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For the thirteenth time THE ASTORIAN wishes its readers "A Happy New Year," not as a formality, but as a heartfelt wish that all who see it, and the rest of mankind, will find happiness and prosperity abundant in the ensuing twelve months. The past year was a prosperous one for the country, and especially for Astoria. We here have enjoyed immunity from the disasters that have carried sorrow into thousands of homes in other parts of the country, and all our enterprises have had satisfactory progress. This New Year should be in deed and truth a happy one for us.

The past six months have been indicative of an awakening to Astoria's advantages that will develop this year to a permanent advance in our situation as a city, and that gives evidence of the potent energy of position.

AS WE RECKON IT.

The years serve as milestones on the journey of life, but the distinctions we make are purely arbitrary. We call this 1899. The sun would regard the same if we called it 85. The stars would shine as brightly and we would all get old just as fast, if we called it 796.

The part of the world that we have the most to do with have agreed to call it 1899; but it is only a false agreement upon mutual convenience.

We wonder, as we write in the midnight stillness how old this world of ours is, anyhow; that is, how many years have elapsed since man began to live on its surface. This little 1899 that seems so new and so much, is, really, very little. It might be multiplied by ten, and then be nearer the truth.

It would be interesting to know what is the exact year, not of our Lord, or of anybody's else lord, but of the world as we see it.

The count has doubtless been begun several times. Men have started, and counted the years from some prominent occurrence; for, ever so long, counted up to 2,242 or 4,792; and then has come a big break, some social cataclysm, and then another race of people after the lapse of ages, have started in new, and have kept count for another two or three thousand years, and then another check has been commenced, and so it has gone.

For the last five thousand or six thousand years, the count has been kept pretty straight; we have a record from Moses to the birth of Christ, and that has been taken as a starting point, and the years counted up to now 1,899 without a break, but if the whole continuous record had been kept, how large it would doubtless have seemed, in comparison with the feeble little array of four figures that by their consent, we have agreed should designate the current year.

THE CHAMPAGNE TRUST FIZZES OUT.

It is strikingly illustrative of the contrast which sometimes characterizes the operation of things, that, of the many trusts which have been recently formed, the only one to collapse hopelessly should be the champagne trust.

Now this was a trust, the success of which the great mass of the people were disposed to regard with perfect equanimity. It was understood that only railroad presidents, bank cashiers, theatrical managers, great opera singers, Pullman car porters, and other such like fortunate monopolists were interested. So long as common people continued to have their beer and whiskey at reasonable rates which matter it how steep a price men loaded down with bottles drank their champagne?

Indeed, there is reason to believe that a very high tariff on champagne would have a beneficial effect, and that nothing could be worse for the consumer than any combination of circumstances which would reduce its price. According to report, it is an insidious and seductive drink. It is said to be bright, sparkling and joyous in its nature, pleasant to the taste and exhilarating in its effects. Moreover, it is credited with inducing a material head of very considerable dimensions, and endowed, while it lasts, with a plentiful lack of wit, also it is very apt to lead to a financial condition which, is described as "dead broke." Clearly, a trust that would double the price of so dangerous a beverage, and diminish the possibilities of its consumption, would be a benefit to society, and would win, even the hearty approval of all temperance advocates.

Of course there might be some among the poorer of the wealthier classes that, under such circumstances, might miss and mourn their accustomed champagne tipples, but even these would not be left wholly without solace.

Manifestly, the country could have stood a strong champagne trust without foregoing any of its accustomed cheerfulness and with no serious abatement of the modest, conventional and attainments of what is known as social good-fellowship.

Chicago's great auditorium cost \$2,700,000. Under its roof is a theater capable of seating 7,000 people, a large hotel, a recreation hall, a banquet hall and other rooms. There are 10,000 electric lights in the building, served by 250 miles of electric wire, and there are twenty-five miles of gas and water pipes, twenty-one pumping engines and thirteen elevators.

Everywhere in this issue is "boiled down." The facts and figures, statistics of all kinds are condensed as much as possible, and much of minor value is necessarily omitted.

Witnesses' expenses in the Cronin trial reach about \$5,000, legal expenses \$20,000, stenographers and typewriters \$10,000, the jury \$8,000 and the total cost will be \$100,000.

As compared with the first ten months of 1888, the corresponding period of 1899 exhibits a falling off of nearly a hundred thousand in the number of immigrants.

CHAS. McHUGH started to death with \$2,500 in his pocket, in Seattle last Monday. His netion shows that he placed a correct estimate upon the value of his life.

