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The J. W. Marr sailed yesterday.
 The chamber of commerce meets to-morrow evening.

Dr. LaForce is beginning the building of a new residence on Benton street.

The Dolphin will go to Tillamook with freight and passengers about the 2nd prox.

Major Hilton, will give a course of lectures at the Armory beginning next Thursday evening.

E. Loebenstein, an Oregon pioneer and a former merchant of this city, died in Portland last Friday.

Services in the Congregational church this morning. Theme, "Fellowship." Evening theme, "The Starry Crown."

It is reported that John Wood, of South Bend, has sold his interest in the saw mill at that place to A. M. Simpson, for \$65,000.

At the Methodist church to-day, morning, theme, "All Things are Yours;" evening, "Christian Success." Song service, 7 o'clock P. M.

Congress has made a favorable report on the bill granting to the Astoria & South Coast Railway the right to construct a bridge across Young's bay.

Rev. Dr. Garner officiates at the Baptist church to-day, morning and evening; at 11 A. M., subject, "The Higher Christian Life;" at 7 P. M., "Strong Holds."

The steamer Augusta takes to Cape Meares Mr. Leaman, the contractor who will build the \$60,000 light house there, a crew of men and an outfit to begin the work at once.

At 9:45 last evening, some one who thought he saw a fire, turned in an alarm from box 5, at Trullinger's mill. The department skipped hastily that way, but, fortunately found no occasion for their services.

The four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gearhart, while visiting in the country last week had the misfortune to cut off his thumb with a hatchet. The severed member was bound together and adhered, but will, it is thought, be stiff.

An interesting case is on trial in the United States district court in Portland. W. F. Owens, the Douglas county man who failed and committed suicide some time ago, had raised a large amount of money on bonds issued on security. A \$20,000 bond issued on and seven or eight signers are fighting the case, claiming that they never did sign the bond, but that the signatures are forgeries. Some of the most famous experts on handwriting have declared on the stand the signatures are genuine. Gumpel, who was an expert in the Sharon-Hill case, says that no man could successfully imitate so many different handwritings at one time.

PERSONAL MENTION.
 Chief Barry is back from the legislature.
 Councilman Welch returned from Salem yesterday.
 Col. S. G. Elliott, an old railroad man and associated with Ben Holladay in his early Oregon railroad schemes, is down here, surveying.
 State senator J. H. D. Gray came down from Salem yesterday morning. He has his hands full of legislation of importance, and returns to-night.
 State senator Cogswell is in the city. He represents Klamath, Lake and Grant counties in the legislature, about one-quarter of the state of Oregon, and is able to do it.

The Cantata of David.
 The Y. M. C. A. class in vocal music which has been practicing under the leadership of Prof. Dobbins, intend giving the Cantata of David ere long, and the leader is particularly desirous that all members of the class attend the remaining rehearsals.

One pleasing feature of this fine Cantata is the choruses by the children, and Prof. Dobbins will teach a children's class free every Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 5 P. M., and those attending will not only get good musical instruction free, but will help the management of the Y. M. C. A. in giving the public a musical treat.

It is said the steam schooner Maid of Oregon will be put on the route between the Columbia and Coos bay. There is no reason why a paying trade cannot be built up between those points.—Coos Bay News.

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

The latest style of "Gents' Boots and Shoes at P. J. GOODMAN'S.
 Tender, Juicy Steak at Joff's.

