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 THE ASTORIAN'S LIABILITY TO ITS ADVERTISERS:
 The largest circulation of any newspaper published in the Columbia river.
 Interesting and varied service this afternoon at Y. M. C. A. hall, at 3 o'clock.
 The boys in Alderbrook have arranged a grand target shoot for New Year's day.
 George Knapp proved up yesterday before the county clerk on a commuted homestead claim of 190 acres.
 First citizenship papers were issued yesterday to August Johnson and Abraham Benaglia, both subjects of the czar of Russia.
 In the family of M. M. Flynn there was great rejoicing yesterday over the arrival of a little daughter, who is expected to make her home with them.
 News reached this city yesterday to the effect that a Swede named Peterson was drowned at Slack's logging camp near Nemo on Shoalwater bay.
 Services in the Congregational church to-day morning and evening—Christmas themes. A Christmas story in the evening everybody invited.
 There will be services in the German language this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. G. W. Schmidt. The subject of the sermon will be: "The Song of the Angels."
 This is the last Sunday in 1890 that you will have a chance to take a bath at the elegant rooms of L. E. Gillet, on Third street, opposite Barker's restaurant, known as the Astoria Baths.
 During the wind storm last Christmas morning the wind at Cape Hancock blazed through the register at the rate of eighty-four miles an hour and the light keeper says it was a wild night.
 At the M. E. church this morning there will be preaching by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Graman, on the "Duty of the Church to the World," or "Christ's Commission to the Ministry." In the evening there will be a Sunday school concert, and a short address by Rev. G. M. Irwin, superintendent of the Indian school at Chemawa.
 Rev. E. W. Garner, D.D., will conduct services to-day, morning and evening, at the Presbyterian church, Sabbath school at close of morning services. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30 p. m. in the vestry. Citizens and strangers cordially invited to attend any or all of these services. Seats free.
 No better expenditure of four bits can be made than to go to Miller & Beed's of the New York Novelty store and purchase a ticket for the Mikado Tea which is to be given by the ladies at Liberty hall, on Tuesday evening, especially as the proceeds are to establish a free public library for the city. You are going, you say? That's right.
 Four young men were arrested early yesterday afternoon and booked by Constable Oberg, on a charge of having assaulted a Chinese vegetable peddler in the lower end of the city at an early hour yesterday morning.
 The bodies of the Paganos were returned, his merchandise scattered in the street and his household goods broken. The young man, whom the Chinese identified with a depositing \$20 bill each and will appear for examination in Justice Newland's court to-morrow.
 The fire alarm which sounded at 5:55 last evening was for a fire in the chimney of Jensen's machine shop on Parker's wharf. The sparks from it turned a small hole in the roof of the building, but the total damage will not be over \$100, according to such an hour nearly everybody was attracted and the streets were soon swarming with people, but if they expected to see much of a blaze they were disappointed. As usual the firemen responded promptly, but had no hard work to do.
 Yesterday morning's *Columbian*, after the manner of its kind karks and snaps at everyone who has assisted in presenting them from getting their dishonest printing bill passed. It is the business of the council and the auditor and police judge to see that bills are made out according to contract. If the *Columbian's* bill had been an honest one its publication could have done them no harm, and the council instead of rejecting would have passed it. If Auditor Jewett had insisted the *Columbian* to get its bill through, and thereby robbed the city of some \$75, evidently the *Columbian* would not have accused him of "ignorance" or "offensive partiality." And here we have returned to the office he now holds several successive times, because the tax payers and voters of this city believe him to be honest and capable, and the fact that those rogues of the *Columbian* have attacked him is the highest praise for him. The councilmen who rejected the same bill knew it was a steal and treated it as such. No one expects the *Columbian* to praise the men who have refused to act in collusion with its dishonest schemes. The *Astorian* exposed the steal because it wanted the public to know how false were the *Columbian's* claims for honesty and fair dealing. Of course the *Columbian* don't like it.
 No rogue e're felt the halter draw With good opinion of the law.
 Children's Clothing
 Closing out at reduced prices, at Mrs. McEwan's, 526 Third street.
 The series of the Astoria Building and Loan Association will be opened January 1st, 1891. All persons wishing to subscribe for stock will please call on the secretary on or before that date.
 W. L. ROSS, Sec'y.
 Notice.
 You can save money by using Mr. Gilbert's Zinfandel wine instead of coffee or tea. It is much healthier and costs only 60 cents per gallon. It is three years old. He has also peach and apricot brandy. Don't forget his French Cognac and French Wine.
 ALEX. GILBERT.
 THE ONLY RESTAURANT—JEFF'S

NOTES FROM SEA AND SHORE.

