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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Rain; probably part snow in early morning except near coast warmer. Western Washington—Rain; warmer. Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho—Snow and warmer.

THE STEAMSHIP PROPOSALS.

The proposals now before the Astoria public for the establishment here of steamship lines to Alaska and the Orient have practically been accepted by the citizens who have indicated an interest in the matter by coming out and taking definite part in the negotiations; and it has now become so large and commanding an item in the budget of communal affairs here, that no man, with a grain of public spirit may remain in the background an hour longer. It is very essential that tonight's meeting at the Chamber of Commerce in this behalf be attended by such a representative out further speculation, that there is out further speculation, that there is an active and intelligent spirit abroad in this city and that our people know a good thing when they have it thrust upon them. Come out and see for yourself what is hovering about you for your good and that of your home place, and take a man's interest in the part and function men are supposed to employ when disposing of such large affairs. Don't leave the weight and brunt of this important deal on the shoulders of the few active and public minded men who have conducted it successfully thus far. It is up to you, Mr. Astorian; no matter where you live in the city, to get in and work for this thing; and your failure to do so will be taken as proof positive that you are not entitled to further consideration by Mr. Garland, nor any other promoter, either at home or from abroad. Be on hand TONIGHT!

TRADE NORMAL FOR SEASON.

The "stringency" does not seem to have left any marked impress behind it in the matter of current, seasonable trade in the City of Astoria. The merchants are not complaining as yet, and the people are out and buying steadily, day and night, the scope of purchases ranging only a bit behind the volume noted last year; and even yet a better average may be struck before Christmas moon, when the retail season lapses for good and all.

There may be, in the general outcome, some notable deficiencies over last year, but they will be in specific lines, and will hardly disturb the real sum of expenditure when the January balances are struck, and even if the limits are under the record (in the face of all that threatened for the better part of two months past), we of Astoria will have but small ground for grumbling; the lesser evil is, at times, the thing to be happiest over, and affords a satisfaction not always felt or realized when things are at a normal pitch.

PIN YOUR FAITH TO 1908.

There is a sort of consensus of feeling throughout this community, that the year 1908 is to be a banner year for Astoria, and the sentiment grows steadily. This is alright, and should not be disturbed by any useless doubts; for the more we hug the impression the more we will strive for the reality; and in the striving we are to find compensation. Nothing comes to the sloth, the spiritless, the inert; life's winnings fall among those who are deep in the game with money and brains and energy all active and alive to the passing opportunities.

If 1908 is to be a star year for Astoria it will not be because she is just unavoidably in the line of the march of events; but on account of the fact that some other and extraneous energy is at work making use of her resources and facilities and aptitude for the consummation of their particular ambitions; and

A part of these Cloaks & Suits are on exhibition in our window. None reserved but all go in this slaughter sale.

Simington Dry Goods Co.'s

See our window display—then be here promptly and secure one of these bargains.

Colossal Cloak and Suit Sale

All Who Have Cloaks and Suits to Buy: Do not Miss This Opportunity!

COATS from \$5.75 to \$35.00 all go at \$3.75 to \$19.50

Hundreds and Hundreds of the Very Latest Models in COATS and SUITS at Positively Manufacturers' Cost--in some instances less

Fine Tailored Suits \$17.50 to \$42.50, in this Sale for \$10 to \$22-50

We Have All Sizes and Styles Imaginable

The best time you will have to save money on ready-to-wear garments is during the next few days. We are willing to sell everything in our entire stock of Coats & Suits at such a sacrifice that you can't afford to miss this sale of genuine bargains.

A Few Examples of the Way we will Sell Ladies' and Misses Coats and Suits During this Sale:



Ladies' Fine Tailored Suits

Table with 2 columns: Regular Price and Special Price. Rows show suit prices from \$17.50 to \$42.50.

Long 50-inch Broadcloth Coats

Table with 2 columns: Regular Price and Special Price. Rows show coat prices from \$5.75 to \$35.00.



