

**Best in the Market**  
 THAT'S WHAT CUSTOMERS SAY ABOUT "HEINZ" DILL PICKLES, "HEINZ" CATSUP AND RELISHES.  
 We carry a full line of these high-grade goods.  
**ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.**  
 LEADING GROCERS.

**TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN**

**Improving Steadily**—  
 The condition of Frank L. Parker was reported as steadily improving yesterday; his fever had left him and he was resting quite easily, with a fair prospect of getting back to business in a very few days.

**Will Arrive Today**—  
 Ex-Governor T. T. Geer is due to arrive in this city on the noon express today. He comes in the interest of his candidacy for the Congressional nomination from the second district of Oregon; and he will in all likelihood find all his friends before he departs again.

**Mutiny and Rebellion**—  
 The French consulate at Portland has a serious case on hand. Three of the crew of the French bark *Amiral de Cornuile* were guilty of rank mutiny and were taken ashore in irons. They will be sent home to France for trial in the Admiralty courts there. A number of the balance were very rebellious and the ship was detained at Portland until they were subdued. She is due down today on the hawsers of the Oklahoma.

**Have Cut The Rates**—  
 The Portland-San Francisco Steamship Company will, with this trip of the *Rose City*, hence to the Bay City, this morning, inaugurate a reduction in the intermediate and steerage services, retaining the prevailing rate in the first cabin. The intermediate rate is cut from \$12 to \$10, and the steerage from \$10 to \$5. This is done to meet the low rates prevalent on the steam schooners plying between the mouth of the Columbia and San Francisco. The *Rose City* will depart for California at an early hour this morning.


**Buried in Mist**—  
 The beautiful bay of Astoria was obscured all day long, yesterday, in the swirling mists of rain that beat in and over it, from the sea, ahead of the strong sou'wester, and what of marine movement there was upon the wide expanse was lost to view from either bank. The steamship *Roanoke* left the Callender docks at a very early hour yesterday morning, and went down to the bar; she is presumed to have gotten out alright, but no report of her departure was filed because the bar itself was lost in the wind-driven clouds of rain that swept it under the impetus of the 70-mile gale.

**Chinook Cut Off**—  
 The lively town of Chinook was out of touch with Astoria yesterday owing to the storm and the inability of the launch *Columbia* to make the trip over. *Ihwaco* was open to the Nahcotta, which went across yesterday morning with 51 laborers for the I. R. & N. road extension. Chief Engineer G. W. Boschke, of the I. R. & N., came down on the *Potter* yesterday morning with the idea of going over and sizing up conditions on the north shore line; but the prospects for the day, in the way of weather, were so dubious, he gave it up and returned to the metropolis on the 8:10 express.

**Dragged Her Anchors**—  
 The Russian bark *Albyn*, just in from Callao, Peru, and lying at anchor below Smith's Point, went adrift at dawn yesterday morning when the sou'wester struck her and made good headway toward the sands with both irons dragging. She caught, however, before she touched, and the snarl taken from her cables, and she is still riding at her new mooring. Her cables got crossed, and one anchor tripped the other, allowing her to drift.

**Speeding Him Happily**—  
 The staff and line at the artillery posts of Forts Stevens, Columbia and Canby, headed by Colonel White, commanding, gave a farewell dinner to First Lieutenant Edward Canfield, Jr., last night, at the Oregon post, precedent to his departure for Portland, today and to his wedding there to Mrs. Bishop formerly well known at this post. The affair was just impromptu enough to make it delightfully informal and thoroughly enjoyable. Lieutenant Canfield will pass through this city this morning en route to the metropolis and the happiness that awaits him; of which, his many friends in this section, hope may last for all the time allotted him.

