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 THE ASTORIAN guarantees to its advertisers the largest circulation of any newspaper published on the Columbia river.
 An increase of pension has been granted to A. W. Hall, of Tillamook.
 E. C. Holden makes a few remarks appropriate to the holidays, under New To-day.
 The W. W. Case was towed down by the Clara Parker and crossed out in the afternoon yesterday.
 Neil Burgess in "Vim," next Monday night and "Widow Bedott," next Tuesday night at Ross' opera house.
 The drawing for the fine French doll at Griffin & Reed's has been postponed until the few remaining tickets are sold.
 The Canadian Pacific's steamer *Sardonyx*, loaded with freight for British Columbia and China, crossed out yesterday.
 The San Francisco *Examiner* says "Vim," is claimed to be the funniest play on earth and this claim was made good last night.
 The county commissioners met yesterday and adjourned till to-day, when it is expected they may be able to announce the tax levy which has been so long delayed.
 Saturday afternoon, at Olympia, Judge Allyn sentenced Angus McClain, convicted of the murder of Harry O'Connor, at Shelton, to be hanged on February 24, 1888.
 There is a nice little pebble on the O. R. & N. dock; it is four feet in diameter and sixteen inches thick, weighing about 3,500 pounds. It is for the Falls Pulp company on Young's river.
 In response to inquiry yesterday, secretary of state McBride telegraphed to county clerk Trenchard that the state tax levy would be made to-day and the result telegraphed to him.
 Twenty-five buildings were erected at the noted Long Beach, W. T., summer resort, last season, and J. L. Stont, of that place, thinks twice as many will go next spring and summer. Real estate sales this year have amounted to \$6,500.
 The driving of piles for the foundation of Capt. Flavel's brick building, corner of Chenamus and Cass, is finished and yesterday the donkey engine which has been engaged in the work was put on skids and made to haul itself to the street.
 The Western Amateur Band will hold their third annual anniversary at the band hall on Wednesday evening, the 28th inst. The boys know how to entertain, and are going to invite their gentlemen friends, so there will be a good time, sure.
 The Astoria box factory is putting in new machinery, including a boiler, built at the Astoria Iron Works, and expect to increase their capacity for lumber sawing to 25,000 feet per day. Their facilities for the manufacture of boxes for the next season will also be increased.
 "Suppose every grog-shop in the land were at the bottom of the sea," declaimed an ardent prohibition advocate to a quintette of sun-baskers on the corner yesterday, "what would be the result?" And the answer quickly came from the matter-of-fact squad: "Lots of people would get drowned."
 In Portland last Tuesday Mr. F. H. Sherman and Miss Olive E. Hathaway were married. Mr. Sherman is a young man who has spent a good portion of his life in this city, where he is held in high esteem by his many friends who tender the young couple their best wishes. They will reside in Portland for the present.
 A boiler 42 inches in diameter by twenty feet long, was hauled by THE ASTORIAN office yesterday on the way to the Astoria box factory where it is to be used. It was manufactured in this city by the Astoria Iron Works and is proof that our Astoria machine shops can turn out as good a quality of work as can be got elsewhere.
 Parties who visited Sand Island yesterday report that on the side where the beacon stands the shore has advanced toward the beacon nearly 150 feet since last season and the water is now undermining the material piled around the posts which support it. They also say that on the other side near the net racks about 75 feet of what seems to be the timbers of a vessel have been uncovered.
 There was a good deal of hard work done by the youngsters yesterday. They went into the woods early in the morning and at any time in the afternoon parties of the little fellows might be seen tagging away at the little fir tree which had been dragged from far up on the hillsides back of town. The trees are as fine as one could wish to see and when they are bedecked with Christmas gifts and surrounded by a circle of happy and expectant children, there will be about as much happiness to the square foot in Astoria as can be found anywhere else.

