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J. W. Conn advertises some beautiful holiday goods.

Read the New York Novelty company's advertisement.

There will be divine service on board the Highland Light at 4 P. M., Rev. J. McCormac officiating.

High winds and muddy water have prevented the fishermen along the wharves from enjoying their usual sport during the past few days.

Capt. Mitchell, of South Bend, thinks he will be able to launch his schooner by New Years. There is to be a masquerade at that place about Christmas time.

The total assessed value of Pacific county property is \$388,271; total tax \$970.72; total assessed value of Wahiakuna county property is \$248,349; total tax \$620.87.

The Oregon started down yesterday afternoon, but the bar was so rough it is not positive that she crossed out. The North Bend came alongside Main-street wharf.

Rev. Winfield Scott, D. D., will preach in the Baptist church at 11 A. M. to-day, and deliver a lecture to young men in the evening upon "The Game of Life." Praise service at 7 P. M.

A gentleman who arrived on the last steamer, from Sacramento, Cal., informs us that the streets there were dusty when he left. Dust is something Astorians are seldom troubled with.

The Butte Inter-Mountain believes that portion of Idaho through which the Utah and Northern passes is the most desolate, unproductive and God-forsaken looking country on this terrestrial globe.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. Shafter, Dr. Shafter proposes to return to San Francisco, and offers for sale some very choice furniture at auction next Tuesday. See E. C. Holden's advertisement.

On the steamer Oregon yesterday occurred a sudden death, while the vessel was lying in this port. Patrick Fennell, second assistant engineer, dropped dead shortly after the arrival of the vessel. The cause of his death was heart disease. The body was taken on to San Francisco.

In an item last week we stated that during the storm thirteen inches of rain had fallen. Some doubt being expressed by one of our exchanges we find upon examination that there was a mistake. The item in question should have stated the rainfall to be thirteen feet—horizontal measurement.

A very interesting entertainment will be given at Liberty Hall next Tuesday evening. The beautiful and touching poem of Jean Ingelow, "The Songs of Seven," will be rendered in seven parts, with marriage scene. Interspersed with it will be given an excellent concert by many of the best talent of Astoria. The proceeds are to be devoted to the benefit of the Baptist church.

A few days ago, says a Washington dispatch, the president nominated William C. Connell, of Ohio, to be Indian agent at the Umatilla agency. While offices in the territory are open to persons from any state, it is unusual to fill positions in states with individuals residing in other states. Representative George called at the Indian department to learn why an Ohio man had been given an office in Oregon, and the excuse of the appointing power was that it was thought Umatilla agency was situated in one of the territories. Yesterday Connell's nomination was withdrawn, and George is waiting to hear from home before recommending an Oregon man for the place.

In Clarke Co., W. T., the road supervisors, growing tired of shoveling mud every season, have adopted a new plan of making roads which seems to work well. It consists simply of laying split fir planks on the grade and covering lightly with earth. The cost of such a road must be considerable, but it will probably pay in the end. The planks cost about 50 cents per rod of road ten feet wide. Handling and laying them down costs from 80 to 90 cents per rod more, making complete cost about \$1.40 per rod. The planks are made from the timber growing along the line of the road, and the stumpage costs nothing. Many trees have been cut on this line which have each furnished planks for 16 rods, 264 feet in length of road, or six to ten thousand feet of lumber measurement.

Railroad Notes.

There seems to be a general impression at Portland that the railroad which is soon to be built down to a point opposite Kalama will be able to carry the grain down below all shoals between Astoria and Portland. This is a mistaken notion. There is a very serious obstacle to navigation at Walker's Island some fifteen miles below the point to which the railroad will be built; and again at the Hog's back just above the Tongue. Should the railroad people wish to avoid all difficulty of the nature we allude to, they must continue their road on down to Astoria, and then they will be able to get everything into a ship that she can carry across the bar.

