MILLINERY **OPENING**

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We wish to announce to our clientelle our Spring Millinery Opening commencing Wednesday, March 18th, continuing three days. We will show the most complete and up-to-date line of millinery ever shown in Astoria. Our stock is the most select. Our styles are the very latest. We guarantee our prices to be lower than any other store in town. Big line from \$2.00 to \$6.00.

GEORGIA PENNINGTON 483 Bond Street

ELKS' MINSTRELS.

Preliminary preparations for the Elks' monster minstrel show, are moving along with despatch. Enthusiasm is the keynote among the members having this enterprise in hand and they report meeting with much encouragement and offers of assistance. It can now be authoritatively announced that the best talent in Astoria will participate and that this offering by the antlered herd will be the most ambitious of the kind ever seen on the local stage.

Nothing of a makeshift character is used in the production, but all the costumes, scenery, electrical effects and other paraphernalia is A No. 1, and fully as good as that carried by the biggest and best traveling organizations in the country. Rehearsals will begin actively tonight at 8 o'clock at the Seamen's Institute on Exchange street and it will be speedily demonstrated to those who attend that there will be something doing The keynote of the performance will be the snappy and fast manner of presentation, the newness and brightness of the music, and the local flavor given it by the jokes which are all applied to well known men. The committee have agreed to let no guilty man escape, and every prominent Elk will "get his."



America's Leading Comedian, BILL SCHOLFIELD,

Appears with the Elks March 30-31. The cut above is a correct representation of one of the star performers of the show. This artist has been engaged at a fearful salary and will positively appear both nights. "Bill" is noted not alone for his ability as a his face and the classic lines of his graceful form. He has been aptly styled the Appollo Belvedere of Astoria and the photographer is proud to exhibit this magnificent picture, which sets off his alabaster brow, soulful eyes and cherry-ripe lips to

performer is a great feature he is only one of many, not less valuable which will be seen with the greatest, most dazzling and laughter-producing entertainment of the season.

WAS NOT SUICIDE.

Body Disinterred Show Man Was Murdered Suspects Arrested.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Mar. 19.-The body of Chas. Bennett, buried last September at Carrick, a suburb, a suicide, was disinterred yesterday, and a autopsy held, which shows that Bennett was murdered. The disinterment and investigation were made by officials of Wheeling, W. Va., at which place Chas. Cook, his girl wife, and Jos. White, under arrest, charged with the murder. Cook and his wife are alleged to have confessed the crime, implicating White. The alleg-West Virgina state fair grounds, Wheeling Island, the night of Sept. 23 and robbery was the object. Bennett, who was only 16 years old, was selling novelties at the fair and he displayed \$45 in a public place. Mrs. Cook, then Lila Vane, Cook, according to the confession, enticed Bennett to a secluded spot where he was assulted and beaten to death and his body thrown into the river. Four days later the body was found in Belmont county, Ohio, and the coroner rendered a verdict of suicide.

Cook, who had been playing the piano in saloons, and the girl, ac- should I take the advice of a few ecured to defray their wedding and honeymoon expenses. It is said that Cook gave the first clue to the crime during an attack of despondency, while drinking.

EGGS PLENTIFUL.

CHICAGO, Mar. 19.-The markets of the country, and particularly Chicago, have been flooded during the last few weeks with eggs-strictly fresh- and at prices that seem fabulously cheap in comparison with the exorbitant charges of a short time

Eggs are coming into Chicago daily at the rate of about fifty carloads, which means 600,000 dozen or 7,200,-000 eggs. Strictly fresh eggs are selling wholesale at about 15 cents, the lowest price in five years. At retail the same grade of eggs should be vocalist, but also for the beauty of obtained at not more than twenty

Snator Gore calls Oklahoma the most overwhelmingly Democratic State in the Union." Kentucky was once a Democratic Gibraltar, but it such good advantage. While this became sick of bad politics.