**A Bumptious Crowd**—  
 On her last trip up, the *Undine* took away from here some dozen or more discharged sailors who had been paid off from their ship long enough before the departure of the *Undine* to tank up lustily, and who on their way to Portland made things hideous for the officers and passengers aboard. One of the men mysteriously disappeared just above Cathlamet, and for some hours it was supposed he had fallen overboard; but this was abandoned when a waking passenger reported to the purser that his stateroom had been invaded by an intoxicated sailor who refused to budge from the most comfortable

**Chocolates**  
 the best in the world  
 50c a Pound,  


berth in it. The man was unceremoniously ejected, and peace restored. Steward Stryker left the boat at Cathlamet yesterday evening and returned to Portland on the A. & C. train to meet this little daughter, coming from California and due there this morning. Captain McCully has returned to his command.

**Arraigned Yesterday**—  
 Lottie Lewis, the negress, who is accused of assault with intent to kill Effie Moore, in a red-light row some days, was arraigned in the circuit court yesterday, John C. McCue appearing for the State of Oregon and C. J. Curtis for the defendant. The woman entered a plea of "not guilty" and was remanded to jail until the hour of 11 this morning, when the cause will be heard if the Moore woman is in condition to render her testimony either in person or by deposition. Those next to the affair hold that the defendant has a pretty sound plea in defense, the Moore woman having taken some decided and sanguinary steps herself during the engagement.

**Taxpayers Please Note**—  
 Tax Collector M. R. Pomeroy, after having taken legal advice in the premises, has decided to extend the tax rebate privilege up to the hour of 5 o'clock p. m. on Monday next, the 16th of March, owing to the intervention of Sunday, the 15th, and the legal limit for such allowance. This is an advantage that will be appreciated by those who will not be able to reach the tax-paying counters in his office today.

**Snug Sum Disbursed**—  
 Approximately \$1800 was disbursed by Vice-Consul P. L. Cherry, of the British service, yesterday, in paying off the crew of 18 men belonging to the British ship *Brodieck Castle*. Mr. Cherry says the function went off without a hitch or a growl, and was really a pleasant duty, by comparison with the usual run of kicks and grouching and fault-finding attendant upon the ceremony. One man, an American negro, with a home in the East, after due inquiry, made a bee-line for the postoffice and despatched the bulk of his \$380, to hands that will care for it and make it of some avail later on; rather a rare thing among sailors, whose prodigality is getting rid of their pay is exceeded only by the celerity they employ in that behalf.

**Blunk's Sole Ambition**—  
 Henry Blunk, the logger from Deep River, who languishes in the Hotel de Pomeroy, pending judicial inquiry into the two charges at bar against him, seduction, and enticing a minor child from home without the knowledge or consent of her parents, has an all-absorbing ambition to marry the young lady he ruined after deserting her within 24 hours of the time he agreed to wed her; probably upon the hypothesis, that as his wife, she would use her influence to smother the later offense against her young sister. At all events, subpoenas were issued yesterday for several of the leading witnesses in the former case, and among them the principal, Miss Ethel Millard, who, it is claimed by her father, has renounced Blunk for all time to come and will not assist him even to spare herself. Prosecuting Attorney McCue intends to bring the matter, primarily, before the circuit court, and the processes are made returnable there today. Deputy Sheriff Arch McLean left last evening for Seaside to perfect service.

**Death of Mrs. Meiggs**—  
 Mrs. Mary Meiggs, whose illness was noticed in the columns of this paper yesterday died last night. She was 72 years old and a native of Ireland. She leaves three daughters: Mrs. C. Matlock, of San Francisco; Mrs. M. T. McDonough, of Brookfield, Wash.; and Mrs. Frank Lutschinger. The funeral will be held Monday from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

**Were Perfectly at Home**—  
 Parties returning from the "North Bank" spike-driving festival function on Wednesday last, reports that the company sent a whole train of "Astoria & Columbia River" coaches over to Vancouver, via Kalama, and the enjoyable trip over the new road was taken in a train made up of these familiar cars; which made the Astoria contingent feels quite at home.

