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We have just put on sale many handsome and useful articles. Something to interest everyone.

Meantime we continue to furnish the best of Groceries and Meats, Etc.

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THE MODEL FOOD STORE

TERSE TALKS OF THE TOWN

At St. Mary's—

Mrs. Young, of Seaside, was taken to St. Mary's hospital last evening, where she is to undergo an operation.

Citizenship—

John Gustaf Hakala, native of Finland, filed his declaration to become a citizen in the office of the county clerk yesterday.

Moneys Paid Out—

Thomas Dealey, city treasurer, yesterday paid out the sum of \$263.19 on park warrants, issued on the construction of the little one-room house at the City Park. There is still a balance of \$760.40 in the park fund.

Have Returned—

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mansur have returned to their home in Uppertown after having spent the greater part of the year with L. Mansur, Sr., owing to the illness of the latter.

Closed For Repairs—

The Columbia Mills, at Knappton, closed down yesterday, for about a week, and not to exceed ten days, for the purpose of erecting new smokestacks, cleaning boilers and making certain needed repairs to the machinery.

Will Cremate Body—

W. F. McGregor received a telegram last evening from Michael Gorman in Portland stating that the body of his brother, William Gorman, will be cremated in that city at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It had been planned to take the body back east, but evidently it was found best to make different arrangements.

New Dock Slip—

Messrs. Birch & Jacobson, the contractors, yesterday started the work of building and installing of a complete new slip at the easterly end of the Flavel pier, where the steamer R. Miller berths, and will rush the work so as to interfere as little as possible with the river commerce centering there.

Sure Of It!

Customers buying clothes at Wise's on the "Free Day" get their money back. But if you don't strike the "Free Day" you're sure of good goods at reasonable prices.

Hot Drinks

Coffee and Chocolate.

Hoeflers

...APPLES...

Just received a shipment of fancy Northern Spy and Baldwin Apples
Our prices are right.

Scholfield, Mattson & Co.
PHONE 1181 GOOD GOODS PHONE 931
120 TO 124 TWELFTH STREET

DON'T FORGET THAT HEATING STOVE
You'll Need It Soon. We have them.

W. C. LAWS & CO.

Anchor Saloon Robbed—

Some thief entered the Anchor saloon some time at an early hour yesterday morning and robbed the till of a little over \$54. There is no direct clue to the perpetrator of the act.

Fence Has Arrived—

The fence which is to be constructed around the little reservoir has arrived and yesterday was hauled up to the place. The Portland Iron & Wire Works, the company from which the fencing was purchased, also put in a bid to erect the fence for \$65, and this was accepted by the commissioners at their last meeting. The fencing itself costs something like \$1.35 a foot.

Another Show Venture—

The fourth of Astoria's moving picture ventures is underway on the 20 by 60 foot lot just west of the Ford & Stokes Hardware Company's building, at Commercial and Fourteenth streets, with Parks & Chapman as proprietors. The house will be nicely furnished and will be kept up to the best standards, and it is hoped to have things in readiness for the holidays, if possible.

Pleads Not Guilty—

William Nyberg, of Uppertown, who has two cases pending against him in the circuit court on charges of selling liquor within a "dry" precinct, pleaded not guilty yesterday. His attorney is C. J. Curtis. Anton Kuljis of Clifton, who is accused of a similar charge, is expected in today to enter his plea and it is presumed that he also will plead not guilty. His attorney is J. H. Smith.

Dillus Case Dismissed—

The case against Victor Dillus, accused of having stolen a sum of money from Edward Walden several months ago, was yesterday dismissed in circuit court. The prosecuting witness, Walden, could not be found, and while Sheriff Pomeroy went to Vancouver, Wash., after him no trace of him was found there. Attorney Eakin represented Dillus.

Sewer Assessment—

The assessment roll for the sewer improvement on Seventeenth street, lying to Jerome, was filed in the office of the city auditor yesterday, showing a total cost for the work of \$802, proportionately divided among the property benefitted. The cost is segregated as follows: contract price, \$720; surveying, \$25; superintendence, \$25; certificates of ownership, \$7; printing, \$15; assessors, \$10.

Xmas Neckwear

Keiser's neckwear for style and quality at Judd Bros.

Fresh Meat.