THE ASTORIAN bears greeting this morning to all who see its cheerful face, and wishes all a happy New Year, and a prosperous twelve months.

A boy's suit and overcoat for \$1 was one of the features of the New York Christmas sales. That means a lot of starving seamstresses.

THE census this year, will it is thought, show a population in the United States of 67,000,000.

It is getting late in the afternoon of the nineteenth century.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

What Will be the Probable Fate of the Last Man on Earth.

What will be the fate of the last man is a subject that has often been discussed. There have been about a dozen different solutions to the question. Ten of the best are summarized below:

1. The surface of the earth is steadily diminishing, elevated regions being lowered, and the seas are filling up. The last man will at last be submerged and the last man will be drowned.

2. The ice is gradually accumulating at the north pole and slowly melting away at the south, the consequences of which will be an awful catastrophe when the earth's center of gravity suddenly changes. The last man will be killed by the crushing of mountains or drowned by the torrents of water that will rush across the land.

3. The earth cannot always escape collision with a comet, and when that disaster does come there will be a conflagration of air and cometary gases which will cause a grand, but awful and terrific explosion. If the last man has not already been suffocated he will be killed by the explosion.

4. There is a retarding medium in space, causing a gradual loss of velocity in the planets, and the earth obeying the laws of gravitation will get nearer and nearer to the sun, and the last man will, therefore die of excessive heat.

5. The amount of water on the earth is slowly diminishing. Finally, the earth will be an arid waste like the moon, and the last man will die for want of water.

6. Other suns have disappeared, and our most nearest or later go out forever. The intense heat at the time of lighting up will burn the earth thousands of feet deep; the last man will thus be literally roasted off the face of the earth.

7. The sun's fire will gradually burn out and the temperature will cool. The earth's glacial zones will enlarge, driving shivering humanity toward the equator, until the hospital spots will lessen at most to nothing and over crowded humanity will be frozen up in a heap.

8. A gradual cooling of the earth's surface will produce enormous fissures in the outside crust like those seen at the noon. The remnant of humanity will take refuge in these great caves, and the last man will be killed through some great condition of nature.

9. The earth will separate into small fragments, and the last man will have a fearful ride as he falls through space forever.

10. The human family will retrograde until man will not possess a higher nature than the plant life of today. Such being the case, this earth's inhabitants will spontaneously produce posterity of both sexes, and when annihilation takes place it will be the closing act to the drama in which each has played his part.

THE WHEEL OF THE WORLD.

The wheel of the world turns round and round: Those who are uppermost may be thrown in the dust or under the ground. The king in chains, the serf set free. Over the track, in sunshine and rain, It rolls on, over and over and over again.

The wheel of the world moves day and night. And in its revolutions bring Nations from darkness into the light. Where bells of the good times coming ring. Over the plot where the palace shone, It rolls in the dust of the crown and throne.

Around and around the wheel turns and goes. And we go with it, now up, then down; Few win the prize that many must lose. Tired at the goal, how late comes the crown.

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NO LONGER A TERROR.

Modern Treatment that Cures Consumption.

According to the San Francisco dailies it is already has been discovered that with almost certainty cures consumption.

It is the new laxative principle in Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla. The paper is full of recent occurrences confirming its efficacy, and we give place to their last sensation, and from San Francisco's well known lady nurses. The rays "I am willing to relate the following experience. I have for years had a weak stomach attended with constipation, and never found but one preparation that helped me and that soon wore out and lost its effect, and I was again a sufferer till I tried Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla. It has thoroughly reorganized me. I had one of the most sensitive stomachs and was in continual distress, but now with the aid of Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla now eat any and everything with any old accustomed freedom. I am both surprised and delighted, and gladly recommend it."

CLARA MELVIN, Mariner, 122 Kearney street, S. F.

Do You Like a Good Cigar?

Call at Charley Olsen's, east of C. H. Cooper's. He will suit you. A fine stock of cigars to select from.

Remember the Austin house at the Seaside is open the year round.

Weinhard's Beer.

And Free Lunch at the Telephone Saloon, 5 cents.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

THE DEADLY "LA GRIPPE"

It is Devastating Both Continents.

The Death Rate in New York City increased One Hundred Per Cent.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—During the last twenty-four hours there has been a shooting in the number of cases of influenza. It is believed that the epidemic has reached its highest point in the outskirts of the city, however, the disease is spreading and has made its appearance on the southern shores of the Mediterranean sea.

SPREADING IN ITALY.

Several cases are reported at Algiers. It has also appeared at Turin and Genoa. Italy; in the Milan garrison, and among the students of Lagon college.

