

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
and a Jolly Good Time to All.

**ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.**

**TERSE TILES OF THE TOWN**

Dell B. Scully, Notary Public, at Scully's Cigar Store. Any old hour!

Orkowitz covers umbrellas and makes them as good as new. 11-7-1f

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

For Your Holiday Wines and Liquors see the American Importing Co. (In the Foard & Stokes Store.) 3t

Liberty Bell Social Club will give a dance Christmas night, December 25, at Logan's Hall; everybody invited. 12-21-4t

Columbia and Victor Graphophones and all the latest records at Chicago prices, for sale by A. R. Cyrus, 424 Commercial St. 4t

How Do I look.—To really see yourself as others see you, get one of those new style mirrors at Hart's Drug Store; all prices. A new supply just received.

Street Improvement—City Treasurer Thomas Dealy yesterday paid out \$2,000 for the improvements on Bond street between Sixth and Ninth streets.

I am positively going to retire from business and must sell out as soon as possible and from now on will give you still greater bargains at C. H. Cooper's great retiring sale.

Seamen Departed—The three seamen from the Galena whom the Immigration Bureau officials refused to allow to enter this country because of their physical condition, were shipped by the Galena's owners on the outgoing ship Stronsa.

**Christmas - Tree - Ornaments**

The largest and best selected stock in the city.

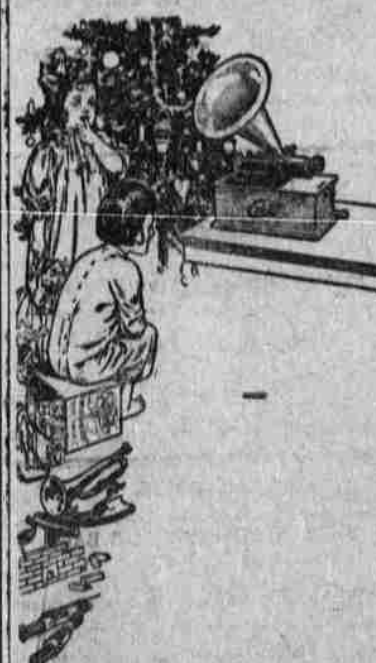
Also a large and fresh stock of

**Christmas Candies, Nuts, Fruits, Etc.**

**Scholfield, Matson & Co.,**

SUCCESSORS TO JOHNSON BROS.

**A Gift Worth While**



The money spent for trinkets by the average family at Christmas time would buy an Edison Phonograph. The trinkets last about as long as Christmas does. The Edison Phonograph affords enjoyment day after day and year after year. The trinkets please only the individual recipients. The Edison Phonograph offers a continuous round of pleasure for the whole family.

It is the greatest music-maker of the age. It brings into the home circle all of the world's best music, rendering with wonderful faithfulness whatever song, instrumental piece, or orchestral selection is desired.

Make this Christmas the merriest of all by having for its chief feature an

**Edison Phonograph**

**Johnson Phonograph Co.**

Parlors Second Floor over Scholfield & Matson Co.

**The Window Story**—It is worth while to go and see the prettily decorated windows of Ross, Higgins & Company's department store. The east window is filled with fresh and dried fruits and nuts. There are bright red Hood River apples in piled crates and golden oranges in rows and lines. Heaped circles of nuts and big blocks of figs and dates are shown. Neat, tasteful and well-arranged, this window is a pleasure to the sight. The west window vies with its neighbor in ornamentation. A well-adorned Christmas tree, with a snowy field in front setting off a nice display of chinaware, is the general scheme. Holly, fir and mistletoe are interspersed in an artistic manner, and overhead are festoons of gay-colored paper. Those who did the work are certainly to be congratulated.

