

WE WISH YOU

A Merry Christmas

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THE LEADING GROCERS. Closed all day Monday.

TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Takes Oath.—T. F. Lanrin yesterday took the oath of office for the six-year term as police commissioner.

School Vacation.—The public schools are now closed for the Christmas holidays. They will remain closed until after New Year's, opening on Wednesday, January 3, 1906.

New Suit Filed.—Suit was filed at the county clerk's office yesterday, to foreclose a lien in the sum of \$46.65, by the Pacific Iron Works, plaintiff, against F. C. Caskey and five others.

City Treasurer Busy.—City Treasurer Dealy yesterday received two liquor licenses amounting to \$800. He also paid out the sum of \$1737.61 for street improvements and repair work.

Football! Portland vs. Astoria! Christmas Day? At A. F. C. park. Game called 2:30 sharp. Best game of the season.

Shifting Titles.—Two deeds were filed in County Clerk Clinton's office yesterday passing the titles of Clatsop realty, as follows: C. A. Brown and Anna J., his wife, to Charles Franck, warranty deed, consideration \$1.00; conveying lots 28 and 29 in block 21, of Case's Astoria; George L. Colwell and Emma K., his wife, to Marquis N. Adams; warranty title, consideration \$5; conveying an undivided one-half interest in lot 4, block 64, McClure's Astoria.

Ten Happy People.—County Clerk J. C. Clinton acted as "cupid" yesterday for quite a squad of young people, issuing the five following licenses to marry. To Mr. Leonard Lowry, of Walla Walla, Washington, and Miss Bertha Vige, of Astoria; Mr. Victor Burns and Miss Annie Johnson, both of Clatsop county; Mr. John Larsen and Miss Frances Coffey, of Clatsop county; Mr. E. T. Libby and Miss Clotella Johnson; Mr. Edgar E. Rosebraugh, of Colfax, Washington, and Miss Margaret W. Jensen, of Astoria.

Takes Oath.—D. H. Welch yesterday took the oath of office as police commissioner for the four-year term and received a certificate from the city auditor stating that he had received the highest number of votes for police commissioner for the four-year term, there having been no nominations filed for any candidates for this office.

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GOOD GOODS. 118-122 Twelfth St. Astoria, Ore.

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CHRISTMAS JINGLE

Some idle suggestions of the Great Holiday.

WEDDINGS GALORE AFOOT

Odds and Ends of Seasonable Fancy Reflections of a Christmas Lover—Written for Other Christmas Cranks—Not so Much News as Allusion.

A Merry Christmas to ALL!!

After Christmas comes "swearing off" time."

And a Happy and Prosperous New Year to ALL!!!

Old Martin Luther builded better than he knew!

Thank Heaven it's not a Democratic Christmas, too!

Keep perfectly quiet. The sun may shine tomorrow!

Hist! Shhhhh! There will be no Astoria in the morning!

Don't forget those whose holiday is less joyful than your own.

Astoria will yield up her thousands in kindly charity today and tomorrow.

It pays to be a "kid" at such a time as this. It was ordained for them.

There will be some inspiring music in the Astoria churches this day and tomorrow.

Pass a thought to seaward on Christmas. There's many a sailor would like to be ashore tomorrow.

As the years advance the festivals of life are dimmed by the lengthened shadows; all but Christmas, it's halo never pales.

We ought to know how to get the most of this great holiday seeing it is the nineteen-hundred-and-fifth time it has been celebrated.

The only way the stricken Clatsop turkey can work his reprisals at this season of the year, is to set up a good, hard case of indigestion.

The youngster whose birthday comes on Christmas has a kick coming for wanton deprivation of an inalienable holiday of one kind or another.

Astoria Christmas is just as much Christmas as those that come with all the arctic accompaniments of snow, ice, blizzard, and frozen extremities.

There are a dozen weddings on the tapis for today and tomorrow. May each, and all of the principals thereof, hail the anniversary through many a happy year.

To be sued, heldup, divorced, maimed, arrested, swindled, whipped, defeated, outclassed, rejected, on Christmas day, comes easier than any time. It lends a sanctity to adversity and makes it more "comfy" like.

Some of the dismal prophets are already loading the year 1906 with pestilence, famine, universal failure, short-comings and sudden death! The fact that prophets have no honor in Astoria may carry her citizens through, mauler the melancholy asses who claim to be inspired.

After Christmas has passed, the Astoria manager, agent, trustee, official, and other man of affairs, operating a business for some principal or for the people, will get right down to work on that annual statement, or report, that is due on, or immediately after, the first of the year.

Never mind that green neckwear with the amber spots on it your wife will give you tomorrow. You can pass it up to the hird man the first time she goes away on a trip. And as for those cigars, just quietly slip them down to the quarantine station where they will take high rank, even rank high rang, among the disinfectants.

Especially fine music is to be heard at the Methodist Church tonight. The choir, under the leadership of Miss Elmore will render a number of fine anthems and Mr. James Vernon will sing a solo.