AN ENLARGED DEATH RATE.

New York, Dec. 31.—The number of deaths during the twenty-four hours ended at noon today, is 196; an increase of over 100 per cent. The increase is from pneumonia, bronchitis and especially consumption. "La Grippe" is credited with being at the bottom of the increased fatality.

POLICE TO THE NUMBER OF 200 ARE ON SICK LIST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Michael Hopkins, a prominent dry goods merchant here, died today from la grippe.

LA GRIPPE CAUSES A SUBSIDIE.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—George P. Smith, 62 years of age, waterman at the Massachusetts state prison, succumbed this morning, while in prison from an attack of la grippe.

IN THE AUSTRIAN CAPITAL.

VIENNA, Dec. 31.—The epidemic of influenza is increasing, and the board of health has ordered that all the schools shall be closed until January 7.

Hospitals have become so crowded that it has been found necessary to erect a special structure for those suffering from the deadly la grippe.

IN THE MISSOURI METROPOLIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—La grippe has reached the postoffice. Postmaster Sexton and four of the five heads of the departments and forty of the postoffice clerks are similarly afflicted.

SOME STRAY FRAGMENTS.

Horses are carried by steam in Chicago, and 150 horses are crowded in two hours.

Some French laundries prefer boiled potatoes to soap in cleaning soiled linen.

Working girls' clubs are being formed. The Boston club has cooking lessons, etc.

Georgia railroad firemen struck because the businessmen were not allowed to help them.

A three-line advertisement, repeated 45 times, recently appeared in the London Times.

The scarcity of champagne is caused by the government allowing its door to cut the tress down for fuel.

An Albany, N. Y., man has shipped to western markets this year 8,000 tons of maple sugar, valued at \$97,000.

A wooden mill is to be built at Rapid City, S. D., to use up the product of 200,000 sheep grazing over the Black Hills.

By the New York state census 5,702,229 tons of freight were transported last year, and their value was \$154,561,222.

Texas leads all her sister states in the increase of her cotton yield, showing the gain up 23,000 bales above last year.

A St. Louis Catholic church choir struck because the leader made removals for his friends.

In Michigan part of a mine fell and the compressed air blew the miners like chips, killing three.

Some New York shoe manufacturers work their hands sixteen hours a day for barely enough to live.

We don't know of any other city that turned out so many slugs as Lynn, its annual product was over \$2,000,000.

Michigan produces one-third of the 15,000,000 barrels of salt we consume. New York comes next, and we import one-third of the consumption.

In Madagascar you can live well and have three servants on 70 cents per week. Hired girls get 6 cents a week and washerwomen 3 cents a day.

Omaha street car men have been working fifteen hours and getting \$2.50 and \$3. The hours have been changed to ten and twelve, and the pay to \$2.

The demand for small coins is so great that the mint at Philadelphia is working night and day to supply it. The amount outstanding of the recent bronze coins is \$5,158,800.85 in 6-cent pieces, \$9,850,220.31. The total amount of coins outstanding June 30, 1898, was \$18,736,225.49.

Negroes imported from the south helped to defeat the Clay county, Ind., miners. The 7,000 men struck against a reduction from \$5 to 70 cents per ton. Their average wages in a year at \$5 cents was \$5,250 per year. During the struggle food was forwarded from Chicago and Indianapolis for the starving families.

France is buying vast quantities of American cider this year. Strangely enough, American importations of French champagne are increasing also.

Over sixty-five thousand elephants are killed every five in Africa. The ivory obtained from their tusks brings in the raw state something like \$4,000,000.

It is feared that many of the boot and shoe factories in Lynn, Massachusetts, will not be rebuilt. In other words, the Lynn people are afraid that the industry will walk away from there.

There are thirteen opium refining factories at present in operation at Victoria, B. C. The quantity of opium imported last year would produce 50,000 pounds of the refined article.

J. H. MANSELL, REAL ESTATE BROKER, NOTARY PUBLIC FOR STATE OF OREGON. City Lots and Acre Property, Ranches, Timber Lands, and Water Frontage for Sale. Investments made for Outside Parties. Established, 1883. Correspondence Solicited. Next W. U. Telegraph Office. Third St. Astoria, Oregon. P. O. BOX 863.

Railway Addition! Is Now on the Market. Several blocks have already been spoken for, so intending purchasers had better get in and secure choice lots.