"One thing particularly noticeable in the improvement of Astoria during the past summer," remarked a resident of this city whose business frequently calls him to other parts of the country for two or three months at a time, "is the careful finishing touch put on weather-beaten buildings with the painter's brush. The city looks decidedly better for that feature of the season's improvement. It seems to have shuffled off that rookery wind-racked, clapboard appearance and taken on a brightness and freshness and newness that are encouraging to see. The good work might have been prosecuted in some quarters more liberally without extravagance, but the whirl of time will soon bring another summer around—and then?"

PERSONAL MENTION.
 Mrs. Blissett is visiting friends in Portland.
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 Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cooper returned from their eastern trip on yesterday afternoon's boat.
 Dr. Estes was taken with a severe and painful prostration last night, but was resting easier this morning.
 Judge C. H. Page, Hon. C. W. Fulton, Sam Arndt and D. K. Warren were among the passengers on yesterday afternoon's boat from Portland.

Don't Want Any Taffy.
 Correspondents are kindly requested not to allude in their letter to "our valuable paper" or "valuable columns." Such compliments are likely to turn the editor's valuable space. Besides, they take up valuable space.—*Walla Walla Journal.*

What the Portland Landlords Do.
 Portland makes its 160 saloons pay \$48,000 into its treasury, and the landlords charge the saloon keepers to the amount of \$192,000 yearly.—*Telegram.*

A large audience laughed themselves almost into hysterics last night at Neil Burgess, in his new and successful play, "Vim."—*Portland Me., Eastern Argus, Feb. 16.*

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.

Scow for Sale.
 A large, spacious, well fitted up scow, with two anchors, forty fathoms 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 girls' dressing cases, odor cases, cuffs and collar boxes, etc., is to be found at J. W. Conn's drug store.

Notice.
 Recollecting that so many were disappointed on Thanksgiving, let those who desire our celebrated mince pies leave their orders not later than Friday, Dec. 23d, at the Oregon Bakery, A. A. Cleveland, proprietor.

Go to Thompson & Ross.
 For Atmore's celebrated Mince Meat in glass jars, and the New England Condensed Meat in 1-lb. pgs., 3 pies each.
 For Plum Pudding, comb and strained Honey, and pure Maple Syrup.
 For the elegant Dew Drop Corn, Dew Drop Pumpkin, and Dew Drop Pine Apple, which have no equal.
 For Boston Brown Bread, Roast Turkey, and Chickens, and
 For fine Jams, Jellies, Apple Butter, etc., etc.

The New York Novelty Store
 Will make special prices to all Sunday School, Church or Charitable entertainments.
 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.
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House to Rent.
 Above the Hospital: for particulars apply at this office.
 Any case of Croup can be easily treated and cured by using "The Child's Cough Syrup." Full directions with each package, which can only be purchased at Dement's drug store.

Christmas presents for ladies—dressing cases, manure sets, jewel boxes, work boxes, broom cases, toilet cases, hand glasses, opera glasses, handkerchiefs and glove boxes, hand satchels, purses, albums, books and numerous other articles.
 GRIFFIN & REED.

Oysters in Every Style
 At the Central Restaurant, next to Ford & Stokes'.

Have You Seen
 The display of Xmas cards, Plush goods, etc., at the New York Novelty Store?

A Sunny Room
 With the comforts of a home, library, etc. Apply at Holden House.
 Boston Market Tomato Ketchup in glass pitchers, Celery Sauce, Condensed Mince Meat, Plum Puddings, and other good things too numerous to mention at THOMPSON & ROSS'.

Sweet Apple Cider
 At the Astoria Soda Works.

Gambrian Beer
 And Free Lunch at the Telephone Saloon, 5 cents.

Fresh Eggs—Fresh Butter
 In abundance at THOMPSON & ROSS'.

Meals Cooked to Order.
 Private rooms for ladies and families; at Central Restaurant, next to Ford & Stokes'.

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.

