

Suberb Assortment Christmas Gifts

We invite inspection of the unusually large and fine line of gift goods we have on display. The assortment covers a large variety of styles and are on sale at prices which will interest you.

Store open till 8 a. m. until Christmas.

ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.
THE MODEL FOOD STORE

TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Born—
To Mrs. C. H. Dean, of Warrenton, in this city, yesterday, a daughter.

Oaths of Office—
All of the candidates have taken their oaths of office except J. R. Ferguson and Asmus Brix.

Declaration Filed—
In the office of the county clerk yesterday, Anne Amandus Bergeton Olsen filed his intention to become a citizen. He is a native of Norway.

Born Yesterday—
A fine and hearty little girl baby arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Deane, yesterday morning. Dr. Nellie Vernon assisting the famous old stork in the happy premise.

One More Life-Saver—
A fine 12-pound baby boy was born to Captain and Mrs. Oscar Wicklund, at the Point Adams life-saving station on Sunday last; mother and babe are both doing finely.

Spending Holidays—
Mrs. J. C. Carrington, wife of Mr. J. C. Carrington of the Astoria Furniture Company of this city who has been visiting in Portland for the last few days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. A. T. Bushong, will return home shortly after New Year.

Deserters Picked Up—
It is said that two young soldiers who deserted from Fort Stevens last fall have been picked up at Baird, Texas, and will be tried at the nearest post there, under the rules of war, for their offense. It could not be learned, yesterday, just who they were.

Is In Philadelphia—
According to the terms of a postal card received yesterday by John Mancier, Dell Scully is now in Philadelphia; but what he is doing in the City of Brotherly Love, the p. c. deposes not. Anyone who knows him has a guess coming, alright!

The Proper Place.
Christmas gifts to buy! Yes! Well you know where to buy them. The store that has everything for men. P. A. Stokes, proprietor.

Hot Drinks

Coffee and Chocolate.



...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.

Election Expenses—
Mr. Elmore filed his account of election expenses with the city auditor yesterday. He deposed that he had spent \$4 for cards and other printing and \$3.50 for cigars. Mayor-Elect A. M. Smith also filed his account, showing that he had spent \$156 in all. Of this \$50 was for publication of the Citizens' platform in the newspapers; extra copies and their circulation, \$20; letters, \$10; postage, \$10; stationery, \$11; cards, \$10; copying registration lists and distribution, \$45. Various other candidates also filed their accounts, either showing very slight expenses or none at all.

Looking For Carp—
Hon. W. F. McGregor, of this city, is a hunter and fisher of expert attainment, and according to some of his cronies who were on the spot, declare that on Sunday last, while indulging his liking in this behalf up the river, he fell from his boat and disappeared in the river for a fleeting moment. When he came to the surface he informed his sympathizing friends that he merely went over the side to look for "carp," a fish he is peculiarly fond of, and rarely finds. He did not bring any up on this particular occasion, either.

Bids Received—
The Astoria Water Commission held a business session yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of opening bids heretofore called for the laying of the new piping required on the water system. Total, the 12,000 feet of 24-inch pipe, reinforced concrete, and 1300 feet of steel pipe; in which behalf the following bids were submitted: Goodin, Palmberg & Mattson, \$39,416; Arthur & Bent, of Portland, \$41,860; Paquet, Giebach & Joplin, of Portland, \$47,351. The bids were promptly referred to Engineer Kelley, for a report which is to be filed at an adjourned meeting on Tuesday evening next. The commission also passed an order to purchase back \$3000 of the 5 per cent sinking fund bonds, at \$1.061. The board apparently does not favor the concrete piping.

Here On Special Mission—
Charles E. Martin, of the United States Life Saving Service, of Fruitvale, Cal., arrived in the city on the steamship Senator yesterday morning and is domiciled at the Occident. Mr. Martin is under orders to establish at his earliest convenience a telephone between the life-saving station on the north spit of Tillamook Bay and the town of Garibaldi, and will go at the work at once. He is here to engage 80 or more cedar poles and will have them sent on as soon as he can get them. Mr. Martin is a bright young man and stands high in the service, having been in this particular line of duty ever since he came out from the Atlantic coast three years ago. He has put up many such lines on both coasts. When he has completed this task, he will proceed to Cape Flattery and erect a telephone line from there to Waaddah Island, his district comprehending the coasts of Oregon, Washington and California.

