

An Interesting Letter.

To the People of Astoria and Surrounding Country: I herein state that I am already here, and I brought you over that English, Engineer; Also the Russian Grip, and the German Grip. And I threw Scotch Dundee William in the soup. Yours truly, SANTA CLAUS.



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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

A landslide occurred in Tacoma; no one injured. Business in the senate yesterday was of a routine nature.

Delegate Caine, of Utah, says that the Polymenists are obeying the law. J. O. Callahan is wanted in Tacoma for swindling women out of \$2,300.

McLean defeated Kemp in a sculling match for \$2,000 and the championship. W. A. Jennings, a prominent commercial traveler in Seattle, committed suicide.

United States Minister Sims, at Colon, has gone on a secret trip to Boas Del Toro. Ex-Assistant Postmaster General Clark was interviewed on national topics.

It has been discovered that the bonds lately issued by the city of Tacoma are illegal. The sealing schooner Adelle made a raid on St. Paul's island and captured 400 skins.

The cashier of Farnsworth & Ruggles, of San Francisco, is missing with about \$10,000. Another hitch has occurred in the sealing question between Great Britain and America.

A bill enlarging the rights of homesteaders on unsurveyed public lands was passed in the senate yesterday. An explosion in East Buffalo caused the death of a night watchman and a pass of \$10,000.

Hancock, Hallam & Co., tobacco dealers at Clerksville, Tenn., have assigned liabilities, \$180,000. Mr. Carter, Hawaiian minister to the United States, has arrived in San Francisco from Washington to consult with Kalakaua.

The locomotive engineers and firemen on the Milwaukee and St. Paul road, threaten to strike unless they get an increase in wages.

The girls in Levi Strauss & Co's over-ly factory in San Francisco, walked out on a strike last Friday. No cause is known.

Victor B. Bessent, of the city of Tacoma, has been arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

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A BULLET IN THE BRAIN. Suicide of a Well Known Commercial Traveler. SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—W. A. Jennings, a traveling salesman for the Northwesterner Casket company of this city, committed suicide shortly before 11 o'clock today by shooting himself through the head.

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CLARKSON ON THE ISSUES.

He Speaks of the Elections Bill and Other Matters. SPECIAL TO THE ASTORIAN. Boston, Dec. 15.—Ex-Assistant Postmaster-General Clarkson in an interview on national politics said he did not ascribe to the big importers any extraordinary large share in the defeat of the republicans at the recent election.

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Polymenists Want to Come in Under the Flag. SPECIAL TO THE ASTORIAN. New York, Dec. 15.—A Post's Washington correspondent has interviewed Delegate Caine of Utah, who says:

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RAILROAD MEN IN COUNCIL

Secret Session of Magnates Held in a Private Residence. THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT

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