Spare ribs, pork tenderloin, and other meats fresh daily at Braden's new meat market. See ad, page 4.

Seeks a Rebate—

In a communication to the common council, Mrs. Joseph Bernard asks for a rebate of \$12.88 in an assessment made against her lot in McClure's Astoria. The assessment was for the improvement of Eighth street, Harrison to Lexington, and she states that the attention of the streets committee had been called to the alleged fact that she was not to be assessed for the Eighth street work, and that when the Ninth street improvement was made she was to have received proper credit but failed to secure it.

Here On Business—

Superintendent E. R. Budd, of the Ilwaco Railway Company, was in the city yesterday on matters of business, and left up last evening for the metropolis. Mr. Budd says the new road on the northshore has stood the heavy rains of the season to date, in excellent shape, and there is nothing to indicate any appreciable effects from the rains of the winter. He says, also, that there is any amount of building going on, in a private way, all along the route of the road and that next season on the north beaches will see many a new summer home.

Blind Slough Lands Going—

According to the report of one of Astoria's best known capitalists and one interested in a large way in the subsequent activity of the market there, Blind Slough lands are being rapidly taken up by a colony of Finns who are in this country and on this particular quest, at the instance of Rev. E. Lommererjarwa, who, for sometime past has been interested in the project in a commercial and pastoral way. Negotiations were closed yesterday there for the lands of Alec Moody, Charles Hoglund and Chas. Petersen, aggregating in the neighborhood of 4000 acres.

Corcuit Court—

In circuit court yesterday a number of cases were passed upon by Judge McBride as follows: George W. Higginbottom vs. Mary C. Higginbottom, order for publication of summons; Anna Sheddick vs. John Sheddick, order of default and reference; Robert Carruthers vs. Astoria Crushed Rock Co., settled and dismissed; Charles Niemi vs. H. Lindquist et al, defendant to answer in 20 days; Nathaniel Jones vs. Mary Jones, plaintiff ordered to pay \$50 suit money by February 1, 1909; A. R. Kanaga vs. A. S. Tee, et al, decree quieting plaintiffs' title upon payment of certain costs; A. R. Kanaga vs. Astoria A. & T. Co., motion for judgment overruled; Emsley Houghton vs. R. E. Houghton, decree of divorce; James W. Welch vs. N. D. Bain, judgment against N. D. Bain, but dismissed as to James P. Bain.

Paying Off Dividends

F. M. Rowley, the traveling auditor for the Equitable Savings & Loan Association, of Portland, was in the city and territory yesterday on the pleasant errand of paying off some of the cash dividends, inuring to local stockholders; everyone of whom was delighted to see him and the good sign of a well conducted business that he brought along. The company, according to Mr. Rowley, is in superb shape and building rapidly and safely all the time and whereover it seeks and does business. It is a purely Oregon institution, backed by the soundest money and ablest management in the state. Mr. Rowley, himself, is a good type of the people doing business for the big and popular house and contributes steadily and successfully to its career, as all good business men admittedly do.

Don't buy your Xmas candies until you have seen our

...Home Made Candies...

They are healthier and better and don't cost any more.

ALEX TAGG

483 Commercial St., Astoria, Or.



Another Tale Told—

Perfectly reliable and respectable people arrived in this city yesterday from Chinook and other points below there, who made it plain to this office, that the story, recently told on good faith in these columns, about the robbery of S. T. Parks on the road between Fort Columbia and Chinook on the night of December 10th last, was absolutely untrue. The declarations made yesterday laying the loss of any money Mr. Parks suffered, wholly to his own carelessness and indifferent conduct; that at no point was he robbed and that he spent his money freely, paying all bills and engagements over there, and being, at all times, under the friendly oversight, and prepaid interest, of those who knew him or were under his patronage.

Held In \$5000—

The preliminary examination of Dr. Peacock upon the charge of ruining the late Madeline Longtine was called in Judge Graham's court, Cathlamet, at 10:30 yesterday morning with Prosecuting Attorney Snelling in charge of the State's interests, and Hon. Bruce Polworth representing the doctor. There were a number of witnesses in attendance, including Guy Morel, the reputed affianced lover of the dead girl. Dr. R. H. Pilkington, Stenographer Miss Lenora Benoit, and Coroner J. A. Gilbaugh, of this city. Dr. Peacock waived examination, and was placed under bond in the sum of \$5000 for his appearance in the Superior Court of Wabikakum county, Washington, at Cathlamet, on February 24, 1909; and the bond of young Morel was fixed at \$500 in the same behalf.

