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THE CITY.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN will be sent by mail at 75 cents a month, free of postage. Posters who contemplate absence from the city may have THE ASTORIAN follow them, DAILY or WEEKLY editions to any post-office without additional expense. Addresses may be changed as often as desired. Leave orders at the counting room.

—Christmas eve.
 —There are six vessels outside.
 —The Columbia is still inside the bar.
 —What are you going to get for the little folks?
 —If you want to look funny, get one of Adler's masks.
 —Yesterday was a bad day to move household Lanes and Penates.
 —Fresh candy every day at the Astoria candy factory.
 —Steamer day; State of California in Oregon down, Columbia out.
 —Bon-bons and Xmas tree hangings as cheap as dirt at the City book store.
 —If you have not signed that railroad petition call in at either of the drug stores and sign it.
 —Mr. John Rogers of the Central Market, has made arrangements to keep all the finest fresh fish, etc., in their season.
 —Seven-eighths of Oregon's 13,889,000 bushels of wheat for 1881 were raised in the Willamette valley.
 —Christmas tree ornaments, candles and nuts at Adler's.
 —Harper's Bazaar makes the surprising statement that "plump girls are no longer popular." Since when?
 —The N. P. R. R. is obliged to use snow plows on the Spokane division, the snow being from two to three feet deep in that section.
 —Remember everything very cheap at Adler's today.
 —Tis said that the only reason that Georgia declines to have a "Colonel's day" is that it would be impossible to accommodate 275,000 men at one time.
 —Selig's stock of holiday goods are to be sold without reserve. You mustn't forget this.
 —Today we may swallow the fish bone, and dance in a vortex of sorrow; But the drum stick, and stuffing and wish-bone.
 —Will you with keen rapture to-morrow.
 —D'ye mind that now!
 —For your mamma; some of that rich majolica ware at Adler's.
 —Hon. Geo. S. Downing, of Mariou, who is no relation to Major Jack Downing, who wrote "Thirty Years out of the U. S. Senate," is cheered by the Oregon Statesman for killing a 552 pound hog.
 —We will open a new lot of books and other goods at the City book store today. Don't fail to examine them.
 —There is considerable discussion in the up-country papers as to who wrote "Louis XI," now being played by Sheridan. If the guilty party lives in Astoria he may as well come forward and confess it.
 —Buy some of that nice silver ware at Adler's.
 —It cost the Government \$269,000,000 to run the country the last fiscal year, or rather it cost the country that much to run the Government. The receipts during the same time were \$360,000,000. Uncle Sam is just \$100,000,000 ahead.
 —Now comes the last day; if you haven't been at the City book store you ought to call at once.
 —The Seattle Chronicle has a powerful editorial in the issue of the 19th inst. on the "Present Congress." The fact that the same editorial appeared in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of the 8th inst., in no way affects the validity of the Chronicle's arguments.
 —Being still overstocked Adler has marked everything down to bottom prices; bound to sell.
 —The Seattle Chronicle says that the tug-boat Tacoma, after all the talk to the contrary, is not to be taken around to the Columbia river. Had she come here it would have added about two feet to the depth of water on the bar. As it is we can only put our trust in Providence and Congress.

Notice.

As we are about to complete our last contract, we desire to announce that we are now in readiness to immediately erect any kind of buildings.
HANSEN BROS., Astoria.

Auction To-Day!

Thankful for the liberal patronage already received, I beg to announce my closing out auction sale of toys and useful Christmas gifts, to commence this day at 10 A. M., and again at 2:30 P. M.
E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

Christmas Turkey.

Call at Central Market for the best of turkeys, geese, chickens, fruits and vegetables, etc. for Christmas and New Year.
JOHN ROGERS.

The following is self-explanatory:

PORTLAND, Dec. 19, 1881.
 To Rescue Jubilee Troupe:—Will be on hand for the masquerade with the best quadrille band in the city.
J. H. ROOS.

Too Fresh.

Private Henry H. Franklin, Company L, First Cavalry, acting assistant hospital steward, third class, has been tried at Fort Walla Walla, W. T., by general court-martial for conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline; the allegation being that he wrote and sent to the editor for publication in the New York Witness, of July 28th last, a letter advising all respectable young men to keep out of the army, as it is a world of iniquity, spreading vice and crime all around it, that the men are deep in depravity, vice, degradation and shame; that every precaution is taken to hinder men from attending divine service, the chaplains being worthless men, and that the whole army was rotten to the core. He was found guilty and sentenced by the court to confinement at hard labor in charge of the guard for seven months, and forfeiture of \$10 per month for the same period. General Miles, commanding the department of the Columbia, approved the sentence and directed that it be duly executed.

