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 Shortest day.
 Frosty nights.
 The *Chittagong* and the *Winnipeg* sailed yesterday.
 E. C. Holden will have an auction to-day, at 2 p. m. See adv't.
 There will be a meeting of the Western Amateur band at 7:30 this evening.
 The *Miles* leaves this morning for Bay Center, to return immediately with a load of salmon.
 There are 64 flouring mills in Washington territory, with an estimated capacity of 3,885 barrels per day.
 No council meeting last night. Tuesday evening of next week will be the time for the regular session.
 The sun rises this morning at 7:28, one minute later than it did yesterday, and sets at 4:19, same as yesterday.
 The fowness and newness of our county thoroughfares are conditions rendered especially noticeable by the heavy rains of winter.
 There will be a ten-mile race on skates at Ross Opera house on Christmas eve between six contestants for a valuable prize. See adv't.
 Reserved seats for Neil Burgess in "Vim," next Monday evening, will be on sale at the New York Novelty store next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.
 On the first of the year a reduction of from ten to 25 per cent, according to class, in the rates of the O. R. & N. company, will take effect on routes from San Francisco and Astoria to points in Montana.
 Yesterday was a clear, bright day, but the sun swung low over the southern horizon and the air had a frosty feel that suggested the use of more coal and wood, and made overcoats a comfort to those outside.
 The cargo of the *Dolphin* was discharged yesterday. There was not much of it injured, and that mostly at the bottom. It is thought the damage to vessel and cargo may amount to three or four thousand dollars.
 General Adna Anderson, former chief engineer of the Northern Pacific railroad, now a resident of Tacoma, is to be vice president of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad. The visit of General Anderson to Astoria is yet fresh in the memory of Astorians.
 The ship *Barrington Brothers*, which thumped on the San Francisco bar a short time ago, went on the dry-dock in Seattle, where a new shoe was put on in place of the damaged one. The damages sustained were slight, and she is under charter to load coal for San Francisco.
 "To-day is the first work-day I've put in for some time," remarked Dr. Estes yesterday, as he feebly smiled at the reporter's inquiry concerning his condition. The doctor yet feels the effect of his recent severe illness, but his many friends are pleased to see him out again.
 The steamer *Isabel*, one of the upper Willamette fleet of boats, has been temporarily withdrawn for a short time for repairs. The captain says that there is no money in carrying freight for 75 cents per ton and pay 50 cents per ton for lockage, and that he proposes to lay idle until there is an advance in freight rates.
 A bill has been offered in the territorial legislature to prohibit any one from serving more than two terms as sheriff or county treasurer. It's all very well to pass the pie around, but if one of us had a good, faithful, reliable clerk in our employ we should object to putting a new man in his place if it could be avoided.
 Wintry weather seems to instil vigor into building movements about town. The several pile-drivers' constant puff and clatter and the frequent decisive thud of their heavy hammers make pleasant music to the ear of the energetic business man of Astoria, and these cold, crisp mornings give additional ring to the tone.
 At a regular communication of Temple Lodge No. 17, F. and A. M., the following were the elected officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Jay Tuttle, W. M.; J. F. Page, S. W.; F. W. Ferguson, J. W.; J. Q. A. Bowley, treasurer; E. C. Holden, secretary. The installation of elected and appointed officers will take place on St. John's day, 27th inst.
 The delinquent tax in school district No. One this year is only about \$450. Last year it was over \$1,100, and the year before over \$1,500. School clerk Hustler says the chances for collecting the delinquent portion this year are by no means hopeless. This and other things show that our people are enjoying a business prosperity the like of which few cities can boast.

