

**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

FOR NEW BUILDING

Three-Story Building to Be Erected on Commercial Street.

TENANTS ORDERED TO MOVE

A Business Structure to Be Erected in the City of Astoria That Will Certainly Be a Credit and an Ornament.

That Astoria is being recognized as the best city on the coast for legitimate investment, is attested by the fact that early next spring a large three-story building, with all modern improvements, is to be erected on Commercial street on the premises now occupied by Mr. Williams as a barber shop, J. Strauss' cigar store and the Mirror saloon. The present occupants were served with a notice yesterday by J. R. A. Bennett, agent for the property, to vacate the premises on or before the first of next February.

The property, including the property formerly owned by J. O. Hanthorn on Bond street, where Hanthorn's hall is located, has been purchased by the Investment & Trust Company. The new building will run from Commercial street to Bond street. All the present buildings will be torn down, including the Hanthorn building, on Bond street. M. S. Copeland, a member of the company, was in Astoria yesterday winding up the deal for the purchase of the property. The price paid for the entire property on Commercial and Bond streets was \$21,000. It has not been definitely decided whether the new building will be of brick or wood, but presumably of brick as the difference in insurance rates would in a few years pay for the additional cost of a brick building.

This is certainly an important investment, and the erection of a new building will be an incentive for other property owners to build. It is understood that the entire building has already been leased, and that Mr. Copeland, formerly of the Bee Hive, but now engaged in business in Portland, will open up one of the largest department stores in Oregon.

Church Notes.

First Congregational church, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Luther D. Mahone. Morning subject, "Following Christ." Evening, "A Secret Power." Sunday school, 12:20 p. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.

The subjects of sermons tomorrow at the Baptist church will be "The Duty and Reward of Church-Going," and "The Goodness and Severity of God." Everybody is invited to attend.

German Lutheran church, Grand avenue—Sunday school, 10 a. m. Service 11 a. m. Instruction in German Saturday 9 to 11:30 a. m.

In Utter Darkness.

Complaint is made that there is no light at the depot, everything is in total darkness, and great difficulty is experienced by those going there to meet friends coming on the night train. They have to peer into every face that comes off the train so as to get the

**Better than money;
Schilling's Best is as good for you as it is for your grocer; and moneyback.**

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**

right person. Men who go there to meet their wives are liable to get into some entangling alliances not conducive to the welfare of an otherwise happy home. As to whose business it is to place a light there, whether the city or the company is not known, but a light would be a great convenience to the traveling public.

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

A good tooth brush is a prime requisite in the care of teeth. I have the brush, and will replace it if bristles come out. Charles Rogers.

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

The Grotto will supply patrons with delicious Tom and Jerry every day. The superior quality of goods which has made the Grotto popular, will be supplied.

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

The 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,

Marine News.

The Iqua arrived in yesterday from San Francisco with passengers, but no freight, and proceeded to Portland.

It is reported that the disagreement over freight rates heretofore charged by the steamer Aurila, and the O. R. & N. Co. have been adjusted, and that hereafter the rates will be the same.

The steam schooner Chas. Nelson left San Francisco yesterday with freight and passengers for Astoria.

The steam schooner Redondo, which has been bound here for a couple of days left out for San Francisco yesterday morning. As she had 4 passengers on board her departure was much to the relief of her owners as the fare charged is low and the cost of feeding 40 people is large.

The schooner J. A. Garfield with a cargo of lumber for San Francisco from the Warrenton mill was towed to sea yesterday morning.

The schooner Annie Larson with a cargo of lumber for San Pedro was taken to sea yesterday afternoon.

The German ship Carl from Hamburg via Port Los Angeles arrived in port yesterday afternoon, having sailed from the latter port on December 3.

Captain J. M. Quatrevaux of the French ship Jules Gomme has taken an appeal to the treasury department asking that the remeasurement of his vessel, as made by the local customs authorities, be set aside. He claims that since his arrival here he has permanently marked sufficient of the apartments of the vessel to allow a deduction of 645 tons from the gross tonnage, whereas only 19 tons were allowed. He also states that he has not been at his home port since the agreement between French and American relative to the tonnage of vessels has been announced. Captain Quatrevaux paid the tonnage dues at the time the remeasurement was made without filing any protest.

Given Away at the Star.

Manager Gervurtz has arranged a special program for the matinee today for ladies and children. Four big prizes will be given away. First and second prizes for girls will consist of two beautiful dressed dolls. First prize for boy, a fine sled. Second prize, a crokinola board, on which 12 games can be played.

CHADWICK ISOLATED.

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more or less comprehensive repair for 25 cents.

An Associated Press representative was admitted this afternoon to the matron's quarters where Mrs. Chadwick is. She was sitting on a couch with a silken rug thrown across her lap, and was resting her chin in her hands, a picture of mingled despair and anger. The prisoner did not present the trim appearance she has heretofore. Her features showed the traces of anxiety and the nervous tension she has been under, while her eyes flashed as her visitor approached.

"Who gave you permission to come here?" she said before a question had been asked. She was angered over something, and refused to discuss any topic whatever. She was told that the promised statement she was to make was anxiously awaited by the people of Cleveland, as well as all other parts of the country, and the public interest in the case was again pressed upon her, but she maintained the spirit of resentment against everybody, especially the newspapers, for printing the interview that President Beckwith had with her yesterday. Finally Mrs. Chadwick said:

"I have made my last statement. I will have nothing further to say," and she closed the interview.

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

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