

EXTRA SPECIAL

We offer until Saturday all of our Holiday Silver Plated Ware at actual cost. We do this to avoid carrying the stock over.

This is a bona fide offer. We mean what we say.

Remember this offer only holds good until Saturday so you will have to hurry.

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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN
Euche Club Meets—The semi-monthly euche club will be entertained this evening by Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Robb and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. N. Callaway at the Robb residence, 843 Exchange street.

Take Oath—City Auditor Anderson reports that all the newly elected officials have been sworn in and taken the oath of office, with the exceptions of Alderman Robinson and Police Commissioner Hansen.

Cooper's Removal Clearance Sale Now Going On. Don't Miss It.

Floor Varnished—Water Clerk Lounsbury is compelled to remain out of the main office room in the city hall these days on account of a coat of varnish having been put on the floor, which has not yet completely dried out.

Small Fire—Yesterday morning about 5 o'clock a fire alarm was turned in from Bond street. The department responded and found that it was only a small chimney blaze in a Chinese "joint" between Eighth and Ninth streets. A few buckets of water served to extinguish the fire.

One Lone Deed—But one instrument was filed at the county clerk's office yesterday recording a transfer of Clatsop realty. It was from Maxwell Young and wife to Rhoda G. Hicks, by warranty title, conveying, for a consideration of \$5, lots 39, 40, 41 and 42, block 15, in Young's Addition to Alderbrook.

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RANCH EGGS
 Two Dozen
 65 cents

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GOOD GOODS.
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WORK OF LIGHTNING

Weather Station at North Head Almost Wrecked.

OPERATOR BARELY ESCAPES

Electrical Bolt Plays Havoc With Machinery and Instruments—Telephone Smashed and Burned—Wires Wrecked Down to Cables.

All day yesterday Astoria was completely cut off from North Head, Washington, as far as telegraphic communication was concerned and the marine movements, and conditions at the Columbia river bar, so regularly posted and so assiduously read, at the Western Union office and at other prominent points about the city, were missing and missed, but it was considered only a temporary interruption of the service and its restoration was looked for from hour to hour.

It now develops that the cause of the cessation of service was very serious, even to the point of gravity, nearly involving the loss of life.

At 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon last, during the terrific electrical storm that prevailed hereabout, the government weather station there was struck twice by lightning, the bolts entering the building each time in the instrument room. The fearful current destroyed nearly five hundred dollars worth of machinery and instruments and must have killed Operator Kelliher had he been in the room at the moment. As it was he was just beyond the door in an adjoining room, and was knocked senseless for several minutes.

The house was set on fire, but this was soon subdued by Mr. Kelliher and his family. The window glass in the entire upper story of the building was shattered to fragments and the telephone was literally torn to pieces and its nickel mountings reduced to molten metal in a flash.

The entire system of wires was burned and twisted, and completely wrecked, down to their juncture with cables, and it looked for a short while as though the place would be wiped out of existence.

The escape of Mr. Kelliher, his wife and children, is the happiest circumstance of a very startling and disagreeable affair, and the Astorian is glad to be able to record their immunity from harm, and a more dreadful conclusion of the startling incident.

The office and apparatus is practically wrecked and must be removed throughout in every particular, but when, or whether, this will be done, lies in government province and that means deliberation to say the least, though it may be the necessity and value of the service there will warrant an acceptable expedition in restoring it.

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A SUPREME SUCCESS.

Epping Concert at First M. E. Church So Reported.

The grand concert given last night at the First M. E. Church scored an unqualified success in every detail. The house was filled to the doors, and every mark of genuine satisfaction was given repeatedly throughout the rendition of the program.

The personal contributions of Mr. F. Adrian Epping, of Portland, were superb and were given a positive ovation. The anthemic work of the choir is said to have been the best ever heard at the hands of organization; Miss Laura McCann was in exceedingly fine voice and gave her numbers in charming style and with the happiest results, while the impersonation by Mrs. Kratke, of the niece in "Aunt Dolefull's Visit" was a very distinct treat in itself.

Special thanks are due to Miss Sovey who served as accompanist in her usual admirable way, serving on the spur of the last moment, in place of the lady billed for the post originally, but who could not come. Miss Sovey was perfect mistress of the situation from end to end and her contribution was a distinct feature of one of the most successful and enjoyable affairs of the holiday season in Astoria.

I. O. O. F. NOTICE.

Regular meeting of Beaver Lodge, No. 35, I. O. O. F., this (Thursday) night at 7:30. Members are requested to attend. Visitors welcome. Initiation.

Our Annual Sale

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PERSONAL MENTION.

C. H. Jones of Tacoma was in town yesterday for a brief time.

August Larsen, a resident of Hammond, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Flossie Herring, of Chinook, was in town yesterday visiting friends.

