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We take pleasure in announcing the safe arrival of a delayed shipment of

Chase & Sandborn's Coffee

The best coffee in this or any other town. It's good enough to use at every meal.

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THE LEADING GROCERS

TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Orkowitz sells the celebrated Victor safes; see him about it.

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

Dr. J. M. Holt is relieving Dr. Finch, during his absence and will keep the regular hours. 12-19-11

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.) 81

Columbia and Victor Graphophones and all the latest records at Chicago prices, for sale by A. R. Cyrus, 424 Commercial St. 11

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.

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.

New Year Announcement—The Western Union will receive official announcement of the new year by telegraph from the government naval observatory at Washington. Time will be computed on the seventy-fifth parallel. The first signal will begin at 11:55 p. m. on the evening of December 31 and continue every second until midnight before the hours of one, two and three o'clock like signals will be given.

FOOT BALL.

West Astoria vs. Astoria High School, New Year's Day. Admission 25c. Game called 2:30 p. p.

IT'S GOOD

That is just what they all say when they drink

Hills Bros. Java and Mocha Coffee

Try a can and if you do not think it is better than any other you have ever used we will refund your money.

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.

THREATENS TO CLOSE CITY OF ASTORIA

CONSTABLE JACK SAYRES DECLARES HIS INTENTION TO COLLECT EVIDENCE ENOUGH TO "SHUT DOWN THE LID."

Jack Sayres, constable of Astoria precinct, declared yesterday evening that he intends to close this city.

He is smarting from the alleged injustice done him in the police court on Friday, when Judge Anderson found it necessary to fine him \$20 and costs, for having arrested an alleged absconding debtor, at the behest of a sworn complainant, upon due process issued out of Sayres own court. He is out for reprisals and intends to seek the utmost of the law as it applies to this city, and especially that end of it whence his trouble arose.

He says that if a sworn officer, charged with statutory process, duly sworn to, and given into his hands with orders to serve it, has to pay \$20 and costs for the doing of it, in obedience to his oath and the nature of the service demanded of him, he intends to see that some others feel the weight of the law they are so fond of dishing with.

There are those who believe he can make things very interesting if he starts in to do it, and that he does so intend is not to be doubted at this particular writing; though just where he will begin and upon whom and for what offense, dependent, to-wit, Mr. Sayres, saith not.

From his declarations yesterday, he will go after the festive dance hall, the seductive gambling device, and the blubious citizen and the man who maketh him drunk; in fact, he is going to clean up the town, and put it "under the lid" once and for all.

Upon the face of it, it seems like poetic justice; but there are those who have undertaken the same job in the past, and they are willing to let those close the town that opened it. Justice, pure and simple, has a way of lagging, and certain spots where it stops abruptly, and other spots where it does not operate at all, hence, the aggrieved constable will find it uphill work to put on the "lid" and even his generous avoidpols is hardly calculated to keep it on once it is in position to be held down. But his progress will be watched with unequivocal interest by more people than some.

A Week of Fun—Dell Scully was a homing passenger on the noon express from Seattle yesterday. He went to the Washington metropolis on Monday last to be in attendance on the Seattle-Mullnomah football game and got in his megaphonic yowl for the Oregonians, as became a good Webfoot. He made a trip over to Vancouver and Victoria and had the best of times all round. While in the latter city he ran across Harry Flavel and enjoyed an hour with him, and at Vancouver he met a lot of the Stanford University boys, up in that country on a football quest. They will play the Victorias on New Year's Day, in a Rugby contest. Dell also met his friend "Jeremiah McFudd."

Meeting at Skipanon—The meeting of the taxpayers of road district No. 1, billed for Warrenton yesterday afternoon, took place at Skipanon, instead. There was a goodly number present, and a plain statement of the needs of the district, in the way of road work and the proposed distribution of the new 10-mill levy will be drawn up and presented to the county court for consideration at its adjourned session tomorrow morning.

Illness is Mortal—Charles E. Ekkland of Warrenton, who was operated on last Thursday, has been failing steadily, though up to a late hour last night he was still alive. About three months ago he was injured by a severe blow on the head; which affected him mentally as well as physically. The operation was performed in the hope of saving his reason, but his physical condition was such that he failed to rally, though the operation was a success.

Sudden Death—A gentleman by name of Frank Jarvis, of Portland, who was making a Christmas visit to some friends at Cathlamet, fell dead yesterday afternoon, from a violent and instantaneous attack of heart trouble, to the great distress of his hosts. The body will be shipped to the metropolis today.

Do You feel sleepy and not a bit like working in the afternoon? Perhaps it's because of the kind of lunch you're eating—too heavy an dtog hard to digest. Why not try the Palace restaurant on Commercial street, where all the baking is done in those famous slow-process ovens, which turn out light appetizing, wholesome things? You'll save money, too.