Three Large Ships Arrive in Yesterday Afternoon.

ROUGH TRIP OF A SCHOONER.

The British bark *Lizzie Bell*, arrived yesterday, 156 days from Antwerp. The vessel has a cargo composed mostly of glass and cement. Captain Henry Edwards, master of the vessel, reports having had a rough trip of it off the horn and again on Christmas morning when the cyclone, accounts of the fury of which have been published in THE ASTORIAN, was encountered. The vessel weathered the storm in great shape and met with no mishaps of any consequence.

The British ship *Duvalogue*, J. O'Neill, master, also arrived in yesterday. She left Antwerp seven days later than the *Lizzie Bell* and brought up off the river about the same time. Captain O'Neill reports a voyage similar to that of the *Lizzie Bell*, and also an equal amount of bad weather. She has a general cargo, largely glass and cement.

The British ship, *Burdock*, 1,991 tons, Capt. P. Johanson, arrived from Hong Kong yesterday, with 875 tons of sand as ballast. She will load wheat for the United Kingdom. She left Hong Kong, China, October 16, 1890.

The schooner *Big River* arrived from San Francisco yesterday in ballast and will load lumber. She is at Kinney's wharf.

Reports come from Shoalwater bay of the rough experience of the little steam schooner *W. Harrison* while at sea in the big storm of Christmas morning. The *Harrison* reached Oysterville yesterday morning and the officers and crew reported one of the roughest trips in the history of the vessel. When off the entrance to the bar at Shoalwater bay, it blew so hard and the seas ran so high that Captain Latham decided to beach her. This he found it impossible to do, as the wind and sea were both off shore. The only alternative was to run out to sea, and this was done, the little vessel weathering the storm and reaching port yesterday afternoon. The report of two of the crew had been washed overboard and drowned on the night of the storm is denied by Captain Latham.

The steam schooner *Cosmopolis*, Capt. George Dettmer, cleared at the custom house yesterday for San Francisco with a general cargo consisting of grain, merchandise, etc.

The steamer *Cascades*, Capt. W. H. Whitcomb, arrived from up the river last night with three large loads of rock for the jetty.

The British bark *Birker* left for the mouth of the river yesterday and will come out to-day bound for the United Kingdom.

The new steamer *Astorian*, owned by H. B. Parker, will make a trial trip to-morrow.

The steamship *State of California*, Capt. H. S. Akeley, is due this morning from San Francisco, according to schedule time, and brings the following passengers: Miss Allen, W. J. Cuddy and family, T. Chapman, Miss Jeanie Mead, M. Marx, Z. M. Cheek and Mrs. N. Carrin.

The steamer *Columbia*, Capt. F. Bolles, is to leave Portland this evening, according to published list, and it will leave here to-morrow morning for San Francisco.

The carpenter work on the new steamer building at the Astoria Iron works for Capt. Babbidge, is nearly completed and the painters are putting on the fancy touches; the vessel will soon be ready for launching.

T. Christians, of Young's river, was in the city yesterday.

Thos. Russell has so far recovered from his attack of typhoid fever as to be able to take short walks.

W. L. Stone, of Westport, was in the city yesterday, and reports a fine time on Christmas at that place.

Mr. Cullen, of Ilwaco, is in the city, and having missed the steamer for San Francisco, he will await the next one.

Rev. G. M. Irwin, superintendent of the Indian school at Chemawa, arrived last evening on the steamer *Bonita*, and will go to Clatsop to-morrow for some Indian children he will take back with him to attend the government school.

Richard Carruthers has resigned as messenger of the Western Union Telegraph office in this city to accept the office of billing clerk at the U. P. P. R. Binder, who has accepted a position as one of the city mail carriers.

Angus Gor, one of the firm of Christensen & Co., of this city, who left for his old home in Norway about six weeks ago, writes to his sister that he is having a splendid time in the old home of his birth, so much so that he has no time to write very long letters.

