

**MERCHANT MARINE**

**No Work on the Willamette Snag Boat to Be Done.**

**IT NEEDS MUCH REPAIRING**

**Movements of Vessels Arriving and Departing from the Port of Astoria Show a Steady Increase in Shipping and Tonnage for the Week.**

No work will be done this year on the upper Willamette by the snagboat Mathoma of the United States engineer corps fleet, for she is to be hauled out and rebuilt. The craft has seen service for the past nine years, and her juries have proven so arduous that her hull is now practically useless and had superstructure is in almost the same shape.

Specifications are now being compiled for the new boat. She will be somewhat longer than the present craft, and the arrangement of her house will be different. The old engines are to be used after being overhauled and a portion of the cabin may also be replaced on the new hull. As soon as the specifications are approved instructions will be issued to advertise for bids, and the contract will be started without loss of time. The Mathoma will not be placed in service until next season, as all of the dangerous snags have been removed from the upper river, and the few found at times on the lower stream are taken out without her aid.

In pulling up the snags the Mathoma has frequently bumped against them and received hard knocks from other floaters so the bottom of the craft has suffered severely as a consequence.

**SHIPPING NEWS.**

The steamer Elmore leaves out this morning at 4 o'clock for Tillamook.

The tank steamer Geo. Loomis sailed for San Francisco yesterday morning.

The steamer Aurelia arrived in yesterday morning and left up the river, where she will load lumber.

The steamer Roanoke sailed from San Francisco for this port via Coos Bay Monday and is due tomorrow.

The United States steamer Manning, which was expected to arrive yesterday, will not come here as she was ordered to the sound.

The Callender Transportation Co.'s excursion to Greenwood yesterday was a big success, as it took two steamers to handle the crowd.

The steamer Hazen has been supplied with new towing bits which makes her stand at the head of her class of boats when it comes to towing.

The stern of the tug Sampson, which was badly splintered by one of the barges she was towing, several weeks ago, is being repaired. This does not necessitate laying her up, as the work can be done while she is towing.

The steamer Sheridan arrived in yesterday morning from San Francisco and discharged freight and 15 passengers at the Callender dock, after which she left out for Grays Harbor, where she will load lumber for San Francisco.

The steamer Alliance sailed this morning for Eureka via Coos Bay. She had a full cargo of freight and large passenger list. Eight passengers from this port. It is astonishing the amount of travel there is nowadays between here and Coos Bay and Eureka.

Bids are to be opened June 10 for furnishing the government with 1500 tons of double compressed hay for delivery at Puget sound or any railroad point. Proposals will also be opened June 1 for transporting troops, passengers, animals and freight from Portland and Puget sound to the Philippines.

The trim little pleasure yacht El Primero arrived in from San Francisco yesterday and after entering at the custom house and taking on a pilot left up the river, where she will be joined by her owner, Mr. Hopkins, and party who are coming up overland from the bay city. Capt. Brown, her master, states that she will probably cruise around the river for some time and after Hopkins does the fair, will probably make a trip to Alaska and the sound.

**Today's Weather.**

Western Oregon and Western Washington, Wednesday, showers; possibly attended by thunder in the interior. Eastern Oregon and Washington, showers and thunder storms.

**DECORATION DAY**

**Day Appropriately Observed in Astoria.**

**TRIBUTE TO NATION'S HEROES**

**Grand Army of the Republic and Auxiliary Societies Pay Tribute to Comrades Who Laid Down Their Lives on the Altar of Their Country.**

Memorial day was generally observed in Astoria yesterday. All the business houses were closed and business generally suspended. Some observed the day by commemorating the achievements of the brave boys in blue who sacrificed their lives upon the altar of their country; many took advantage of the day to visit the different cemeteries to place beautiful floral offerings upon the graves of departed relatives and friends. All the livery teams were employed in taking people to Greenwood; on fishing and on pleasure excursions, and the small river craft carried hundreds out to Greenwood.

The program outlined by Cushing post G. A. R. ladies of the G. A. R. and Women's Relief Corps was carried out. Promptly at 10 o'clock the members of these organizations met at the A. O. U. W. hall. At 10:30 the line of march was formed, the Mahone cadets escorting the members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. to the foot of Eleventh street, where the decorating of the waters for the dead sailors and marines was observed. Four members of the cadets bore the ashes of the late Henry Gist in the procession. The exercises at the river front was opened by singing, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." An invocation by Rev. Luther D. Mahone was followed by dropping flowers in the river in commemoration of those who fought the battles of this nation on the waters. The exercises closed by singing "America," after which the procession reformed and marched to the A. & C. depot, where they took the train for Oceanview cemetery.

Arriving there the remains of Henry Gist were laid to rest in the Grand Army plot, and a detachment of soldiers fired a salute over the graves. The graves of the dead soldiers were decorated with beautiful flowers under the ceremonies of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Refreshments were served by the ladies and the party returned to Astoria on the afternoon train. The exercises were appropriate and impressive and participated in by a large number of patriotic citizens.

**Wise's May Sale Draws the Crowds. Cut Prices Does It!**

**HOTEL ARRIVALS.**

- Parker.**  
John Sarri, Ilwaco.  
Joe Sarri, Ilwaco.  
S. B. Salling, South Bend.  
Jas. V. Cummings, Ft. Stevens.  
J. M. Barico, Chinook.  
Joe Johnson, Chinook.  
C. V. Reeves, Portland.  
A. G. Barnard, Portland.  
John Sullivan, Seattle.  
Frank J. Smith and wife, Idaho.  
C. J. Goodinger, Woodland.  
H. B. Parker, Seaside.  
E. F. Taft, Seaside.  
M. W. Clark, Chicago.  
A. Harvey, Chicago.  
John Rambsey, Skamokawa.

