

**Matches to Burn**

We are selling the famous

**"Birds Eye Matches"**

The perfect safety match which prevents fire from side friction.  
BRING IN YOUR COUPON CARDS—WE REDEEM THEM THIS WEEK.

**ROSS, HIGGINS & Co.**

RELIABLE GROCERS.

**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**First and Last.**—A. V. Nielsen, a native of Norway, took out his first papers yesterday; and T. Oscar Winters, of England, completed his naturalization at the same time, by taking his final papers.

**One Lone Deed.**—But one deed went to the Clatsop records yesterday, to wit: Edward Johnson to Alberta Johnson, warranty, \$900, conveying the easterly forty feet of lot 4, in block 2, of Mulkey's First Addition to Ocean Grove.

**Hotel Irving—European plan.** The only steam-heated hotel in Astoria; large and airy rooms; prices from 50 cents to \$1.50; well prepared and daintily served meals at 25 cents. Special rates per week or month for room and board to permanent guests. Our bus meets all trains and steamboats.

**Accounting in Full.**—Mayor Wise yesterday informed a reporter of the Astorian that in the course of a few days, the committee in charge of the general subscription to the San Francisco sufferers, as rendered by the good people of Astoria, would submit a detailed statement of the whole transaction.

**From This Day On.**—The Fair Eastern Millinery store will place its entire elegant stock of dress and street hats and all dainty accessories, before its customers, today, upon a basis of liberal discount from recent prevailing prices. This concession will continue indefinitely, and ladies should avail themselves of the pronounced cut. 5-6-11.

**Last Day of May.**—On Thursday, May 31st, Astoria will be honored with a visit from the next Governor of Oregon, with most of his official staff and colleagues-to-be, James Withycombe, and a number of the state officers who are to be elected on the same day he is, will be in this city and meet the public of Astoria and Clatsop in grand assembly at that time, and arrangements of ample and comfortable sort will be provided by the central committee. It will be a day of pleasure and promise that will be happily rounded out four days later.

**REMEMBER THE PLACE.**

Fine hats at the Bonton Millinery store, 483 Bond street. Mrs. Jalloff, milliner.

Baseball goods at Svenson's.

The very best board to be obtained in the city is at "The Occident Hotel." Rates very reasonable.

**Birds Eye Matches**

Cards for these; the best on earth are being distributed through the city. We will redeem them Bring them to us.

Oregon Strawberries Direct From Grower Now Daily.

**JOHNSON BROS.**

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

**After Information.**—A deputation of city councilmen, headed by Mayor Herman Wise, and accompanied by City Surveyor Tee, will leave this morning for Portland, where a day or so will be put in gathering information pertinent to street work, double-telephone systems, fire department work and other applicable subjects, on which a little enlightenment will not be amiss.

**Registering Some.**—The record for registering was broken at the county clerk's office last night, when between the hours of seven o'clock and nine o'clock a total of 87 persons were registered for the coming election. Of this number 84 were from the city and three from the country. Monday night will be the last night in which the clerk's office will remain open for registering, and on Tuesday evening at five o'clock the books will be closed finally.

**Behind Closed Doors.**—The arraignment of John Taylor Coffey, upon a charge of incest, was conducted yesterday afternoon, by Justice Goodman, behind closed doors, at his court room in this city. His daughter, Mrs. Knudsen, the alleged victim, was present and testified to such facts as warranted the court in holding Coffey to the circuit court in the sum of \$2000, which he promptly furnished.

**Committee Meeting.**—The Clatsop county Republican central committee met yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the circuit court room, at the court house, and conferred lengthily upon certain matters of interest to the party; and among other things took the preliminary steps to make a genuine success of the big rally here on the last day of this month, when a number of the state nominees, including James Withycombe, the candidate for governor, will be here; including the program, hall, advertising and entertainment. There were eleven members of the committee in session, with President Harrison Allen and Secretary Anderson, and after providing for this important event, they discussed the projected meeting to be held at Seaside on Tuesday, May 22nd, when it is hoped, ex-Governor Geer, and other notables will be in evidence. Details of this, and others, including those at New Astoria and Warrenton, will be made public as soon as the committee can determine upon them. The prospect is bright for a lively season and a successful Republican issue from the campaign.