EASTER SUITS

For Misses and Ladies

Ranging in price from \$7.50 to \$37.00

Children's, Girls' and Ladies' Spring Jackets

Silk Shirt Waist Suits

Lingerie Suits in White and Colors, the Prettiest and Daintiest Possibilities

PERSONAL MENTION

Judge Frank J. Taylor left on the noon train yesterday to spend a few days rest (and work) on his Clatsop

Guy R. Osborne, of this city, has returned from a two-day outing at the metropolis, whither he went to meet his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Osborne, of Salem, who were er route to Spray, Washington.

R. M. Leathers was down town yesterday for the first time since he was stricken with the bad attack of la grippe about 12 days ago. He is mending slowly and must go carefully before he resumes business at the big boat yard.

Mrs. Etta Fink and family of Aberdeen are in the city.

T. J. Coleman, of Portland, was an Astoria visitor yesterday,

J. H. Walker, of Portland, is on a business trip here.

H. P. Savage, of Tacoma, is look ing after business in the city. Mrs. Carlson and mother of Clifton

are visiting friends in town. Mrs. Jason Grable and young son are bound for Ilwaco and were quartered at the Occident last night.

BRYAN ON CANDIDATES.

COLUMBIA, S. C. Mar. 19.-William J. Bryan in a letter to Wm. E. Gondales, editor of the State, says that it is not for him to discuss the question of advisability of candidates. His availability as a candidate, is not a question upon which his judgment should be ventured or accepted.

"I have simply stated that it is a resented the claim that a few editors should decide this question for the people. I am a believer in free just a bit more. speech and in a free press and I recognize the right of any voter, whether he is large or small to state his opinion and his reason for it, but those ed murder was committed on the that read his opinion have a right to of Annelesey, on board, went over Eclair on Randolph. The lodge regive it such weight as they think it the Columbia bar yesterday on her deserves."

Continuing, Mr. Bryan says:

"It is deliberately unfair in ignorworse defeat of 1904, when the New York World was again the party's adviser. I especially appreciate the generous support that has come to me from the Southern states. If its assist the party by being a candidate, before sunrise. why should I refuse? And why rather than the advice of millions of democrats who have been co-laborers with me for more than a dceade?"

FREDERICK LAWRENCE ILL.

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.-Col. Frederick N. Lawrence, Point president of the Union Club and formerly president of the New York Stock Exchange is ill with pneumonia in his apartments in West 26th. street. He was stricken Sunday last.

Among owners and drivers of high grade trotting horses, few men in New York are so well known as Col. Lawrence.

At Col. Lawrence's apartments last night it was said that although he had been critically ill Tuesday night, he had improved so rapidly it was expected he would recover.

PITTSBURG AGAIN FLOODED.

PITTSBURG, March 19.-A feeling of relief swept over Pittsburg and vicinity early tonight when the expert. weather bureau announced that the conditions had suddenly changed and the flood which suddenly came down on the city this morning would not be so serious as was expected. The flood will nevertheless be attended by an normous loss. Thousands of are flooded and the muddy water is flowing through scores of industrial plants and it is estimated that at least 25,000 employes will be unable to work tomorrow. The railroads are delayed and crippled. In numerous up-river towns business is at a stand-

The Ohio Republican platform beats in Ohio must not forget to carry the State by the usual majority.

TEA

Not 1 in 1000 who buy Schilling's Best wants the money.

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

Ship Largiemore Has Finished Unloading Here.

CROWN OF GERMANY SAILS

The Catania, Griffiths and McDonald Leave Out - Elmore Arrives From Tillamook - Breakwater Out For Coos Bay-Washington Due.