New Commission Business—

It is hoped that by the first of January next the Astoria Commission House, a new business venture here, will open its doors to the trade and public here—under cheerful auspices; Messrs. G. H. Norberg, V. H. Dalgeleish and one other party being interested in the undertaking. Negotiations were closed yesterday for the leasing of the rooms on the east side of Eleventh street lately occupied by the Astoria Regatta Committee, and by the Bryan headquarters. The entire space will be given up to the handling of the choicest fruits and vegetables, dairy and farm products, on a commission basis; and as all members of the new house have plenty of friends here and hereabout, there should be no doubt about the certain success of the undertaking, and the Astorian has only the best wishes for such a consummation.

Course of Lectures—

Winter short courses of study will begin at the Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon, on January 5. Men and women, young and old, interested in the farm, the shop, or the home, are cordially invited to attend. By writing at once to the Agricultural College a circular will be sent telling in detail what is proposed to be accomplished by these courses. A week of lectures on general agricultural topics begins January 5. A special course for creamery operators and managers runs from January 5 to 15; a course in dairying from January 18 to March 27; a course in horticulture, January 11 to February 20; a course in mechanic arts from January 11 to February 20; a course in road construction from January 11 to February 6; a course in household science and art from January 11 to February 20. Special lectures on business methods on the farm will be given.

Christmas Window

The finest line of men's furnishings ever displayed in the city are now on exhibition in Judd Bros.' windows.

Notice.

A grand ball will be given in the Deep River hall at Deep River, Wash., Saturday, December 19, 1908, the steamer General Washington will leave foot of Twelfth street at 8 p. m., returning after the ball. Fare round trip, 25 cents; admission to ball, 75 cents; ladies free. A grand time is assured to every one that attends.

Christmas Cards, Booklets, Callenders, Art Goods, Novelties, Fountain Pens, Box Paper and a big line of Books.

Svensons Book Store
14th and Commercial St.

A Letter From Santa Claus

Dear Kids and Older Folks:—

I have a double sized rig this year and an extra team of Reindeer, so I can carry any and all size packages. I would especially recommend useful presents such as Herman Wise offers for men and boys

Fancy Waist Coats

Smoking Jackets

Combination Boxes

Suspenders and Ties to match

Mufflers and Handkerchiefs

Underwear \$1 to \$7 per suit

Dents Gloves

Trousers

Seperate Handle Umbrellas

\$5 Knox Hats also \$3 Hats

Overcoats and Suits you can't look foolish in

Plain and fancy Golf Shirts

Guaranteed Hole-proof Sox in Xmas Boxes

Sweaters and Sweater Coats

Night Shirts and Pajamas

Suit Cases

He Won't Look Foolish in a WISE Suit

Little Boy's Suits and Overcoats 1-3 Off

Yours truly,

SANTY

In Care of **HERMAN WISE** Astoria's Reliable Clothier
P. S.—DANCE AND PIANO CONTEST, DEC. 30, LOGAN'S HALL.

PERSONAL MENTION

Chester Jordan has returned from a pleasant outing of two weeks in San Francisco, and declares that Astoria is far the pleasanter place of the two.

W. J. Ingalls came in from the Lewis & Clark country yesterday to size up the Christmas signs and prepare for the happy season.

D. B. Andrews, of Tacoma, was a visitor in this city yesterday, going on to the coast on the evening train.

C. B. McMullen, of Grant's Pass, spent the day in Astoria yesterday. J. F. Sunderson, of Seattle, was among the business tourists in this city yesterday.

J. E. Atherton, of Philadelphia, was noted on these streets yesterday on his annual tour out here in the toy line.

O. R. Entriens, of Spokane, was in Astoria yesterday, on matters of business and pleasure.

G. R. Williams, of Portland, was among the hundreds of tourists visiting this city yesterday.

A Frosty Night—

Shortly after darkness set in last night a heavy frost fell and covered the sidewalks, and streets with a white and very slippery blanket. With the streets scintillating with the icy particles and the stars shining brightly overhead it looked like a typical winter's night. So slippery were the walks that for all those who did not wear rubbers the walking was precarious, to say the least, and more than one careless pedestrian took a fall. On the hills the boys and girls enjoyed themselves with their sleds.