A MISTAKEN IDEA.
 But a Very Common One With Newspaper Reporters.
 "Blew out the gas," is the daily title of a local item in the San Francisco papers detailing the death by suffocation in some hotel or other in San Francisco, of an unfortunate inmate of one of the hotel rooms. The papers usually go on to say that the man or woman was from away over yonder, "from one of the cow counties," or "from Oregon," and didn't know enough, dodrot 'em, to turn off the gas like civilized people, but just naturally blew it out, never having seen gas before, and so suffocated, and served 'em right for their bloody ignorance.
 This kind of newspaper statement and verdict has been going on so long that a good many people accept it as unquestioned and when a "Blew Out the Gas" mortuary item is read, it is either with indifference, or else a sort of careless regret that the defunct didn't turn the gas off instead of blowing it out.
 THE ASTORIAN rises to remark that the theory is a mistaken one, and the idea the reverse of the usual truth. People don't, as a rule, blow out the gas.
 Whether from the cow counties or from Oregon, they know what gas is, and have seen it and know all about turning it off. What they oft times do is when turning it off to allow the shut off to turn a little way back again. In a good many or a bad many hotels the gas fixtures are in such poor shape that they are death traps. They are old and worn out, and when one turns the gas off unless he or she is careful, the little hand piece under the burner will turn around just enough to allow gas to escape and get in its deadly work during the night.
 It is the parsimony of many hotel keepers that causes death by "Blew the gas out," and not the ignorance or innocence of the hapless denizens of their rooms.
 Another thing: to blow out a healthy gas jet is no easy matter. Try it. Light the gas, full head on; now blow, gently; 'tis like blowing a blazing fire; now blow again, harder; still the light flares and burns; again, with all your might, and out she goes; but the effort is a considerable one, and not one in a thousand would adopt such a troublesome plan, even if they knew lo better.
 If the papers in large cities would let go on this "blew out the gas" racket and investigate some of the hotels, they would find that many a one who knew as much about gas as the newspaper reporters has lost his or her life through the failure of the hotel proprietor to keep his gas burners in proper condition.

Who is Your Best Friend?
 Your stomach, of course. Why? Because if it is out of order you are one of the most miserable creatures living. Give it a fair, honorable chance and see if it is not the best friend you have in the end. Don't smoke in the morning. Don't drink in the morning. If you must smoke and drink wait until your stomach is through with breakfast. You can drink more and smoke more in the evening and it will tell on you less. If your food ferments and does not digest right, if you are troubled with Heartburn, Dizziness of the head, coming up of the food after eating, Biliousness, Indigestion, or any other trouble of the stomach, you had best use Green's August Flower, as no person can use it without immediate relief.

SCHOOL REPORT, DISTRICT NO. 9.
 The following summaries from the record of the upper Astoria school show the attendance for the term ending Jan. 25th, 1890; and also the increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding term of last year:

Number of boys enrolled, 67, increase, 10; number of girls enrolled, 55, decrease, 3; total enrollment, 122, increase, 7; average number belonging, 91.75, increase 5; average daily attendance, 88.5, increase, 5.7; average daily absence, 3.25, decrease, .75; average daily tardiness, .7, decrease, .9; per cent. daily attendance, 96.7, increase, 1 per cent; per cent. daily absence 3.3, decrease, 1 per cent; per cent. daily tardiness, .008, decrease 1.2 per cent; number neither absent nor tardy 21, increase 10.

It will be noticed that in every item, this comparison reflects credit upon the school.

Number of directors visiting the school, 1; number of parents, 2; number of other persons, 7.

The following pupils have been in attendance during the entire term and have not been absent or tardy: Principal's room—Ray Morton, Clark Bell, Carl Knutsen, Lucy Morton, Caroline Young, and Grace Kyle. Mrs. Lake's room—Oscar Morton, Johnnie Young, May Bell Young, Lucille Duncan, Matilda Engberg, Daisy Johnson, Hiram Leinenweber, Leonard Johnson, George Barker. Miss Allison's room—Mary Amundsen, Mary Grammas, Florence Johns, Ruby Kyle, Clarence Wright, Winter Kyle. C. C. BROWER, Principal.

We have some fine Creamery butter in large and small tubs. Try it. THOMPSON & ROSS.

Ludlow's Ladies' \$3.00 Fine Shoes; also Flexible Hand turned French Kids, at P. J. GOODMAN'S.

For Rent.
 The store room formerly occupied by the Empire Store. An eligible location and a good business stand. Apply to CHAS. S. GUNDERSON.

Try the New York Cream Cheese. You can find it at Thompson & Ross.

