

ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

Commences Tuesday, January 3, 1905

This is our greatest of the year, as we make it general throughout the store

Morse Department Store

Where Everybody Likes to Trade

Betania Church.

Christmas eve was a happy time for the children. The church and the tree were nicely decorated, and a pleasing program was rendered. Costly presents were given to the children from the Sunday school and both young and old received many gifts.

Rev. O. E. Haahelm is here again, after a trip to Puget island. He went up on the morning train Monday and conducted services at 10:30 a. m., and in the afternoon young as well as old gathered around a well adorned Christmas tree and listened to a short but good program.

On New Year's eve the Betania Mission society is going to have a festival in the basement of the church. The program will begin at 8:30 and last until the new year. It will consist of songs, music and short addresses. Refreshments will be served.

The question as to who is to furnish an opinion as to the closing up of the saloons in Uniontown under the provisions of the prohibition law on January 1, is yet undetermined. City Attorney Smith is of the opinion that District Attorney Harrison Allen should furnish the opinion, and Allen is of the opinion that if the city attorney will attend to his business as faithfully as he does, there can be no doubt as to who shall furnish the opinion. The fact that the saloons are located over tide water, cuts no figure. They are within the limits of the city of Astoria, the common council recognizes this fact by granting them liquor licenses, and under the law, the money paid by them for licenses must be refunded by the city. All the tide lands upon which the saloons are erected are assessed for municipal taxes, and is just as much a part of the city as saloons situated on high land. Such contentions are simply a subterfuge.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to John A. Niemela and Miss Emma Wallitalo, both of Clatsop county.

At the meeting of the gillnet fishermen, trappers, seiners and representatives from the legislature at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday very little business was transacted. The only matters considered were voting down the Sunday closing law, and fixing the close season. The meeting also agreed upon the question of the state furnishing a patrol boat for the master fish warden. It is understood that this latter proposition will meet with opposition from the up river fishermen and cannerymen. The lower Columbia river fishermen are willing and anxious to observe the law, providing the up river fishermen do the same.

A subscription was circulated yesterday to raise \$70 for the benefit of Carl Runyon to liquidate the money he stole from Fred Enquist. It is claimed that if the money is repaid, the prosecution will be dropped.

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.

Go to the New Style Restaurant for a square meal.

Northern Spy and Baldwin apples, \$1 a box. Astoria Grocery.

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

Weathered oak rockers, upholstered in genuine leather. The finest line in the city is at Zapp & Co.'s.

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

POLICE COMMISSION

Rumored That Police Commission Will Perfect Organization.

OFFICERS TO BE APPOINTED

Legal Entanglements and Desire to Maintain Organization to Offset Action of Republicans to Bring Suit to Seat Commission.

There is something brewing around the citizens headquarters. It is rumored that the police commission will be called together in a few days, a sort of annual gathering, for the purpose of becoming acquainted with each other, welcome them from their foreign tours and reorganize the police department. It is hinted that the meeting will take place immediately after the holidays, and that at the meeting a chief of police will be appointed and five police officers. As to whether the same officers will be reappointed is not known, but it is reported that a number of aspirants have put in applications—not to the police commission—but to the Tammany chief, who will advise the commission what to do when it convenes in its biennial session.

TAX SALE MADE.

Timper Land Owners Exempted on Order of Circuit Judge.

The employees of the sheriff's office were kept busy all day yesterday with the annual tax sale. Until the extensions are completed the amount of the sale will not be known, but Chief Deputy Binder estimates the amount as being in the neighborhood of \$7000.

An order from Circuit Judge McBride was interposed in the interest of the timber land owners who protested on several grounds. Sale in their cases was postponed to an indefinite date in order that an exposition of the contentions might be made.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.

- Jas. Carr, Portland.
- L. M. Coffey, Svensen.
- R. J. Young, Chinook.
- Fred Gustafson, Portland.
- William Mason, Tillamook.
- E. E. Wells, Portland.
- Julius Klein, Portland.
- Wm. C. Luft, Portland.
- Fred Angle, Portland.
- A. J. Hayden, Portland.

PERSONAL MENTION.

- T. W. Rabbitish of Tillamook is in the city.
- W. H. Davis of Seaside was in the city yesterday.
- Alex Johnson came up from Seaside yesterday on business.
- Frank Scott was a visitor from Seaside yesterday afternoon.
- L. M. Coffey of Svensen was in the city yesterday on business.
- J. A. Strom of Skamokawa was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.
- Judge J. T. Lighter of Portland was in Astoria yesterday on business.
- J. J. Murphy of Seattle was in Astoria yesterday on a business trip.
- Howell Lewis, a well-known farmer from John Day, was in Astoria yesterday on business.
- J. A. Waddle, representing Van Schuyver & Co., of Portland, was in Astoria yesterday on business.
- W. J. Madison returned yesterday from Independence, where he spent Christmas.

Martin Both of Rainier arrived in the city on last evening's train.

R. J. Young of Chinook is registered at the Parker house.

William Mason of Tillamook is in the city on business.

Julius Klein of Portland is registered at the Parker house.

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

I have tooth brushes for tender gums and jaifty mouths, tooth brushes that I guarantee, and will give you another brush if the bristles come out. Rogers, druggist.

There is only one place in Astoria that carries the genuine Old Georgia, Moonshine, corn whisky. P. E. Peterson of the Mirror, has received a consignment direct from the distillery.

Today Zapp & Co. will sell you \$3 Solid Oak Morris chairs for \$5.95.

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.

Closing out sale of toilet and manure sets at Woodfield's Art Store will commence today and continue during the week.

Watch Out!

There'll Be Something

Doing

At

HERMAN WISE'

Clothing Store Soon. Other Sales will be as a Zephyr to Herman Wise' CYCLONE Sale.

Smilingly yours,

HERMAN WISE

The Reliable Clothier and Hatter.

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 Special January Sale

Will Begin on Tuesday January 3, 1905.

Remember we always do as we advertise and we promise Great Bargains in all lines. You can always buy cheap at

THE BEE HIVE