And this leads to the inquiry to what point will the Oregon Short Line go? It is coming "to tide water." It will come to Portland of course. No railroad entering Oregon can avoid going to so large a city. But the Oregon Short line must also come to some point below Portland, or oceanward from Portland in order to have as good a position for the Trans-Pacific and northwest coast trade as the Villard system will enjoy. This second point may be Astoria, it may be Port Townsend or both, or it may be some point as yet undetermined by the managers. Astoria, however, is on the right course to bring a railroad. It is growing as fast as is healthy for it to grow without any railroads, and it will soon be seen that a railroad must be built here simply because it is too large a place to be without one. Land grants and adverse interests may keep the railroad back awhile, but not always.

Prosperity in Puyallup. Puyallup has struck a bonanza, this would afford some genuine humorist a chance to immortalize himself. Men who never had anything in the shape of property, more definite than a mortgage, now have ten to sixty thousand dollars to their credit, and really don't know what use to make of their unexpected wealth. One old bachelor got married; a plain couple who hadn't any good clothes spent days of time selecting new gold watches. One honest man who once took the bankrupt law has paid all his old debts.—Willamette Farmer

The river is full of driftwood, from the recent rains throughout the interior. It has been a good thing for the loggers through the country, as millions of feet have been carried into the Columbia that ordinarily would have required considerable effort.

For weak lungs, spitting of blood, shortness of breath, consumption, night sweats and all lingering coughs, Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" is a sovereign remedy. Superior to cod liver oil. By druggists.

Wanted. A young man to help around a dairy; must be active and willing. Apply at this office.

Christmas Tree. Ornaments at Carl Adler's.

Santa Claus. Has established an agency in Astoria at Carl Adler's. Everyone buying a present will be suited.

No Matter what you Buy. If it is over a dollar you will get a chance in that beautiful \$50 silver set at Carl Adler's.

Notice. The New York Novelty Co. will have a Grand Opening of the finest toys and holiday goods ever brought to Astoria, Saturday night. Corner Main and Chenamus streets.

Christmas Cards. The most handsome Christmas cards can be found at New York Novelty Co., corner Main and Chenamus sts.

Notice. If you want to buy a first-class organ, guaranteed for 10 years, at a low figure, call at the New York Novelty Co., cor. Main and Chenamus streets.

Wax Dolls, Rubber Dolls, Dolls' cradles, Rocking horses and Toys at Carl Adler's.

The Golden Rule Bazaar is full of Christmas goods, which will be sold in accordance with the motto of the establishment.

Hallo! Where are you going? Why to Frank Fabre's for a pan roast.

Mr. John Rogers of the Central Market, has made arrangements to keep all the finest fresh fish, etc., in their season.

Have you tried a stew or pan roast as Frank Fabre cooks it? Order one and you'll thank us for the advice.

P. J. Goodman, on Chenamus street, has just received the latest and most fashionable style of gents and ladies boots, shoes, etc. Agent in Astoria for the famous Morrow shoes.

Dr. Lockhart, Office over City Book Store.

Shoalwater bay oysters: fresh every day, at Frank Fabre's.

Fresh supply of candies at Oerkwitz's Pioneer Candy Factory, opposite Bell tower.

Several thousand dollars worth of holiday goods at Carl Adler's.

Eggs, Etc.