THE COAL FAMINE.
 Terrible Suffering—A Mother and Children Frozen to Death.
 LONDON, Dec. 21.—Advices from Zanzibar, under date of December 19, state that a messenger has arrived from Central Africa who brings no direct news from Henry M. Stanley, but says it is rumored in the country on the east side of Lake Nyauza that Stanley, after many privations, reached Wadelai in the early part of September. The principal difficulty he encountered was between the M. badi country and Wadelai.
STEAMER BURNED.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—News has just reached this city that the steamer *Sau Vincent*, Captain Lerin which left here last night for Santa Cruz, took fire five miles south of Aberdeen point, this morning, and burned to the water's edge. The captain, first and second mates and three seamen were saved by the steamer *Queen of the Pacific*. The remainder of the crew, consisting of eleven men, were drowned.
AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.
 BRUSSELS, Dec. 21.—In chamber of deputies yesterday, the premier announced that forty-nine foreign governments had agreed to take part in the conference at Brussels in March, with the object of bringing about the establishment of an office for the translation and exchange of legislative documents of all countries.
CHICAGO WINS.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Last evening the Chicago and St. Louis clubs played a game of polo at Mission street skating rink, resulting in favor of the Chicago club by a score of 8 to 4. Mike Kelly was referee. Ryan, Mul-lane, Feffer, Burns and Irwin represented the Chicago; Latham, Powers, Rushong, Maskrey and Connskey upheld Browns.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.
 Splendid Prospects of Spokane Falls—Its Appearance to a Visitor.
 SPOKANE FALLS, W. T., December 18, 1887.
 Returning from a little trip around Lake Pend d'Oreille and northern Idaho, I have stopped at this city, at present the busiest and most talked of of any in this section of country.
 I immediately met several Astorians who are in business here, and who are doing well. Capt. J. D. Merzmann has a fine large store here and is evidently prosperous. D. A. McIntosh, of the leading real estate firm of Boege & McIntosh is also prospering, and deservedly so. He has some splendid property and is doing a good business.
 Spokane Falls is about as large as Boston; it is not, however, all built up yet. The original town site, in which all the business and most of the residences lie, is about a mile and a half square, but there are so many extensions and additions that the whole country on both sides of the Spokane river for several miles figures as a part of Spokane on the map and looks very neat as thus diagrammed and platted.
 In the business portion, proper, lots are held at what appear to be high figures. Riding around the city this morning several lots were pointed out to me as having been recently sold at prices averaging \$175 a front foot. At that figure for property that bears about the same relation to the business center that Trullinger's mill does to Astoria, Spokane Falls property doesn't look as though it was being given away at present. I have met and talked with a dozen prominent men and they are all enthusiastic about their city; its value, growth, permanence and advantages.
 Every one here seems to be a committee of one on "boom." Values of lots, the desirability of investment, the relative merits of the different additions; the mines, the water power, the agricultural country tributary, etc., are told in so many different ways, and with so much emphasis that one naturally inquires what is it all worth; what does it amount to.
 With the customary grain of allowance, and looked at from a hasty but impartial view, I am of the opinion that Spokane Falls has before it a wonderful future. Riding from one end to the other I have seen at least three hundred houses ranging in price of building from \$500 to \$25,000 apiece. The majority of these were built in the past eighteen months. Everywhere is seen solid brick structures for business, ornamental private residences and fine public institutions. The people are a progressive lot. The city is on a natural townsite—a pebbly, gravelly plain. It is the natural depot of supplies for a rich mining country, the center of a wheat belt, comprising 10,000 square miles, the output for the timber of northern Idaho, and has the finest waterpower I have ever seen for practical purposes, better for that thanneapolis, being so tarmed and subdivided, so permanent and so easily controlled, so well flanked by natural walls of rock, as never to need anything more than guidance, as in the opinion of many who have invested, to be unapproachable in commercial value.
 To me the most noticeable thing here is the spirit of the people. They are determined to have a city here, and are showing what a determined lot of go-ahead people can do. They have been discriminated against by the Northern Pacific Railroad Co., in every way, but have succeeded, and though I do not think the city will ever be near so large as the most sanguine of them claim, yet it is evident that there will be a second Chicago here some time. Next to Astoria I know of no city that has so bright a future as Spokane Falls.
 Dr. Lockhart, whom many Astorians remember, is located here, and has made about \$30,000 in judicious investments.
 Donald Ross, who used to occasionally fill the Presbyterian pulpit for the Rev. Mr. Milligan, is here. At breakfast at the Arlington this morning he told me of numerous lucky investments, and a subsequent stroll showed me a tract that he had bought for \$640. He told me that he sold it last week for \$12,000. Say that the whole thing, interest and all, cost him \$1,000; to get \$12,000 is a very handsome profit.
 Israel Gragg is here, in poor health, and looking for an opportunity to invest.
 Spokane has some unique architecture. Stained glass, Eastlake ornamentation, Queen Anne roofs and Gambrel or private houses, and granite and stucco, tiles red, blue, glazed and otherwise, on public ones. All styles are seen, and the display of taste is as noticeable in the structure costing \$1,000 as in many really fine buildings costing from \$20,000 to \$50,000.
 South park and Irving Heights, on the south side of the river will apparently be in great favor with purchasers of residence property.
 There is a live afternoon daily here, the *Chronicle*; the morning daily, the *Review*, is a sleepy sort of concern.
 J. F. H.

