...er, who, "with ...al fate, knocks ...e cottage gate," ... the ranks of ... women in the ...ns ending to-day, and ... list of those who have joined ...e silent majority may be read ...many who erstwhile were inscribed on the muster rolls of duty.

In politics vice-Presidents Colfax and Hendricks were both stricken instantly. Besides them ... B. Gratz Brown, Robt. ...mbs, "Duke" Gwin, Jacob Thompson.

Among the millionaires Wm. Sharon and Peter Donahue on this coast and Wm. H. Vanderbilt "the richest man in the world," have paid their debt to nature.

In literature Richard Grant White, Henry Fargus, Dr. Alden, Hinton Helper, Henry Shaw and Mrs. Helen Jackson have passed away.

In religion, Cardinal McCloskey, the first American cardinal, Dr. Tyng, the famous Irenaeus Prime and Bej. Tefft have joined the choir invisible.

Sir Moses Montefiore, the great Hebrew philanthropist and centenarian is prominent among the dead of '85. So also is Franz Abt the composer, Col. Burnaby the daring explorer, and John McCullough the great actor.

...n the ranks of the military, Gens. Geo. B. McClellan and Irwin McDowell have been mustered out, and last but greatest of all on the sable record the name of Gen. Grant.

A GOOD POINT.

A WATERWAY convention is in ...n at Kansas City, Missouri, ... the matter of improve... Missouri river. The address calling for the convention presents some very valuable statistics which show the pressing necessity and advantages of the improvement of the Missouri's navigation. "The fact is adduced," says the *Standard*, "that in 1878 a fleet of barges was sent from St. Louis to Kansas City for a cargo of grain. They succeeded in making a successful trip, carrying out 208,516 bushels of corn and 44,198 bushels of wheat at a cost of five and one-half cents per bushel for transportation, including insurance. At the same time the railroads were charging thirteen cents per bushel on wheat and eight cents on corn. It is also stated that although the barges made the upward trip empty, they made at the rate charged a profit of 100 per cent. Let us transform those figures so that they will apply locally. An easy calculation shows that at 5½ cents per bushel, a ton of grain was transported from Kansas City to St. Louis at the rate of about $1.90. The distance is, perhaps, by the Missouri river 400 miles, a distance somewhat over 100 miles greater than from the junction of the Snake and Columbia rivers to Astoria, and about twice the distance from that point to this city. Grain shippers now have to pay from the Walla Walla region to this city at the rate of $6 a ton. So it may be easily perceived that if navigation were improved in such a manner as to admit of through transportation by the Columbia from that region, there would be a saving to shippers of about $4 per ton, providing river transportation could be conducted as cheaply here as in Missouri. At such a rate there would be a saving in the matter of the transportation of the past year's grain crop alone of about $1,500,000."

IN view of the large number of defective, irregular and insufficient proofs presented in public land cases, Commissioner Sparks, of the general land office, has issued a circular to registers and receivers of land offices, in which he ...i... in all cases ...action of reg... ...s, and that cross ...mination should be directed to the verification of the material facts alleged in the case, and especially to the actual facts of residence, and whether entry is made or sought to be perfected for claimant's own use and occupation, or for the use and occupation, or for the use and benefit of others. Ready made proofs presented merely as *pro forma* acknowledgement, without verification, cross examination or evidence of identity, will not, it is stated, be considered such proofs as are required by law. Officers taking affidavits and testimony are required to call the attention of parties and witnesses to the laws respecting false swearing, and the penalties therefor, and inform them of the purpose of the government to hold all persons to strict account for any statements made by them.

THE Canadian Pacific is now operated west from Winnipeg to Donald, a distance of 1,022 miles. Donald is between the Selkirk mountains and the summit of the Rockies. At present very little passenger business is done, but the several cars of each daily train are well loaded with supplies for the mines, recently discovered about fifty miles from Kicking Horse pass. The through line to the Pacific will not be operated until spring, when the Canadian Pacific fork expect to have all arrangements completed for the establishment of a line to Japan and China. From Winnipeg to Montreal the line is open and will be operated all winter.

TELEGRAPHIC SPLINTERS.

Secretary Manning has issued a call for U. S. bonds to the amount of $10,000,000.

It is proposed to raise a body of troops in southern New Mexico to exterminate the Apaches.

Senator Dolph called on the president ... Tuesday in regard to sending ... and fire arms to Alaska.

Ja... ...t, a miner at Newcastle, was killed last Tuesday by a fall of coal from the roof of the mine upon him. He was 38 years old, married, and the father of six children.

J. B. Williamson, a merchant of Milton, Oregon, was murdered on Tuesday afternoon. He was struck on the head with a pick handle in the hands of Robert Elliot, and died from the effect of the blow in half an hour. The cause is unknown.

