

A Clean Up Sale!

We have a few dozen bottles of

Jams, Jellies, Preserves, Etc.,

All First Class Goods,

Odds and ends that have accumulated and we will sell them at a very low price to close.

No More After This Sale. See Table Display.

ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.

A telegram received from Hon. J. N. Lawa yesterday from Salem says: "Have refused to support charter amendments. All reports to the contrary are false. Please place me right before the people." As the Tuttle charter is indorsed by nine-tenths of the people of Astoria, Jim will probably vote for it.

Dr. E. L. House of Portland will deliver his lecture on "Ben Hur" in the Congregational church tonight. The lecture will be illustrated with the best pictures on the Pacific coast. This lecture will be the first of a series that will include many prominent men. A good crowd should greet the speaker. Lecture begins at 8 p. m.

ASTORIA, SWEET HOME

Written by an Astorian to the popular Tune of

"MY OWN UNITED STATES"

The Papers boast of many towns,
Chicago and New York,
Parisian styles, its marble Piles,
Old Ireland's town of Cork;
Of Portland and its coming Fair,
And 'Prisco, Victoria,
Let me acclaim the town I name,
My own ASTORIA!

Chorus.

I love every inch of her wooden streets,
Each tree on her mountain side;
I love every drop of the water clear,
That flows in her river wide.
I love every spot, every drop of rain;
Through her streets I love to roam—
The town of them all is the place that
I call
ASTORIA, SWEET HOME.

II.

Wise offers now a clearance sale
On Overcoats and Suits—
Of latest styles, Wise has big Piles;
His Garments they are Beauts.
And then he sells things very cheap.
You ask the reason why?
So I will say, it is "Wise's way"—
A fact that none deny.

Chorus.

He sells everything within his store
So low that you'll be glad.
So do not delay, but buy right away.
If not you'll wish you had.
If you need a SUIT, OVERCOAT or
Hat,
Underwear, or Sox, or Ties—
The Boss of them all is the man that
they call
The Reliable HERMAN WISE.

It will be impossible for Judge McBride to come to Astoria to try the Untown liquor cases before the first of next month. A writ of habeas corpus will probably be applied for and tried before Judge McBride at St. Helens during the present week. The legal points can be brought up on the writ.

The report circulated on the streets yesterday that the new charter provided for a police commission and a fire commission separate, and that R. Carruthers was to be one of the commissioners is false. There is but one commission known as the police and fire commission, and S. S. Gordon, F. J. Carney and R. G. Prael are named as the commissioners. At the full of the moon, certain people are afflicted with mental aberration, causing prevarication.

The charter provides that the police commissioners must be residents and tax payers of Astoria. Is Mr. Baker or Mr. Cook residents or tax payers of the city? The charter provides for a police commission of three members, and the democrats refuse to have anything but a one man commission. Is Mrs. W. E. Simpson, sister of E. N. Bussing of this city, has just arrived from Boston, Mass. She reports a delightful trip through the mountains, and regardless of the snow, stood the trip remarkably well. She reports a most enjoyable time, her health having been greatly improved thereby.

District Attorney Allen yesterday filed an information against John Vollmer of Seaside charging him with obstructing a public highway and a warrant was issued for his arrest. It is claimed that the county court laid out a new road over the land of Vollmer and the viewers assessed the damages at \$26, which he agreed to accept, but he wanted the money before he would make out a deed. Accordingly, he built a fence across the county road, thereby causing an obstruction. He was notified by the county court to remove the obstruction, but refused to do so. For this reason the information was filed. John will have an opportunity to explain his actions in the circuit court.

The statement that the Astoria Chamber of Commerce had never taken part in suggesting amendments to the city charter is not true. When the present city charter was adopted providing for a different mode of improving streets, a committee of three from the chamber of commerce was appointed to confer with a like committee from the common council, and the joint committee held several meetings and formulated the present charter. The democratic council that prepared the Burns-Smith charter, never consulted Senator Tuttle about the amendments. Senator Tuttle has as much right to present a charter as Jack Burns. The democratic charter is in the interests of two democratic politicians. The Tuttle charter is for the entire city.