The holiday trade is now in full blast, our stores are thronged with eager buyers whose only difficulty is to choose between the many attractions. Our merchants have shown commendable enterprise in the selection of such complete and attractive stocks as they have displayed and prices are generally lower than heretofore.
 At the annual election of officers for the Womans Relief Corps held yesterday afternoon the following were elected: President, Mrs. Irene C. Parker; senior vice president, Mrs. Ida Bergman; junior vice president, Mrs. Cynthia Forchen; secretary, Mrs. C. Ross; treasurer, Mrs. E. Legan; captain, Mrs. J. Crow; conductor, Mrs. C. H. Jensen; assistant conductor, Mrs. O. B. Estes; guard, Mrs. E. H. Snow; assistant guard, Mrs. Monteith.
 The Oregon Railway & Navigation company have reduced their passenger rates on the ocean steamers. The new rates are \$16 first class and \$8 steerage, or \$30 for the first-class round trip and \$15 steerage for the round trip. The Oregon & California Railroad company has reduced fares as follows: Between Portland and San Francisco: First-class, unlimited, from \$20 to \$25; first-class, limited, from \$22 to \$29; second-class or emigrant fare remains the same as heretofore.
 A bill has been introduced in the senate by senator Frye, the first section of which states its purposes and reads as follows: "On and after the 1st day of January, 1888, no sailing vessel of the United States engaged in coastwise trade shall be held or obliged to take any pilot into or out of any port of the United States or be compelled to pay any charges or fees to any pilot for pilotage services tendered under the pilotage laws of any state, unless such are accepted."

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.
 PARIS, Dec. 20.—Bans of matrimony were to-day published between Maurice Bernhardt and Princess Virginia, Clotilde Jablonowski, granddaughter of Lucien Bonaparte. The wedding is to be celebrated at midnight in the church St. Honoré.
 A LIFE SENTENCE.
 LONDON, Dec. 20.—Dan Doherty, the American who shot and killed George M. Graham, another American, has been convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to imprisonment for life.
 A COMPETITOR.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—The *City of Pueblo* arrived yesterday from Valparaiso with five passengers. This vessel is the property of Griffiths and Capt. Knowles, and will ply between San Francisco and Honolulu in opposition to the Oceanic Steamship Co.
 WILL HAVE TO SUFFER.
 OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 20.—The state government will not interfere with the sentence of the two Chinamen, Lee Sam and Ah Feat, who have been condemned to be hanged at Victoria, B. C., January 30th, for the murder of a Chinese woman.
 THINKS HE'S A GOOD MAN.
 ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 20.—Paddy Ryan has written from San Francisco that he intends coming east in January, and wants to meet Cardiff in a contest to consist of ten or more rounds with the smallest gloves the law will allow. He says he regards himself as the best man in the country, barring Sullivan, and would like to meet the great unknocked-out Cardiff. Cardiff's partner, John Donaldson, says: "I am certain Paddy will accommodate Ryan."
 A CHANCE FOR THE PRINCE.
 MARSEILLES, Dec. 20.—In an interview with a reporter to-day Dr. McKenzie said that complete recovery of the German crown prince was not impossible.
 NEW FRENCH COIN.
 PARIS, Dec. 20.—The first issue of nickel and silver coinage in France will appear shortly, amounting to seventy million francs.
 PREPARING FOR WAR.
 PESTH, Dec. 20.—Several army officers on furlough here have been ordered to return to their garrison in Croatia immediately. A number of officers in reserve corps have been ordered to settle their affairs so as to be in readiness to join their regiments.
 FUNERAL OF GOV. BODWELL.
 AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 20.—Business is entirely suspended this morning and flags are at half mast. Thousands of visitors are in the city to attend the funeral of the late Governor Bodwell. At 9 a. m. people were admitted to the capitol to take a last view of the dead governor. Many distinguished people from all over New England were among the throng.
 TO BE VICE-PRESIDENT.
 NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Gen. A. Anderson, formerly chief engineer of the Northern Pacific railroad, now residing at Tacoma, W. T., is to be vice president of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg road. His headquarters are at Rochester, N. Y.

