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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

WANT A NEW HOTEL

Interviews with Our Prominent Citizens.

MUCH NEEDED ACQUISITION

Fears Are Expressed as to the Existence of the Committee Appointed to Report and Formulate Plans and Believed to Be Extinct.

A representative of the Astorian interviewed a number of prominent citizens relative to the hotel proposition. Many of them did not want their names mentioned, while a few had no objections to being quoted. The consensus of opinion prevails that a hotel is a necessary adjunct to Astoria, in view of the fact that the Lewis and Clark fair next year is certain to bring thousands of visitors to Astoria, and our present hotels can only be distinguished from other old rockeries, by the name over the door.

A prominent dry goods merchant gave it as his opinion that Astoria needed and must have a good hotel, one that will be an honor and credit to the city. In his opinion, the present hotels, so-called, answered all the wants and requirements of the city when it was in swaddling clothes, but progressive Astoria demanded a modern hotel, ornamental in appearance, and with ample accommodations for visitors visiting the city, who expect different accommodations than accorded to visitors of Skomakawa and Warrenton. He thought the committee ought to give evidence that it is still upon earth, and not defunct, as a large majority are inclined to believe.

Herman Wise stated that he was once a member of the committee appointed to secure a hotel, and that the whole matter was left to a subcommittee, and after waiting many moons for them to get a move on, he resigned. "I am a man of action, not of wind, conducive to inactivity," said Mr. Wise. "I am in favor of a hotel, and willing to do all within my power, financially and otherwise to secure one, but I do not think the disarrangement over the location should prevent the committee from reporting." The sites for public buildings should not be considered, as a hotel located in any part of the city will meet the approval of nine-tenths of the citizens. It is not essential to the success of a hotel that it should be located in the Second ward, or in fact, in any particular location, and the selling of the hotel site should not be considered by the committee or any one of them.

"What do I think of the hotel proposition," said a prominent property owner, "well I believe as a large majority of others, that we need a hotel, and there is no reason why one should not be built. I have always supposed that when the community entrusted the business of formulating plans for a hotel that they should at least report progress. I was at the meeting and voiced my sentiments in favor of a hotel and agreed to assist it financially. I was under the impression that the committee would report as soon as plans could be perfected, but I am inclined to the belief that the committee has shaken off this mortal coil and gone to join the angels in the New Jerusalem.

"Yes, sir, I am in favor of a hotel," said Mr. Morse of the Morse department store, "and I am willing at any time to give it my support. As to whether the committee will ever report in this world, I am not sufficiently versed in the past history of develop-

HIS CHRISTMAS PRESENT

If he asks you where it Comes From
Your reply should be, it Comes From

Herman Wise's

And its way up in

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Smoking Jackets, Vests, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs and Ties, The things that John would like to have

Are Sold by
Herman Wise

There Was an old wimmin
Who lived mit a shoe.
She had so many kids
She didn't know what to do.
For some she buyed sweaters;
For some she got TIES.
Did You gess where she got 'em?
Yoost ask

HERMAN WISE

THE RELIABLE CLOTHIER

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. R. Wherry of Elsie is in the city.
L. A. Loomis of Ilwaco was in the city yesterday.
Martin Both of Rainier returned home last evening.
M. E. Denver of Warrenton was in Astoria yesterday.
Miss Silverman of Skomakawa was in the city yesterday.
C. C. Clark of Seaside was in the city yesterday on business.
C. A. Eastman of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.
Hans Peterson of Altoona was in Astoria yesterday on business.
W. A. Smith of South Bend was in the city yesterday on business.
Mrs. Wm. L. Trullinger of Portland is visiting friends in the city.
Mr. Kelly, the logger from up the river, was in the city yesterday.
Geo. G. Burton and wife of Elgin, Ill. are registered at the Occident.
Harry Hamblet of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.
Jacob Bosshardt of Warrenton visited friends in Astoria yesterday.
Robert Lindenburger returned from a business trip to Portland yesterday.
James Mehan who has been visiting friends in California returned yesterday.
Morris Wise, a prominent capitalist from Portland, is in the city on business.
William Anderson, the Deep River merchant, was in the city yesterday on business.
Attorney Connor of the O. R. & N. Co. was in the city yesterday on legal business.
Edwin Hobson arrived in the city yesterday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Anton Kuligs of Clifton was a passenger on the down train from Clifton yesterday.
N. D. Bain, a prominent republican politician from Seaside, was in the city yesterday.
J. V. Marien arrived in Astoria yesterday and will spend the holidays with relatives.
Charles A. Payne, editor of the Chinook Observer, was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.
Frank Patton, cashier of the Astoria Savings bank, went to Portland last evening on a business trip.
John Fursey, author of hot air and cold storage, is in the city to spend the holidays with his family.
Dawson Mayer, representing the San Francisco Trade Journal, is in the city in the interests of that publication.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.

Jas. T. Galleway and wife.
Jas. T. Galleway, Jr.
David Taylor.
Miss Francis Denson.
Mrs. Theodore.
Ralph Theodore.
George L. Boardman.
Birt Plausburg.
M. W. Pillsbury, Portland.
M. Wise, Ilwaco, Wash.
B. S. Smith, North Cove.
C. H. Warren, Cathlamet.
N. W. Smith, Ilwaco.
N. Comartin, Deep River.
Charles Olson, Deep River.
R. J. Loeb.

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.

ments in Astoria to venture an opinion."

"We certainly need a hotel, said a prominent Commercial street merchant, and I am at a loss to understand why the committee does not report some plan of action. It might relieve the situation by resigning and have a more enthusiastic committee appointed. It only requires a report of some definite plan of action to awaken enthusiasm, and there should be no trouble to raise the necessary funds." Several other prominent citizens were interviewed, and not one of them expressed an opinion in opposition to the hotel project. It is now up to the committee to satisfy the public that they are still on earth.

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.

Best meals in town at the New Style Restaurant.

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

The Palace Cafe

The Best Restaurant

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,

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.

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THE BEE HIVE