

FARMERS JOY
INTERNATIONAL STOCK FOOD
Sold only at
ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.
Good Goods Our Specialty.

Local Brevities.

Herman Wise' SALE is the real thing. That's WISE'S way!

Home-made sauerkraut, 5c per lb. Astoria Grocery Co.

For Rent—Furnished housekeeping rooms, 165 Tenth street.

H. Meyers, a county pauper, died at St. Mary's hospital yesterday.

The regular monthly meeting of the water commission will be held tonight.

Mrs. Martin Stanovich presented her husband with a daughter yesterday morning.

We have a few boxes of Northern Spy apples at 75c per box. Astoria Grocery Co.

Special inducements offered in dress and walking skirts this week at Ford & Stokes Co.

Special inducements offered in cook stoves and air-tight heaters this week at Ford & Stokes Co.

The school board will meet tonight to appoint a teacher to fill the place of Mrs. W. O. Barnes, resigned.

Our large stock of Reliable Footwear will be sold this month at a great reduction. Don't miss it. Wherlty, Ralston & Co.

Great reduction in dry goods and clothing will be made during the month of January at our annual sale, now going on. C. H. Cooper.

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Otto Koski died in Uniontown yesterday of consumption. The funeral will take place tomorrow and the interment will be in Greenwood.

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.

Sixty-three new subscribers were received yesterday from D. B. Scully, sent from Ilwaco, Nacotah and Oysterville. The Astorian circulation has increased nearly 200 since December 1.

The Portland Telegram in publishing the drowning of Mrs. Saylor, stated that it occurred at Skamokawa, Ore. Here is a matter that should be investigated by the grand juries of Portland.

Special Offer!
White Maple
Bed Room Suits

\$17.50

These Bed Room Suits are all well made, have French Plate Mirrors and are a bargain for the price.

CHAS. HEILBORN & SON
For Fine Furniture.

BLANK BOOKS!
Book-keeping, Account Books, Stub Files, Etc.
We have what you want
Svenson's Book Store

County Clerk Clinton did a land office business in making new citizens. Jacob Makki, Edwin Makinen, Herman Korhonen, Charles Tolonen, Charles Makinen, Ilmari Paldinus and Andrew Jarvi declared their intentions of becoming citizens, and Arnt Lockett Elde was admitted to full citizenship.

Some time ago the Callendar Transportation Co. made an application to the department to have the name of the steamer Wenona changed to Myrtle. The application was refused. In accordance with the red tape department of the government, the name of a boat cannot be changed unless the owners build a new boat, or make repairs aggregating 75 per cent of the value.

The bill amending the city charter has been prepared and will be submitted to the common council at its meeting next Monday night. All amendments requested by outsiders will have to be submitted at that time, as the legislative delegation will not introduce any bills amending any charter unless it is adopted by the mayor and common council.

The series of meetings which have been held in the various churches this week have manifested a growing interest. The last meeting will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. Subject, "The Family and the School." The sermon will be delivered by Rev. L. D. Mahone. All of those of evangelical faith are invited to be present.

There are two merchants on Grays river, Mr. Walker and Mr. Meserve. There has been considerable rivalry between the two merchants and a few days ago it resulted in a fight in which Mr. Meserve was given a taste of baptism as performed by the Baptist church. Mr. Walker threw him into the river, and he would have drowned had not some friends pulled him out. Mr. Meserve is now firmly convinced of the efficacy of infant baptism.

DUNBAR'S SPECIAL—Children's Fast Black Cotton Hose, 12 1/2c the pair. Compare them with the 25c kind the other stores show you.

THE A. DUNBAR CO.

District Attorney Allen has not completed the investigation of W. H. Davis, charged with embezzlement from Ross, Higgins & Co., as the young man has been making an effort to secure money to square the claim. He is a married man, and has a wife and four children depending upon him for support, and Mr. Ross is inclined to be lenient with him, rather than throw his wife and children on the charity of the community in which they live.

Tonight the great story of New England life, "For Mother's Sake," will be presented at Fishers' opera house and the cosy little theater should be filled to the doors. This excellent attraction is one that should be encouraged by theater-goers, as it is a powerful, pathetic and true story, the sweetest ever told. The company is composed of well known artists. Its original unlike anything ever seen here before. The plot, theme and leading characters are new to the stage. Seats now selling at Griffin's book store.

Beaver lodge, I. O. O. F., held its regular meeting last night. Installation of officers was the principal feature of the evening. Hon. John Hahn officiated as installing officer. The following were installed: N. G. W. F. Jones; V. G. J. L. Kline; secretary, Olof Anderson; treasurer, C. S. Wright; financial secretary, John Hahn. The report of the officers showed the lodge to be in a healthy condition. The net gain of membership for the year was 12. The receipts were \$2897 and the disbursements \$2861.35, of which amount \$900 was for investments, \$459 was paid out for sick benefits and \$499.50 care of non-resident members and charity.

There was only one contest in the county court yesterday over the appointment of road supervisors. A petition had been circulated by the residents of Elsie precinct asking for the appointment of Henry Gronell. As the residents of Elsie have been in a constant state of turmoil over road matters and unable to agree upon any improvements, the county court decided to take the appointment away from the petitioners and appointed James Gallagher. It also decided that it would prepare the plans and improve the road where, in the judgment of the county court, it would be of the most benefit to the district, irrespective of the opinion of the people in the district.

Bids for repairing the dredge Chinook were opened in Portland and the contract will probably be awarded to the Willamette Iron Works of Portland. Their bid was about \$4000 higher than the lowest bid submitted by the Risdon Iron Works of San Francisco, but it is estimated that it would cost \$6000 to take the ship to that city. The bid of the Portland firm was \$25,349. If the Chinook was owned by private parties the repairs could be made for \$10,000.