For handsome holiday presents,

such as toilet cases, cologne sets, perfumery cases, fine soaps, etc., go to Conn's drug store, opposite Occident Hotel.

Buy some of those nice books at Adler's,

just the thing for a present.

The carcass of a fat beef at Warren & Eaton's,

weighing 1,039 pounds, shows what the grass of this county will produce.

Fine assortment nuts and candies at the Astoria Candy Factory.

The Christmas tree of the Presbyterian Sunday school in the church,

this evening, at 6:30. Come and bring the children.

Another of those fine A. B. Chase organs at the City Book Store.

The Gatesville Sun has a new editor.

He says he enters on his duties with "an imperious consciousness of a personal commitment to a position recognized by intelligence and morality as a representative and formative entity, molding and vitalizing the intelligent constituency who perpetuate by prerogative its existence."

It don't matter what you want for a Christmas or New Year present,

you will find it at Adler's.

A prominent insurance company has a rule,

says the Cincinnati Price Current, that if a party has been once burned out, it will take a risk for him, upon the ground that one fire is a probability for even the best of men. Where a party has been twice burned it will not insure him at any price, on the ground that the man is either careless, unlucky, has enemies, or is dishonest.

Those writing desks at the City book store are the best in the city.

They are something nice and durable, and just what most young ladies would appreciate from the giver.

In the present Canadian parliament the French delegation insist every year upon having the official journal of the day printed in French as well as English.

Parties desirous of annexing Canada would do well to make a note of that. Fancy reading a French version of the Congressional Globe. J. Proctor Knott's famous Duluth speech in French, for instance. It would be almost as good as "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras county."

There are a few more chances left yet to win one of those lovely dolls which are to be raffled at Mrs. Derby's New Year eve.

The proposition that delegates from Alaska be admitted has caused some inquiries touching the population there.

Professor Elliott, of the Smithsonian Institute, puts the population at 30,000, of which 400 are whites, 1,700 Russian half-breeds and the remainder Indians. Prospecting for minerals has not indicated any great value. The timber will be very valuable in time, also the fisheries, when developed. The fur trade is the only means of livelihood of the people. The Government revenue from the fur trade was \$317,000.

Masks! Masks!!

Go to Adler's and get you a mask. He has all kinds and all sizes for young and old.

The Scandinavian Ball.

The ball at Liberty Hall last Thursday night was a success in every sense of the word. The clouds that had hung low all day cleared off, and a bright starlit night gave the young folks opportunity to gather. Dancing commenced at 9 and after a fine supper, was renewed till 3:30 A. M. Everything passed off pleasantly and the occasion was one of agreeable remembrance to all who participated.

At the Catholic church on Christmas mass will be said at 5:30, 8:00 and 10:30 A. M.

Inkstands to suit everybody, in large variety, at Adler's.

A letter from San Diego, Cal., tells us there is "just enough rain to lay the dust." Here, too.

Chas. Stevens and Son have a stock of mouldings and moulders tools which can be bought cheap for cash to close out that branch of the business.

There will be a Christmas tree for the Sunday school at the Episcopal church, at seven o'clock this evening.

For the genuine J. H. Cutler old Bourbon, and the best of wines, liquors and San Francisco beer, call at the Gem, opposite the bell tower, and see Campbell.

Christmas service at the Episcopal church on Sunday, at 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. Mr. Sellwood officiating. Holy communion will be administered.

Xmas, New Year's, and birth-day cards, the finest ever in the city, at the City Book Store.

J. Devlin has begun the manufacture of cans for the coming season, having received 1,000 boxes of tin by the Annie Main and 1,500 by the Merwanjee Franjee.

Toys regardless of cost to-day at Adler's; bound to get rid of them.

Mr. Skinner tells that he has put up a mail box on the northwest corner of West 8th and Water streets for all up-river mail. No mail should be put in the box other than up-river mail.

Selig's stock has arrived and his Auction Bazaar is a success. He is just slaughtering goods. Go and see them.

The children and friends of the Presbyterian Sunday school are expected to be at the church at 6:30 this evening, to witness the Christmas exercises. A committee of ladies will be at the church this morning at 10 o'clock, to receive and arrange such presents as are designed for the tree.

