

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.

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THE MODEL FOOD STORE

TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Library Closes—

The public library will be closed all day Christmas.

Marriage License—

License to marry was issued yesterday at the office of the county clerk to Robert Bruce Cash and Hazel Elizabeth Hamlin.

Won on "23"—

The holder of ticket No. 23 takes the beautiful doll dressed by little Miss Pauline Harris, and raffled by her and she wants the lucky party to know of the good fortune awaiting him or her.

Boy Getting Better—

George W. Oberg, the young son of Acting Chief of Police Oberg, is getting better after quite a severe illness that has lasted over a week. The lad is still in bed, but will probably be up in a day or two.

Taking Precautions—

Two of the primary rooms at the McClure school and one at the Adair building, were fumigated yesterday afternoon, as a precaution against scarletina. And others will be treated as occasion requires. A good system of guarding against trouble.

Prizes This Afternoon—

The management of the popular "Bakeronian" will distribute its promised prizes, the ladies', the boys' and girls', at 3 o'clock this afternoon, during the performance, and every-one holding coupons will do well to be on hand.

His Bond Reduced—

Yesterday an order was made in the superior court of Wahkiakum county, Wash., reducing the bail of Dr. Peacock from \$5000 to \$2000, his same bondsmen being retained in the premises, the individual responsibility of the 29 signers being simply abridged to that extent.

Reduced Rates Via O. R. & N. For The Holidays.

The O. R. & N. Co. will sell round-trip tickets at reduced rates between local points on account of Christmas holidays. For further information, apply to G. W. Rogers, agent O. R. & N. dock.

Hot Drinks

Coffee and Chocolate.



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

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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.

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Must Have Been Hungry—

Paulson's meat market, on Fourteenth street, suffered a smashed window about 3 o'clock yesterday morning and the loss of a piece of smoked salmon and Mr. Paulson, who is generous to a fault, declares that whoever did it might have had the fish for the asking if he had only let the window aloft; but unluckily he was not there to be informed of the extremity of hunger the poor thief was laboring under.

First Methodist Church—

Sermon themes for Sunday: At 11 a. m., "Reconciled and Saved." At 7:30 p. m., "The Price of a Crown." Beginning with Sunday evening, January 3, a series of sermons on "Great Questions" will be presented. During the month, "Man"; "The Trees of Life and Death"; "The Second Coming of Christ"; "The Final Judgment Day" and "Endless Punishment of the Impenitent," will be discussed. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all services. Strangers will be warmly welcomed. C. C. Rarick, pastor.

No Paper Tomorrow—

The many readers of the Morning Astorian are informed that there will be no paper published at this office tomorrow owing to the holiday claims of the Christmas season, and the reasonable demands of the 36 people on the pay-roll here including "Tim" the office cat, and the natural desire of the management to meet those demands. Sunday's paper will be in the front however as usual, and as usual, meaty with news of interest. And with this issue there goes forth the best wishes of the Morning Astorian's proprietor and force, to each and every reader and patron for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

On January Second—

The pleasant word is out in this city, in quite authoritative fashion, that Hon. Edmund Burke Tongue, of Forest Grove the respected district attorney for the fifth judicial district of Oregon, will enter the marriage state on the second day of January, one week from Saturday next, at that place, the lady honoring him in this important premise being Miss Maudie Agnes Shannon, of that city, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Shannon. "Bert" has scores and scores of friends down this way who all wish them abundance of unalloyed happiness in this relation. He has been mighty quiet about it, but even weddings will out.

May Move To Bandon—

Crosman Timmons, the well known canneryman, of this city, and of Bandon, who, with his family, has just returned to this city from there, after a successful packing season, may eventually move to that country, as his interests are growing rapidly there. Some years ago he purchased at a nominal figure several hundred acres of land on the waterfront at Bandon, and later platted and incorporated a large body of it into an addition to that city. It is Mr. Timmons' intention to move his present cannery to the land he owns and put it on the waterfront for the purposes of commercial convenience and despatch, and build a business block up on the cannery site thus vacated; the fulfillment of these plans making his continued residence there practically imperative. And what may be Astoria's loss in this business, will certainly be Bandon's gain, as both cities will promptly realize!

There is no butter on the market "just as good" as "Ferdale." Insist upon the genuine, packed only in squares in our wrappers. Carpenter & Chandler, Grays River, Wash.

We desire to express our appreciation of past favors and extend our sincerest wishes for

A Joyous Christmas to all

S. Danziger & Co.
Astoria's Greatest Clothiers

Singing Society—

The Swedish-Finn Singing Society, the "Lyran," will give an entertainment in the A. O. U. W. hall on New Year's eve, and will watch the old year out and the new year in. There will be a program, and much merriment is promised. This is to be the first concert of the society.

Getting Better Fast—

Rees Thomas, the well known engineer for the S. Schmidt Company, cold storage packers, who several months ago got some salmon slims in a wounded hand, and from which he has suffered intensely ever since, is now improving steadily and begins to see his way out of a very painful and unpleasant condition. His hand is healing rapidly and it is hoped he will be practically all right by the dawn of the new year.

Received His Appointment—

E. M. Cherry, of this city, acting British vice-consul at this port, yesterday received his appointment from Lloyd's committee, London, as their agent at Astoria, with a jurisdiction extending from Cape Flattery, on the north to Cape Lookout on the south, intersecting the Columbia river at the mouth of the Cowlitz river. This appointment is thoroughly well placed, and Mr. Cherry's numerous friends here and in Portland will be glad to note the honor conferred.