A recent convicted smuggler at Seattle says that an Italian boatman left Victoria one day last summer with seven Chinamen for the American side of the Strait of Fuca. When almost across he saw the United States cutter *Oliver Wolcott* coming toward him, with the evident intention of examining his craft. He became alarmed, and to avoid the penalties attaching to the offense of smuggling Chinese into the United States, resolved to make way with the evidence of his guilt. He called the Chinamen out of the cabin, one by one, and as they come struck them on the head with a club and pitched them overboad. In this way he got rid of the whole number, and when boarded from the cutter no evidence whatever of a criminating nature was found. An investigation will be made with a view to ascertaining the truth or falsity of the story.

MARRIED.

In Astoria, Dec. 30, 1885, by Rev. Dr. E. W. Garner, D. H. Welch and Miss Lena F. Ross.

NEW TO-DAY.

Notice.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE TO ALL whom it may concern that I have rented all of the second story (except the back part, in which I live) of my building on the east ½ of lot 7 block 9, for China restaurant purposes, together with all the partitions, furniture, utensils and tools used in carrying on said restaurant business; and parties interested will take notice that all of said partitions, furniture, utensils and tools in use in said second story of my building belong to me.

I also rent the lower story of the same building.

DR. LOONG.

Notice for Proposals.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR the completion of the church at Ilwaco may be seen at the office of Mr. E. C. Holden. Proposals for work on the same are invited and will be received until the 15th of January, 1886, by the Rev J. E. Day. The work consists of finishing tower, painting inside and out, and grading and fencing the lot.

BEST IN THE MARKET!

Snow Flake Flour!

Teachers' Examination.

THERE WILL BE A QUARTERLY EXamination for those wishing county teacher's certificates at the court house on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 30th and 31st, beginning at nine o'clock. A...

M. D. W... ...ON,
County Superintendent.

Furnished Rooms.

MRS. E. C. HOLDEN HA... NICE room with fire, and tw... single rooms, to rent. Enq... Main and Jefferson streets.

GRAND CONCERT
—AND—
MASQUERADE BALL!
AT ROSS' OPERA HOUSE
DECEMBER 31st, 1885.
BY CUSHING POST CORNET BAND.
Concert From 8 to 9 O'clock.
DANCING BEGINS at 9 O'CLOCK
Gent. Maskers, $1; Lady Maskers, Free; Gent. Spectators, $1; Lady Spectators, 50c.
Tickets at City Book Store.

M. STUDZINSKI,
Finest Selection of
Jewelry in Solid Gold and Silver.

Most Suitable Holiday Presents!
Offered at Very Low Figures.
The Quality of Every Article Guaranteed.

Astoria and Seaside BAKERIES,
ED. JACKSON, - Proprietor.
The best Bread, Cakes and Pastry in the City
Ice Creams and Ornamental Work to order
Manufacturer of Fine Candies.

CITY BOOK STORE,
Come and See Us,
A FULL STOCK
Awaits Your Inspection.
Plush Goods,
Holiday Cards,
Toys,
Fancy Goods, etc.
At Prices that will Astonish you.
You will find it to your advantage To Pay Us a Visit.
GRIFFIN & REED.

Street Light Contract.

NOTICE is hereby given that bids will be received at the office of the Auditor and Clerk until Thursday, Dec. 31st, 1885, for the lighting of the street lights of the city of Astoria for one year beginning January 5th, 1886, with coal oil, gas or electricity. Bids must state the price per lamp per month and must be accompanied with a guarantee in the sum of $500 signed by one or more responsible tax-payer, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to said bidder he will enter into contract, with good and sufficent sureties in the sum of $2,000 for the faithful performance of the contract.

Contracts for lighting with oil will include furnishing oil, chimneys and wicks, and keeping the same clean and in repair.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

By order of the Common Council.
Attest: T. S. JEWETT,
Auditor and Clerk.
Astoria, December 26th, 1885.

Final Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has filed in the County Court of the state of Oregon for Clatsop county, her final account as administratrix of the estate of J. W. Robb deceased, and that the same has been set for hearing on Monday, January 4th, 1886, at the hour of two o'clock P. M.

J. M. ROBB,
Administratrix.

VARIETY RESTAURANT.

The Variety Restaurant is now open under the management of Mr. Wm. Bannister. **Meals 25c or 5 for $1 00.** Board per week at reasonable rates for mechanics and longshoremen. The table supplied with every luxury. Board $4 per week. Good catering; good attendance; white cooks.

To Whom it May Concern.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE PUBlic that on and after this date I will not in any way be responsible for any debt contracted in my name except on a written order presented at the time.

J. W. BOTTOM.
Astoria, Dec. 29th, 1885.

SWEET CIDER.
WARRANTED PURE AND FRESH
Received Every Day from Salem.
POST & HANSEN,
Astoria Soda Works.