The City Book Store has an exhibition one of the finest selection of holiday goods ever opened. Call and examine for yourselves.

Mayor Thompson, growing tired of the prolonged delay of the steamer at Astoria, returned home yesterday. He has probably improved his time by taking notes concerning the Columbia river bar, and will enter into the spirit of his mission with increased vigor if he ever succeeds in getting to Washington. The council have an opportunity of giving him another send-off. —Standard, Dec. 23d.

The third annual masquerade of the Resene Jubilee Troupe, at Liberty Hall Dec. 23d, will be conducted as heretofore. These parties are the best conducted and most enjoyable of anything during the year.

Jack McDonald, the deserter from the ship Harry Morse, who escaped from Constable Geo. H. Ward about six weeks ago by jumping overboard from the steamer Fleetwood, near Cathlamet, and met his death in the chilly waters of the Columbia, arrived hale and hearty by the Astoria boat last night. He said to an Oregonian reporter that he slipped the handcuffs from one wrist, but held his hands in such a position that the removal was not noticed. He is a splendid swimmer and had no fears of drowning. After he got to shore he went to work in a logging camp and has been to work ever since. He also went to the Sound. He gives as a reason for jumping overboard that Jim Turk, who had his advance money, refused to buy him a blanket, or an outfit, or rubber boots, and he would not go to sea without these necessities. McDonald is rather an intelligent young man and expects to get work here. —Oregonian, 23d.

Whips, curly-combs, brushes; new stock; first-class goods, cheap for cash. S. GRAY.

A new and specially assorted list of ladies' and gents' masks, all from San Francisco, at very low rates of rent, at M. D. Kant's, Merchant Tailor.

I have just received the finest assortment of fancy goods in my line ever brought to Astoria, consisting of perfumery cases, toilet sets, toilet cases, fine perfumery, fancy soaps, combs, brushes, hand glasses, and toilet articles of all kinds—splendid presents for the holidays. Call and examine goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere, at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident Hotel, Astoria, Oregon.

New, Sweet Cider To-day.

Sold in any quantity to suit.
J. W. CONN.

Lost.

About ten days ago, a fountain pen, rubber holder, "No. 2 Paragon." The finder will confer a favor by leaving the same at the Clerk's office.
J. O. BOZORTH.

Humor.

'Tis interesting to note on reflecting upon the rise and fall of American humor, how popular favor changes, and what different conceptions of humor different people have. Eighteen years ago the effusions of Artemus Ward and Orpheus C. Kerr, were read and laughed at all over the Union; now, on reading one of their "funny" essays, it fails to raise a smile. Then came Mark Twain and the Danbury News man, and in the last six or eight years a host of lesser humorists have tried their unledged flight. The Burlington Hawkeye man seems the only one of late years who possesses the attributes of a true humorist, though M. Quad of the Free Press and Alden of the New York Times, have given evidence of true genius in their humorous productions. A genuine humorist can move his readers to tears almost as easily as to smiles by his skillful sounding of the chords of feeling; the true test of a humorist being the effect the joke has on the mind. If it leaves a taint it is adulterated or spurious. Take for instance the abortive efforts of "Spoonydyke." If the words "dot-gasted," "measly," etc. were eliminated, there would be no more fun about them than there is about a broken wheelbarrow. There is more true humor in one of Nye's moral essays in the Boomerang than in twenty volumes of "Spoonydyke." The trouble is with public as well as private humorists, having acquired a reputation in that line they feel that to sustain it they must be constantly saying something funny, and the result is a good deal like working over old dumps at a mining claim; the tailings assay very low. As for the snuff that sometimes passes for humor, it is like all counterfeit coin; and who ever has it on hand is the loser, for most people refuse to take it. The quietest and most subtle form of humor is that kind which assumes a certain amount of intelligence on the part of the hearer or reader and gives it due credit by not carrying the matter into detail, but indicating the fun and letting the reader or hearer see it for himself.

Hotel Arrivals.

O P Graham, Geo. P. Wheeler City; B Crawford, James Harris La Centre; J D Rerr, Ben Sabine Knappston; Miss Lillie Kanouse Bay Centre; Robt Miller South Bend; E S Kearney Portland.

PARKER HOUSE.

J M Parriah Portland; G Sold Jr, T Smith Knappa; G W Shively Westport; Wm Hawkins Ilwaco; Geo Watson City; B A Johnson Nehalem; T Wray City; J P Miller, L Ohlsen Grays River; F B Faught Sea Side; A F Salisbury Rainier; Frank Sweet Bay View.