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

NOTICE!

As usual I ordered a number of

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

for those of my customers who have bought a certain amount of goods from me during the past year. The presents have arrived but the Railroad Company wants \$144.50 freight and I won't pay such an exhorbitant a sum as freight.

Therefore I ask that my friends be patient until the Railroad Companies accept a reasonable sum for their services or else I can secure other presents.

Respectfully,

HERMAN WISE

BEHIND EACH ARTICLE SOLD IN HIS STORE

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. A. Clark of Brownsville Woolen Mill store, went to the metropolis last evening for an over Sunday visit.

Mrs. Claude Hubbard has returned to her home in Independence, after a pleasant Christmas visit with her mother, Mrs. Olsen, of this city.

J. D. Manciet leaves tomorrow morning for a New Year's visit with friends in the metropolis.

Elias Miller of Frankfield was in this city yesterday.

W. H. Zeligler of Portland is a guest at the Occident Hotel.

R. Richard is in Astoria on a business trip from Corvallis.

W. I. English came down from Portland yesterday and put up at the Occident.

L. B. Seeley of Portland is visiting in this city.

Miss Coral Allen of Ilwaco was in Astoria yesterday.

E. P. Magnus, of Portland, is in this city on business.

Mr. H. Timmen came over from Ilwaco yesterday.

A. C. Anderson has returned from Nestucca, where he has been employed in the Elmore cannery.

Ben Landmen of Louisville, Ky., spent yesterday in Astoria.

Charles Angles of Rainier is visiting friends in this city.

S. Danziger leaves for San Francisco today.

E. O. Tanner and wife of Ilwaco came in on the Nahcotta yesterday.

Hans Nyman has returned from Nehalem, where he has been working for four months in the Elmore cannery.

E. R. Yorke of Tacoma was in this city yesterday on business.

Poet's Namesake Fined—Eugene Field, on ninety days' furlough from the Orin Old Soldiers' Home, paid his semi-occasional visit to the police station recently. He was brought before Police Judge Anderson, who fined him five dollars for being drunk. A well known gambler forfeited ten dollars in bail and another sport twenty-five dollars in bail.

Youth Accidentally Shot—Joe McDonald, who has been employed at Bremner's logging camp at Casey on Young's River, is an inmate of St. Mary's Hospital as a result of an accidental shot by Willie Goldbeck, of this city. They were firing into a barrel and while McDonald was leaning over to examine the perforations, young Goldbeck's rifle was discharged, the bullet, a twenty-two calibre, passing around the bone in the other's thigh, lodging in the flesh. At the hospital, Dr. J. A. Fulton cut out the bullet and the patient is resting easily.

It's the natural food of the human body, scientifically charged with life-producing elements, unheard of in any other medicine. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. For sale by Frank Hart.

SHOES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Of the Highest Grade of Stock with the Nicest Care



SUCH FOOTWEAR WE SELL

The testimony of many customers in this vicinity proves it. Anticipate your wants and take advantage of our Extraordinary Prices for Choice Goods.

Wherity, Ralston & Company

The Leading Shoe Dealers.

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.

AT THE STAR THEATER.

"A Ragged Hero" will be presented at the Star Theatre for the last time, this evening, and at the matinee this afternoon, and will be the last opportunity to witness the popular comedy drama in this city by this excellent cast.

"Dora Thorne," the sweetest story ever written, will be the next attraction offered at the Star commencing Monday, December 31, with special matinee New Year's day. This is a dramatization of Bertha M. Clay's famous novel, and has never failed to give perfect satisfaction wherever it has been produced, and is sure to please all lovers of high-class plays.

Fun, Fast and Furious—The new film-string now on at the Waldorf takes the medal for fun and interest. It reveals the history of a French student who leaves a good home for his university and his career there, with all the pranks and scrapes and sins of student-life, faithfully and fully portrayed, including a visit from the old folks, who catch him in one of his maddest whims, and the old father, who has not forgotten his own college days, goes out for a night with his son, and has more experiences before morning than he ever had in his life before. The things the boys do to the professors and others, day and night, would fill a book if written out, but are pictured quickly and clearly to the man who has not time to read books, and wants to see things for himself. He gets his money's worth by taking in this entertainment.

Population is Increased—Astoria has had four additions to its population in the past two days. A daughter was born to Mrs. John A. Galt-her of this city yesterday morning. Both parties are progressing nicely. Mrs. Nick Mariana of Pillar Rock became the mother of a nine-pound baby girl, also yesterday morning. Mrs. Theodeous, residing on Franklin avenue, is the proud mother of a fine pair of twins. All concerned are reported to be in good health.

From out the ashes of the past. She looms a wondrous sun, And all the splendors of her worth Are only just begun; Rocky Mountain Tea. For sale by Frank Hart.