**Done in Circuit Court**—  
 The attention of Judge McBride was devoted yesterday to the following matters: The case of the Troy Laundry of this city vs. G. W. Sanborn, for the recovery of the value of a horse lost through injuries inflicted upon it last July by the automobile of defendant. The case was tried before

fore a jury consisting of A. C. Miller, E. Gustafson, J. N. Laws, R. Caruthers, E. Gerding, Joseph Ostrum and Gust Holmes. The pleadings calls for \$200, and \$25 for hire of a substitute animal. The jury was out but a few moments, returning a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the sum of \$200. The court will take up the criminal matters of Lottie Lewis, charged with assault with intent to kill Effie Moore, at 11 o'clock, today; and the matter of the State vs. Henry Blunk, charged with seduction, etc., at 9 o'clock. This will be the 22nd day of the present term and adjournment is looked for this evening, or on Monday next.

**Rev. Hiram Foulkes' Lecture**—  
 Dr. Foulkes' lecture on Scotland was delivered in the Presbyterian Church last evening and was well attended, in fact, the spacious church was crowded. Miss Rebah Hobson's solo was received with marked approval. Mr. Foulkes showed about 100 stereopticon views ranging from Liverpool to Edinburgh via Wales. The reverend gentleman spent seven months at the Theological College in Edinburgh so a great many of his views were in the University City. The home of Sir Walter Scott was shown and elicited much interest. Rev. Wm. S. Gilbert introduced the speaker in his usual affable manner.

**A Minstrel Stunt**—  
 The last two evenings of the present month are to be utilized by the Astoria Elks in giving minstrel performances at the opera house, with all the "aplomb" and success for which they are famous. This group is funny enough when they are "au naturel"; and under cover of burnt cork there is no telling the limit they will reach. It is bound to be a genuine success and everybody is so crediting it upon the mere hint that it is to be.

**La Grippe Responsible**—  
 At 7 o'clock yesterday morning death came to the relief of Mrs. Daniel Cronk, aged 63 years, widow of the late Captain Cronk, at her home, 525 Bond street. Mrs. Cronk was a victim of an unusually violent attack of la grippe, and though she strove valiantly against the malady, it overcame her, and she passed peacefully away. In 1868 she came from Connecticut to Oregon City, removing to this city in 1880 and has resided here since that time. She was one of the best known of the matrons of the city, having dwelt here for over twenty-eight years. The obsequies will be held at 1:30 o'clock p. m. tomorrow from the home of Capt. A. E. Cann, No. 305 Grand avenue. The interment will be at Greenwood. Three sisters and two brothers in Connecticut and one brother, Mr. W. E. Maynard, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. A. E. Cann of this city, and Mrs. J. M. Johnson, of Portland, survive her.

**Will Depart This Morning**—  
 After being completely overhauled, repainted, and furnished up in nice shape, the steamer *Alliance* will leave the Callender dock this morning at an early hour for Coos Bay points. She arrived down late last night with lots of passengers and freight for the run.

**Mrs. J. C. Adams Dead**—  
 Mrs. J. C. Adams, a resident of Clatsop Plains passed away yesterday evening after a long illness. She was 53 years of age. Besides her husband she leaves three sons and one daughter who were present when the end came. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

**Spring Announcement**—  
 The Ross Millinery will hold their spring opening on March 18th and 19th, which brief announcement is quite enough for those who know what this means.

**Cushing Corps Notice**—  
 All members of Cushing Corps No. 3 are requested to meet at their hall at 1 o'clock Sunday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Daniel Cronk at the residence of Captain A. E. Cann, 305 Grand avenue at 1:30 p. m.

**PERSONAL MENTION**  
 Mrs. Sarah Ross departed for Portland on last evening's express, on a business trip.  
 T. A. Holden, of Gray's River was a business visitor in this city yesterday.  
 John A. Carlson, of Seattle, arrived in Astoria last night.  
**ORATORICAL CONTEST.**  
**SALEM, March 13.**—The winners in the state oratorical contest at Monmouth were: University of Oregon, first; McMinnville, second; Willamette, third; Pacific University, fourth.