A GOOD WARM OVERCOAT



IS PROBABLY WHAT YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT JUST NOW. OF COURSE YOU WANT SOMETHING MORE THAN WARMTH, YOU WANT STYLE. WE OFFER OUR LINE OF L. ADLER, BROS., & CO.'S ROCHESTER MAKE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. ONE OF THESE WILL COST YOU FROM \$15 TO \$30. THE MERCHANT TAILOR COULDN'T THINK OF DULICATING IT FOR LESS THAN FROM \$35 TO \$60.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

R. S. Shepard came down yesterday noon from Portland.

Mrs. A. Rader, of South Bend, Wash., is visiting relatives in town.

W. H. Lewis of Seaside was a business visitor in town yesterday.

August Nelson of Svenson was in town yesterday for a short time.

E. E. Rosenbraugh of Colfax, Wash., is spending a brief time in town.

F. C. Graham of Portland is a business visitor in the city this week.

Captain L. Hall is spending his Christmas holidays in Goldendale, Wash.

Duncan McLain, of Portland, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

D. M. Stewart will depart Tuesday for Pipestone, Minn., to visit his father.

Edward Elliott of Charleston is in town this week for a brief business visit.

Carl Ross, a student at Palo Alto, is visiting his parents in this city during Christmas.

Mrs. William Elliott of Charleston was a visitor in the city yesterday for a brief time.

James McDonough and the Misses McDonough of Pillar Rock spent yesterday in the city.

F. N. Smith of the Eilers piano house, left last evening for Portland to remain for Christmas.

Mrs. H. C. Svenson of Svenson, Oregon, was a Christmas shopper in the city yesterday.

Ben Young returned yesterday from South Bend where he went to look after property interests.

Miss Lucia Barton of Portland is in town visiting her sister, Mrs. James Hanford during Christmas.

John Service is back from Eel River, Cal., where he was in the employ of the Tallant-Grant Packing Company.

Miss Christine Wade arrived in town yesterday noon from Portland to spend the holidays with her mother.

Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Newman and Harrison Allen left this morning for Troutdale to remain during Christmas.

Rev. Rydquist of this city left yesterday for Chinook where he conducted the Christmas exercises last evening in the First Lutheran Church.

Miss Adeline Miller left last evening for Eugene to remain there with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Miller during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Nelson Troyer, accompanied by her son, Merwyn, are expected to arrive in the city today to visit during Christmas with Mrs. G. W. Lounsbury.

Mrs. W. E. Brown, son and daughter arrived in Astoria yesterday evening, from South Bend, Wash., to spend Christmas with Mr. Brown, foreman of the Astorian job office.

Birthday Surprise.—Mrs. Abbie Douglas whose home is at Tenth and Bond streets, was happily surprised last evening by a jolly lot of friends who, knowing it was her birthday, dropped in on her laden with gifts and refreshments, with the result of an exceedingly happy evening for all. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Lazell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welch and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shaw, Mrs. M. A. Kinsey, Mrs. Mrs. Susan Mills of New

Castle, Penn., Mrs. Susan Crawford, Mrs. M. A. Hall, Mrs. McCroskey, Mrs. A. McCroskey and daughter, Miss Birdie McCroskey, Mrs. Franklin, Professor Wills, Misses Gertrude and Marruerite Brallier of Warrenton, Wallace McCroskey and Fred Lazelle.

Arrested Last Night.—It was reported to Mayor Herman Wise, last evening, that John Stephens, the well-known saloon man, at Sixth and Astor streets, had opened up his dance hall and that the same was in full blast. The mayor at once called upon President Morton of the Common Council, and together they went into the "red light" district to ascertain for themselves the truth or falsity of the statement. They found the dance hall in operation and protested against it, but the proprietor claimed he was not selling liquor in the same room the dancing was being done in and so was not violating any of the ordinances. The liquor adjunct was palpable enough, however, to warrant the mayor in swearing out a warrant for the arrest of Stephens, under the state code, and this was done before Justice Goodman, and service will be made by Constable Utzinger, probably on Tuesday next, when the issue will be tried out.

SPECIAL SALE. On Saturday next, December 23, there will be a sale of burnt-leather and wood, at Mrs. Sarah Ross' millinery store.

The event of the week will be the concert at the Methodist Church Wednesday evening December 27th at 8:15. Admission 50 cents.

Get one of those new style graphophones for Christmas, at Eilers Branch Store, 424 Commercial street, A. R. Cyrus, manager.

Do you wish to study the piano? Piano harmony and history of music taught at Miss Tawney's studio, 600 Commercial. Fulton building. Phone Black, 2146.

N. A. Ackerman, 421 Bond St., does all manner of taxidermy, furniture upholstery, carpet cleaning and laying, mattress making a specialty and all work guaranteed.

The ladies of the Congregational church are preparing for a sale of all kinds of etables the coming Saturday afternoon. Home made cooking will be much in evidence.

Wood! Wood! Wood! Wood! Wood! For choice dry box-wood, telephone 2064 Black, or leave orders at the Astoria Grocery. O. Nelson, "The Wood Man."

Miss Molly Reynold of Portland will play at the Methodist Concert December 27th.

Mrs. Tilda Anderson, massage, 1470 Grand Avenue. Given either at home or will call.

Holiday Gift

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