THE COAL FAMINE.
 A large assortment of Candies and Christmas Tree Toys at the Oregon Bakery, Main street. Home made Taffy and drops of all kinds Fresh Every Day, and guaranteed to be made of first quality sugar, and unadulterated.
 For the very best pictures go to H. S. Sluater.

THE SUI DOESN'T SUIT.
 DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Editor Hooper, following O'Brien's example, refuses to wear prison clothes and remains in bed day and night.
QUITE DISAPPOINTING.
 BRILIN, Dec. 21.—It is reported that the emperor will not accept the resignation of Count Perponcher.
A NOTED BRITON COMING.
 LONDON, Dec. 21.—Tom Wall, the pugilist, will go to America in February.

THE COAL FAMINE.
 CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Reports from Leavenworth, Kansas, indicate much suffering in the west from lack of fuel. The demands on local mines are far greater than can be filled, and messages come in hourly demanding and appealing for fuel. Farmers are burning corn, furniture and parts of houses to keep from freezing. Great distress is reported from Mead and Clark counties, where several persons have been frozen to death. At Dighton a mother and three children sought refuge at a neighbors, and were frozen to death while crossing the prairie.
A BODY IDENTIFIED.
 PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—The body of a man was found floating in the river to-day. It had been in the water several weeks and was badly decomposed. From dispatches found on the person, the body was identified as that of O. C. Dibble. He came from San Francisco recently.

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.

—All the patent medicines advertised in this paper, together with the choicest of the best and latest articles, etc., can be bought at the lowest prices, at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Orient hotel, Astoria.

Pacific Coast Tide Tables
 For 1888, at GRIFFIN & REED'S.

Acknowledged by All
 That we have the finest stock of Holiday Goods and Novelties in the city.
 GRIFFIN & REED.

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 Lard 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.

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.

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.

This is no Raffle, but a New Year's Gift.
 All purchasers of \$2.50 worth of Xmas gifts at the New York Novelty Store will be entitled to a chance for the beautiful bisque figures valued at \$20, which they will present FREE to their patrons upon New Year's eve. No extra charge will be made upon goods, and as every article is marked in plain figures each one can see for themselves.

Just Received.
 A large assortment of Candies and Christmas Tree Toys at the Oregon Bakery, Main street. Home made Taffy and drops of all kinds Fresh Every Day, and guaranteed to be made of first quality sugar, and unadulterated.

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.

—SULLIVAN'S CURE will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping Cough, and Bronchitis. Sold by W. E. Dement & Co.

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Useful as well as Elegant

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—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.

The Railroad Is Coming! SO IS CHRISTMAS!

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

RUSH

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

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

Where can you get the most for your money?
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 The Reliable
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Who keeps the best assorted stock?
Herman Wise,
 Occident Building.
 A fine stock to select from. The best attention paid to customers and the very BOTTOM PRICES.

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'.