

# SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

## SPECIAL SALE THIS WEEK ON ALL CHRISTMAS GOODS

This sale is in force from 7:30 in the morning until we close in the evening every day in the week.

If you have not visited our store you have not seen the

### Cream of the Christmas Goods

in Astoria. Do your shopping in the morning, but if you must shop at night you will receive the same courteous treatment accorded our customers 365 days in the year.

## Morse Department Store

Where Everybody Likes to Trade

## FOR A NEW HOTEL

Committee Holds Meeting and Gets Down to Business.

### CITIZENS WILL BE INTERVIEW

Hotel of the First Class is the Desideratum of Astorians as Well as the Traveling Public.

A meeting of the "Hotel Committee" was held last evening and G. W. Lounsbury was appointed to interview the financial interests of the town and make an effort to interest them in a project that has the best interest of all in the city at stake.

The objection has been urged that a first-class hotel would infringe on the business of the hotels already running; also, that it would tend to deplete the revenues of the various lodging houses, but this, as shown, in the experience of other cities, is a short-sighted policy that needs paternal teaching. A first-class hotel takes its own risks, the same as a boarding or rooming house takes them, and, for the class that wants a first-class hotel, and will advertise the city because of one, and no better advertisers than drummers exist, the first-class hotel is a necessity and an improvement the far-sighted men of the city want to see established at the earliest possible moment.

The project, as put forth, has in contemplation a hotel to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, to be up to date in all its appointments and such as will be advertised abroad as a place where those seeking rest domicile during business, or a place to stay during the regatta, etc., is all that can be asked.

The matter of selection of a site for the hotel, it is the sense of the meeting, should be left to those who subscribe to the stock of the concern. It is not understood that the men who have "axes to grind" will, in the interest of the city, forgo the grinding in order that those who come to the city may not find a contention instead of a hotel.

In the event of the establishment of a first-class hotel, it is certain that Astoria, instead of being "the jumping-off place" will be known as a city where accommodations to suit the fastidious can be had.

A number of the wealthier men of the city have already in a measure pledged themselves to contribute to the purchase of stock in the enterprise, and the consummation of the long desired end now seems in sight.

### CIRCUIT COURT.

Business in the Courts Mill Grinds But Little.

The circuit court convened yesterday as usual, with Judge McBride presiding, but the grist of the "mills of the Gods" ground slowly, and they ground exceedingly small.

In the case of G. W. Morton and John Fishman against Robert Burch a publication of summons was ordered. In the case of the O. R. & N. Co. against the Masonic Building & Loan Association, the injunction was dissolved. This was the case wherein the plaintiffs sought to establish possession of a lot that was in contention over tide water.

### Lumber Goes Up.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—The British Columbia Lumbermen have reorganized the former combination that existed among the workers with a scale of prices higher than those of the individual mills. The new schedule gives an average reduction on rough lumber of 20 to 25 per cent, and 20 per cent on other grades.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

H. Hirschey of Chinook was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Olive McGuire of Seaside was in the city yesterday.

Leander Anderson of Deep River was in the city yesterday.

B. A. Seaborg returned from a business trip to Seattle yesterday.

C. H. Warren of Cathlamet was in the city yesterday on business.

Otto Mikkelsen returned from a business trip to Portland last evening.

Nic Hansen, superintendent of the Chinook hatchery was in the city yesterday.

William Ross and wife will leave for California this morning to spend the holidays.

Marcus Wise of Ilwaco was in the city yesterday in attendance on the circuit court.

W. C. A. Pohl and family leave for Shoalwater bay this morning to spend Christmas with Mr. Pohl's mother.

Lieutenant H. A. Cooper left for The Dalles yesterday morning on a visit with friends and to spend the holidays.

John Carlson and wife of the Washington side of the river are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Vandecar.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zigler will leave this morning for Roseburg, where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Zigler's parents.

Rev. Dr. House of Portland, who has been in the city since Monday, will return home this morning. He will return to Astoria on the 28th when he will deliver the first of a series of lectures at the Congregational church.

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.

### PRESIDENT BUSY.

Freight Rebates Receive the Executive Attention.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The president discussed today with several callers the proposed legislation covering the question of freight rebates on the various railroads, and the advisability of empowering the interstate commerce commission to adjust freight rates where the same are found to be excessive and onerous, especially as regard freight terminals.

The president is anxious that legislation in the interests of shippers be enacted at the earliest possible date.

It was stated today that one of the president's callers is assured that Attorney General Moody is engaged in the preparation of a bill that substantially embodies the views of the administration.

### MORE PROHIBITION.

Soldiers Up Against It for Their Small Beer Allowance.

Columbus, Dec. 21.—The executive committee of the American Anti-Saloon League met here today and determined to make a fight for the retention of the anti-canteen law. It was also held that the fact of the prohibitory clause in the legislation for the Indian territory should entitle the territory to statehood.

It was also recommended that the passage of the Hepburn-Dolliver bill to prevent the shipment of liquor into territories be urged.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.

J. M. Fisk, New York.

A. Olson, Deep River.

Francis Olson and wife, Deep River.

Miles J. Doyle, Deep River.

F. E. Clark, San Francisco.

G. Sundberg, Grays River.

James Quinn, Quinns Landing.

C. C. Alexander, Oysterville, Wash.

# 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 wimmens 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 guess where she got 'em? Yoost ask

# HERMAN WISE

THE RELIABLE CLOTHIER

### Texas Out of It.

New York Dec. 21.—Breaking five great cables as if they were threads the 100-ton floating drydock Hercules, broke adrift at the navy yard basin in Wallabout bay today, and crashed into the stern of the battleship Texas, smashing several plates and so injuring the warship that she will have to go to the drydock.

Men's Lounging Robes, plain blue and gray colorings, cord and tassel; great values at \$5 and up at Danziger & Co's.

### CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.

Reopened Under New Management. John Blasch 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.

Have you seen the new automatic Morris chairs? The only place to get them is at Zapp & Co's.

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 Best Restaurant**

Regular Meals, 25 Cents  
Sunday Dinners a Specialty  
Everything the Market Affords

**Palace Cafe**

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.

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

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