ONE PIANO NUMBER WITH EACH \$5 SALE AT HERMAN WISE'S STORE

**Spring Goods Arriving Daily..**

**YOU Can't Look Foolish in a WISE SUIT**

**HERMAN WISE**  
 The Reliable Clothier and Hatter

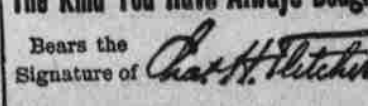
**Masquerade Ball**  
 Will be given on Saturday evening next, March 14th, at Logan's Hall, by the Swedish-Finns of Astoria.  
 Doors open at 8 o'clock; grand march at 9:00. Everybody welcome. Tickets, 50 cents each; Ladies free, for masquers and non-masquers.

Messrs. Max Wiedeman and Henry Fenley, of Portland, arrived in the city yesterday, in the interests of the Sanitary Carpet Cleaning business just started here.

**DONE BY DEEDS**  
 W. C. Smith and wife to C. W. Wilson, lot 5, block 18, The Plaza; \$225.  
 Nellie Lughton et. ux. to A. W. Duncan, land in Clatsop county; \$1.  
 A. W. Duncan to Thomas Mitchell, land in Clatsop county; \$700  
 Elizabeth Reid et. ux. to Laura H. Wilson, lots 7 and 8, block 11, Hermosa Park; \$800.  
 U. S. to J. C. Langford, 40 acres in section 20-5-10.  
 I. C. Langford and wife to Irving C. Langford, 40 acres, sec. 20-5-10; \$10.  
 Kruse Catering Co. to Theresa W. Baxter, lots 15 and 18, block 3, second addition Gearhart; \$200.  
 Same, to Anna R. Ross, lots 16 and 24, block 6, second addition Gearhart; \$300.  
 Same, to Anna R. Ross, lot 17, block 6, second addition Gearhart; \$150.

**Social Dance.**  
 A social dance will be given Saturday, March 14th, at The Uppertown National Hall, Franklin avenue, between 28th and 29th streets. Music by the Pacific orchestra. All cordially invited. 3-12-3t.

**OFFICIAL RETURN ROUTE.**  
**TOKIO, March 13.**—The official route of the American battleship fleet on its return to the Atlantic was conveyed to the foreign office by a representative of the Associated Press. Minister of Marine Saito emphasized the desire to have the fleet visit a Japanese port and said the decision to send the fleet around the world should finally silence all war talk. "It is a guarantee of the peace of the world."

**CASTORIA**  
 For Infants and Children.  
 The Kind You Have Always Bought  
 Bears the Signature of 

**JUST RECEIVED**  
 a fresh shipment of  
**Lowney's Candies**  
 Pound Boxes 50c and up.  
 Boxes 15c to \$2.50

**Tagg's Parlors**  
 483 Commercial St.

**Astoria Theater**  
 F. W. HANLIN, LESSEE AND MANAGER  
**Saturday, March 15th**  
 A Romance of Old Mexico With Musical Interpolations  
 Characteristic of the People and of the Time

**A Royal Slave**  
 By Clarence Bennett, Author of "THE HOLY CITY"  
 Taken from Gen. Lew Wallace's "The Fair God."  
**A MAGNIFICENT PRODUCTION**  
 And Complete Scenic Investure.  
 Prices the Same Everywhere.  
 \$1-75c-50c-35c

**Millinery.**  
 Mrs. R. Ingleton has just opened a nice line of ladies' Eastern bonnets, and Saturday night will give a sale beginning at 8 o'clock. Mrs. P. Ingleton, Welch block, opp. Budget office.

**CRIMINALS TRY TO ESCAPE.**  
**OREL, Russia, March 13.**—The attempt of five criminals under the sentence of death to escape caused the death of two wardens and the five prisoners who were killed in the fight.

**A Greater Variety Than Ever of New Vegetable and Flower Seeds**  
 Now on display at our store. The earliest comer has largest variety to choose from  
**Scholfield, Mattson & Co.**  
 PHONE 1181 GOOD GOODS PHONE 931  
 112 TO 120 TWELFTH STREET.

For a  
**VICTOR OR AN EDISON PHONOGRAPH**  
 go to  
**Johnson Phonograph Co.,**  
 Parlors Second Floor Over Scholfield & Mattson Co.