The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

WEDNESDAY.....DECEMBER 28, 1887

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

PORT OF ASTORIA.

VESSELS IN THE RIVER.

The Halnseman, Br sp — Wm. H. Starbuck, sp
Peelhesshire, Br bk 86 — Calcutta, Br bk 984
Clydebank, Br bk 593 — City of Genoa, Br sp
Glamis, Br bk 1150 — Thessalus, Br sp 952
Ferd Fischer, Ger sp 1156 — Margaret Head, Br bk
Birmah, Br bk 812 — City of Glasgow, Br sp
Hornby Castle, Br sp 136 — Nicholas Thayer
Thornlebank, Br sp 1405 — Clan Buchanan, Br sp
Francis Thorpe, Br sp 426 — King Alfred, Br bk 1249

TIDE TABLE FOR ASTORIA.

DECEMBER.

Date	HIGH WATER. First Time	First Height	Second Time	Second Height	LOW WATER. First Time	First Height	Second Time	Second Height
	h. m.	Feet	h. m.	Feet	h. m.	Feet	h. m.	Feet
19	4 05a	7.4	3 32p	7.2	10 07a	2.4	10 24p	0.0
20	4 47	7.4	4 24	6.5	11 03	2.5	11 06	0.6
21	5 36	7.4	5 27	5.8	12 01p	2.5	11 51	1.2
22	6 29	7.4	6 38	5.3	- -	-	1 06	2.5
23	7 20	7.3	7 37	5.2	0 47a	1.7	2 09	2.2
24	8 11	7.4	9 06	5.4	1 43	2.2	3 10	1.7
25	8 58	7.6	10 05	5.7	2 42	2.6	4 03	1.1
26	9 47	7.8	10 57	6.0	3 37	2.9	4 48	0.5
27	10 26	8.0	11 42p	6.3	4 28	3.1	5 29	-0.1
28	11 02	8.1	- -	- -	5 12	3.1	6 06	-0.6
29	0 21	6.6	11 57a	8.3	5 56	3.1	6 43	-0.9
30	1 02	6.8	12 12p	8.4	6 35	3.0	7 19	-1.1
31	1 40	7.0	12 49	8.4	7 16	2.9	7 54	-1.1

The hours between midnight and noon are designated by *a* (A. M.), those between noon and midnight by *p* (P. M.). 0h. 00m. *a* denotes midnight, 0h. 00m. *p* denotes noon.

The height is reckoned from the level of average lower low waters to which the soundings are given on the Coast Survey charts.

Stockholders' Meeting.

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF the stockholders of the Pythian Land and Building Association will be held at the association hall, Saturday, Dec. 31, 1887, at 2 P. M., for the purpose of electing a board of five directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

E. A. NOYES, Secretary.

Astoria, Dec. 1, 1887.

Cruising for Fish.

The schooner *Teaser* with seven Gloucester fishermen on board, sailed last night for a cruise off the Cape looking halibut. She will spend some time on the fishing banks near the Cape to determine if halibut can be caught there in the winter time. There are plenty of these fine fish off the banks in the summer season, but they are seldom fished for in winter. If they cannot be found there, other points will be prospected for them. She will be absent on this cruise about ten days. This is the first experiment in an industry which promises to grow into great proportions on the Sound in the near future.—*Port Townsend Argus.*

Important Decision as to Interest on Notes

In a Washington territory district court lately a judgement was asked upon a note by the terms of which interest was to be paid at the rate of 10 per cent. a year until the due day of the note, and 2 per cent. per month after that day. The court decided that the 2 per cent per month clause was in the nature of a penalty, and could not be enforced at law.

Through carelessness in direction 18,000 letters per day reached the dead letter office this year. Of the whole 5,000,000, money was found in 17,745 amounting to $28,687. Negotiable paper amounting to $7,644,486 was found in 22,226. Then there was job lots of books and merchandise, and in 103,778 letters there were postage stamps enclosed. Nearly all the money and commercial paper was returned to the senders.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla braces up the system; purifies and invigorates. Invalids need it.

Delinquent School Taxes--District No. 9.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the taxes for the above district are now delinquent. In order to save costs payment must be made immediately to the undersigned.

WM. B. ADAIR, Clerk, District No. 9.
At store of M. C. Crosby.

Dec. 19, 1887.