**What the Gossips Did.**—A story comes up from Uniontown of a shattered dream of conjugal bliss; the sad consequences of an over-indulgence in idle gossip. It seems that a wedding was to have come off in that neighborhood on Friday afternoon, between a handsome widow, with but nine children, and a good-looking widower, with five, and the sixteen hearts were soon to have beat as one. (But sixteen to one always has been beaten). The wedding feast was prepared, the guests had assembled, congratulations and felicitations were rife all over the house and grounds, and the bells were, relatively, pealing the echoes of happiness on all sides. Then the gossips got in their deadly work and the groom was the subject; they told everything they knew, surmised, guessed, had heard, and thought, ought to be so, and the ear of the prospective bride was the one in which they poured the deluge of their accumulated and immoral horrors until the sheer force of numbers and the constant reiteration of the groom's impossibly bad record, as then and there rehearsed, overcame the abundance of her love for him and she gathered her children and fled, refusing to hear a word of protest or exculpation. And the gossips ate the dinner, and gossipped the more.

Main 1321 545 Commercial St.  
TODAY  
ICE CREAMS  
and  
SHERBETS  
Vanilla Ice Cream  
Pineapple Fruit Ice Cream  
New Crushed Strawberry  
Orange Sherbet  
New Crushed Strawberry Sherbet  
HOEFLER'S.

**Officers Have Arrived.**—The new captain and lieutenant of the local Salvation Army, arrived yesterday on the noon train from Portland, and will take over the command today. A very successful meeting was held at the new barracks last night.

**Funeral Today.**—The funeral of the late John Kauppinen will take place today under the auspices of the Finnish Brotherhood, of which organization the deceased was a member. The burial will be in Greenwood cemetery.

**No Word.**—No word has yet been received here of when the remains of the late Charles Campbell who died a few days ago at Hot Lake, will arrive in this city, and consequently arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

**Circulate Petition.**—Property owners on Irving avenue are circulating a petition which will be presented to the city council asking that the street between Eighteenth and Fourteenth streets be improved by macadamizing and laying cement sidewalks.

**Dedication Ceremonies.**—The Catholic church at McGowan, Wash., will be dedicated on Sunday, May 20 at 10 o'clock a. m. by Bishop O'Dea from Seattle. The steamer R. Miller will leave the Lurline dock at 9 o'clock a. m. returning after the services. A general invitation is extended to all who desire to attend.

**To New England.**—In a short time Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ingalls expect to leave for New England for a visit with old friends, and will probably remain for two or three months. While there Mr. Ingalls states he intends using his influence to persuade a number of families who are contemplating moving West to come to Oregon and locate in Clatsop county.

**Free Baseball Game.**—This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock two teams picked from the best material in the city, will contest at the A. F. C. Grounds for supremacy, and from the best players in the two teams, will be selected the nine which will represent Astoria under the name of the "Shamrocks." Both teams have been doing some hard work during the past few days, and a close contest is assured. The game will be absolutely free. G. T. Allen, of the Palace Cigar store, who is manager of the Shamrocks returned from Portland Friday, where he purchased new uniforms for the team. The colors are red and green. On May 30th the Shamrocks will meet the strong Multnomah bunch of ball tossers in this city.

**No More Danger.**—According to City Physician Mohr the small-pox patients are now almost recovered and the danger of further spread of the disease seems to be past.

**Put in Hydrants.**—Tomorrow the water department will put in a fire hydrant at the corner of Fifteenth and Exchange street and one at the corner of Sixteenth and Exchange. This is done in order that the city hall and new hospital may be better protected from fire.

**SQUARE DEAL CERTAIN.**

**Superintendent Thatcher of the Telephone Service in City.**

Superintendent J. H. Thatcher, of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company arrived in the city yesterday, from Portland, to confer with the city officials and others, in relation to the re-organization of the company's plant and service in this city; and while here, he closed a negotiation with the officials of the Astoria Savings Bank, for a ten-year lease of the rear, ground-floor room and cement cellar space beneath, in their new bank building at Eleventh and Duane streets. Mr. Thatcher is peculiarly pleased with the consummation of this lease, as it will give his company very choice and convenient business quarters in the heart of the city. This step is to be followed within the next sixty days, by the inauguration of the by work of installing the new central-energy plant in this city, which, when completed, will put Astoria on a par with Salem, now the best equipped telephonic center in the state. All wires are to be cabled underground that can possibly be put there, and such as must be strung overhead will be cabled there, thus reducing to a minimum, the open wires of the city. The new and handsome switch board has been ordered at the Chicago factory for the Astoria office, and as soon as finished will be shipped to San Francisco to be assembled and brought on here.

As he says, all these things take time, but he hopes that November 1st will see the new equipment established here, and will do all in his power to expedite it. If the company keeps its promise Astoria as faithfully as it did to the people of Salem, Astoria's will be glad of the patience they have exercised. It is a huge bit of work to alter and enlarge a detailed service such as this, and time is required; time requires patience, and patience is generally rewarded. It was, in the Capital City; and it will be here, without doubt. Asked in relation to the entry of a competing company in this field, Mr. Thatcher said he had heard such a project was on foot, but that it would have no effect on the plans and purposes of the Pacific States people, and that they would be carried out, despite all and every element of competition; it was for the people of Astoria to decide, through its organic body, whether or not they desired to have two companies here; and if only one company, it still remained with them to say which it should be. Mr. Thatcher will spend today with friends at Seaside returning to the metropolis tomorrow.