**Lovers of Music**—Lovers of good music in Astoria will lose nothing by hearing Miss Bertha Garland, at the Louvre, sing the latest of all popular songs, among which is "The Golden West is Home, Sweet Home to Me," and "The Ramona," both character songs, thoroughly and beautifully rendered in her superb contralto. She is ably seconded in the vocal line by the invincible favorite, Miss Forest, whose latest contribution is "Somebody is Thinking of Someone," one of the prettiest illustrated offerings of the day. The flute playing of Miss Wand-rath forms a finale in one of the best entertainments of its kind in the city, and these three stars, perfect mistresses in their specialties, are the leading cards of the evening bill at that house.

**Back from Nehalem**—Roadmaster John Frye has returned from his inspection tour of the roads and bridges of the country, between this city and the Nehalem river. He finds them all in their usual winter fix, and some of them almost impassable, but on the whole the system has been improved very generally. The big 400-foot Northrup bridge was examined thoroughly, and Mr. Frye will report to the county court, a new location for the structure, close to its present lines, whereby the length of the bridge can be reduced practically one-half, much to the future economy in its handling. He reports the Nehalem on a rampage, but still within its banks, and the people down there happy, prosperous and full of snap and hope for the new year.

**Sorely Needed Here**—Without reflecting in any manner upon Postmaster John Hahn or his capable staff of assistants at the Astoria postoffice, there is one thing urgently needed in that establishment and that is a package-window, some office in the station front through which parcels of some size can be mailed. The absence of such an utility at this particular season is very pronounced, and is more or less conspicuous at all seasons of the year. There are innumerable complaints made in this relation, and relief would be instantly and widely appreciated by all Astorians.

**Off for Seattle**—Having received formal permission from the mayor and chief of police of Seattle, to enter the city again, Dell Scully left last evening for the Sound metropolis, to witness the big game today between Multnomah and Seattle on the grid-iron. Dell says if they don't get him too excited, he will wire over the scores in some sort of consecutive shape, just as they transpire, and the order and time in which these shall arrive will indicate the measure and pressure of Seattle hospitality as applied to the popular Astorian.

**Drunk and Disorderly**—A man, whose name and antecedents have not been furnished, executed a clog-dance on the Sunny Side saloon bar early Sunday morning, to the mental annoyance of the bar keeper and the material injury of the fixtures. Police Officer Kaufman was called in and after a strenuous struggle with the inebriate's friends, during which a riot call was sent in, haled him to the city jail. He chose to forfeit bail and did not appear in court.

**Local Masonic World**—There will be a special communication of Temple Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., held at Masonic hall on tomorrow, Wednesday, evening, at which time and place there will be work in the M. M. degree; and on Thursday evening, at the same hour and hall, the installation of the new officers of Temple lodge will take place, in joint session with the Order of the Eastern Star.

**JALOFF'S NEW STORE.**  
Select your Xmas gifts from this store. Everything new and up-to-date. Prices reasonable. 120 11th street, near Commercial. 3t

Dr. J. M. Holt is relieving Dr. Finch, during his absence and will keep the regular hours. 12-19-1f

CLOTHES BOUGHT AT WISE'S PRESSED FREE OF CHARGE AS OFTEN AS YOU LIKE

One Piano Number Free With Each \$5 Sale at Wise's

COME ON IN!



**For his Christmas Present**

- Night Shirts.
- Suit Cases.
- Initial Handkerchiefs.
- Silk or Linen.
- Fir's Neckwear.
- Dent's Gloves.
- Holiday Suspenders.
- Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas.
- Separable Handles.
- E. & W., Monarch, Elgin Dress Shirts
- Underwear and Overshirts.
- Socks, Gloves, Hats.
- Cravenette Coats.
- Suits and Overcoats
- For Men and Boys.



**HERMAN WISE**

BEHIND EACH ARTICLE SOLD IN HIS STORE

**It's Started, Anyway**—The new engine house due to be builded at the entrance of the O. R. & N. gangway at Commercial street, has been started, anyway, the driving of the piling being practically finished and will be ready for the superstructure by the first of the year.