A large invoice of parlor, cook stoves and ranges at J. A. Montgomery's.

Catarth cured, health and sweet breath secured by Shilo's Catarth Remedy. Price 50 cents, Nasal Injector free. For sale by W. E. Dement.

Sleepless Nights, made miserable by that terrible cough, Shilo's Cure is the remedy for you. Sold by W. E. Dement.

Shilo's Cough and Consumption Cure is sold by us on guarantee. It cures consumption. Sold by W. E. Dement.

Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis immediately relieved by Shilo's Cure. Sold by W. E. Dement.

Shilo's Vitalizer is what you want for Consumption, Loss of Appetite, Dizziness and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 10 and 25 cents per bottle. Sold by W. E. Dement.

Will you suffer with Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint? Shilo's Vitalizer is guaranteed to cure you. Sold by W. E. Dement.

For lame Back, Side or Chest use Shilo's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cents. For sale by W. E. Dement.

That Hacking Cough can be so quickly cured by Shilo's Cure. We guarantee it. Sold by W. E. Dement.

P. J. Goodman, on Chenamus street, has just received the latest and most fashionable style of gents and ladies boots, shoes, etc.

Get your legal blanks at THE ASTORIAN office. A full line of over two hundred styles.

The New Testament authorized edition revised, for twenty-five cents at Charles Stevens and Sons City Book store.

The Orient Baths are far superior to any in the city. Everything new and neat. Chenamus street, opposite Holders' auction room. Joe G. Charters, proprietor.

Frank Fabro has oysters in every style. Stew and pan roasts a specialty.

Blanks, Promissory notes, bonds for deed, quit claim deeds, mortgages and warranty deeds, at this office.

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Prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours.
 Homeopathic Tinctures and Pellets, and Humphrey's Specifics also kept.

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GRAND OPENING.

A LIVELY ENTERTAINMENT.

Have a new bowling alley, the largest and best in town. Admittance free.

MRS. DERBY.

DEALER IN
New and Choice

MILLINERY,

Desires to call the attention of the Ladies of Astoria to the fact that she has received a large assortment of the
LATEST STYLES OF

Hats, Bonnets, Trimmings,

FANCY GOODS.

Corner Main and Squemoque Streets.
S. GRAY

MAKES UP FIRST CLASS STOCK INTO
Harness and Saddles,

And will fit you out in better style and cheaper rates than any other man in Oregon.
A full line of Whips, Carry Combs, etc., on hand.

Notice.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fishermen's Packing Company will be held at their office in Upper Astoria, on the 24th day of December, 1881, at 9 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as may come before the meeting. By order of the President,
 J. G. HUSTLER,
 Clerk of School District No. 1.**

CANNERY

FOR SALE.

**THE BUILDING PLANT AND SUPPLIES OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKING COMPANY, near New Westminster, Fraser River. Apply to
 JAMES FINLAYSON,
 318 Front St., S. E.
 Or P. BIRRELL, on the premises.**

School Tax Notice.

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF SCHOOL District No. 1, Clatsop county, Oregon: You are hereby notified that the assessment roll for the school tax in district No. 1 for the year 1881, is completed and will be in my hands at my office at Brown & Co's dock for the next sixty days from date hereof. Pay your taxes in time and save costs.
**J. G. HUSTLER,
 Clerk of School District No. 1.
 Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 16, 1881.**

SHIPPING TAGS

THE BEST QUALITY, WILL BE SOLD by the hundred, or by the box, printed or plain, to suit customers, at The Astorian office.

C. H. COOPER, GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

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—FOR YOUR—

CHRISTMAS

AND

NEW YEAR

PRESENTS

Buy your Children and Friends something that will be of service to them

I have received a large consignment of

Genuine Gold Jewelry

Which I will sell at wholesale rates. Buyers will save money by purchasing of me.

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M. MEYER, Proprietor.
 ASTORIA, - OREGON.

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REDUCTION OF WHOLESALE PRICES.
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 LARGE ORDERS IN LIKE PROPORTION.

Less Quantities, 30 Cents per Gallon
Bottled Beer, \$1 50 per Dozen
 Special attention paid to orders from Public Houses and Families.

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Look at the prices:
 Pants to order from
 Pants, Genuine French Cassimere - \$3 00
 Suits from - 12 50
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 The finest line of samples on the coast to select from.
P. J. MEANY,
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