WYATT & THOMPSON.
—KEEP—
CONSTANTLY ON HAND
A Full Stock of
Canned Fresh Mackerel,
Canned Fresh Codfish,
Canned Fresh Finnan Haddies,
Canned Shrimps,
Canned Roast Beef,
Canned Chicken,
Canned Pig's Feet,
Atmore's Plum Pudding,
Atmore's Mince Meat,
Epp's Cocoa,
Ground Chocolate,
A Fine Assortment of Canned Vegetables, etc

Nicely Furnished Rooms,

WITH OR WITHOUT BOARD: AT Mrs. S. T. McKean's, Cass street, three doors south of ASTORIAN office.

County Orders.

I AM AUTHORIZED TO BUY COUNTY Orders.

E. R. SPEDDEN.

"THE OLD CORNER,"

D. L. BECK & SONS,
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
Cannery and Fishermen's Supplies
—AND—
Staple and Fancy Groceries, Provisions,
—&c.—
Goods Sold at Lowest Cash Price.

EMPIRE STORE.
CLOTHING, HATS,
BOOTS and SHOES,
DRY GOODS,
FANCY GOODS.
W. T. PARKER,
Manager.

SHUTE & CO.,
FINE IMPORTED CIGARS.
You can rely on getting a Good Cigar
At Shute & Co.'s
CIGAR AND TOBACCO STORE,
Opposite D. L. Beck & Son's.

C. E. BAIN.
DOORS, WINDOWS, BRACKETS,
Mouldings, Window Frames, etc.
A Full Supply of Material. Bids Furnished: Contract Work a Specialty.
Mill and Office on the Old Site.

G. HANSEN
OF THE
DIAMOND PALACE!
Has Just Received a Fine Stock of
CHRISTMAS GOODS
Consisting of
DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVER WARE, CLOCKS, SPECTACLES, ETC.,
Which he offers at Bedrock Prices.
All Goods Warranted.
Mine is a Jewelry Store and Known as Such.

IN NEW QUARTERS!
Having Consolidated My Business with the
Astoria Furniture Co.,
I now offer the Largest and Most Complete Assortment of
Fine and Plain Furniture, Bedding, Carpets, Oil Cloth,
Window Shades, Pictures, Moulding, etc.,
At Portland Prices, and Invite a Call of Everybody in Want of Goods in My Line, Guaranteeing Satisfaction in Every Respect.
CHAS. HEILBORN.

And Now for New Years.

CARL ADLER'S
Crystal Palace
IS HEADQUARTERS FOR
NEW YEAR'S GIFTS!
Cards, Fancy Stationery, etc. A Grand Variety From Which to Choose.
LARGE STOCK: LOW PRICES!
WE STRIVE TO PLEASE.
YOU ARE SPECIALLY INVITED THIS WEEK.
Carl Adler's Crystal Palace.

Groceries Cheap for Cash!
CASH **Tea, Tea, Tea.** CASH
F. L. P.
FRANK L. PARKER.

H. B. PARKER,
DEALER IN
Hay, Oats, and Straw, Lime, Brick, Cement, Sand and Plaster
Wood Delivered to Order. Draying, Teaming and Express Business.

STEAMER
CLARA PARKER
Eben P. Parker, Master.
For TOWING, FREIGHT or CHARTER apply to the Captain, or to
H. B. PARKER.

JOHN A. MONTGOMERY,
—DEALER IN—
Tin, Sheet Iron, and Copper Ware. A general assortment of Household Goods.
—AGENT FOR—
MAGEE STOVES AND RANGES, THE BEST IN THE MARKET.
Plumbing goods of all kinds on hand. Job work done in a workmanlike manner.
Plumbing, Gas Fitting and Cannery Work attended to promptly
On Reasonable Terms.
Chenamus Street, Next to C. L. Parker's Store, Astoria, Oregon.

Special Announcement!
GRAND CLEARANCE SALE!
—AT—
The New York Novelty Store!
For the Next 30 Days

We will sell our stock of Merchandise, Novelties, Etc. at San Francisco cost, with freight added. We propose to inaugurate a general, sweeping and bona fide Clearance Sale, our intention being to dispose of any and everything at present on hand, to make room for our NEW STOCK which will arrive about Februrary 1st, 1886.

Remember that this is no sham "Closing Out Sale," but a GENUINE CLEARANCE SALE.

The public are cordially invited to call and examine our goods and prices, and convince themselves of the truth of our assertions.

NEW YORK NOVELTY STORE,
Opposite the Parker House. Main Street, Astoria, Oregon.

United States Restaurant
On Main street is now open, and
AT ONCE TAKES THE LEAD
In every particular it is the Finest fitted up
—And—
Best in the city
JEFF IS A Good Provider
He cannot be beat on the coast.
Meals 25c.
BOARD $20 per month
PRIVATE ROOMS For Families OR PARTIES

Supper Parties Furnished On short notice
OYSTERS A Specialty
JEFF Spends His Money —IN— Astoria!
Buys by the Wholesale and
PAYS CASH, THAT SETTLES