We are informed by a correspondent that in relation to the egg question, the reason that eggs are so high in Astoria is because it is so hard to raise chickens. He says that these delicate birds require constant care and attention, that they must be "housed, kept warm, fed regularly and plentifully and attended to faithfully." Well, we haven't the slightest doubt of it, but unlike virtue, which we are told is its own reward, the poultry raiser who develops such affection for his feathered friends will be rewarded by bringing eggs to Astoria, and getting more for a dozen than the old hen herself, or the young hen, as the case may be, would sell for. Our boyish memory of hens and eggs is to see the old mother hen leading around a bevy of little chirrupers; of coaxing other hens who evinced a desire to set, to quit such foolishness and "break them of setting," and to gather eggs whenever wanted from nests in the barns and haymows. Our correspondent says that "you couldn't scare up a hen in any barn in the place." Maybe not. He also describes sundry diseases to which poultry is liable in this latitude, and declares that "it won't pay." Still we are not convinced. In the stores and markets here eggs of doubtful age and ancient flavor sell for sixty-five cents a dozen. We never did know, nor is it likely we ever shall find out, why eggs should be sold by the dozen any more than planks, or carrots, or cigars, or oysters, or straw hats. But this is digression. The fact of eggs being worth so much, is, to us, good ground for believing that it would pay to raise them, or the hens that lay them. The gentleman who writes concludes by saying that if we don't believe chickens will die "you just try raising them." We have never for a moment argued the immortality of the hen. We are quite sure she will die; this is in accordance with a wise provision of nature, for if they didn't die what would become of the boarding house folks who want "spring chickens." This is conceded. As for us trying to raise chickens and run a paper, our correspondent will see that the thing is out of the question. We have his own statement that chickens require to be fed regularly, kept warm, etc. Now, in all sincerity we ask him, supposing a tug is coming up from the bar, and we, at the time, are engaged in feeding the chickens, how are we to reconcile the two things; either the item as to what vessel went out, and how many feet of water she drew, and what is anchored out by the whistling buoy, must be lost, or the chickens must be neglected. He may suggest that we stuff the chickens into the breast pocket of our overcoat, and go after the item, but he will see on a moment's reflection, that would excite remark and invite criticism of an uncomplimentary nature. And then, too, he must remember that a newspaper man in Astoria, if he wants to have enough left at the end of the month to buy a diamond ring or a dozen of eggs, or other high-priced commodities, must set a little type. Now we say without fear of successful contradiction, that no man can set type and raise chickens at the same time. This is impossible. Hence our correspondent will see how manifestly impractical is his advice. But we are not as one without hope. A man from the Willapa writes that he will start raising chickens on a large scale—probably even larger than that one on Flavel's dock—next season. Let Portland egg men hear and tremble. The days of high-priced eggs shall pass away.

A true assistant to nature in restoring the system to perfect health, thus enabling it to resist disease, is Brown's Iron Bitters.

Has arrived. Prof. A. S. Francis arrived in this city last evening. He is prepared to fill all orders in tuning, repairing and regulating pianos, organs and musical instruments of all kinds. Persons desiring to purchase musical instruments will do well to have one select them who understands their mechanism. City Book Store may be left at the Occident Hotel.

To be Given Away. A beautiful silver Pitcher, Goblet and Tray, worth \$50.00. Each purchaser of one dollar worth of upwards will receive a ticket entitling him to one chance in this elegant set, at Adler's Emporium, or The Golden Rule Bazar.

Oysters! Oysters!! At Frank Fabre's; in every style. Fresh from the beds every day.

A USEFUL GIFT. City Book Store.

Any one purchasing goods to the amount of one dollar and upwards at B. F. Stevens' City Book Store will get a ticket entitling him or her to one chance in a

Singer Sewing Machine, warranted new and in good order. A fine stock of holiday goods to select from. This affords you a chance to get a useful and valuable gift.

How to Avoid Drunkenness. Forbid intoxicating nostrums and use Parker's Ginger Tonic in your family. This delicious remedy never intoxicates, is a true blood and brain food, and aiding all the vital functions never fails to invigorate.

Dr. Welch, of Portland, has arrived in the city and has taken rooms at the Occident. He will remain but ten days and all desiring dental work done can be attended to. He has a supply of nitrous oxide, and will extract teeth without pain.

Get those splendid oiled horse covers and hoods at A. M. Johnson & Co's.

The Nicaragua Canal.