Children's and Misses' Coats

Table with 2 columns: Value and Price. Rows show children's coat prices from \$3.50 to \$10.00.

Evening Coats

Table with 2 columns: Price and Special Price. Rows show evening coat prices from \$30.00 to \$37.50.

Fur Coats

Table with 2 columns: Price and Special Price. Rows show fur coat prices from \$20.00 to \$25.00.

THE AMERICAN OPTIMIST.

if we are to share in the access that falls their way we will have to be as alert to serve their ends as well as our own.

1908 sounds good to us. Therefore, we must make the most of every possible agency we possess to secure the good fortune; we cannot sleep and expect it to stumble over us. We will make 1908 just what we shall make it by our own aggressive and wide-awake spirit, and it will mean nothing more to us than we shall achieve of our volition and snap.

THE ANTI-REVOLVER WAVE.

The latest expression of wide-sprung popular feeling deals with the six-shooter and the fool behind it, as well as the unhappy victim in front of it; the wave is abroad over the land and it will have some effect in creating an anti-revolver sentiment that may, in time, accomplish specific results in which the increased security of life and limb and freedom of ordinary humanity shall be largely conserved. The combination set up by a revolver and a fool is one that may not be permitted to expand itself if there is to be peace and security throughout the communities we each stand for; and the sooner a strong public opposition is set up against it the better for all concerned, including the fool.

The same old trouble confronts us in this case as in all other matters of "popular" concern; we Americans have so much law we are losing our respect for it and the breaking of it does not impress us as it should. We need a thorough course of applied law and penalty that shall re-awaken our respect for and obedience to the law, and this means all the law, and not the graver phases of it. We are altogether too indifferent to the statutes and ordinances under which we live; it is up to all men to make the law respected.

ASTORIA.

Astoria—Astoria. We sound thy hearty praises! Here's health to thee; here's wealth to thee. Each voice thy glory raises.

Chorus. To every heart thou art so dear, In our affections hast no peer. Astoria—Astoria! We sound thy hearty praises.

The time has come, the work's begun; A seawall son shall gird thee. The piling's doomed, mud flats must go; "Clean up" is now our motto.

Chorus:— We'll make the bar so very deep, That ships may all come to thee. Columbia's the only port— Astoria's her harbor.

Chorus:— In Senate halls thy sons shall stand; They name be known through all the land. We're proud of thee, thou city fair, Thy future shall be glorious.

Chorus:— B. S. Belding, of Spokane, arrived on last night's train for a visit over the holidays.

COFFEE

Your grocer must sell poor coffee; we can't all be comfortable; but he needn't sell it to you.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best; we pay him.

PRESENTS PAINTING.

University of Oregon, EUGENE, Dec. 19.—The Alumni Association has just presented the University of Oregon a painting of Present Johnson, the first president of the University. The work was done in Eugene by Mr. R. LeLarre Goodwin, of New York, at a cost of \$600.

Money Deposited in the Scandinavian - American Savings Bank

CAN BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME; IF LEFT IN OUR SAVINGS DEPARTMENT OR ON TIME DEPOSIT, INTEREST WILL BE ALLOWED ACCORDING TO OUR RULES. COME IN AND ASK US ABOUT IT. IF YOU WANT TO BUY, BORROW SOME MONEY, OR TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS IN THE BANKING LINE, OUR BEST SERVICE ARE AT YOUR COMMAND.

W. E. Davis, of Fernhill, was in Astoria yesterday returning to his home last night.

Steve Eldridge of Seattle will be in Astoria for a week. He arrived in on yesterday noon's train.

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum. The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

For That Dull Feeling After Eating I have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for some time, and can testify that they have done me more good than any tablets I have ever used. My trouble was a heavy dull feeling after eating.—David Freeman, Kemp, Nova Scotia. These tablets strengthen the stomach and improve the digestion. They also regulate the liver and bowels. They are far superior to pills but cost no more. Get a free sample at Frank Hart, the Leading Druggist, and see what a splendid medicine it is.