A Successful Debut.
Several weeks ago THE ASTORIAN made mention of a young man, formerly in this city, and well and favorably known here to many of the old residents—William Elmer Johns—who was taking lessons in elocution and oratory, while studying law, in the city of Oakland. He made his debut as a dramatic reader in that city a few evenings since, and must have succeeded admirably, judging from the encomiums of the press, for he is spoken of in the highest terms as evidencing a degree of talent far beyond the most sanguine expectations of his ardent friends and admirers. He was equally successful in comedy and tragedy, and should he visit this city, as he now intends, will be sure to receive a warm reception.

Telephone Lodging House.
Best Beds in town. Rooms per night 25 cts. Bath \$1.50. New and clean. Private entrance.

Cranberries, Cranberries
20 cents per gallon at the cheapest store in town. W. G. HOWELL & Co., Second Street, Opposite Heilborn's.

Fruits, Candy, Nuts.
Fresh Peanuts every day, I. X. L. Building.

Excitement
Runs high at J. W. Conn's drug store over System Builder, as everybody is using it for Catarrh of the stomach, Dyspepsia, Constipation and Impure blood, and to build up the system it certainly possesses a wonderful merit when all speak so well of it.

Ladlow's Ladies' \$3.00 Fine Shoes; Also flexible hand-turned French Kids, at P. J. Goodman & Co's.

Cigars
At Holmes, 640 Third street.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

Fruits, Nuts, Popcorn and sweet cider for the Holidays at W. G. HOWELL & Co's.

THE POLICE FORCE MATTER.

The Council to Be Asked to Reconsider Its Action.

The action of the city council in reducing the number of police officers in this city has roused a storm of indignation among merchants and citizens generally. Early yesterday morning a petition was put in circulation by citizens and business men, and was most liberally signed. Not a single refusal of a signature was met with, and by the time it is presented to the council at the next meeting it is thought that there will not be less than 1,000 names attached to it. The petition reads as follows:
"We, the undersigned business men and property owners, residing in the city of Astoria, believing there is no economy in reducing the police force of this city, thereby endangering person and property, and that two night policemen are wholly inadequate to the needs of the city and its protection, hereby petition your honorable body to reinstate William Keasley in the first ward and appoint some suitable person in the second ward as policeman."

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Recent Election of Officers, and Notes of Meetings.

Cushing Corps, No. 3, had a special meeting yesterday afternoon, to practice for their installation which is to be held jointly with the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans on Thursday, January 8th.

Next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be a special meeting of the Corps, when a committee of arrangements will be appointed to prepare for the joint installation.

At their recent election of officers the following were chosen for the ensuing year: Mrs. H. B. Parker, president; Mrs. L. Bergman, senior vice president; Mrs. J. F. Ferchen, junior vice president; Mrs. Tillie Crow, chaplain; Mrs. Brodie, secretary; Mrs. G. C. Hall, treasurer; Mrs. Christensen, conductor; Mrs. Catherine Monteith, guard; Miss Callie Brodie, assistant conductor; Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. G. C. Hall, delegates to state convention.

The Corps is in excellent condition, and the meetings are interesting and well attended.

A Tax Payer's Opinion.

I, for one, believe the city council did right in reducing the police force. The city is heavily in debt, and beyond the amount allowed by its charter. It was claimed that when the electric lights were in operation it would reduce the expense for police force as the streets would be lighted so that fewer men would be required to watch suspicious characters. If merchants are in the habit of leaving their doors unlocked so that policemen have to see that they are closed, the merchants should club together and get a trusty man or two to see that their property is not molested, and not put the large number who don't need policemen to the expense. Most every city has a force of special police that assist the city officers in police duty. When one street is made or repaired, those who are benefited by the improvement have to pay for it. So it should be with the expense for police service; those who receive the benefit should pay for it.

Rescue Club.

The usual large attendance was present at last evening's meeting of the Rescue club, and the usual excellent program was rendered. The order of exercises in detail was as follows: Recitations, Pearl Estess and Lulu Estess; recitation, Lulu Dillon; recitation, Emma Hamilton; song, Birdie Griswold; recitation, Jeff Crawford; song, Willie and George Gratie, accompanied by Miss Gratie; recitation, Lizzie Bassy; address, W. L. Crawford; instrumental solo, Miss Maud Wade; reading, Mr. Thos. Irwin.

The committee on program for next week was appointed as follows: Mrs. Wm. Dillon, Miss Emma Hamilton and W. L. Crawford.