**Is Totally False.**—The statement which appeared in a certain weekly newspaper published in this city, wherein W. T. Schofield is asserted to have purchased property in Tillamook and would shortly move there with his family is denied by Mr. Schofield. Said he: "I have no intention of moving to Tillamook, and any reports to the contrary are absolutely untrue."

**HIGH SEA COLLISION.**

**NEW YORK, May 12.**—The schooner Lizzie B. Wiley which arrived here in a damaged condition from a collision at sea, reported yesterday the vessel with which she had collided was the steamer Elmonte, bound from New York for Galveston. The collision occurred May 6th.

**Phroso, Mechanical Doll  
Mystery of the Age Will  
Reveal Himself At the  
Star. Today!**

Phroso, the mechanical doll, undoubtedly the most wonderful and mystifying exhibit on the vaudeville stage today, which has been puzzling thousands of Astorians for the past week, will reveal himself today at the afternoon matinee and the evening performances. This attraction has caused more comment and speculation by those who have been fortunate enough to see it, than anything which has been in Astoria before. It is the talk of everyone, and today is the

last time that the people of this city will have to witness the marvelous act. For something new and novel, Phroso, the mechanical doll, beats them all. It can do more things than a human being ever thinks of doing on the boards. The entire performance is one long series of profoundly interesting, automatic, but well regulated movements that defy all accounting. Today the great mystery will be explained. Come and learn the truth.

**TWO MORE DAYS.**  
The insistent duty of the hour for Republicans, is to register. There is nothing just so imperative as this, and further neglect of this essential must be deemed a tacit breach of good faith and purpose. Go on record as a Republican and stay on record to the last moment of the campaign. It is just as much a duty as voting and the full registration of the party is one of the requirements of the elective processes provided by law. Fulfill the law and take your victory as becomes the best of citizens! Register now! NOW!! NOW!!!

For a good shave go to the Occident Barber Shop. Five chairs No long waits.

**WHO SAYS SO?**

The whole eating world of Astoria says so! Says what? Why, that the only place in the city for a genuine, square, well-cooked, comfortable, meal, at a modest cost, is the Palace Restaurant, on Commercial street opposite the Page Block. The statement is so general and generous that to doubt it is folly and to believe it and profit by it, the best of good judgment in the eating line. The proof of the pudding is in the eating of it."

**THE PICTURE WORLD.**

When you are in need of anything in the photographic line in the amateur way, kodaks, films, plates, cards, mounts, and all the technical details of the business, and want the best and last in the way of artistic development, just go to Frank Hart, the druggist, and tell him so. That is all.

**A Broken Wheel,** a loose tire or wagon a buggy repairs of any kind all kinds can be attended at once and done properly. If taken to Andrew Asp & Company. Repairing and general blacksmithing. Buggies and wagons for sale.

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

**DRESSMAKING AT NO. 458 COMMERCIAL STREET.** 1w.

What's the good of keeping from him Any good things you may see. That will lift his load of labor Like Rocky Mountain Tea. Frank Hart, druggist.

Clothes Bought at Herman Wise's Store pressed Free Whenever you Say So.

**WHAT IS THE BEST CLOTHING**



It is the fashion nowadays for every mother's son of a clothing dealer to claim that "HE" is the only favored one who carries the "BEST" clothes. Do you, Mr. Customer, believe that ONE factory, makes all the good clothes in America. Indeed, some factories who were the ones, but a few years ago, have degenerated and new men, young men, men of nerve, of ambition and of pride have grasped the reins and the M and S or the X and Y Brands of former years, are passed NOW! Today, new people are to the fore, tomorrow too will be brushed aside, by younger, more vigorous men with newer ideas and so the world has, does and ever will, move on. The question therefore is: which one of your local clothiers is the most aggressive, the most up-to-date one; who is it that will take up new ideas, new makes FIRST? When you have answered that question, then you can safely decide as to who "DOES" come nearest to that ideal. "Don't judge a firm by its pretensions." "Judge a clothier as you would a preacher." "A doctor, a lawyer, a mechanic, etc." "Judge every man or firm by the "MAN BEHIND THE GOODS."



**Herman Wise**  
Astoria's Reliable Clothier

**HIGHART CLOTHING**

\$15.00 to \$35.00