**Occident.**

- Mrs. C. Masters, Portland.  
A. O. Donogh, San Francisco.  
C. Lowndale, Ft. Stevens.  
A. J. Condon, Chicago.  
S. Cohen, San Francisco.  
F. S. Coates, Portland.  
Jno. A. Duhgen, New York.  
Wm. Lussier, San Francisco.  
L. I. Bailey, Portland.  
C. J. Schnabel, Portland.  
Mrs. M. O. Faulk, Portland.  
Mrs. R. E. Baughman, Roswell, N.M.  
Zula Faulk, Portland.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh, Portland.  
M. Gorman, Cathlamet.  
D. V. Gelder, San Francisco.  
M. Warren, San Francisco.  
E. W. Harbaugh, Seattle.

**Dr. Lyon's PERFECT Tooth Powder**  
Cleanses and beautifies the teeth and purifies the breath. Used by people of refinement for over a quarter of a century. Very convenient for tourists.  
PREPARED BY  
*S. W. Lyon, D.D.S.*

**ONLY NATURAL**

that people come here for the finest ready-to-wear Clothing. We won first position for best qualities years ago. But don't think us "High Toned" just because our Clothes look and are so much superior to others. Our Suits at

**\$17.50**

look equally as good and wear as well as those you pay twenty to twenty-five dollars for elsewhere. No difference except in the price. Good qualities are so low in price that to buy the unreliable "Just-as-good" kind is a real extravagance.

**Two Piece Suits We are showing very strong line at \$10.00 Per Suit.**

**P. A. STOKES**

Keeps a Dressy Shop for Dressy People.



**SUICIDE IN PORTLAND.**  
John Head Found Dead in His Lodging House on Third Street.  
Portland, May 30.—After spending the night in one another's company, John Head was found dead in his lodgings at 33 North Third street, and his companion, Roy VanBuren, was found dead in the lodging house where he roomed. Head committed suicide by taking morphine. VanBuren's death is supposed to have been from heart disease, caused by the excessive use of liquor.  
Head is the son of Mahlon Head of Jefferson, In., cashier in a bank. The cause of his suicide is said to have been despondency. VanBuren was a musician in a north end saloon. In Head's pocket was found a number of letters signed "Alice," dated Pendleton, Ore. The letters were affectionate and are supposed to have been from his wife.

**Fisher's Opera House**  
L. E. SELIG, - - Lessee and Manager

**ONE NIGHT ONLY**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 5, '05**  
THE GREAT AND ONLY  
**JOHN L. SULLIVAN**  
accompanied by his sparring partner  
**JIM McCORMICK**  
and his company of athletic and vaudeville stars.

**10 --- BIG ACTS --- 10**  
PRICES--Reserved Seats, 75c. Gallery, 50c.  
Seat sale opens Saturday morning at Griffin's Book Store.

WE ARE  
**Plumbers & Steamfitters.**  
None but First Class Workmen Employed.  
**W. C. LAWS & CO.,**  
227 1/2 1st Street.

**Now is Oxford Time**

To our customers who know the character and quality of our goods, the prices quoted below will appeal very strongly. To those who are not our customers we can only say this is a good chance for you to become acquainted with us and our goods and save yourself money. Just notice the prices we have made.


Women's Tan Oxfords in calf skin, made with welt, new lasts, \$3.50 and \$3.00  
Women's Button Oxfords, made with welt, \$3.50  
Women's Tan Oxfords, blucher cut - - \$2.50  
Oxfords for Children and Young Ladies, the famous Steel Shod line \$1.75 to \$2.25  
Girls and Children's Tan Oxfords in calf and kid, - - \$1.50 and \$2.00  
Barefoot Sandals cut in new patterns, that will not cause sore toes, Children's, 90c, Misses, \$1; Women's \$1.35.

**Wherity, Ralston & Company**  
The Leading Shoe Dealers.

**The FOARD & STOKES CO.**

**The Shirt Waist Season is Here**  
And It Didn't Catch Us Napping Either.

We have been preparing ourselves for this occasion for months past. Scarcely a day goes by but that some new merchandise doesn't arrive to brighten up our store. Among the last to arrive was another nice assortment of those



**Jaunty Little Town and Country Shirts**  
that everybody is wearing. Come in and get yours; we have your size and a price to fit your pocketbook.

**Some New Japanese Wash Silk Waists.**

**The Foard & Stokes Co.**  
Astoria's Greatest Store.  
Where New Things Make Their Debut

**The BEE HIVE**

**INDIA LAWN**  
A large quantity of India Lawns, which we bought at import prices. We give you the benefit of our opportunity. Price, the yard, from 10 CENTS and up.

**Valenciennes Edging**  
A lot of it, bought right. While it lasts, a bolt of 12 yards, 12 CENTS

**PETTICOATS**  
MERCERIZED SATEN PETTICOATS, in black, finished with 22 inch accordion pleated ruffle. We sell them at each..... \$2.00

**BIG SPECIAL**  
OUR STOCK OF TRIMMED HATS ready to wear, will be closed out AT COST. This is your opportunity to get a stylish hat at a bargain. No need to wait until the season closes.

**PLEATED SKIRTS**  
PLEATED SKIRTS, made of good quality alpaca, stitched below the hip, in either black or white. All sizes, each ..... \$4.50

ACCORDEON PLEATED SKIRT, made of fine quality Wool Batiste, in brown or black. A dressy garment ..... \$9.00

**The BEE HIVE**