Fresh Coconuts.

Main St. bet. 1st and 2d. I. X. L. Building.

A fine display of Christmas goods at the Bazar, Stamping and embroidery done to order. 165 Cass street.

A fine line of Cigars and Cigarettes can be found at the Columbia Bakery, 536 Third street.

Go to the Columbia bakery for all kinds of cakes.

Hand in your orders early to the Oregon Bakery and avoid the trouble.

Fine Silk Astrachan Capes At reduced prices at Mrs. McEwan's, 526 Third street.

Go to Olsen's for Cuban Blossoms, the

Piano For Sale.
Esley upright in first class condition for sale cheap. Apply to Mrs. L. B. Logan, No. 189 Cass street.

House for Rent.
Apply at residence of Thos. Logan, opposite the Congregational church.

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.

First-class shaving, 25c, Peril Ferrer's.

Fresh Clatsop eggs 40 cents per dozen at Thompson & Ross.

Fresh Oysters, Eastern Clams At John Rogers' market, opposite C. H. Cooper's, Third street.

The latest style of Gents' Boots and Shoes at P. J. GOODMAN & Co's.

Candy and Nuts At Holmes, 640 Third street.

For Rent.
The Store lately occupied by Thrall & Sherman. Apply to C. S. GUNDERSON.

Knucke-Bred norsk-Sill hos Parker & Hanson.

Merry Christmas.
Elegant and useful Christmas presents at the Bazar. Embroidery and Stamping done to order. 165 Cass street.

Ladlow's Ladies' \$3.00 Fine Shoes; Also flexible hand-turned French Kids, at P. J. Goodman & Co's.

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ASTORIA'S RAILROAD VISITORS.

They Look at Seaside, Gearhart Park, the Rivers and Bay.

WILL VISIT THE JETTY TO-DAY

Yesterday the railroad men and visitors took an excursion over the Astoria & South Coast railroad, as outlined in these columns in the morning. Mr. Reid and the English engineer, Mr. McNaught, visited Tanzy Point, then walked across to Warrenton, there met the other gentlemen and rode to Seaside, then to Gearhart Park and back again to the grand old Clatsop beach, which was viewed with much interest by the engineer.

Returning to the point where the turn table is located, they left the cars and at the request of Mr. McNaught, he and Mr. Reid walked on the shore around to the mouth of the Lewis and Clark river, then back to the trestle, and walked out to the end of it, that the visitor might the better see how it was constructed.

At the end of the incline the whole party were met by the steamer *Electric*, on which they embarked and cruised around the bay, up the Lewis and Clark a short distance, then up Young's bay and up Young's river, but did not have time to go as far as they desired, and deferred the remainder of the trip until to-day.

This morning they will go on the *Electric* around the bay and up Young's river as far as the Walluski, thus showing the vast extent of water front and the large area of anchorage, which could be made available in the event of the construction of a railroad, and will then go to the jetty.

From all that has been seen the engineer has formed a very favorable opinion of this city and surroundings, and admits the necessity of a railroad to connect it with the three lines of transcontinental roads now in the state. He was in Spain when the telegram reached him from London requesting him to come to this country to inspect this road, having gone there to look at a railroad 340 miles in length which his employers proposed to purchase the bonds of it, in his opinion, it was a good investment, and came here as soon as he could get away, not having seen his wife and family for over a year.

This evening the gentlemen return to Portland on the steamer *R. R. Thompson*, and from there Mr. McNaught will cable a message to his employers in London, and write out a full report which will be forwarded by mail, giving complete accounts of all he has seen, and his impression and suggestions.

Life is misery to thousands of people who have the taint of scrofula in their blood. There is no other remedy equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla for scrofula, salt rheum and every form of blood disease. It is reasonably sure to benefit all who try it.

Notice to Upper Astoria Residents.
The numbers for houses in Upper Astoria having arrived, residents desiring their houses numbered for the Free Mail Delivery to commence January 2nd, 1891, are requested to call and leave orders at the Astoria Abstract, Title and Trust Company's office.
L. E. EBERGSON, Secretary.

Wainhard's Beer.
And Free Lunch at the Telephone saloon, 5 cents.