A Washington despatch of the 15th says: Capt. Wm. L. Merry, who appears here as the commissioner for the boards of trade of San Francisco and Portland, publishes a letter in the National Republican of this city this morning, in which he takes Mr. Blaine to task for his recent statements regarding the Nicaragua canal bill. He says: "It is evident that Mr. Blaine has never read the Nicaragua canal bill, or he would not have asserted that the government is thereby requested to expend \$75,000,000 in its construction. The bill does not require that the government shall expend one cent in construction, the responsibility of which rests, as it should, entirely upon the company. The remarks attributed to Mr. Blaine in reference to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty are equally inexplicable. There is not a clause either in the franchise from Nicaragua or in the bill before congress which conflicts with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. On the contrary the franchise distinctly affirms the neutrality of the canal and its equal tariff on ships of all nations except for the consideration given the ships owned by the government that they may have free use of the canal. If Mr. Blaine holds the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is or should be operative, there is nothing in the bill to prevent the joint guarantee of neutrality required by said treaty, and on the completion of the work we can invite Great Britain to join us in carrying out the provisions of the treaty. If Mr. Blaine holds that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is not operative or that the time has arrived when the government shall seek its amendment or abrogation by the required notice, there is abundant time to effect this during the four or five years required for the construction.

Captain Merry thinks, however, this question need not be discussed until the completion of the canal. Alluding to Mr. Blaine's reference to the defenceless condition of the Pacific coast, he asks:

"What can be more defenceless than our present condition! Either Chili, Japan, China or Great Britain have naval armaments constantly upon the Pacific which could forbid access to our Pacific ports and destroy San Francisco by bombardment. We need not fear any military power by land, while by sea the construction of the canal cannot render us any more defenceless than we now are. On the contrary an American inter-oceanic canal will greatly increase our maritime commerce and render us able to cope with foreign powers by furnishing personnel and material for a navy when congress becomes convinced of its necessity."

For aged men, women, weak and sickly children, without a rival. Will not cause headache. Brown's Iron Bitters.

What Women Should Use. Dyspepsia, weak back, dependency and other troubles caused me fearful suffering, but Parker's Ginger Tonic makes me feel like a new being. A great remedy. Every woman should use it. Mrs. Garitz, Pittsburg.

A Nasal Injector free with each bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Sold by W. E. Dement.

Physicians' prescriptions carefully compounded day or night at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident Hotel.

A very complete assortment of blank books, all sizes, styles and prices at the City book store.

All the patent medicines advertised in this paper, together with the choicest perfumery, and toilet articles, etc. can be bought at the lowest prices, at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident Hotel, Astoria.

Averill's mixed paints, the best in use, for sale at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident Hotel.

By buying your silverware at Adler's you will save money and get just what you want.

The Rev. Geo. H. Thayer, of Bourbon, Ind., says: "Both myself and wife owe our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE." Sold by W. E. Dement.

Have Wistar's balsam of wild cherry always at hand. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, whooping cough, croup, influenza, consumption, and all throat and lung complaints. 50 cents and \$1 a bottle.

Premature grayness avoided by using Parker's Hair Balsam, distinguished for its cleanliness and perfume.

Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy—a positive cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria and Canker Mouth. Sold by W. E. Dement.

Why will you cough when Shiloh's Cure will give immediate relief. Price 10 cts 50 cts and \$1. Sold by W. E. Dement.

"Hackmatack" a lasting and fragrant perfume. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by W. E. Dement.

TO THE PUBLIC! No Auction. No Trash.

Our Goods are first class and of the season's selection and are to be sold at rates which are lower than Auction Prices. Call and be convinced.

We have to-day received a large line of Toys in Dolls Tool Chests, Jewelry, Albums, Ink Stands, Plush Toilet Sets, Cologne Sets, Magic Lanterns, Vases, Cups and Saucers, Christmas Ornaments, Christmas Cards, Mechanical Goods, Rocking Horses, Work Boxes, Writing Desks, Musical Instruments.

Everybody invited to examine our goods and prices. Every purchaser is entitled to a chance on our Mechanical Monkey. Come and see it playing.

New York Novelty Co., Cor. Main and Chenamus St., at Kant's old Stand. We have Eastern Prices.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Just received at M. D. Kant's Merchant Tailor establishment, Gent's elegant dressing Gowns beautifully Embroidered Slippers, fine Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs, fine Socks, Scarfs, Ties, etc., at bed rock prices.

Masquerade Costumes. Parties desirous of obtaining Masquerade suits for the coming ball, will find a choice selection of both Comique and Fancy, for ladies or gents, at the very lowest prices for rent at M. D. KANT'S Merchant Tailor Store.