**Seaside Improvements**—Birch & Jacobson, of this city, have secured a contract for the driving of 350 piles in the course of the work planned by the Seaside Spruce Lumber Company, for connecting its logging railway with the new extension of the A. & C. line to the southward.

**Take a Day Off**—With this issue of the Morning Astorian goes forth the best and kindest wishes of its proprietor and staff, for the fullest measure of success and pleasure, to all, during the holiday season, and the new year. There will be no paper tomorrow morning, the news-gatherers and typos being otherwise engaged for the day.

**One More Chou-Chou**—A magnificent Buick automobile has arrived here for G. W. Sanborn, and the tests to which it was subjected yesterday indicate that it is going to give its owner lots of pleasure and satisfaction, especially the fact that it is an admirable climber of hills. It is said to take the Astoria rises, anywhere, at nearly a score of miles an hour. It is a very handsome machine.

**Work of Thieves**—The Foard & Stokes Hardware Company was the victim of thieves again on Sunday morning last. They got nothing except three revolvers and a few knives, but did enough damage to things they could not use or break into, to bring the bill incident to their visit to far too big proportions. The cracksmen were, without doubt, of the same gang that has been operating here for some weeks past.

**Slight Fire Damage**—Yesterday evening about 8 o'clock the decorations in the window of the Western Shoe Company, in the Welch block on Commercial street, caught fire by some mischance, and for a brief season the people in the store, aided by Fire Chief Ed Foster, had some lively work to do to keep the flames within bounds, but it was subdued in a few moments and only slight damage done to the nice stock.

BUY THEM AT JALOFF'S.

A new up-to-date stock of ladies' shirt waists, skirts, silk petticoats, hosiery, purses, fancy neckwear, silk handkerchiefs, umbrellas, etc., 120 11th street, near Commercial. 3t

**Now's Your Time**—Charles Orkowitz has just received a fine line of umbrellas and not a shop-worn article among them. Call at once!

**Tempting Values in Footwear**



WE ASSERT OUR SUPREMACY AND EMPHASIZE THE FACT WE ARE SHOWING THE MOST TEMPTING VALUES IN BOOTS, SHOES AND SLIPPERS.

AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WE HAVE A VAST ASSORTMENT FROM WHICH FORESIGHTED BUYERS OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS CAN SELECT ADMIRABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR RELATIONS OR FRIENDS.

**Wherity, Ralston & Company**

The Leading Shoe Dealers.

**Walked into the Bay**—In the dawn of Sunday, by whatever inspiration may have assailed him, whether it was for the purpose of a bath, for cooling off, or a short cut to the Washington shore, a nameless individual, honestly and wholly drunk, walked off the Sanborn coal dock just at the bows of the dredger W. S. Ladd, and the splash thereof aroused the crew of that steamer, who went to the rescue in a hurry. The rescue achieved, the victim, or the beneficiary, whichever he may have been, without a word of thanks or explanation, strode off up town laden with all the whiskey he could carry, inside and outside, a two gallon demi-john figuring in the latter relation.

In another foot-ball foust, and it was pretty "jousty" all right. By the winnings of the Owapunpuns were made in good form and under the new rules which were applied religiously in this particular game.

**A Social Dance** will be given by the Liberty Bell Social club Christmas night, December 25, at Logan's hall. Everybody invited.

**Minor Troubles**—Quite a number of wobbly legs have been directed towards the police station in the past few days. Small fines have been administered in those cases where ball was not forfeited.

**YOU WILL HAVE PLEASURE** in seeing our new line of Xmas gifts as we shall in showing them to you. Jaloff's new store, 120 11th street, near Commercial. 3t

**A CHRISTMAS GIFT WE HAVE THEM**



Postal Card Albums of all kinds, Toilet Cases, Books, Christmas Cards, Calendars, Musical Instruments, Fine Pictures and Toys.

We have what you want.

**Svenson's Book Store**

14th and Commercial St., Astoria, Ore.