The British ship Largiemore, Captain Spencer, completed discharging the 1600 tons of Australian coal ordered by S. Elmore & Company, at the Elmore dock, yesterday, and was immediately hauled to an anchorage o ffthe Tongue, from whence she will take tow today for Portland. She is without charter as yet so far as Captain Spencer is aware, but likely to be engaged at an early day. Captain Spencer made many friends while in this port who will always be glad to greet him.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore arrived in yesterday morning from the Tillamook country, and was immediately beached at the western end of the Kinney dock, for certain repairs to her wheel. She will go on to Portland today or tomorrow. The change question for the voters of the party made in the Elmore's terminal does to determine. As a democrat I have not seem to lessen the time she spends in this harbor. She is here about as much as she ever was if not

> The British bark Crown of Ger many, wheat laden for Falmouth, and with Lord Grewary, son of the Earl long voyage.

The steamship Breakwater came ing this question and charging the down from Portland at an early hour defeats of 1896 and 1900 to me, just yesterday morning, and after a short as it is unfair in ignoring the still stay at the O. R. & N. piers, went to

The steamship Senator is due down from Portland, en route to the Bay City tomorrow morning very early democratic voters believe that I can and will leave the O. R. & N. docks

At 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning cording to the confession, used the editors who have never been friendly the American barkentine J. M. Griffiths, lumber laden for California, went to sea on the hawsers of the

> The oil tank steamer Catania did not get out over the bar until yesterday morning; she is bound for the California coast.

> The fine schooner Alice McDonald was among the get-aways yesterday going over the Columbia bar at high

The steamer Washington is due in from San Francisco at almost any hour en route to Portland.

Notices to Mariners.

Capt. Caudal of the British ship March 8, 1908, 6:30 a. m., in latitude 4, 1908, 314,992 Feb. 19. 1908 320,513 can be obtained, in season, is a plan 43 50 minutes north longitude 131 40 Feb. 5, 1908, 343, 938; Jan. 22, 1908, minutes west, his vessel passed within a cable length of a vertical mast 1807, 209, 310; Dec. 11, 1907, 119,339. standing to 6 meters above the water. It appeared as if attached to a submerged hull. John McNulty, nautical ber of idle cars was only 40,348.

KEEPING SMALL FRUIT.

Experiments have proved that for freezing small fruits and keeping them in cold storage for several dangerously ill at his home here with months, the best results can be obcellars and first floors of the homes tained by use of a closed package, providing it is not so tight as to prevent the escape of gases given off by condition was serious. the fruit after it is packed and before it is frozen.

Strawberries and blackberries were frozen for six months in the boxes ALLWINS ARE ALL WINNERS. with varying results. The flavor of the fruit wrapped in the open crate was tainted with the odors from other articles in the storage rooms, and the dioxid gas exhaled by the fruit before ices in midwinter.-From illustrated thing not nearly so satisfactory. The Commercial, on Commercial street,

A FRESH SUPPLY OF

Finnan Haddie, Cromarty Bloaters and Lenten Specialties.

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THE UP-TO-DATE GROCERS

521 COMMERCIAL STREET PHONE 681

Refuses \$150,000 for Fifty Feet of Land.

The Washington Lodge of Odd Fellows, Which Has Not Collected Any Dues For Several Years From Its Members Doesn't Need Money.

DETROIT, Mar. 19.-Having no use for the money Washington Lodge of Odd Fellows of this city has rejected an offer of \$150,000 for its fifty feet of property next to the hotel St. serves only a portion of the building for its lodge rooms and collects enough rentals from the remaining portions to pay all the lodge's expenses. In fact, it is said that there have been no dues collected from the members "for many years". The hotel management desires to extend its building and made an offer to the lodge. But when the matter came up for consideration the members asked what they could do with the everything it could desire and without expense to the members. The decision was reached that the lodge was perfectly satisfied with its location and that money was no object

IDLE CARS.

Number. of. Idle. Cars. Decreasing Very Rapidly.

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.-Further evidence of the gradual improvement 221. in general business which has been going for some weeks came to hand yesterday in the report of the American Railroad Association, showing a decrease in the number of idle freight cars between Feb. 19, the date of the figures cover the period since busi-342,580; Jan. 8, 1908, 341,763; Dec. 24, In November 1907, before business

conditions began to fall off the num;

SENATOR PENROSE ILL.

