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 THE ASTORIAN guarantees to its advertisers the largest circulation of any newspaper published on the Columbia river.  
 The Columbia sails for San Francisco this a. m.  
 New Year's cards printed in style at THE ASTORIAN OFFICE.  
 Scandinavian Benevolent Society Christmas festival this afternoon and evening.  
 The State of California arrived in yesterday. The passengers report a stormy trip.  
 The wind veered round to the east yesterday and the weather grew correspondingly cooler.  
 Messrs. Woodard, Potter and Sherwood, with the committee of reception, are expected to arrive to-day.  
 Portland is said to be full of tramps and bums who claim to be looking for work, but who hope they won't find it.  
 Beaver Lodge, No. 35, I. O. O. F., will have a social time at their spacious lodge-room next Monday evening.  
 The Iwaco railroad scheme goes right on and the project bids fair to have practical inception the coming season.  
 The Gen. Canby leaves to-day at 8 o'clock, a. m., making but one trip, and remaining at Ft. Canby until after the auction.  
 The grand Christmas festival of the Scandinavian Benevolent society will be held at Ross' opera house this afternoon and evening.  
 Tennant's nautical almanac for 1888 at Griffin & Reed's. Call for a fine ornamental calendar for '88, gratis, at Griffin & Reed's, also.  
 But little time has so far been given out for knitting, pending possible negotiations which may be settled about the 6th prox.  
 Beginning to-morrow the days commence to lengthen. The sun rises this morning at 7:41, its latest, and will set this afternoon at 4:24.  
 The line between Knappa and Clifton was down yesterday, but it is confidently expected that telegraphic communication can be resumed to-day.  
 THE ASTORIAN acknowledges the receipt of a number of very fine calendars, artistic in design. Each one is a thing of beauty and a joy for—366 days.  
 Ladies intending to receive on New Year's day will please hand in their names and the names of those who will receive with them that intending callers may be notified of the fact.  
 Frank Cunningham, a hack driver, arrived in Portland from San Francisco, on the 21st inst., with \$550, and went on a regular tool, ending in his lying in the city prison last Tuesday evening.  
 Two of as fine wheat carrying ships as any recently in the river, the *Clan Buchanan* and *The Hakneman*, are now finishing cargo at the O. R. & N. dock. Each is capable of carrying 3,150 long tons.  
 There will be a meeting of the members of the Y. M. C. A. this evening, to take final action on the call of a general secretary. Subscribers and friends of the association are invited to be present.  
 Captain Charles Wilson has received the appointment to the vacant position of inspector of hulls in San Francisco, to succeed J. H. Freeman, recently dismissed by order of the secretary of the treasury.  
 The receipt from Serg't Griffin is acknowledged of the report of the chief signal officer for the year 1887. He makes special mention in two places of the Columbia river cable, its importance and the necessity of having it put in working condition.  
 A \$23,000 fire at Albany last Tuesday morning on First street destroyed several buildings. Chief Hoffman was knocked down by the explosion of a can of powder. Dr. Ellis had his eye put out by an exploding cartridge. The origin of the fire is unknown.  
 Capt. Lutjens, of the *Kate and Anna*, has bought the wrecked steamer *Yaquina City*, as she lies near Yaquina bay, for \$9,100. The sale was made last Monday. This is believed to be a good buy, as each of the two boilers cost \$12,000, and are in good condition, while the shaft, which was comparatively new, cost over \$9,000.  
 City assessor Dickinson is busy these days on the county tax roll, footing up the amount of each individual tax to be placed in the column against each taxpayer's name. The job is a tedious one, figuring up the tax of A, who is assessed on \$1,374 at 21.5 mills on the dollar, and B, who is assessed on \$789, at 21.5 mills, and so on, and after one has been "figuring sums" of that kind for about three days without stopping, it gets kind of monotonous.

Before justice Cleveland yesterday appeared Julius Bartel, on complaint of Thos. Jacobs. The original Jacobs owns or leases a scow that lies in Scow bay and last Tuesday night some one boarded the scow and scattered powder in a sheet and fired off a rifle, and vexed with unseemly mirth the drowsy ear of night, and Jacobs thought that it was Bartels that had cut these queer capers. His honor thought different and released Bartels.

Regarding the drowning of a man from a capsized boat near Fisherton on Sunday and the saving of his two companions, our Clifton correspondent writes that Raymond and Flamboy were saved by Nick Kerage and Peter Marks, who saw the boat capsized from Fisherton. The men were put ashore at Fisherton and the boat towed to a place of safety. The men say the boat was in charge of Tom Taylor, who is absent; hence the boat is advertised by Kerage.