Attention Smokers.
Commercial.
La Perla Cubana—all imported.
Flor de Madrid.
La Palmdina.
La Ermlina.
La Famann in Key West Brands.
The Belmont.
Mocha.
Reading Room in rear of Cigar Store.
CHARLES OLSEN'S

Free Delivery of Halls.
Free your subscriptions at Griffin & Reed's for papers and periodicals for 1891. Bring name of street and number of your house, and thus you will insure prompt delivery of your reading matter.

Photographs for Christmas.
Go to Crow and have your photo taken for a Christmas present. Your friend will value it.

Fine Table Wine
Delivered at 60 cents a gallon, to any part of the city. A fine line of pure California wine at all prices, at A. W. Utzinger's Cosmopolitan saloon.

H. Ekstrom
JEWELER
Has just received a Fine and Well selected Stock of
Diamonds, Watches and Jewelry
Suitable for
Holiday: Presents
At Very Low Prices.
All goods warranted as represented.
560 Third Street, Astoria, Or.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds filed or recorded December 27, 1890, as reported for THE ASTORIAN by the Astoria Abstract Title and Trust company:
A. Knapp to D. K. Sutherland, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, blk. 3, Knappa..... \$ 200
Deeds filed; total amount 200
Previously reported this year 1,929,621
Total to date.....\$1,929,821

PRACTICAL TESTS.

An Astonishing Offer—Some of the Replies.

The San Francisco papers of recent date contained the following offer:
"As an evidence of the ability of Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla to prevent sick headaches, we will give to the first twelve responsible persons who will apply at our office a bottle free if they will agree that after they have been cured that they will admit the fact over their signatures."
"This offer so startlingly asserted the efficiency of the remedy that many accepted, and the letters of the parties, nearly all of whom responded, are probably the most convincing attestations that any remedy ever received. The following is a sample of those received—
"I have been subject to bilious headaches and constipation for several years past; in fact, have been compelled to take a physic every other night or else I would have a headache and dull, mean feeling. I have taken that bottle of Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla, and have derived great benefit from it, and intend continuing it. After my own experience I can heartily advise those troubled with biliousness and constipation to try it."
Yours, CHAS. E. ELLIOTT,
125 Locust Avenue, San Francisco.

Don't Go Shabby
But look out for the Famous Plymouth Book Pants Co.'s Pants, to order from \$3.00 to \$8.25. Suits from \$18.25 to \$25.00. Overcoats from \$10.25 to \$25.00. Every garment guaranteed.

P. J. MEANY, Agent.
Choice Hams 14 cents per pound at W. G. HOWELL & Co's.

Wainhard's Beer.
A fifteen hall Pool Table and all the leading newspapers on file at the Sun-side Saloon.

Charles Higgins, a colored man, from England, is now prepared to do all kinds of housework, heating carpets, cleaning windows, offices, etc. Address this office.

Only One in the United States.
Out of 157 cough syrups manufactured in the United States, but one has been found to be entirely free from opiates and that is the California Post-Office Electric Cough Cure, which is the best on earth for coughs, colds, croup, etc. Sold by J. W. Conn.

GRAND BALL
GIVEN BY THE
SCANDINAVIAN BENEVOLENT Society
At The
Columbia Cannery
—ON—
Saturday, January 3rd, 1891.
A Special Good Time in this Fine Ball Room.
Music by Utzinger's Orchestra
Grand March at 8:30 p. m.
—ON—
INVITATION COMMITTEE.
Adolf Johnson, C. Evenson, Aug. Danielson, J. T. Carlson, L. Larson.
—ON—
FLOOR COMMITTEE
C. Evenson, J. L. Carlson, Martin Olsen.
The grand success which always attends the social dances given by the Scandinavian Benevolent Society is a sufficient guarantee that an enjoyable time will be had by all who attend.
Admission, Gentleman and Ladies, \$1.00.

Prices Reduced!
FOR SIXTY DAYS
—ON—
Account of Hard Times.
—ON—
G. W. SMITH,
Watchmaker and Jeweler.
FINE
Solid Gold and Silver Watches,
Clocks and Jewelry.
A fine stock of Jewelry at the latest patterns to select from. Repairing Fine Chronometers, Watches, Clocks and all kinds of Jewelry made a specialty. All work warranted, and on reasonable terms. A large and complete assortment of optical goods. Call and examine goods and prices.
Shop, 53 Third Street, next to Worsley & Carruthers.
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Initial, Fancy,