INFANTILE SKIN DISEASES
 Our oldest child, now six years of age, when an infant six months old was attacked with a virulent, malignant disease. All ordinary remedies failed, we called our family physician, who attempted to cure it; but it spread with almost incredible rapidity, until the lower portion of the face followed the rest, from the middle of the face down to his knees, was one solid rash, ugly, painful, blotched, and malodorous. We had no rest at night, no peace by day. Finally, we were advised to try the CUTICURA REMEDY. The effect was simply marvellous. In three or four weeks a complete cure was wrought, leaving the little fellow's skin as white and healthy as though he had never been attacked. In my opinion your valuable remedy cured him. We are now enjoying a healthy child, perfectly well, no repetition of the disease having ever occurred.
 Wm. E. SMITH,
 Att'y at Law and Ex-Prov. Atty., Ashland, O.
 Reference: J. G. West, Druggist, Ashland, O.
THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN.
 Are born into the world every day with some obstinate affection, such as milk crust, scald head, scurf, or dandruff sure to develop into an agonizing eczema, the itching, burning and disfiguring of which make life a prolonged torture unless properly treated.
 A warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP, an exquisite skin healer, and a single application of CUTICURA OINTMENT, or CUTICURA LITTLE CUTICURA RESOLVENT, the New Blood Purifier, is often sufficient to arrest the progress of the disease, and point to a speedy and permanent cure.
 Hence, no mother who loves her children, who takes pride in their beauty, purity, and health, and in bestowing upon them a child's greatest inheritance—a skin without a blemish and a body nourished by pure blood—should fail to make trial of the CUTICURA REMEDY.
 Sold everywhere. Price: CUTICURA, 50 cts.; CUTICURA SOAP, 25 cts.; CUTICURA OINTMENT, 50 cts.; CUTICURA LITTLE CUTICURA RESOLVENT, 50 cts. Prepared by the POTTER DRUG AND CHEMICAL CO., Boston, Mass.
 Send for "How to Cure Skin Diseases," 61 pages, 50 cents, and 100 testimonials.
BABY'S Skin and Scalp preserved and GATED SOAP.
Constitutional Catarrh.
 No single disease has entailed more suffering or hastened the breaking up of the constitution than Catarrh. The sense of smell, of taste, of sight, of hearing, the human voice, the mind—one or more, and sometimes all, are rendered feeble, and the system attacked every vital force, and breaks up the most robust constitutions. Ignored, because but little understood, by most physicians, impatiently assailed by quacks and charlatans, those suffering from it have little hope to be rekindled until they have seen the testimonials of those who have been cured. Then, that the popular treatment of this terrible disease by remedies within the reach of all, and which are as complete, as certain, and trustworthy. The new and hitherto untried method adopted by Dr. Sanford in the preparation of his RADICAL CURE has won the hearty approval of thousands. It is instantaneous in affording relief in all head colds, sneezing, snuffling, and obstructed breathing, and restores the most obstinate and chronic symptoms leading the head, sweating the breath, restoring the senses of smell, taste and hearing, and neutralizing the constitutional tendency of the disease towards the lungs, liver and kidneys.
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 COMBINED WITH
STYLE AND FASHION!

The place where to buy
Useful as well as Elegant
HOLIDAY PRESENTS
 — IS AT THE —
Leading Dry Goods and Clothing House
OF THE CITY.

Owing to the continued rush at this establishment we are compelled to engage extra help, along with the improved Lamson's Cash Railway system, thereby saving our patrons the trouble of waiting.

Our store is crammed with goods from floor to ceiling. Novelties arriving daily per Express from the East.

C. H. COOPER,
 P. S. Wholesale buyers and patrons from the Country will please call in the morning, thereby saving the usual afternoon rush.

? SO IS CHRISTMAS!
 But We Can't Wait for Either,
 But must buy our Family Supplies right along just the same, and the

RUSH

Where do all close buyers buy their clothes?
 At the Reliable
Herman Wise.

Is still to D. L. Beck & Sons', for that is where you can buy the best goods, get honest weights and the best value for your money. To those accustomed to deal with us it is not necessary to say these things. To all others we say we don't brag, but come and try us and be convinced. We carry in stock a full line of

FANCY AND STAPLE
 Groceries and Provisions, a large stock of China, Porcelain, Crystal, Crockery, Agate, Wooden and other wares. Silver-plated and other knives, forks and spoons. The best stock of all kinds of Lamps ever shown in Astoria. Cigars, tobaccos, etc., in unequalled stock and at unequalled prices. Coal oil and patent oil cans, paints, linseed oil and turpentine. All kinds of Cannery supplies, nails, cordage, etc. Lunch, market and clothes baskets, brooms, whisks and hearth brushes, dust-pans and brushes; wheats, oats, rolled barley, shorts and bran.

BUT WE MUST STOP!
 For if we mention all the articles we have in stock we shall fill up the whole paper. Try our genuine N. O. Molasses in gallon cans at only 75 cents, and our new Yeast Powder, guaranteed equal to the best, and only half price.