"FERNDALE," the quality butter. Are you using it? Ask your Grocer.

Everybody read Smith's prices of Christmas poultry and meats on page 5.



A DRESSING ROBE
MAKES YOU ONE OF THE BEST GIFTS THAT YOU CAN MAKE THAT FRIEND AS IT ENABLES HIM TO ENJOY COMPLETELY HIS LEISURE HOURS AT HOME IN SOLID COMFORT.

PRICES RANGING FROM...
HOUSE COATS...\$2.75 TO \$10
SUITCASES...\$1.50 TO \$15
SILK NECKWEAR 25c TO \$1.50
NIGHTROBES...\$1.00 TO \$2.50
GLOVES...\$1.00 TO \$2.50
HANDKERCHIEFS...25c TO \$1
FANCY VESTS...\$1.50 TO \$6.00
UMBRELLAS...\$1.00 TO \$7.50

S. Danziger & Co.
Astoria's Greatest Clothiers
Open Evenings Until Xmas

ROBBERS BOLDLY HOLD UP A SALOON

GET \$65 FROM CASH REGISTER OF HORSE SHOE PLACE YESTERDAY MORNING.

A few minutes after midnight yesterday morning two masked robbers entered the Horse Shoe saloon on Astor street at Sixth and with levelled revolvers held up the place and the eleven men present.

While one of the robbers attended to the men in the saloon the other wayed the barkeeper from behind the bar and over among the little crowd that stood in the back room with hands in the air. This robber then stepped behind the bar and swept the contents of the cash register into his pockets, securing about \$65. No attempt was made to rob the men.

The whole episode occupied but a few moments. The men plainly meant business and no one stirred. With an admonition to "Keep still for five minutes," the two men stepped swiftly outside and in a moment were gone. Thus far there has been no trace of them. They worked with precision and skill.

Police Officer Linville, who usually knows just what is going on in that end of the city, had only a few moments before gone to get his supper at a nearby restaurant, as it was his supper hour. Perhaps the robbers knew this. Had they also "stood up" the men in the saloon they would have gotten quite a bit more, but they evidently judged this too risky a job or else one that would have taken too long. While the police were very active yesterday there is nothing to indicate with any accuracy the identity of the men and they may be far away by this time.

The Horse Shoe saloon is owned by Harry & Rosendale. One of the men is said to have been tall, the other of medium height.

"FERNDALE" is the quality in Butter. Ask your Grocer.

Station Moved—
The Seaside Signal says: "The station-house building at Cleveland has been moved to Necanicum, and hereafter the trains will not stop at Cleveland, if the present plans of the railroad company are adhered to. There is likely, however, to be serious objection from some of the property-owners at Cleveland who paid for the building when it was erected, the understanding being that in the event of the station building being paid for by the property owners, all trains should stop at that point. The right of the present owners of the railroad to abrogate an agreement entered into by the former will probably be settled in the courts.

Saloon Thief Caught—
As a result of investigation made upon a "tip" that he had received, Police Officer Wilson yesterday arrested Henry Cappelo, a longshoreman, on a charge of having robbed the till in the Anchor saloon one night last week. At the police station Cappelo was sweated by Acting Chief Oberg and finally confessed to the robbery. Cappelo has only been in the city four or five months. He stated that after he had robbed the till he stopped and made up a glass of beef tea in the saloon, and after taking one or more additional drinks of liquor, leisurely made his escape. Cappelo's tongue proved his undoing, for apparently he got boasting how easy it is to make a living in Astoria. Last summer he fished for the Columbia Packers' Association. He pleaded guilty before Justice Goodman last evening and was bound over.