Our January Clearance Sale

HAS PROVEN TO BE ALL WE CLAIMED IT. Hundreds of happy buyers have taken advantage of the many bargains offered. Why? Because they know from past experience that what we advertise, we mean. Now comes a mark down in our Suit and Coat Department that should be taken advantage of by every lady in Astoria that is in need of a Suit or Coat. Prices are positively the Lowest ever asked or stylish, well made garments.

Lot 1, \$4.75.

Coats and Suits that have been selling at \$7.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00

\$4.75

Lot 2, \$9.75.

Coats and Suits that have been selling at \$12.00, \$15.00 and \$18.00,

\$9.75

Lot 3, \$14.75.

Coats and Suits that have been selling at \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00,

\$14.75

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508-510 Commercial St.

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Clearance Sale...

ON BOOKS AND PICTURES



THIS WEEK

SVENSEN'S BOOK STORE

We Have Just Received

a fresh shipment of

Sinclair's Hams, Bacon and Lard.

ALSO ARMOUR'S STAR SUMMER SAUSAGE.

They are the Best.

Have you tried the American Biscuit Co.'s Extra Pilot Bread and Royal Soda Crackers? We make a specialty of Keeping our stock fresh.

Foard & Stokes Co.

Astoria's Greatest Store.

Amusements Tonight.

Star Theater—Vaudeville.

Coming Attractions.

At Hedricks, January 26—The Jeffersons in "The Two Rivals."

Lodge Meetings Tonight.

St. John's Chapter, R. A. M.
Astoria lodge, B. P. O. E.
Gateway tent, Knights of Maccabees.
Queen Louise Sons of Herman.
Finnish Workmen's Co-operative Association.
Scandinavian Benevolent Society.

Local Brevities.

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

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

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

The Warrenton mill, which has been shut down for a few days, resumed operations yesterday.

For good things to eat call at 523 Commercial or phone Main 481.

ASTORIA GROCERY.

There will be a meeting of Temple lodge No. 7, A. F. and A. M. tonight. Work in Master Mason degree.

Tickets for "The Rivals" will be on sale at Hedrick's theater after 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Phone main 2221.

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

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

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

Our annual sale commences on Tuesday, January 24; every article in the store reduced—with a few exceptions. C. H. Cooper.

For wagons, buggies, plows, harrows and all kinds of farm tools and machinery see R. M. Gaston at 105 14th street, Astoria, Ore.

Sweet naval oranges from 15 to 45c per dozen. Plenty of good cooking apples at 60c per box.

ASTORIA GROCERY.

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.

Martin Foad returned from Bucoda yesterday. He reports business in that thriving burg as good, and predicts an increased output for their mill.

The Mirror invites the public to its annual clearance sale of fine liquors. The finest goods and best treatment. Family liquor store. P. E. Peterson.

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.

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.

For sale—At Gaston's feed stable, No. 195 Fourteenth street; one Landie's harness machine; one Smith-Premier typewriter; one 20 hp motor and belt; 1000 good sacks.

It is reported that the appointment of John Hahn as postmaster at Astoria has been held up in Washington, pending charges that it is claimed have been preferred.

If you have a cough or cold be sure and get a bottle of White Pine Cough Syrup. The best to be had. For sale at the Owl and Eagle Drug Stores, at 25 and 50 cents per bottle.

The Imperial oyster house is prepared to furnish Shoalwater bay oysters in quantities of pints and quarts to supply the family trade. Colonial oysters always on hand.

Our large stock of fine dry goods, clothing, furnishing goods and all will be placed on reduced sale prices during the next 30 days. C. H. Cooper, the leading house of Astoria.

Nathan Loeb, who formerly conducted a wholesale liquor house on Bond street in this city, died at his residence in Portland Sunday of old age. He was 75 years of age and resided in Astoria about 20 years.

It is probable that the federal grand jury will return indictments against John Northrup of The Dalles and A. G. Adkins of Portland, who stood out for the acquittal of George Sorensen, causing the jury to disagree.