W. C. Corbin of Forest Grove, was in town yesterday visiting friends.

G. Hill, of North Beach, was in town yesterday for a brief business visit.

A. M. Brown of Gray's River was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

William Church, of Ilwaco, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Captain Hans Johnson, of Hoquiam, was in the city yesterday on business.

F. P. Kendall came down yesterday noon from Portland to remain a short time.

S. Wylie arrived in town yesterday from his home at Nasel to spend a short time.

D. Kern, of Portland, a well known contractor, was in the city yesterday on business.

Charles D. Gabelson, of Salem, a prominent insurance man, is in the city this week on business.

Leonard Pike and family, of Seattle, are in the city this week visiting Mrs. O. I. Peterson, a sister of Mr. Pike.

Mrs. S. R. Colburn and Mrs. W. B. Donaldson of Chinook were visitors in the city yesterday for a short time.

Jams Withycombe, of Corvallis, who is an announced candidate for governor, was in the city yesterday on business.

Harrison Allen, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Newman of this city have returned from a few days' visit with friends in Troutdale.

Superintendent E. R. Budd, of the O. R. & N. railway service has returned to Ilwaco, from a pleasant Christmas visit to Portland.

Mrs. Inez Ryan, worthy grand matron of the order of the Eastern Star, arrived in the city yesterday noon and last evening acted as installing officer at the joint installation of officers of Fern Chapter, No. 38 and Temple lodge.

Another Bolt.—Frank Parker, the young son of Captain Thomas Parker, of the Nabco, and a few young friends in the neighborhood of his Sixth street home, have, until Tuesday afternoon last, maintained a private telegraphic wire between their homes and operated it successfully in teaching the code and transmitting house to house messages.

On Tuesday the lightning took a hand in their ambitious enterprise and died in a hurry. It struck their wire, burning up 300 feet of it and wrecked their instruments, and was the main cause of the excitement and commotion noticeable there on Tuesday.

Luckily none of the young operators were in touch with wire at the time, and so escaped injury.

In Mad Chase.

Millions rush in mad chase after health, from one extreme of faddism to another, when, if they would only eat good food, and keep their bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills, their troubles would all pass and quick cure for liver and stomach trouble 25c at Charles Rogers, drug store; guaranteed.

On Primary Tour—Dr. James Withycombe, of Yamhill county, one of the declared nominees at the April, 1906, primaries, as a candidate for the office of Governor of Oregon, was in the city yesterday interviewing his friends here and overlooking the field generally, as to his prospects. He is feeling quite well satisfied with developments to date in relation to his candidacy, and left on the evening express for the metropolis in very cheerful humor with Astoria and Astorians.

Any phase of hunger can be daintily gratified at any hour of the day or night at the Palace Restaurant. The kitchen and dining room service are of the positive best. Private dining rooms for ladies. On call inspires regular custom. Try it. Commercial street, opposite Page building.

Do you wish to study the piano? Piano harmony and history of music taught at Miss Tawney's studio. 608 Commercial. Fulton building. Phone Black. 2146.

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Hot drinks and sandwiches at Hoefler's.

Morning Astorian, 75c per month.

Heart Fluttering.
 Undigested food and gas in the stomach, located just below the heart, press against it and causes heart palpitation. When your heart troubles you in that way take Herbine for a few days. You will soon be all right. 50c a bottle. Sold by Hart's drug store.

CLOSING OUT SALE.
 On the fifteenth of November, the entire stock of goods at the Little Book Store, will be put on sale at cost. Christmas bargains in books, stationery novelties, etc. 174 Tenth street.

YOUR NEXT.
 Never have to wait long at the Occident Barber Shop. A. E. Peterson, proprietor.

MOVED AND READY.
 Charles Heilborn & Co., have moved into their new store and make the announcement that they are now open for business and are ready to fill all orders promptly.

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

Mrs. Tilda Anderson, massage. 1478 Grand Avenue. Given either at home or will call.

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of all kinds at

Svenson's Book Store

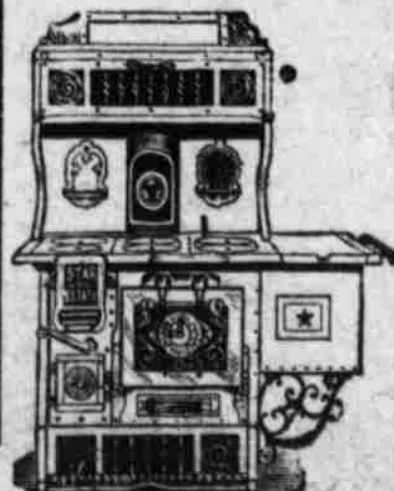
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