Cunningham, Clifton.
 - D. W. Crites, City.
 - A. C. Williamson, City.
 - C. W. Sterling, City.
 - W. A. Mills, Ft. Stevens.
 - Thos. Jones, U. S. S. Perry.
 - Miss Anna Klimmer, Vancouver, Wn.
 - M. Gettin and wife, Skamokawa.
 - Alex Johnson.
 - T. A. Daviz, Hammond.
 - H. C. Jansen.
 - R. J. Young, McGowan, Wash.
 - C. E. Griffiths, Portland.
 - J. H. Oman, Fort Canby, Wash.
 - A. Cree, St. Paul, Minn.

Notice.

All Odd Fellows are requested to assemble at the L. O. O. F. hall on Wednesday, December 14, 1904, at 9:30 a. m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Past Grand Thomas Arthur Hyland. By order of
F. O. BELLAND, W. G.
Attest: O. ANDERSON, Sec'y.

Football gate receipts are large enough to form an indemnity fund for the disabled and the families of the killed in the game.

Shore Acres.
Astoria, Dec. 12, 1904.
To the Patrons of the Fishers' Opera House:
It affords me great pleasure to announce the first appearance in this city at the opera house on Tuesday evening, December 20, of James A. Hearn's beautiful comedy-drama "Shore Acres." This is the 14th year for this famous play and the company, which is the original Hearn organization, numbers over 20 players and they carry all their own scenery. I can

Our selection of Christmas presents affords you a sufficiently wide range of articles to make presents to all your friends and relatives:

We have for Men:
Shoes, Slippers, Socks, Suspenders, Ties, Hats, Shirts, Umbrellas, Suits, Necktie Boxes, Brushes, Etc.

We have for Ladies:
Waists, Silk Petticoats, Furs, Fancy Collars, Handkerchiefs, Slippers, Albums, Jewel Cases, Card Cases, Glove Boxes, Manicure Sets, Photo Boxes, Etc.

Things That Will Please Everybody:
Vases, Ink Stands, Fancy Baskets, Clocks, Candle Holders, Pictures, Center Pieces in Battenburg, Cheney, Embroidery, Etc. Statuary, Books, Etc.

We have for the Children---A complete line of toys of every description. Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today. Shop now when the stock is full and remember that you can always buy cheaper at

THE BEE HIVE