Has Closed Contract—

Mr. Martin, the representative of the U. S. Life Saving Department, who is here for the purpose of negotiating the construction of a telephone line between the Tillamook life saving station and the town of Garibaldi, yesterday closed a contract with Broughton & Wiggins, of Portland, for the 80 fine cedar poles necessary in the work, and they will be sent down here at once and will go forward to destination on the steamer Argo on her next trip to those waters. He secured the punch, plus freight to this point at about \$165.

Win The Doll—

Miss Maggie Laws, of 514 Grand avenue, is the fortunate winner of the beautiful doll valued at \$14 that has been given away by the Waterman Department Store last night to the person coming the closest to guessing the correct number of shot that have been deployed in a small glass tumbler for the last ten days in one of the windows of the store. After counting the shot last night Mr. Waterman found that the glass contained just 2063 of the small lead balls and as Miss Laws' guess was 2036, just 27 of being the exact number, she was awarded the prize. Over 500 guesses were cast among them several others that came pretty near being the right number but Miss Laws' closest opponent was Miss Annie Henderson whose guess read 2166. There has been considerable interest shown during the last week or so and for the last few days the contest grew quite exciting. The doll is a beautiful affair being a China one, attired in the latest and most fashionable clothes in the doll world. It stands fully three feet high and is no doubt being shown by the happy winner to many admirers this morning.

Don't Need The Money—

City Treasurer Dealey has the sum of \$1545 in general fund, and the sum of \$5149.34 in the street funds for which calls have been made on the warrants. Some of the warrants were called several months ago, but the owners of the warrants do not take the trouble to present them, though they are no longer drawing interest. The city treasurer is naturally desirous of having them paid out, as he wants to clean up his books as much as he can for the end of the year.

Cut His Throat—

Arthur Quigley, of Skamokawa, made a desperate but futile attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat on Thursday night. He was brought to this city yesterday morning and taken to St. Mary's hospital, where it was said last evening that his chances for living seemed to be excellent. Dr. Henderson treated the frightful gash in Quigley's throat. With a razor Quigley had evidently struck two or three times, and left a single gash that reached almost from ear to ear. But he had failed to strike in deep and neither the jugular vein or windpipe was severed. It is said that this is the second time Quigley has attempted to take his life. He is a comparatively young man, and it is probable his mind is slightly deranged, judging from remarks somewhat incoherently made by the wounded man yesterday.

"Ferdale" Butter is made of creamery.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. James Peters and son, George, and Miss Nora, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, are down from Portland to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sovey and Fritz Sovey are in the city for a Christmas homing with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sovey, of the Leyde.

Charles Phillips, of Hillsboro, arrived in the city yesterday to spend Christmas with his daughter, Miss Ethel Phillips.

G. R. Osborne left up last night for Salem to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in old Marion. Mrs. Osborne preceded him.

Miss Bertha Reese, of the Astoria teaching staff, has gone to her home in Hillsboro to spend the holidays with her parents and family.

Hon. William Holmes, one of the leading lawyers of Marion county, arrived in the city yesterday, to spend the Christmas season with the daughter, Mrs. Raphael Bonham.

Hon. Harrison Allen, of Portland, was a business visitor in this city yesterday, returning to the metropolis on the evening express.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McShatko have gone to Moscow for a Christmas with the parents of Mrs. McShatko. Mr. Shatko returns to this city on Sunday, but his wife and baby will sojourn up there for a week or more.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Cummins have returned from a month's sojourn in Montreal.

Mrs. A. M. Ford, Miss E. McCrea, Adrian Ford and J. E. McCrea, depart this morning on the Hassalo for Bear Cliff, where they become the guests of Phil McDonough until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Shannahan, of Forest Grove, have come to Astoria to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knutsen. Mrs. Knutsen is their daughter.

Mrs. Howard M. Brownell has gone to Oregon City to pass ten days at the home of her parents.

SEARCH FOR SHIP.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The 10,000-ton French cruiser *Amiral Mube*, coming from St. Pierre, Miquelon, a French colony, where there were recently disturbances among the islands, arrived at this port today. Her commander, Captain Constant, will hold a conference with the French consul here with regard to beginning a search for the *Fabre* line freighter *Neustria*, which has not been sighted since leaving New York for the Mediterranean on October 29th last.

Washington State Dairy and Food Commissioner Davis, writing in part regarding "Ferdale" Butter: "Your block of butter received and scored. This is a very fine piece of butter." Hadn't you better try it?

NAME MEANS SOMETHING.

When A. E. Petersen built and named the "Modern" barber shop, he meant that it should stand for what it was called. No patron has missed a single feature of the modern tonorial parlor at that house; and every new device in the way of perfect comfort and service is constantly added as it develops. The latest is an expert bootblack, the best in the business; a qualification that makes his employment really modern.

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, 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... 70c
- Fresh Eggs, per dozen... 35c

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For you and me;
I hope that
Many more we'll see.

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Astoria's Reliable Clothier and Hatter

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Charles H. Hall to John H. Jeffers, S. 1-3 of lot 5, block 38, Adair's Astoria; \$2000.

Martin Mattson and Frank Mitchell to Malinda A. Mitchell, lots 3 and 4, in S. 18, T. 7 N., R. 7 W.; \$1.

John Chitwood to Edith M. Greenwood, a lot beginning at a point 150 feet south of the northwest corner of block 8, Olney's Astoria; \$300.

Fresh Meat.

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

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

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Fresh Frog Legs—Braden-Adams Meat Market.

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Local manufacturer's agent to sell and install our Never-Cool Boiler Insulator and Fireless Cooker; sells in every household; permanent income of \$1500 to \$2000 per year; few hundred dollars required to handle proposition in this town. Address for particulars, Range Boiler Insulator Mfg. Co., 389 E. Wash. St., Portland, Ore.

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Vigoral Beef Tea \$2.50 per jug

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