This addition is beautifully located within one and a half miles of the center of the city of Astoria on the southern slope, and from its excellent location and the magnificent views to be obtained from every quarter is acknowledged to be one of the most desirable and picturesque additions ever put on the market. The government military road on the north and the Electric Motor line on the south make it so accessible as to satisfy the most exacting. This property being so near the city makes it especially desirable for tradespeople and business men needing a suburban home within easy reach of their business. Lots will be put on the market till January 1st at Sixty Dollars for Inside Lots and Seventy Dollars for Corners, and as the number is limited, application had better be made early in order to secure the best locations.

For Plats and Particulars Apply at the Office of FRANK SPITTLE, ASTORIA, OREGON

ASTOR ADDITION! Astoria's Most Delightful Suburb. Perfectly Cleared Level Lots in this Favored Spot now on the Market at \$20, \$25, and \$30. Invest at once and double your money in less than 60 days. For further particulars call on or address: Warren & Wright, Real Estate Dealers, ASTORIA, OREGON.

Prospect Park Addition! One and Two Acre Tracts. On Proposed MOTOR LINE TO SEASIDE. Call at once at the Office of THE CLATSOP LAND COMPANY, And secure some of this property before the advance.

THE Astoria Real Estate Co. Office First Door South of the Odd Fellows Building. The Best Bargains Yet Offered In Blocks 21, 23 and 28, HUSTLER & AIKEN'S ADDITION. Less than 1 Mile From the Postoffice. SIXTY of these Lots sold within the past 8 days. The price of this Choice Property is going up daily, and may be taken off the market at any time. Price of Lots, \$125 to \$200, according to Location.

New York Novelty Store ALL THE LATEST NOVELTIES. Blank Books, Stationery



Your Money's Worth Foard & Stokes Groceries and Provisions. Everything in a First-class Store and at Extremely Low Figures. Goods Delivered all over Town. The Highest Price Paid for Junk. FOARD & STOKES

Parker & Hanson SUCCESSORS TO C. L. PARKER, DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE. New Goods Arriving Every Steamer THIS WEEK. Christmas Goods! The Old Stand - Astoria Oregon.

ABERCROMBIE & STEVENS, Have Secured the Sale of Two Blocks of J. Matier Addition to Skipanon. Call To-Day. Also Eighteen Good Lots in George McEwan's Seaside Addition. Buy Now While They are Cheap.

The Mikado. CANDY MANUFACTORY. N. J. BERGMAN, Prop'r. Fine Chocolate Bon Bons FRESH MADE DAILY. All Other Kinds of Cream Candies. Please Call and Give Me a Trial. THIRD STREET, Next to Western Union Telegraph Office.

For Sale. Valuable Property at Skipanon. Beginning on Monday, 2nd inst. I will offer a few choice lots from Hiram Gray's tract, adjoining the Green property. Prices Range from \$120 to \$150 PER LOT. Wm. B. Adair, Agent.

Just Received THEO. BRACKER. Second Street. A Large Supply of Meerschaum and Brier Pipes. ALSO. Amber Cigar and Cigarette Holders Especially Fit for Birthday and Christmas Presents. A large invoice of fresh Imported, and Key West Cigars; amongst other brands the well-known "Flor de Madrid."

Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there are funds in the city treasury to pay all warrants endorsed prior to July 30th, 1898. J. C. HUSTLER, City Treasurer. Astoria, December 26th, 1898.

FOR SALE. A Tract of Desirable Land. On the Wallack, containing between 50 and 60 acres; half of it is tide land. For particulars, enquire of WM. BRACKER, at Germania Saloon.

LIDDICOAT & CRIBB. Carpenters and Builders. Hot & McArthur's old stand, have over 200 plates and drawings of all kinds and styles of dwelling-houses, ranging from \$800 to \$12,000. Call and see them.

ASTORIA TRANSFER CO. AND Livery Stables. Conveyances of any kind, on short notice. Transferring Baggage, etc., a specialty. Telephone No. 12. SHERMAN & WARD.

Express and Transfer. Gus. and Fred. Hildebrand, Proprietors. Headquarters at Foard & Stokes. LEAVE ORDERS AT PETER BRACKER'S, Uppertown. BAGGAGE, FREIGHT, ETC., PROMPTLY DELIVERED In any part of the City.

American Net & Twine Co. Established 1842. Boston, Mass. Capital, \$250,000. N. B. We have the largest Netting and Twine plant. New and costly machinery has lately been added for knitting heavy Traps for the Columbia river, and Seines for the Alaska Salmon Fisheries, and the most skillful help employed. Highest awards at Boston, 1890; Philadelphia, 1876; London Fisheries Exposition, 1883.