Get some of that celebrated Chase & Sanborn coffee at Thompson & Ross.
 Coffee and cake, ten cents, at the Central Restaurant.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

WOMAN AS A CUSTOMER.
 Some Queer Features of the Dry Goods Traffic.
 It was in one of the largest of the ladies' shopping stores in New York and a bundle had just been brought in by a wagon driver. "Ah," said one of the proprietors who was standing near, "that is a queer thing. That is a very expensive opera cloak that one of our customers asked to have sent home and left over night, she said, that her husband might decide upon whether she might buy it or not. I supposed at the time that she probably had a dressmaker at her home employed to copy the out and trimming of the cloak, in order to make up one like it of less costly material. I knew she could never afford to buy the cloak, and so I naturally supposed she meant to do as I say. But I was wrong. She got the cloak to use at the opera that night. It was the opening, as I afterward saw in the papers, and when I dropped in she was the first and most conspicuous lady I saw, on the way to a seat in the box of some rich relatives she had up town. She was wearing that cloak, and I suppose she managed to have it described for one of the society papers. At these first nights, you know, the names and costumes of the ladies are nearly always published."
 "What are you going to do about it?"
 "Do about it?" said the merchant, "why thank fortune, she comes here to borrow fineries instead of going to other stores to get accommodations. I see that there are things you don't know. Let me explain them. You see we have two kinds of customers—cash and credit. For the cash customers we take no risks and ask no favors. For the credit customers we do almost anything they ask of us. We are glad to get them and make every effort to swell their number. Some houses take note of where purchases are sent, and, whenever a fashionable address appears on their shipping books, write the lady at that address, offering to put her name upon the credit list. Other houses, like ours, dislike to force that trade, and simply wait until such a lady asks favors of a day's or week's accommodation to pay for a heavy purchase, or else ask in plain terms to be allowed to run a bill here. Then, though she does not know how eager we are, we jump to accommodate her."
 "Why?"
 "Mercy! what a greedy you are. Because a lady who has a bill at my store spends all the way from 50 to 500 per cent more than if she hadn't. Not only does she buy everything she wants at this store where she has a bill, passing all the rest every day, but she buys things she does not always want and cannot always afford. You need not laugh; men do the same thing. We are glad to get men to run bills here as well as women. It was only the other day that a gentleman told me that he had never been thoroughly well dressed until we let him run an account with us. He used to hate to part with money for things he could possibly do without, but now he has dressing gowns, pajamas, silk hose, scarfs a plenty, and the Lord knows what not. He says that when he gets our bill once a quarter he is always pushed into doing some extra work—he is an artist—in order to get money to meet this extra expense. He is different from most men, because he says this spending money causes him to make money, since he is driven to earn a great deal more than he spends each time our bill comes in. But the ladies can't do that, you say. No, they can simply fight it out or coax it out of their husbands."
 The merchant went on to say that the ladies impose upon the storekeepers to an amazing extent, but that this is well understood, and is not objected to. "For instance, if the lady who wore the rich cloak to the opera had said that this was what she intended to do with it she could still have had it, because her custom is very valuable, and now goes entirely to the one shop that gives her credit. Had she taken the cloak home to have it copied by a dressmaker, as is done with cloaks and gowns and ulsters and even with under linen every day, it would still be best for the store to let her do it, since when she copies the garment, in order to get it cheaper, she will buy the goods at the store that grants favors to her."
 Here is a curious phase of commercial life. The women who fancy they deceive the shopkeepers are actually known to have dresses sent home in order to wear them to a photographic studio. They are known to borrow hats, or artificial flowers, or feathers to use at a party, or for decorating their own parlors when they give a party. They order portieres, brie-a-brac, everything that can be imagined, for use at home on special occasions, always saying they want to get their husband's opinion or consent before buying. They have suits sent home to try on their children, so they say, but in reality to dress their children for Sunday school exhibitions, or whatever they want them to appear their best in. They actually borrow dresses to be married in! Stranger yet, it seems to me, is the fact that this is recognized and countenanced by the men whom they think they are tricking. It is simply charged to wear and tear or profit and loss, and no charge is made unless serious damage is done to the borrowed articles. Even then, if the annual bill of a woman should be seen to be a considerable one, it is much more than likely that her attention would not be called to the damage done, lest the customer take offense and carry her trade to a rival store.—Providence Journal.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.
 Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Weinhard's Beer.
 And Free Lunch at the Telephone Saloon, 5 cents.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.
 A Correspondent Relieves His Mind on the Subject.
 EDITOR OF THE DAILY ASTORIAN:
 Within the past two years there has been a great deal of nonsensical talk in some of the newspapers,—perhaps it may be said in most of them,—about the injustice and inefficiency of the present assessment laws of Oregon.
 We have another batch of the same nonsense based upon "Gov. Penney's late message," and that part of the message is even more nonsensical than most of the newspaper gabble. This quotes from the said message as follows, and calls it argument, whereas it is not argument, but only assertion. This is the quotation:
 "A change is needed in our laws relating to assessment and taxation. Under the present law the burden of taxation is quite unequally borne. Under it the honest men of the state have to bear the brunt of taxation, while the dishonest man, who, through the aid of the banks, returns a fictitious indebtedness, is rewarded by a relief from just taxation. The law, as it now stands and as it is now enforced, is really a law to punish by tax a man for honesty, and to reward, by exemption from tax, a man for dishonesty. Such a law is a disgrace to any commonwealth. A change should be effected. Everything should be taxed, property of all kinds, both real and personal, and no deduction whatever for indebtedness should be allowed. It is urged by those who favor deduction of indebtedness that without such deduction there will be in certain cases a double taxation. Granting this to be true, it is equally true that with deduction of indebtedness the honest man who pays on all of his property, is doubly thrown also, because his neighbor through fictitious indebtedness, is impossible to secure absolutely just taxation, but it can be nearest arrived at by taxing everything at its full value, and making no deductions whatever. But there never can be any near approach to equal taxation in this state until deduction for indebtedness—that rock behind which rogues can hide—is removed from our statute books. In order to secure assessment of property at its fair value throughout the state, some supervision over the county assessors should be had either by a state officer or by the county commissioners. It would be advantageous also to provide for a meeting of the various county assessors each year just prior to the time for making assessments, by which a degree of uniformity could be arrived at by consultation and agreement."
 Now we remark upon those assertions of the governor that it is no fault of the law that "fictitious" indebtedness is allowed by the assessor, or by the board of equalization in each county. Neither the assessor nor the said board of equalization has any right to allow fictitious indebtedness to offset actual value of property. Neither has the assessor or the said board of equalization in any county any right, or authority, or power, under the law, to assess or to tax any property twice on the same roll, or to allow any of the actual property in any county to escape assessment and equal taxation. The whole fault of our unjust, unfair and unequal taxation lies entirely with the county assessors, county boards of equalization and county courts whose business it is to administer and carry out the assessment law in making up the county assessment rolls.
 Now all this is simply assertion, like the governor's message; but the proof is at hand and the actual facts and practice of these offices from year to year is ready to establish all the above assertions of the writer hereof and to confute the assertions of the governor and the nonsensical gabble of the many aforesaid growling newspapers.
 Some amendments should be made to the assessment law, to compel these officers, the assessors, equalization boards, etc., to do their duty at the proper time, but no amendment is needed of the kind indicated in the said message.
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 Is one which is guaranteed to bring you satisfactory results, or in case of failure a return of purchase price. On this safe plan you can buy from our advertised Druggist a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It is guaranteed to bring relief in every case when used for any affection of Throat, Lungs or Chest such as Consumption, Inflammation of Lungs, Bronchitis, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Croup, etc. etc. It is pleasant and agreeable to taste, perfectly safe, and can always be depended upon.
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Favorite Song!!
 Some men are awful kickers,
 They kick all blessed day;
 Can you tell me the reason why?
 They kick when they are busy,
 And kick when they do pray.
 Can you tell me the reason why?
 It is because they're stickers
 And are just built that way.
 They'll always be great kickers
 Until they are laid away.
 Do you know now the reason why?
 The dude with little boodle,
 He puts on funny airs!
 Can you tell me the reason why?
 He parts just like a poodle
 His half a dozen hairs—
 Can you tell me the reason why?
 It is because he's minus
 Any sense at all—
 And thinks he can get along
 With half an ounce of gall!
 Don't you know the reason why?
 There are lots of you who never
 Have dealt with HERMAN WISE.
 Can you tell me the reason why?
 You keep on paying money,
 Which you might save otherwise.
 Can you tell me the reason why?
 All say he sells much cheaper
 Than other stores in town.
 He keeps the best assortment
 And puts the prices down!
 Do you now know the reason why?