Rainmaker Powell received word yesterday from the state weather forecaster at Portland that a southeast storm was centering off the Washington coast and moving inland. The storm arrived off shore on regulation time, but was not felt in Astoria.

It is expected that the new court house bill will be passed in the legislature today. While a friendly suit will probably be brought to test the legality of the law, it is reported that Contract-Dugan will commence work immediately and not wait for the supreme court decision.

Melba, the world's great soprano, will appear at the Armory at Portland Monday evening, January 30. The tickets are from \$2 to \$4. A number of Astorians will attend. Order for seats from Astoria must be accompanied by postoffice money order. See advertisement in this issue.

REWARD—We shall give \$10 in gold as a first prize, and \$5 as a second prize to the boy or girl under 18 years of age, writing the best poem of two or more verses, using the MONARCH RANGE as the subject of the poem. All poems to be handed in before 6 p. m. on February 16, 1905. Charles Heilborn & Son, Complete House-furnishers, 590-592 Commercial Street.

William W. Whipple of Bucoda arrived in the city yesterday. Just what action he will take in building the new hotel for Astoria is not known, but it is thought possible that a committee will be appointed to carry out the project. Astoria needs a new hotel and Mr. Whipple has always taken an active interest in securing one.

War has been declared between the Warrenton Packing Company and the McGowan Company. Last week Warren sent some men to Ilwaco to build net racks. When they stated in on their work A. E. King ordered them to stop, claiming that Warren had no title to the land. The courts will be called upon to adjust the matter.

At a meeting of the county court yesterday, the clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for publishing the county court proceedings and notices during the year 1905. The bids will be opened February 1. As the proceedings are published very irregular and the revenues derived are small it is probable that there will be very little competition.

Even Jack Burns is beginning to weaken on the democratic charter, when he came home last Saturday and found public sentiment strongly against a charter to perpetuate a few office holders in office he weakened. Of course he is compelled to keep up his bluff in the legislature as the representative of the minority party in Clatsop county.

Is this just or fair? The republicans agreed to appoint one man and let the democrats appoint one. The question was submitted to City Attorney Smith and Mayor Surprenant. The mayor agreed to make such appointment. Smith declined to entertain the idea. Was there anything unfair in this? The republicans have always toted fair. Can the democrats say as much?

Charles Stenberg died Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's hospital from a complication of diseases. The deceased was a native of Sweden, 56 years of age and had resided in Astoria about 20 years. His funeral will take place this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at Logan's hall and will be under the auspices of the Scandinavian Benevolent society. He leaves an estate estimated at \$3000 and left a will distributing it among his relatives.

A statement of the probable tax levy for the year 1904 has been made out but no levy has been made yet, as the court is waiting for the passage of the court house bill. The levies will probably be as follows: State and county, 15 mills; county school, 5.5 mills; court house, 3 mills; total 27 mills. The levy is 1 mill more than last year. The city levy is 10 mills and the school levy 8 mills, making 45 mills in Astoria.

An affair that has the Chinese population on the qui vive is the approaching wedding of Lem On and Miss Lee Tai. The bride, who is the daughter of Lee One Kai, a San Francisco merchant, will arrive this morning and will be met by the friends of the groom, after which the festivities will begin with much "music" and shooting of fire crackers. The Lem Company has been joined by others in the preparation of gifts and festivities and the expense of the wedding will be in excess of \$2000. The statement that this was the amount of the cost of bringing Miss Tai here was erroneous. The bride is described as being a most beautiful daughter of Cathay, and the groom to be is a well known contractor and foreman of the Roster Rock Cannery at Eureka.

The Astorian did not indorse the actions of the republicans in electing three police commissioners at the last city election, for the reason that it was a one-sided affair. For the same reason we are opposed to the Burns-Smith charter, as it is manifestly unfair and is only intended to keep City Attorney Smith in office and benefits no one else. This is the only objection the half-dozen democrats have to changing the time of the city elections from December to June. Even A. M. Smith states that he can see no objection to the change, yet he opposes it. Why? Changing the election from December to June saves the tax payers \$800. Leaving the charter as it is, it gives A. M. Smith six months longer term of office. Which is in the interests of the tax payers?



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