

"A Happy New Year"

We thank our friends for many favors shown us during the past

We will try to render better service than ever during this year.

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THE MODEL FOOD STORE

TERSE TALKS OF THE TOWN

Warrants Called—
City Treasurer Dealey yesterday issued a call for about \$3000 of street improvement warrants.

Water Rates—
Friday and Saturday are the last days on which to pay water rates. After that the 25-cent extra will be added.

Smallpox Up River—
It is said that a case of smallpox has developed among the children attending school at Clatskanie, and that the school has been closed as a result.

Water Commission—
The water commission will meet this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for the purpose of winding up its affairs and turning the office over to the new members.

Is Recovering—
Frank Benson of Skamokawa, who has been ill with a bad attack of pneumonia at St. Mary's hospital, is almost entirely recovered and expects to leave for his home in a day or two.

For Forty Days—
Councilman Leinenweber has filed a communication with the city auditor for presentation to the council asking leave of absence for 40 days, so that he may attend the state legislature as one of the representatives from this county.

Not Certain, But Probable—
There are those here who intimate that Carl Franzen, of this city, now up in Boise, Idaho, is detained there on a very pleasant and urgent errand and that there is likelihood of his returning soon accompanied by his wife, but those who intimate this are a bit shy about confirming it, and it is mentioned here at that face value and no more.

Petition To Improve—
A second petition has been made to the city council in relation to the improvement of Thirty-ninth street, the first one not having been acted upon as yet. A petition just filed asks that if the council will not order the improvement in the manner requested in the first petition that it grade to a width of 37 feet with a 16-foot plank in the center.

Street Cars All Right—
Mr. McGee, manager of the street-car line, kept the cars going all day yesterday, though for a time it looked as if the snow would cover the tracks to a depth that would preclude further traffic. Last night employees swept the tracks so that the cars moved with their accustomed freedom. In Portland the cars have been practically shut down because of the snow.

Odd and End Sale.
Charles V. Brown, the Astoria Shoe Man, announces that his Odd and End Sale of fine Boots, Shoes, Slippers, etc., is now on. Prices are being cut to cost and in many instances below. This is your opportunity to purchase footwear cheap.

Hot Drinks

Coffee and Chocolate.

Hoeflers

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Just received a shipment of fancy Northern Spy and Baldwin Apples

Our prices are right.

Scholfield, Mattson & Co.

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126 TO 124 TWELFTH STREET

Miss Pomeroy Arrives—
At 2 o'clock yesterday morning the old stork stopped in his flight over this city long enough to leave a dainty girl baby at the home of Sheriff and Mrs. M. R. Pomeroy. During the day it was reported that Mrs. Pomeroy was not as well as was hoped for, but inquiry of Dr. Fulton last night brought the pleasant assurance that she was getting along admirably. The little daughter is holding her own in fine shape.

Threatened To Shoot—
John Erickson, dwelling in a seow on the Uppertown waterfront, attracted attention last evening by his wild actions and finally he procured his shotgun and threatened to kill people passing near. He did fire out of his window several times. Police Officer Hansen arrested the man and took him to the station, Erickson going there without much trouble. At the station he became somewhat unmanageable and Chief Oberg and the others had difficulty in searching him.

With The Odd Fellows—
The beautiful ceremonies incident to the installation of the officers of Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., last evening, at the hall of the order in this city, drew a large concourse of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and a splendid program was unfolded after the official work had been performed. Refreshments were served and the evening went to the records as one of the most enjoyable in the history of the local lodges.

Has Set The Stakes—
Mr. Tee, the city surveyor, has set the stakes for the proposed grade at Irving and Seventh that is asked for in one of the petitions presented to the council. At a recent meeting of the council it was arranged that the stakes be set out by the city surveyor so that it might readily be seen just what changes are proposed. The stakes as set out involve the making of cuts at this corner of about 14 feet at the southwest corner, nearly five feet at the southeast corner and of about 19 feet at the northwest corner. These cuts would be necessary, states Mr. Tee's report, to comply with the petition of one of the parties.