Last Tuesday Gov. Penney sent a letter to the commissioner of the general land office at Washington, stating that Col. Elliott, special agent, has forwarded reports to that office of all his examinations of swamp lands in Oregon, and Shackleford has informed him that all of his reports will be completed and forwarded by the 1st of February next, and asking the commissioner to set at once upon such reports, and cause patents to issue as to the state of all swamp lands so reported, on or before the 1st of March next. He also informed the commissioner that the state relinquished all claims to lands embraced in list No. 38, rejected by the land office March 21st, 1883, for want of proof, but which lands are yet withdrawn from settlement in local land offices, except as to such lands concerning which supplemental proofs have been furnished, and asking that with these exceptions the lands embraced in said list be opened for settlement.

Rebuilding the Wide West.  
 The O. R. & N. Co. are now getting out the timber for rebuilding the Wide West—for many years the crack boat of the company's fleet. She will be converted into a sidewheeler upon a model prepared by Capt. J. W. Troup and J. F. Steffen. The latter will superintend the construction of the new craft. She will be 230 feet long (15 feet longer than the *West*) and 34 feet beam (5 feet narrower) and will have 26-foot wheels with 9-foot buckets. The old engines, 28-inch cylinder and 8-foot stroke, which are as good as new, will be used and the boiler put in thorough repair. The cabin will remain about the same, but a dining saloon will be put in on the lower deck—an arrangement similar to the *Alaskan*—and a galley will be built aft, so that food can be brought to the table hot. Capt. Troup hazards the opinion that the new boat will be the fastest steam craft in the Pacific coast waters, and he confidently expects to make the run from Portland to Astoria in four hours and ten minutes. A well known river man remarked: "She's got the slickest model you ever laid eyes on!" The new boat will be finished about the middle of April, and will go into the sea-side trade. She will have the speed and the comfort of either the *Alaskan* or *Olympian*, and the running expenses will be less than one-third.—*Oregonian*, 28.

Three Favorites  
 Have the following to say of Wisdom's Robertine, the great beautifier and preserver of the complexion:  
 To Mr. W. M. Wisdom—Dear Sir—I have tried your Robertine. It is excellent, and I shall be pleased to recommend it to all my lady friends. Believe me, yours truly,  
 R. B. BREA.  
 To Mr. W. M. Wisdom—The "Robertine" you so kindly sent me is excellent. It is the finest preparation I have ever used, and is a decided acquisition to every lady's toilet. Yours truly,  
 JEANETTE WISSTON.  
 To Mr. W. M. Wisdom—Dear Sir, I have tried your Robertine. It is excellent for the complexion, being one of the best articles of the kind I have ever used. Believe me, yours sincerely,  
 Z. TERRELL.  
 For sale by W. E. Dement & Co. druggists, Astoria, Oregon.

U. S. Auction Sale Notice.  
 Intending bidders at the auction sale of government property at Fort Canby, will take notice that the steamer *Gen. Canby* will leave Gray's dock at 8 o'clock this morning, and not 7 o'clock as is usual on Thursdays. The *Canby* will make but one trip that day and will wait at the Fort to convey those who attend the sale back to the city the same evening.  
 By order of Lieut. Eastman, commanding post. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

Girl Wanted  
 In a small family at Oysterville, W. T., to do general housework. Good position and easy work. No children. Will pay good wages to good girl. Apply at this office at once.

New Year's Cards.  
 A full assortment can be found at GRIFIN & REED'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.

Oysters in Every Style  
 At the Central Restaurant, next to Foard & Stokes.  
 A Sunny Room  
 With the comforts of a home, library, etc. Apply at Holden House.  
 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.  
 Reduction in Millinery Prices  
 At Mrs. W. J. Barry's.

**A PRACTICAL DISCUSSION**  
**Of a Very Important Local Question.**  
 ASTORIA, OR., Dec. 28, '87.  
 EDITOR ASTORIAN:

Your leading editorial under "Private and Confidential," in your issue of the 23rd inst., contained much good and timely advice to Astorians, and which, if followed, would lead to greater prosperity for the city in the near future. While old-time Astorians are holding on to their property with a death-like grip, as if fearing that someone else will make something out of it in a trade, other towns on the coast are giving away property in the way of inducements to capital seeking investments. Capitalists will not come here and invest their money unless they can see a profit in the investment. They will not furnish both the flour and the water. There is land in abundance about Astoria, but it is capital we need to build up city. In the same editorial you refer to the fact that Astorians send money away to other places for merchandise at the expense of Astoria merchants. It is true they do; but who is to blame for it? So long as Astoria merchants make no distinction between cash customers and customers who buy on six months', or a year's, or longer time, so long will cash customers send away and purchase where such distinction is made. A merchant must make a profit on his merchandise and in his capital invested, and if he gives long credits he must charge enough more for his goods to make up a fair interest on the amount of those credits, and the cash customer is compelled to pay the larger part of this. Then where goods are sold on credit, there are more or less bad or uncollectable accounts. The cash customer must be charged enough to cover his proportion of those losses. Then, too, the merchant who does a large credit business, unless he has abundant wealth, must necessarily buy on credit instead of for cash, and thus be compelled to pay the highest prices for their goods, and also being compelled to patronize certain houses to whom they are indebted, instead of being at liberty to go into the market and purchase their stock wherever they can buy the cheapest for cash.  
 These are some of the principal reasons why cash customers send away from Astoria for merchandise, and so long as the reasons exist so long will the practice continue. If Astoria's merchants want to retain the trade of Astoria's cash customers, they must sell goods as cheap as the buyer can purchase them at neighboring towns and cities and ship them to Astoria.  
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Renews Her Youth.  
 Mrs. Phoebe Chesley, Peterson, Clay Co., Iowa, tells the following story, the truth of which is vouched for by the residents of the town: "I am 73 years old, have been troubled with kidney complaint and lameness for many years; could not dress myself without help. Now I am free from all pain and soreness, and am able to do all my own housework. I owe my thanks to Electric Bitters for having renewed my youth, and removed completely all disease and pain."  
 Try a bottle, only 50c. at W. E. Dement & Co.'s Drug Store.