D. M. C. D. Club Dance—

Invitations have been issued for a leap year dancing party to be given by the D. M. C. D. Club in the Athletic Club hall on the night of December 30. Being a leap year party, the young ladies evidently are to extend invitations to their young men friends. The patronesses are Mrs. M. L. Knight, Mrs. J. J. Utzinger and Mrs. E. L. Lowe. The real significance of the four initials that comprise the name of the club still seem to be a mystery to all who are not members of the organization, though several very happy explanations are current.

Sure Of It!
Customers buying clothes at Wise's on the "Free Day" get their money back. But if you don't strike the "Free Day" you're sure of good goods at reasonable prices.

Clean Your Chimneys.
George Ludwig, an expert chimney sweep is in the city and will make your chimney clean and safe from fire for \$2 or two chimneys for \$3. Place your order at the Astoria hotel or telephone Main 3521, or leave your orders at the Astorian office.

See Judd Windows
Up-to-date Christmas gifts. If you want to see a fine line of men's wearing apparel see Judd's windows.

These pure, fresh Oregon meats can be found at Smith's and at Smith's only for these prices:

Small Legs of Lamb.....	15c
Lamb Loin Chops.....	15c
Shoulder Lamb Chop.....	12 1/2c
Whole Shoulders to Roast.....	10c
Frankfurt Sausages.....	10c
Bologna Sausages.....	10c
Blood Sausage.....	10c
Liver Sausage.....	10c
Head Cheese.....	10c
Ham Sausage.....	15c
Smith's Pig Pork Sausage.....	12 1/2c
Shoulder Roast Pork.....	10c, 12 1/2c
Whole Shoulder Roasts.....	11c
Shoulder Pork Chops.....	12 1/2c
Loin Pork Chops.....	15c
Loin Rib Roasts of Pork.....	15c
Pork Hocks.....	8c
Fresh Pig Feet.....	5c
Smith's Pure Lard in 5-lb. pails.....	65c
Sirloin Steaks.....	10c
Tenderloin Steaks.....	10c
Best Porterhouse Steaks.....	12 1/2c, 15c
"T" Bone Steaks.....	12 1/2c, 15c
Round Steak.....	10c
Best Pot Roasts.....	7c, 8c
Beef for Boiling.....	5c, 6c
Prime Rib Roast Beef.....	10c, 12 1/2c
Pickled Pork.....	12 1/2c
Dry Salt Pork.....	12 1/2c
Smith's Pig Hams.....	16c
Breakfast Bacon.....	16c, 17 1/2c
Fresh Eggs.....	35c dozen
Your choice of several different brands of Creamery Butter.....	70c
Fine fresh, dry-picked Oregon Chickens, Hens and Springs.....	18c
FRANK L. SMITH MEAT CO. "Fighting the Beef Trust" 12th St. betw Bond and Commercial 253 Taylor St. (Uniontown) We have no connection with any other market in Astoria but these two	

REALTY TRANSFERS

W. E. Stone to W. L. Stone, lot 3, block 110, McClure's; \$1.
M. S. Warren to Ethel Louisa Jenkins, lot 11, block 5, Tolovana Park; \$100.
Elwood & Snow Timber Co. to E. Z. Ferguson, undivided 9-20 of N 1-3 of NE 1-4, the SW 1-4 of the NE 1-4, the E 1-2 of the NW 1-4 and the NW 1-4 of the SE 1-4, all in S 21, T 7 N, R 9 W; \$100.
E. Z. Ferguson and wife to Elwood & Snow Timber Co., the undivided 11-20 of the S 1-2 of N 1-2 of S 21, T 6 N, R 7 W; \$100.



BEING DRESSED FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Everything here to make it and the rest of the day a perfect success.

Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Nobby Suits, Bath Robes, Raincoats, House Coats, Overcoats, Fancy Vests, Boys' Suits, Gloves, Neckwear

and everything at really low prices. Look 'em over.

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Astoria's Greatest Clothiers
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