Cooking Apples, 60 cents at Astoria Grocery.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Board Supervisors Appointed in the Various Districts.
The second day of the county court yesterday was occupied by the appointment of road supervisors and transaction of routine business. The following road supervisors were appointed for the year:

- Astoria District—D. R. Blount.
- District No. 1—Fred Oman.
- District No. 2—A. W. Duncan.
- District No. 3—George Irwin.
- District No. 4—J. N. Heckard.
- District No. 5—John Larsen.
- District No. 6—Andrew Johnson.
- District No. 7—Fred Watson.
- District No. 8—James Boyle.
- District No. 9—George Hills.
- District No. 10—A. Frantz.
- District No. 11—Dan McLean.
- District No. 12—H. Jepson.
- District No. 13—James Gallagher.
- District No. 14—Henry Hill.
- District No. 15—James Jamison.
- District No. 16—O. A. Bourglard.
- District No. 17—A. L. Parker.

Application of Neal Stupp and A. L. Clark for position of county superintendent of schools were read. Mrs. C. A. Gearhart was appointed to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of H. S. Lyman.

The county clerk was authorized to enter into a contract with the county coroner for burying paupers.

Considerable complaint having been made by the residents of road district No. 13 and they being unable to agree upon road improvements in the district, it was ordered that the county court and road master prepare plans and specifications for making the improvements, and that the improvements will be made in accordance therewith.

The county clerk was instructed to write to the supervisors of road district No. 2, at Seaside, notifying him to close the Hermosa Park bridge, the same being unsafe for travel.

Bids were opened for boarding the county prisoners as follows: John Blasich, 22 cents; Thomas Peterson, 21 1/4; Joseph Kinkella, 19 1/2. The bid of Thomas Peterson was accepted, and contract awarded to him.

Election at Warrenton.

The annual election of the town of Warrenton occurred Wednesday. Very little interest was taken in the election, only one ticket being in the field and only about 20 votes were polled. F. W. Preston was elected mayor, and P. Erickson, Jacob Bosshard and Geo. Warren, councilmen. The affairs of the town are in good condition, there is about \$400 in the treasury and Warrenton is growing; the people are contented and happy and are at peace with all the world.

YOUNG MEN

Who Desire to Learn Ad. Writing Read This!

Another Improvement.
Wise will put new paper on the walls of his children's department; in order that the paperhangers don't muss his Boys' Clothing Stock, Mr. Wise offers a 20 per cent reduction on all Boys' Suits.

Strengthening the Foundation.
The foundation of Herman Wise's store building needs some new piles. In order to raise money to pay for the work Mr. Wise offers a 25 per cent reduction on all Men's and Boys' Overcoats.

Sarkasm,
As Josh Billings used to say: There be Sarkasm and there be Humor. Now, seriously, the above are samples of ads that some of Portland's so-called professional ad writers suggest.

The truth of the whole business is that Mr. Wise desires to reduce his immense winter stock, and for that reason alone, does he make those immense Reductions on all Men's and Boys' goods, and they are genuine reductions.

HERMAN WISE.
The Reliable Clothier and Hatter.
P. S.—And the Price-Cutting still goes on.

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

Schlitz's beer made Milwaukee famous, and is having the same effect on the Grotto. Nothing better on the market.

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.
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.

Our annual sale is the talk of the town—patrons have been waiting for it—don't miss it; come early. C. H. Cooper, the leading house of Astoria.

THIRD ANNUAL
January
Clearance Sale

GREAT BARGAINS IN WAISTS		suits selling in Astoria.	
Our entire waist stock to go at one-half price.		\$15.00 Suits at	\$ 8.00
1.00 Waists	.50	17.50 Suits at	9.50
1.50 Waists	.75	20.00 Suits at	11.50
2.00 Waists	1.25	25.00 Suits at	14.48
2.50 Waists	1.75	30.00 Suits at	17.50
3.00 Waists	2.00	CHILDREN'S COATS	
BOYS' CLOTHING		One-half Price on all Misses and Children's Coats. We are determined to carry nothing over. So come early and get the cream of the coat stock at one-half price.	
Great selling of boys' winter clothing. Prices reduced lower than ever.		\$10.00 Coats	\$5.00
6.00 Suits	\$4.00	9.00 Coat	4.50
5.00 Suits	3.50	8.00 Coat	4.00
4.00 Suits	2.50	7.00 Coat	3.50
3.00 Suits	1.95	6.00 Coat	3.00
2.50 Suits	1.48	5.00 Coat	2.50
GREAT BARGAINS IN SUITS AND COATS		FINE LACES	
Unrestricted choice of our entire line of ladies' Coats and Suits at prices never before heard of in the history of cloak and		This lot comprises an assortment of laces from 3 to 6 inches wide that always retail at 10c to 15c and 20c a yard, your choice of the lot and as many yards as you want	

Morse Department Store
508-510 Commercial St.
Where Everybody Likes to Trade

A COAL HOD that won't spill coal all over at
W. C. LAWS & CO. 527-531 Bond St.
We sell Stoves also.

THE holiday season over, the Big Store, with its immense corps of efficient helpers, is busily engaged in the work of readjusting stock preparatory to our annual stock taking, which takes place the last of this month. You'll find this a very opportune time to supply yourself with every household need at a considerable saving. We haven't the time nor the space to enumerate the many bargains that are here awaiting you. Just drop in and take a look. **You will find a perfect cavalcade of irresistible values here to greet you.**

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS

offered in Cooking Stoves and Air-tight Heaters.
Let us send you a Bonetia Sewing Machine on trial. Your credit is good. Price, \$30.00; \$5.00 down, \$1.00 a week.

FORD & STOKES CO.
Astoria's Greatest Store