PHILADELPHIA, March 19. United States Senator Penrose is facial erysipelas. It was stated by his physicians tonight that his temperature had reached 104 and that his

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The Zapf Hardware & Furniture Company, of this city, has just put on the market the best and nicest flavor of the fruit in the triple-wrap- baby go-cart for the money ever ped boxes was but little better, hav- heard of in Astoria. It is the Allwin inb become tainted by the carbon and is to be had at the modest figure of \$5.25. It is one of the easiest it became frozen. The flavor of the riders in carriages, and the baby that fruit in the double-wrapped carton, is indulged with one dimples all over however, was not contaminated and every time it goes out. It runs smooth and enjoy the fine refreshments servretained much of the flavor of the as silk and folds up till it is almost ed there. The best of goods are only fresh fruit. The frozen fruit is used unrecognizable. Call and examine handled, and this fact being so wall in making fresh fruit pies and fruit one before putting money into some- known, a large business is done at the article in April Popular Mechanics. Allwins are all winners, sure enough! near Eleventh.

THE BURGOMASTER COMING"

At last Astoria is to be treated to real genuine comic opera, in the shape of that clever musical masterpiece, "The Burgomaster." H. P. Hill, business representative, is in the city and completed all arrangements for the date, Saturday, March 28th at the Astoria Theatre. "The Burgo master" is without doubt the best of the many Pixley and Luders' suc-REFUSED BY I. O. O. F. LODGE cesses which include "Prince of Pilsen," "Woodland," "King Dodo," "Grand Mogul," and others. Gus Weinburg and Ruth White head the present presenting company, both having appeared in the original "Burgomaster" organization, and along with over half a hundred others, including the famously original Kangaroo girls and the original New York and Chicago production will be brought to Astoria.

NEW TO-DAY

When You Travel Be sure that your ticket reads vin the O. R. & N. and connections. 16 costs no more than via other lines. Through tickets to and from all principal points in the United States, Canada and Europe. G. W. Roberts, Agent, O. R. & N Dock, Astoria,

"Modern" Delights.

When a man | asses under the hands of a barber he wants the best skilled treatment to be had in that line. In Astoria, the man in search of such manipulation, goes direct to Petersen's "Modern" shep, at 572 Commercial, money, since the lodge already had and gets it in any of the six chairs

The Clean Man.

The man who delights in personal leanliness, and enjoys his shave, shampoo, haircut, and bath, in Astoria, always goes to the Occident barber shop for these things-and gets them at their best.

For Good Wood

From the Tongue Point Lumber Company, 16-inch stove length. Call up Prael-Eigner Transfer Co., Phone

The Palace Restaurant.

The ever-increasing popularity of the Palace Restaurant is evidence the good management, and the service, at this popular dining room. For previous report, and Mar. 4. During a long time the reputation of the these two weeks the number of idle house has been of the best and it cars decreased 5,521 to 314,992. These does not wane as time progresses. The system used, that of furnishing "Ernest Legouve," reports that on ness began to fall off last fall; March the finest the market affords, and all that will always win, coupled as it is with the best of cooking and prompt service. A common saying nowadays is "Get the Palace habit."

New Grocery Store.

Try our own mixture of coffee-the I. P. B. Fresh fruit and vegetables. Badollet & Co., grocers. Phone Main

Just received a new line of umbrella covers. See C. H. Orkwitz, 137 Tenth

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

Kodak Supplies.

A full line of films, papers, cameras, kodaks, etc., just received at Hart's Drug Store.

The Commercial.

One of the coziest and most popular resorts in the city is the Commercial. A new billiard room, a pleasant sitting room and handsome fixtures all go to make an agreeable meeting place for gentlemen, there to discuss the topics of the day, play a game of billiards