Wanted. At Frank Fabre's Oyster and Coffee saloon, a waiter or waitresses. Wages \$20 per month, with board and lodging. None but first-class help need apply.

Fresh Candy. Made every day at John P. Classen's Astoria Candy Factory. Creams, chocolates, French candy, taffy, etc. A fine assortment of holiday toys.

SOAP. Try our Borax Soap made expressly for us and guaranteed of superior quality. Can be used for any purpose, and will not injure the most delicate fabric. A fine toilet soap.

A. M. JOHNSON & Co. Notice to the Ladies. Switches made from combings or cut hair; new switches made to order from the best imported hair, in any shade desired. Old switches repaired. All work warranted. Rates reasonable. Call or address: HENSHART & SCHIENEN, Occident Hair dressing saloon, Astoria, Oregon.

Important Notice. A full line of artist's materials consisting of tube colors, sable brushes, picture varnishes, canvases, etc. etc. Everything an artist wants at A. M. JOHNSON & Co.

A CARD. To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, etc., I will send a recipe that will cure you FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. LEMAX, Station D, New York City.

Happy Families. From time immemorial figs have been used as a delicious laxative food, and now in the form of a concentrated Syrup of Figs they are destined to play an important part in the problem of human health and happiness, by presenting to the thousands who suffer from the ills arising from habitual constipation a remedy as pleasant to the taste as it is effective. Trial size free, and large bottles for sale by W. E. Dement, Druggist, Agent for Astoria, Oregon. Hodge Davis & Co., Wholesale Agents, Portland Oregon.

Are you made miserable by indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of appetite, Yellow Skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure. For sale by W. E. Dement.

The best selection of Xmas, New Years and Birthday Cards ever shown in the city at the City Book Store.

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

Shiloh's CURE will immediately relieve Croup, whooping cough and Bronchitis. Sold by W. E. Dement.

Without mineral water, fresh and sparkling, at F. B. Eiberson's.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7 o'clock. Rev. J. V. Milligan, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. J. W. Walters, Pastor.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH—Services at 10:30 A. M. Rev. L. Diehlman, Pastor. M. E. CHURCH—Services at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Lecture and Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, at 7 P. M. Rev. W. T. Chapman, Pastor.

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OF ASTORIA.

In order to meet the general demand for useful Christmas Presents we have just opened several cases of Holiday goods comprising

HANDKERCHIEFS!

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Handkerchiefs put up in handsome French boxes, one half dozen in each, expressly for Christmas trade.

Ladies Rich Embroidered Handkerchiefs; Ladies' Real Lace Handkerchiefs; 50 dozen Gentlemen's Plain and Colored Silk Handkerchiefs, in all the Latest designs.

RUSSIA LEATHER GOODS!

Purses, Satchels, Card Cases, Bags, Glove Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, Fancy Articles, Etc. The above goods are new and are very choice, both in style and quality.

FANS! FANS!

Pearl, Ivory, Feather, and Lace, with a large variety of Fancy Fans.

SPANISH LACE GOODS!

Our assortment of fine Spanish Lace, Fichus, Scarfs and Collars, both in Black and Cream, is the best in the market. Embroidered Lace Fichus, Ties, Fine Irish Point Lace Collars.

SPECIAL!

CLOAKS, DOLMANS & CIRCULARS. Having received from a manufacturer a late delivery of these goods, made of the best material and handsomely trimmed, will be sold at low prices.

C. H. COOPER!

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EAST INDIA SAUCE

(The recipe of a retired well known Caterer of 25 years experience.) It has received approbation wherever introduced, and although but a short time in the market it has already attained celebrity throughout the northwest. Being composed of

Strictly Pure and Strengthening Ingredients. It is especially adapted for Dyspepsia, Broken Down Constitution, and Weaknesses of the Human System.

And the only sauce for enriching Steaks, Gravies, Fish, Curries, Game, Soups, Etc., Etc. One trial will suffice to prove its merits. Beware of spurious imitations. None genuine without our full firm name on the label.

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