—Miss H. M. Morrison is now sole proprietor of the Main street Millinery store. See advertisement.

—That elegant yacht, built at the Cape for uncle Sam has been successfully launched and christened "Columbia."

—The plat of the Astoria, Nehalem valley and Washington county Waggon Road has been filed at the Clerk's office in this city.

—Charles Stevens, Secretary of the Astoria Bible Society has now a lot of bibles and testaments on hand for sale—very cheap.

—The Steamer Varuna left yesterday for Brookfield with a full cargo of freight. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Megler went as passengers.

—We understand the Oriambee left San Francisco for Astoria last Tuesday. If so she may be expected here to-morrow when we will probably get the balance of the President's message, and other news.

—The Ladies Fair and Festival at the Congregational church Tuesday night was a grand affair, and we are pleased to know that a net sum was realized quite sufficient to pay for cushioning the seats at the church.

—We understand that the mail boat from Portland started down Monday but Capt. Hoyt was not certain he would be able to get through and it turned back. There is no later news than came from Portland on Friday last.

—Mr. A. J. Megler has presented T. H. Reeves with an elegant meerschaum on a pledge to do so if Capt. Flavel's driver should drive thirty miles in one day at Brookfield, Mr. Reeves being engineer. Forty-one piles were driven one day.

—The gay season will be well observed in this vicinity. A grand ball is to be given at Fort Stevens on the 16th; Beaver Lodge of Old Settlers have Social Dinners on the 20th and 21st, and Astoria Engine Company No. 1 give a ball on Christmas night. We understand that the various churches will hold festivals and have Christmas trees on the 24th.

HOME PACKETS, Etc.—The steamer Annie Stebbins, started up the river Wednesday with a vessel in tow, expecting to get as far as Oak Point; the tug Sedalia and Merrimac are at the docks in Astoria; the Varuna is running to the Cape, and the Astoria on the bar. Yesterday morning there were eight vessels at anchor in the harbor, seven of which are here for cargoes for foreign ports. Twenty-five or six others are on route here from different ports. The schooner Rough and Ready left Kanapton on Tuesday with a cargo of lumber for Brookfield; the Elfrith went to Shippan yesterday for a cargo of cattle for Hobson & Warren; the sloop Mary H. is now run by Mr. W. J. Franklin; the schooner Buckeye arrived Tuesday from the Cape half full of water, damaged on a sung—and will be hauled out for repairs.

—The Empire Minstrels, at the Cape, are preparing and rehearsing for an entertainment at Astoria at an early day.

—Van Deusen is one of the fortunate ones. He got an ample supply of flour to carry him through the season.

—Among the passengers leaving Oregon by the steamship California on the 8th, we had a conversation with Joseph and A. J. Knott, esq. of Portland, who were bound for the Skeena river in British Columbia. These gentlemen have purchased the steamship — Capt. W. Webb's pet—of the Oregon steamship Company, and are fixing her for a trip to the Skeena next month, where she will be put into service to convey passengers and supplies to the new colonies in those parts next spring, as a grand rush is anticipated, equal to California in the days of '49. Jack and Levi Knott expect to cut a trail to the mines this Winter, and otherwise prepare for the rush. We wish them all prosperity, but at the same time would parenthetically remark that it is our opinion that they are "building castles in the air."

—We expected the Oriambee Tuesday with a supply of paper for this office. She did not come, and that is our only apology for the apparent shrinkage of the Astorian today.