CHRISTMAS GOODS
 Now being selected in the East. Wait until you see them before buying elsewhere, or you may regret it. "What's that you say?" "Haven't you been bragging any?" No; not a bit of it, and if you want the proof, just call at

D. L. Beck & Sons'.

HERMAN WISE,
 The Reliable
Clothier and Hatter,
 Occident Hotel Building.
 Opposite Star Market.

When it comes to furnishing fall-blown naturalized citizens of the United States, Astoria steps right into the front row. Since last Friday the following have renounced all allegiance to foreign prince and potentate: Basilio Moro and Ganerich George, natives of classic Greece; Antonia Penchia, from sunny Italy; Lazar Dragolich and Lazzaro Cossowas, of imperial Austria; Charles G. Wama and Jacob Sari, fierce Russians.

The wires from the central telephone station to No. 2's engine house, which were used to strike the twelve o'clock gong, were taken down yesterday by chief engineer Worsley, who is now electrician of the fire department, and connection made inside the engine room, where it will be under the continual supervision of the chief or his assistants. The entire telegraphic fire alarm system is receiving a thorough overhauling, which will render it reliable in case of need.

This government may lose something in collecting customs revenue in some places, but when any transportation or supplies are contracted for it doesn't often get left. Uncle Sam has a contract with the L. S. N. company to furnish transportation for material at the forts and since the order for dismantling Fort Canby has gone into effect, the *Canby* has been carrying from ten to forty tons of freight away from there every trip. No doubt the old fellow grins to see those fellows work, and he is not yet.

Capt. Powell, in his report to the chief of engineers, estimates the amount required to complete the improvements at the mouth of the Columbia at \$3,422,500. Of this only \$188,333.61 was available June 30th last, and the sum that could be profitably expended between then and June 30th next year was \$700,000. It is to be hoped that another year will not pass by without a sufficient appropriation being made to push the work along to a point where it will be of practical utility instead of dribbling it away in salaries of officers who are denied the opportunity of demonstrating their usefulness by advancing the work for which they are designed, and repairing in summer the ravages made by winter's storms.

For the street and to keep in place the full dress skirt and tournure, highly starched white skirts, or ones of colored back or crimson satin, are used. The latter are made with rods and are extremely warm and pretty. Two deep flounces of lace fall over a narrow ruching at the bottom. The new skirt supporter has already found favor, especially among stout people and those with large waists. It simply is a strong piece of jeans made to fit the waist and over the hips, and is supplied with numerous patent fasteners about the lower edge. To these are fastened all the skirts, and as it is worn directly over the corset the appearance of the waist becomes decidedly smaller, while the hips are enlarged. Some of the supporters are provided with shoulder-straps, and are highly recommended for weak backs.

House to Rent.
 Cottage with 6 rooms and kitchen on lot 8, block 15, McClure's Astoria. Apply to John Hahn.
 If you want to buy a nice Christmas present, go to J. W. Conn.

Now for Sale.
 A large, spacious, well fitted up scow, with two anchors, forty fathom of chain and ropes. For sale at a bargain. Can be seen at Cathlamet. Call on or address Lauritz Carlson, Cathlamet, W. T.

Reduction in Millinery Prices.
 At Mrs. W. J. Barry's.
 The finest assortment of plush goods in Astoria, consisting of ladies' and gent's dressing cases, odor cases, cuffs and collar boxes, etc., is to be found at J. W. Conn's drug store.
Notice.
 Retreating that so many were disappointed on Thanksgiving, let those who desire our celebrated mince pies leave their orders not later than Friday, Dec. 22d, at the Oregon Bakery, A. A. Cleveland, proprietor.

PERSONAL MENTION.
 Mrs. Ben Strang is expected down from Salem to-day, to visit with Mrs. E. R. Hawes.
 Judge C. H. Page and Hon. C. W. Fallon are registered at the St. Charles, Portland.
 Prof. Francis will be in town till Saturday and is prepared to do any business in his line.
 W. G. Hawes, a nephew of E. R. Hawes, arrived from San Francisco lately and will remain in the city for a while.

