

Merry Christmas

Is fast approaching; that great est holiday of the year; the time of happy reunions and fond remembr ances; when ch ildren should re member their parents as the parents are sure to do the ir children; wh enhusbands should remember their w ives as the wives are sure to do their husban ds; when lover r emembers swee theart and frie nd remem bers friend, and when "the poor that are always with us" sh ould not be forg otten

To Preplare for this Glad Time BECK &

Have had selected espe cially for them in the East, a large assortment of Christm as goods, and our Harry G. Smith has been in San Francisco for the last six we eks watching all the late Eu ropean arrivals, and selectin g the latest patterns, and choi cest goods to add to the supply, until we can confide ntly assert that no such disp lay in our line has ever been made in Astoria, as we shall show. The goods have commenced to arrive and as soo n as they are all here we shall have a GRAND OPENI NG DAY of which due not ice will be given.

We are sure of being a ble to suit all tasts and pur ses.

Customers will be allowed to select goods and have them put aside for future delivery without prepayment, thus securing their c hoice, and not being obliged to lay out of their money.

All goods guaranteed to be just what they are represented.

The price of each article will be distinctly marked and a child can buy as safely as an adult.

Be sure and wait for our ope ning before you buy elsewhere or you will regret you did not first see the goods of



NEARLY HALF A COLUMN.

A GROWL FROM M. QUAD.

worth the living ten times over !! I used to reverence Green. He

If cheerful men were selling for ten cents apiece, and I had a thousand dollars to throw away, I would'nt buy one of them. I used to have a positive reverence for 'a smiling, grinning, bland, voiced for 'a

Work has been resumed at the Cascade locks, and those in charge work. The lower end of the canal

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CASH. ONE PRICE. Store Closes From Sept. 1st to April 1st at 8 P. M., Except Saturdays and Holidays. No Goods Sold on Sundays.

In Retailing Goods I Sell every Article at One Price to everyone alike and Strictly for Cash. And No Goods to be Delivered until Paid for, or C. O. D. Goods Delivered in Any Part of the City Free of Charge.



About every 4 or 5 days I am receiving direct from the manufacturers new goods in the following lines, which are sold to me at the lowest inside figures on the same terms as all such goods are sold to merchants. That is, regular time according to the lines, some are 30, some 60, some 50 days, and mostly all 4 months, and at times of longer periods, subject to the discounts if paid any time between time of purchaso and the time the bills become due. Goods now days are mostly sold direct by manu-facturers, quantity cuts no figure whatever, and the merchants who MEET THEIR BILLS PROMPTLY, and IN FULL WHEN DUE, are the ones who can put forth any claims as to being one of the most or only reliable business houses in THEIR BILLS PROMPTLY, and IN FULL WHEN DUE, are the ones who can put forth any claims as to being one of the most or only reliable business houses in any city, (providing all other things are equal). And whereas the patronage of an appreciative public (with my style of doing business) has enabled me to discount a great deal of my bills since starting (June 1, 1887), and meeting EVERY bill promptly when due up to the present date, I can safely and truly say that I bay and sell my goods as low as they are legitimately bought and sold on the Pecific Coast, which lines of goods comprises

Men's Clothing, Boys' Clothing, Men's and Boys' Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises, Umbrellas, Waterproof Clothing of all kinds, &c., &c.

Country orders receive prompt attention.

I. L. OSGOOD, KINNEY'S BRICK BUILDING, ASTORIA, OREGON. Opposite Rescue Engine House.



smiling, grinning, bland-voiced

"Well, my boy, beautiful mornlovely? Why, I seem to be float-ing in midair! Why, sir, I wouldn't When you

dressed, while his children are the rag-bags of the neighborhood. He A stomach in revolt is an obdurate rebel. has a dollar for cigars when his Corrected with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, wife wears a bonnet six years old. its dissensions with the food introduced into

wife wears a bonnet six years old. He passes for a whole-souled fel-low with the public, but is a fault-finder at home. I want to see a man grin when there's anything to grin at, but when Green gets up in the morn-ing and declares he hasn't had a meal fit to eat for the last three months, and that he can't see why his wife is always groaning around and his children always whining, he has no business to stop the first man he meets, with a smile clear back to his ears, and shout out:back to his ears, and shout out :- ant.

"Why, old fel, how solemn you do look! Brace up, man-life is Catarrh Sold by W. E. Dement Friday morning.

come from license and taxes to matter. I used to lie in ambush the government; and a prohibiman. Many a time I've met Smith for him just to hear his hearty tionist rarely meets it without a A gang of about twenty men are or Green or White on my way voice and see his serone counten- sufficient seasoning of moral salt. down town, and it would jump my soul a foot high to hear him call out:--

guardian angel he had. I found When a hard drinking working-"Well, my boy, beautiful morn-ing, eh? Isn't everything just to go in and stop him from beat-admitted that "he is money in pocket;" why should it not hold

ing in midair! Why, sir, I wouldn't trade this earth for all the heavens ever preached about by the min-isters. Have a cigar? No? Then have a drink? No? Dear me! but what can I do to brighten you up what can I do to brighten you up and make you feel like an angel fishing trip with him. When a average of \$50 per man in a year,

And I'd stand off and look at him and wonder if the land be-vond the skies did really contain yond the skies did really contain a happier soul. Ah! the old hyp-the rent running behind, and the rent running behind, and the rent running behind, and a happier soul. Any the old hyp-ocrite! I got to know in after years that his children were afraid of him, his wife trembled as he entered the door, and that it was his daily habit to growl out as he left the door:

left the door:--"Wood! I bought \$2 worth last week. If that's gone we'll go without until Saturday. You are the most extravagant woman in town. I believe you burn it up to spite me, Soap! Didn't I get a

to spite me. Soap! Didn't I get a bar last Saturday? If you let the children play horse with the soap you must take the consequences." Your habitually cheerful man is an old fraud and liar. He is well-Quad. Can the mcrchants afford to pay the ihcreased tax? If their dead-bead bills are paid, in a few, say five years, this accumulated cap-ital of \$100,000 a year, will at present tax levy, pay more to the city than is now naid by license

At Peace.

present tax levy, pay more to the city than is now paid by license. The problem is, how ought this money be spent?

PROHIBITION.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria When sho was a Child she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gav, them Castoria

Charles Erickson, stonemason, 45 years old and unmarried, lost his life by the falling of the crib

work at the railway bridge under construction in north Portland, last