Notice.  
 The second series of stock of the Astoria Building and Loan association will close January 1st, 1888. All parties wishing to subscribe for said stock will please notify the secretary before that date.  
 W. L. ROBB, Sec'y.

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

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 \$50, 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.

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 Good terms to suitable tenant. Inquire at this office.  
 House to Rent.  
 Cottage with 6 rooms and kitchen on lot 8, block 15, McClure's Astoria. Apply to John Hahn.

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Sweet Apple Cider  
 At the Astoria Soda Works.

**THEIR THIRD ANNIVERSARY.**  
 The Western Amateur Band and Orchestra Entertain Their Friends.

The Western Amateur Band and Orchestra celebrated the third anniversary of its organization in royal style at Liberty hall yesterday evening. Invitations had been sent to about 200 gentlemen and by nine o'clock the hall was filled with invited guests.  
 After some fine music, supper was announced and the assembled company sat down to the splendidly set tables.  
 The supper was an admirable one and was splendidly served, being complete in all the details, from soup, oysters and roast turkey, wine, etc., to coffee, nuts, fruit and cigars, including an elaborate dessert.  
 During the supper the orchestra played some delightful music, and at its close B. S. Worsley, in a few appropriate remarks, presented to the efficient leader, A. W. Utzinger, on behalf of the band and orchestra, a magnificent clarinet. Mr. Utzinger briefly expressed his thanks amid the hearty applause of all present, and after some more music and minor remarks the company dispersed.  
 The members of the band and orchestra are to be congratulated, one and all, on the success of their anniversary banquet, the completeness of the entertainment, and their proficiency in music. Though only three years old, the organization has attained a thoroughness that is as creditable to themselves as it is gratifying to their friends.  
 That the New Year may bring them additional prosperity and success is the wish of a host of well wishers.

CURED BY FAITH.  
 ELMIRA, N. Y., December 18.—A remarkable case of faith cure is the talk of the people of all denominations in this city. The parties interested being well known devout Second Adventists, enjoying the reputation of strict integrity, leaves no doubt in many minds that the following statement is true:  
 Mrs. W. H. Loughhead, of 105 West Hudson street, this city, became violently ill some time ago, and notwithstanding the efforts of an eminent physician to relieve her, the lady's condition continued critical. Notwithstanding the low condition of the patient, she clung tenaciously to her bible, and at spells, when not suffering the usual intense pain caused by her illness, she read the scriptures. Sunday morning, although very weak and all hope of recovery having been practically given up, Mrs. Loughhead, by a great effort, opened the bible and her eyes fell on the following in the general epistle of James v. 13, 14, and 15:  
 Is there any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.  
 Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:  
 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

After reading Mrs. Loughhead says she believed she could be cured by prayer, and requested her husband to send for Dr. Loughhead, at Alba, Pa., who is an elder in the Second Adventists' society at that place. Monday evening the elder, the family and a few neighbors had a season of prayer in the sick-room, lasting an hour, at the end of which the elder anointed the lady with sweet oil, and taking her by the hands, said: "Sister, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, I command you to rise."  
 Immediately Mrs. Loughhead arose. Her illness immediately left her, and she walked through the house. She gained strength rapidly, and now is as well as ever. The story is indorsed by several reputable neighbors of the Loughhead family.

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

GRAND  
 Christmas Festival  
 And Ball By The  
 Scandinavian Benevolent Society,  
 At Ross' Opera House,  
 December 29th, 1887.  
 Children's Christmas Festival from 4 to 8 o'clock in the afternoon. Grand Ball after 8 o'clock.  
 The Western Amateur Band has been secured, and no pains or expense will be spared to make the entertainment a complete success.  
 Admission, Children - - - 50 cts  
 (Each Child will receive a Gift.)  
 Spectators (from 4 to 8) - - - 25 cts  
 Tickets for the Ball - - - \$1.00

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS:  
 MARTIN OLSEN, AUG DANIELSON,  
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 FRANK EKLUND.

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**C. H. COOPER,**

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

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**SO IS NEW YEAR'S!**

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 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

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