Bills Cleaned Up—
At the meeting of the council last night all of the bills up to the first of January that were procurable were presented and acted upon. This leaves the city's routine finances cleaned up nicely. Evidently Mayor Wise and the others wished to do this as a compliment to the new administration and to leave things in good shape.

December 21—
December 21, or as the text-books say, perhaps December 22, is the "shortest day" of the year. From now on the sun will commence to move northward and the days will lengthen rapidly.

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

"FERNDALE" Butter is made of selected cream in a strictly sanitary creamery.

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.

The nicest furnished home in town! The home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothes; furnishings of the new and snappy kind; nothing commonplace. P. A. Stokes store.

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.

Mr. Wise Appointed—

Governor George E. Chamberlain has appointed Hon. Herman Wise, Mayor of this city, as one of a committee of five to represent the State of Oregon, at Marshfield, on August 25, 1909, at the meeting of the Oregon-Idaho Development Congress, the mayors colleagues on the commission to draft a law in furtherance of the Congress' object, being Messrs. F. H. Clarke, of Marshfield; J. Couch Flanders, of Portland; Peter Loggie, of North Bend; and W. H. Weatherston, of Florence. Mr. Wise has accepted.

Adair Drain—

On Sunday evening a force of men that Superintendent of Streets Kearnew has had at work on a break in the Adair drain completed the repairs, after working about a week. There had been a bad cave-in. In one place the men had to cut through a lot of filled ground for a distance of about 75 feet, and 12 feet deep. During the last rains one block was pretty badly flooded because of this cave-in, but now things are in good shape, until more trouble arises with the vexatious Adair drain.

Xmas Neckwear.

P. A. Stokes has the swellest line of neckwear and handkerchiefs in Astoria. The famous Carter & Holmes' line. "No dead ones."

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.

Money Deposited now in our Savings Department draws six months' interest July 1, 1909. Scandinavian-American Savings Bank.

PERSONAL MENTION

Dr. Fulton went up to Portland on last night's train, to be gone for a day or two.

George P. Clark, the expert accountant, is in the city and a guest at the Hotel Occident. He is acquiring all the ear-marks of a confirmed benedict and really seems to enjoy the distinction. Mrs. Clark is not with him.

H. E. Severance, of Montavilla, is in the city, en route to South Bend and will leave this mornin.

J. T. Mansur, of Spokane, is in the city on matters of business and goes to the Nehalem this morning by private conveyance.

K. B. Sunderland, a mining expert of San Francisco, spent the day here yesterday and returned to Portland on the 6:10 train last evening.

G. T. Marcum, of Newport, was in the city yesterday for a few hours, going across the Columbia to the Nasel country to look up some timber interests.

L. W. Corcoran, of Seattle, is in the city and registered at the Hotel Northern.

Christmas Poultry and Meat at Smith's

Fancy dry-picked Turkeys... 20c to 25c
Fat Geese, extra choice... 18c to 20c
Fattened, dry-picked Ducks... 20c to 25c
Extra choice selected Chickens... 15c to 18c
Hens and Springs... 15c to 18c
The very choicest cuts of Prime Rib Roast Beef cut from our Christmas cattle... 12c
Large Porterhouse Steaks with a big tenderloin... 15c
Legs and Roasts of Genuine Spring Lamb... 15c
Shoulder Roasts of Christmas Pork... 10c and 12c
Smith's Sugar-cured little Pig Hams... 16c
Smith's Sugar-cured Breakfast Bacon... 16c and 17c
Smith's absolutely pure kettle-rendered Lard, 5-lb pail... 65c
Various cuts of veal from 8c to 15c all from our fancy Christmas calves
Every kind of sausage you can call for... 10c, 12c
Fine Creamery Butter, per roll... 7c
Fresh Eggs, per dozen... 35c

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



O. G. Sappington, of Des Moines, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday and was quartered at the Merwyn.

Xmas Suggestion
A Pass-book containing a Deposit of \$1.00 or more in our Savings Department makes a sensible Christmas present. Scandinavian-American Savings Bank.

"FERNDALE" Butter costs no more than the half water kind. It is all Butter. Ask your Grocer.

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

Svensons Book Store
14th and Commercial St.