Committed To Asylum—
Miss Jennie Crowner, who has been employed as a domestic, was committed to the asylum by Judge Trenchard last evening, as she is evidently insane. This is the third time that the unfortunate woman has been committed to asylums, once before in Montana and once at Salem. She was liberated the last time in 1903. A bad attack of spinal meningitis in 1895 brought on the trouble. She is 33 years old and unmarried. Her home is in Astoria. She was examined yesterday by Dr. Tuttle, who reported that the present symptoms of her insanity consist mainly of great irritability, wildly vituperative language, and insomnia.

Have You Cold Feet?
If so, hustle yourself down to the C. V. Brown Shoe Store and take advantage of the bargains now apparent there at the big odd and end sale.

The Man Who Eats.
The man who eats does so with the expectation of being satisfied. To this end he seeks the best possible place to gratify his normal appetite at the most rational expense. These accounts for the steady stream of people to and from the portals of the Palace Restaurant in this city. The reputation of the Palace is founded immovably upon the certainty and amplitude of the service it renders to every purse, and appetite, big and little. Open day and night. Commercial streets, opposite the Page building.

Recount Up Today—
Last evening Judge Anderson stated that he then did not know what his attitude would be today in relation to turning over the ballot box to the city council. He will abide entirely by the city attorney's opinion, which he will receive this morning presumably. While the charter gives the council the absolute and final authority to pass upon the contest as between Mr. Carney and Mr. Karinen, nevertheless in the absence of any method of procedure provided for by charter or ordinance, it is presumed that the state laws as to the procedure may have to be followed, including an order of the circuit court for the opening of the ballot box. The council will meet at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon to take the matter up.

Lost Poll Tax Receipts—
In a minor way one of the political surprises of the new year was the appointment of Fred Brown by the county court as poll tax collector, in the stead of "Dud" Blount. Mr. Blount was also surprised for he presumed that his record of having collected more than any of his predecessors would have insured him a re-appointment for the new year. But in one way he had had bad luck. He is debited at the office of the county clerk with nine books of poll tax receipts, each book containing 50. In settling up he only accounted for eight of the books, which leaves 50 receipts unaccounted for. This was the first Mr. Blount knew of their absence and he is in a quandary, the only solution that he can offer being that he lost the book. But meantime some one must have found the book, which represents a value of \$150, and the finder could easily have filled out a receipt for himself and given or sold the remaining other 49 to his friends. Of course to have done that would be dangerous work, as it involved forgery. Mr. Blount is very anxious to find the missing book, and if any one did find it, he can win much appreciation by returning it to Mr. Blount. Mr. Blount's honesty in the matter is not questioned for a single minute by anyone officially or otherwise interested in the missing book.

Joint Installation—
At a joint installation last night of Seaside Lodge No. 12, A. O. U. W., and Charity Lodge No. 53, D. of H., the following officers of the A. O. U. W. were installed: P. M. W., Wm. Ross; M. W., Geo. Kaboth; foreman, A. R. Cyrus; overseer, J. A. Montgomery; recorder, Patric Shea; financier, Wm. C. A. Pohl; receiver, J. E. Higgins; Guide, O. F. Morton; I. W. A. L. Steel; O. W., W. H. Gray; trustee, Wm. Kelley. The following were installed for Charity Lodge: Mrs. Christine Carlson, P. C. of H.; Mrs. Hannah Porter, C. of H.; Mrs. Emma E. Cyrus, L. of H.; Mrs. Barbara Hartwig, C. of C.; Mrs. Bertha Morton, L. U.; Wm. C. A. Pohl, recorder; A. R. Cyrus, financier; Emma C. Bayard, receiver; Edith L. Moore, O. W. A. R. Cyrus, D. D. G. M., installed the officers of Seaside Lodge, and Mrs. S. A. Fastabend, D. D. G. C. of H., installed the officers of Charity Lodge. After the installation addresses were made by several of the officers of the two lodges, followed by a short musical program. All present were then treated to a magnificent banquet set by the ladies of the Degree.

Number one Butter in two and three-gallon crocks, 32c at Fisher Bros. Co.

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Bologna, Frankfurts, Liver, Blood Sausage and Headcheese, all 10c lb.