Their Business Booming.
 Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of trade at W. E. Dement & Co.'s Drug Store as their giving away to their customers of so many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Their trade is simply enormous in this very valuable article from the fact that it always cures and never disappoints. Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Croup, and all throat and lung diseases quickly cured. You can test it before buying by getting a trial bottle free, large size \$1. Every bottle warranted.

Pacific Coast Tide Tables
 For 1888, at GRIFFIN & REED'S.
The New York Novelty Store
 Will make special prices to all Sunday School, Church or Charitable entertainments.
Acknowledged by All
 That we have the finest stock of Holiday Goods and Novelties in the city.
 GRIFFIN & REED.
House to Rent.
 Above the Hospital; for particulars apply at this office.

Telephone Lodging House.
 Best Beds in town. Rooms per night 20 and 25 cts., per week \$1.50. New and clean. Private entrance.
 A fine assortment of Lace goods at Mrs. G. B. McEwan's.
This is a Fact.
 In P. J. Goodman's \$3 seamless calf shoe purchasers will find the best value for their money on the coast.

Fine Groceries, Fine Groceries.
 Give Thompson & Ross a call and examine the many novelties they have in stock for holiday trade, and for those who appreciate a fine article.
 Christmas presents for the girls—dolls, doll wagons, roller skates, trunks, cradles, wash sets, kitchen sets, tea sets, bed-room sets, books of all descriptions.
 GRIFFIN & REED.
Remember That Now
 Is the time to subscribe for periodicals, and that the New York Novelty Store receives subscriptions for all foreign and domestic newspapers and magazines at publisher's prices.

Meals Cooked to Order.
 Private rooms for ladies and families: Central Restaurant, next to Foard & Stokes.
 Are you made miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow Skin? Smith's Vitalizer is a positive cure. For sale by W. E. Dement & Co.
 A Nasal Injector free with each bottle of Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Sold by W. E. Dement.

Every mother is interested in knowing that a special preparation for children, called "The Child's Cough Syrup," is now for sale only at Dement's drug store.
Gambrian Beer
 And Free Lunch at the Telephone Saloon, 5 cents.
 Any case of Croup can be easily treated and cured by using "The Child's Cough Syrup." Full directions with each can, which is only purchased at Dement's drug store.

That Beautiful French Doll at Griffin & Reed's.
 Will be awarded Thursday evening, Dec. 22. Under the supervision of a committee of four ladies, the 100 numbers were put in a box and shaken up, and a child blindfolded, drew one number at random from the box, put it in an envelope and sealed it up; the sealed number is the lucky one and no one knows what it is; all the other numbers were immediately burned without examination. On the evening of the drawing, the envelope will be opened and the holder of the number corresponding to that in the envelope will be awarded the Doll, at Griffin & Reed's.
 Something for the boys—wagons, velocipedes, wheelbarrows, ice skates, roller skates, printing presses, steam engines, magic lanterns, tool chests, books and toys of all kinds.
 GRIFFIN & REED.
Fresh Eggs—Fresh Butter
 In abundance at THOMPSON & ROSS'.

Christmas presents for gentlemen—dressing cases, collar and cuff boxes, traveling cases, smoking cases, pipes, cigar holders, ink stands, gold pens and holders, watch charms, musical instruments and various other articles.
 GRIFFIN & REED.
Just Received.
 A large assortment of Candies and Christmas Tree Toys at the Oregon Bakery, Main street. Home made "Fairy" stock for holiday trade. Every Day, and guaranteed to be made of first quality sugar, and unadulterated.

Wanted
 A girl for general housework in a small family at Fort Stevens. Apply to P. G. Eastwick, Fort Stevens, or to J. N. Griffin, Astoria.
All Goods At The
 New York Novelty Store are marked in plain figures and sold for exactly what they are marked at Strictly One Price.

KIDNEY PAINS,
 Strains and Weaknesses,
 Relieved in one minute by that marvelous Anti-Pain Plaster, the CUTICURA Anti-Pain Plaster. The first and only one of its kind. Especially adapted to instantly relieve and speedily cure Kidney and Uterine Pains and Weakness. Warranted superior to all other plasters. At all druggists. 25 cents; five for \$1.00; or postage free, of POTTER DRUG AND CHEMICAL CO., Boston, Mass.

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