

But three days more of '85. The telegraph line to the cape is still down. Did you ever see finer Christmas and New Years weather?

The electric lights will not be lit till the arrival of the new lamps, which are expected on Thursday's steamer. Upon the arrival of the Idaho at Port Townsend...

There will be a social under the auspices of the ladies of the Presbyterian church at the residence of Mrs. W. W. Parker this evening.

There was a pleasant social dance last evening at Pythian Castle hall under the auspices of Temple Lodge No. 7 A. F. and A. M. About twenty couples were present who had an enjoyable evening.

Ripe raspberries plucked on Lewis and Clarke's last Sunday form a companion piece to the upper Astoria blackberries sent on Christmas. In the language of the ancient Athenians, this is the boss climate.

The net revenue of the Astoria post office for the past fiscal year was \$3,987.91. This amount is exceeded by two post offices in the state—Portland, \$45,557.90, and Salem, \$5,438.72. The next nearest is The Dalles, \$2,289.49.

The schooner Jennie Ward came in from San Francisco Sunday morning; the barkentine Tam O'Shanter arrived from Guaymas yesterday. The Olive S. Southard, Winnipeg and Clan McLeod cleared. The Aberdeen matter is still in abeyance.

Ocean Encampment No. 13, I. O. O. F., at its regular meeting last evening elected the following officers: E. J. Tuttle, H. P. Halo, S. W. A. C. Fisher, J. W. G. Christian, Scrib, H. F. Prinel, Treasurer, Wm. Beck, Trustees, G. Reed, I. W. Case, Jay Tuttle.

Pilot Gunderson reports that while on the Glenager on Christmas eve, about fifty miles west of Cape Hancock they passed the wreck of a schooner, bottom upward. She was about fifty feet in length; the rudder was gone. There was nothing about the hull to identify it.

ASTORIAN SPECIALS.

A Condensation of the World's News.

NEW YORK NOTES. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The fashion of making New Years calls will be discouraged by good society this year. A movement is on foot looking to the erection of a great Hebrew theological seminary.

TO GROW UP WITH THE COUNTRY. CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Three hundred cigar makers left here for San Francisco to-day.

DEATH OF A WRESTLER. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Clarence Whistler, the renowned wrestler, died to-day from the effects of a big spree.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—The famous suit of Ben Holladay vs. Jos. Holladay was decided to-day in favor of Ben. The suit involves about a million dollars. Ben won the suit, but he has to pay notes and interest, amounting to nearly three hundred thousand dollars.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The secretary of the treasury to-day decided to send a vessel to the relief of the missing whaler Anachist, supposed to be cast away in Behring Strait. Either the Rush or the Tom Corwin will start in four days from San Francisco.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 28.—An unknown woman jumped head first from a third story window to-day, striking on her head. No cause is known.

MADRID, Dec. 28.—The queen regent of Spain has granted an amnesty to all political and press offenders. The Cubans hope soon to gain their independence.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—An incorporated company here proposes to supply the projected Chinese railway with steel rails. London connections of the same construction company will loan \$3,500,000.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Grevy is elected president by a majority of 185. There is much excitement.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

A San Franciscoan's Estimate of Our City.

"Oh, wad some power the Giftie gie us To see ourselves as ithers see us." Astoria rests on the left bank of the Columbia river, twelve miles from its mouth. Originally a trading post founded by John Jacob Astor in 1811, it has grown to be one of the most important of Oregon towns.

Astoria is a curious city. With the exception of the custom house, the court house and jail, the Catholic church and some private residences, it is a city perched upon piles. Great structures rest on piles. Rows and blocks are reared upon piles.

Standing as it does above the sea, resting upon a great wooden platform, the city knows nothing of curbs and crossings, sinks and cesspools, water mains and manholes, or the strike and coast contractors. The surging sea beneath provides a sewer system with which no human agency can compete.

Lower town is the metropolis—the shipping and bookkeeping portion. It is wholly over the water and presents the appearance of having been pushed out to sea by the mountains which crowd to the water's edge. Slum town is all sea over and is just what its name indicates.

Everything is fresh and vigorous save the drinking water. Drinking water, however, is but very feebly patronized. One can never consider an Astorian ashore. He is always three sheets in the wind—half sea over or half over the sea.

Astoria contains the most polyglot collection of humanity on the American continent. The linguistic medley of Babel was a sweet solo when compared with the Astorian confusion of tongues. Among the fishers the Celt is scarce, the German searer and the American Irishman, the Natives of the Scandinavian peninsula predominate.

Astoria contains a fishers' guild, of which a great majority of the fishermen of the lower Columbia are members. While the membership of the guild represent widely separated and antagonistic nationalities, national differences and the baseless animosities of race and creed are unknown or ignored.

Chinese perform all the labor of canning, but the business of catching salmon is rigorously confined to the whites. A terrible hatred exists between the white fishermen and the Chinese. Any attempt to fish on the part of a Mongol would cost him his life.

There is a law which makes it a misdemeanor to fish between sundown on Saturday and sunrise on Monday. This law was enacted in the general interest and was at first universally observed, but the following incident brought it into disrepute.

PRETTY GOOD—FOR YAQUINA.

Under date of the 15th, inst. Capt. J. J. Winant writes as follows to the Yaquina Mail: There is a man in this town who states that he came out from England to Victoria on one of the torpedo boats. Two were sent out and are now at Victoria. Their names are the Shore and Surf.

Chung Lung has never been seen or heard of since. The fishermen say he is still on the fishing grounds. When questioned in regard to him the Chinese answer with a shrug: "Nonsense," but from that day to this no Chinaman can be induced to venture upon the fishing grounds.

Viewed from the sea, the waterfront of Astoria presents an animated scene—a quaint and homely picture. The waters are dotted with boats fitting in and out while the shore is lined with a wilderness of outfits, comprising boats, nets, reels, drying racks and knitting lofts, among which boys are gamboling while men are knitting, mending, drying and arranging their nets.

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