Smith's Breakfast Bacon, 16c and 17c

Smith's Lard in 5-lb. pails 65c

Smith's Hams 15c

Half a Ham, per lb. 15c

Best Round Steak, choicest cut . . . 10c

Sirloin Steak 10c

Extra choice cut of Sirloin Steak, 12c

Soup Meat, per lb. 3c

Bolling Meat 5c and 6c

Pot Roast Beef 7c and 8c

Rib Roast Beef 13c

Extra choice cut of Rib Roast Beef 12c

Pickled Pork 12c

Pigs' Feet 5c

Dry Salt Pork 12c

Loin Pork Chops 15c

Shoulder Pork Chops 10c, 12c

FARMERS

We buy dressed veal, dressed pork, and all kinds of poultry—also hides and pelts.

HAZARD AND PLEASURE

'MID SNOW AND ICE

ASTORIANS INDULGE WINTER SPORTS TO THEIR HEARTS' CONTENT FOR A DAY

With three inches of the "beautiful snow, smoothly laid on a coating of ice half an inch thick over every exposed surface in this city and section, there was ample inducement for the oldsters and youngsters of Astoria to dig out from their two-year seclusion all degrees and sizes of sleds and sleighs owned here (and their name is legion) and indulge some of the hardier and heartier of the winter sports, and to call in their less well-equipped friends to share the rare engagements.

It began with the first faint beams of daylight; the hills were soon back with flying sleds swinging down the precipitous grades at lightning speed and stopping far beyond the first lines of the level, only to cheerfully climb over the heights to try it over and over again, as lusty boys and girls are wont to do on such days as yesterday. Only the school calls interrupted the jolly sport, and at the earliest leisure, the game went on uninterruptedly until dark, and until the weariness-call to bed ended the day for the little people.

Their elders were not a whit behind the youngsters in the pleasure pursuits of the hour; all the express wagons, hacks and buggies and common-place wheeled vehicles, were early transformed to impromptu sleds and sleighs, and plenty of unsuspected cutters were hauled out of their covers and hitched to the fastest stock in the city, and with bells galore made their way about the streets and roads on quests of business and pleasure all day long and far into the night. Sleighing parties were in evidence everywhere all the evening and the laughter and fun was infectious as it was pronounced. Even the famous ski of the "Nordland" was out in dozens of instances, Karl Knobloch and several of his countrymen indulging the rare and speedy sport as best they might upon the meagre snow-fall.

The snow-balist was in perpetual evidence, night and day; there was no immunity from him, anywhere in the open; he was as ubiquitous as he was true in his aim, and many a derby was sent whirling to the astonishment, amusement, chagrin, or bad temper of the owner, as the case might be; but the snowballs were kept in the air unceasingly and reprisals in kind were the only ones noted; battles were fought up and down Commercial street, and many a misdirected shot caught the unthought-of victim, to the general amusement.

The day passed without accident or clash of any kind, and was well spent in the boisterous and unusual gratifications of the hour. It is not often that the Astorian from abroad gets a chance to hark back to such winter sports as this and he finds the native right at his elbow in making a gala day and night of the snow season at hand.

1 Piano Number with each \$5 Purchase

Is Your Pipe Frozen ?

If so see a Plumber; but don't wait until you catch cold, buy an Overcoat now! Wise offers all of his

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25 to 35 per-cent Off

Just When You Need it!

Reductions on Suits, Hats, Etc. Also Prevail

Boy's Suits, that is Short Pants

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Astoria's Reliable Clothier

REALTY TRANSFERS

W. C. Smith and wife to Rudolph Weise, lot 3, block 10, The Plaza; \$275.

John Boberg to Mary Roberts, lot 6, block 11, of subdivision of Clatsop Grove; \$1.

Charles Hansen to Matilda Hansen lots 29 and 30, block 60, Adair's upper Astoria; \$1.

Young's Bay Land Co. to Harry Mrs. Cormick, 70 acres near Nowlen's Slough on Young's River; \$100.

We Want Your Feet

Now is the time to purchase your shoes. Charles V. Brown is having an odd and end sale and prices are being cut below cost. Call at the store today and fit yourself out.

There is no case on record of a cough, cold or la grippe developing into pneumonia after Foley's Honey and Tar has been taken, as it cures the most obstinate deep seated coughs and colds. Why take anything else. Owl Drug Store, T. F. Laurin, Prop.

Boy Wanted.

A good boy to work in printing office. Apply Astorian office.

Smith has a new price list and it shows his meats are cheaper than ever. Read the list, page 5.

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