

ABOUT THE CITY.

The British ship County of Merioneth is expected down today.

The British ship British Princess left the river yesterday. Her cargo consists of cement consigned to Corbett & McClay.

The steamer Signal left for Portland yesterday, after completing the discharge of 250 tons of coal at the Union Pacific bunkers.

The steamship Columbia arrived in yesterday morning, and after discharging her Astoria freight, left for Portland before noon.

The British ships Cambuskenneth and Errol did not cross out Monday on account of the prevailing storms. They may go to sea today.

The British ship Cumbrian is still in the stream, awaiting the recovery of Captain Meadowcroft, who has been suffering with a severe attack of influenza.

The tickets for the concert at Liberty Hall tomorrow evening under the auspices of the ladies of Grace church can be had at the store of Griffin & Reed. A great treat is reserved for lovers of music, all of whom should not fail to be present. An admission fee of fifty cents will be charged.

An \$80 lot for \$2.
Groceries cheap for cash at Howell & Ward's.

The Belmont cigar can be had at Chas. Olsen's.

All groceries sold at bottom prices for cash at Howell & Ward's.

Meany is the leading tailor and pays the highest cash price for fur skins.

For \$2, a lot is delivered every week to the buyer in Hill's First addition.

Denny Kelleher and W. E. Hyslop, two terrible examples of the morphine habit, were examined as to their mental condition by Dr. W. T. Baker yesterday and committed to the asylum for the insane. Hyslop, upon being questioned, said he first had morphine administered to him in California for the purpose of alaying neuralgic pains, but afterward admitted that he had been smoking opium for the pleasure it afforded.

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Chinaware, in the latest designs, at E. R. Hawes'. Prices never before equaled in this city.

Hill's First addition is located in the center of the city. Lots are now selling in it for \$2.

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Flashlight photos of the maskers; also printing on silk and satin, now on exhibition at Crow's gallery.

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Salads John Chapter No. 14, Royal Arch Masons, at its regular annual meeting held last evening, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: B. Van Dusen, High Priest; L. W. Case King; C. W. Longshore, Scribe; Geo. W. Lounsbury, C. of Host; H. C. Thompson, Principal Sojourner; Wm. Seymour Short, Royal Arch Captain; I. W. Case Treasurer; E. C. Holden, Secretary; E. R. Hawes, Master of 3d Veil; J. Q. A. Bowby, M. 2d V.; F. W. Newell, M. 1st V.; L. Hartwig, Sentinel. The Companions were duly installed in their respective offices by Past Grand High Priest Companion Dr. Jay Tuttle.

Eastern and Shoalwater Bay owners in quarts or pints at the Third street restaurant. Private rooms for families. Joe Kinckella, proprietor, 408 Third street.

Ladies' writing desks, rocking chairs, and dining chairs, suitable for Christmas presents, at G. V. Porter's, Second street. Handsome crayon portraits with \$25 purchases.

Don't go to Portland to buy your tickets for the "Old Country" and the East when you can get them for the same price at the Union Pacific office in this city, and thereby save your local fare to Portland.

JEFF'S, The Only Restaurant

The San Leandro Reporter has the following: The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Lynch died on Tuesday morning last at 7 o'clock. During her illness she received the best care that friends and physicians could bestow, but disease slowly sapped her strength, and she passed away sweetly and gently in a peaceful slumber at the age of nine years, eight months, and twenty-six days. Little Laura was a sincere, active child of old-fashioned ways, and yet retained the innocence of the child. She was full of a great faith in God, and in a life to come, and in that faith she passed away from earth. (The parents of the little one are well known in this city, where they resided about two years ago. Mr. Lynch was a druggist in the employ of Mr. Chas. Rogers, and while here made a large circle of friends.)

Christmas numbers of the London News, Graphic, Yule Tide, Father Christmas and Chatterbox, with beautiful illustrated supplements, just received at Griffin & Reed's.

Anything in the line of gent's furnishings goods, in the newest styles, can be had from P. A. Stokes & Co. during the present month, at prices never before equalled.

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 following interesting item is from the San Francisco Commercial News: The oldest skipper in the employ of the Shipowners and Merchants' Towboat Company is Captain Deidrickson, or as he is generally called, "Old Bill." About forty years ago "Old Bill" worked for Captain Miller Griff, as he is now called, or "Old Griff," as he was then called, and did excellent work on the bay. At one time in the '60's he pumped out and salved a vessel in the harbor, it is said, at a time when Griff, was down to bedrock, and got \$10,000 as salvage. The historic pump has been used many times since, and a few weeks since was taken out to assist in raising the stranded steamer City of New York. She did good work, but yesterday she was brought back to port, to Bill's great delight. The wrecking crew San Pedro also came back to port, and the general impression is that the City of New York is given up as a total loss.

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ANOTHER BOND SCHEME.
A Plan Which Is Worked for the Benefit of the Unwary.

Another of those bond schemes which illustrate the ease with which a fool and his money are so easily parted was introduced in this city yesterday, and examples of a too confiding nature are being sought by smooth-tongued manipulators. This particular company is known by the name of the Oregon Bond Security Co., and resembles in some of its conditions the company which was represented here a few weeks ago by a tall stranger who disappeared hastily, leaving an unpaid board bill at our leading hotel. According to the literature which is disseminated, the subscriber to stock in the concern pays in for a \$1000 bond the sum of \$10, with a monthly installment of \$2. The price purchase of a \$500 bond is \$7, with an installment of \$1.50 per month. Under the sub-heading of "How the Plan Works," it is announced that "with the payment of at least 12 per cent of the bonds in the series a year, and the usual per cent of elapses (meaning those who had subscribed, but whose reason had been restored) the last number in the series should mature in less than four years, and by the same calculation the last number of the \$1000 bond can mature in five years." The prospectus then goes on to say: On this plan there is no chance, as the success of the plan, like all other similar plans, depends upon the continuous increase of purchasers of bonds, and on the lapses which are as certain as the law of cause and effect, while the great advantage of our plan is that the holder of a bond who continues the monthly payment, reaps the benefit of the lapses rather than the company.

The "plan" so closely resembles that by which a number of residents of this city lost the purchase price of several dozens of gold watches a few months ago, that it will readily be recognized as an old acquaintance, and accordingly given a wide berth.

Further on it is stated that "should the payee of a bond die, his rights are not impaired, as his heirs may continue the payments and receive the benefits." That is evidently intended as a joke, for the reason that there are but two ways to beat the game i.e., either to refuse to swallow the tempting bait, or else to die quickly after biting, and leave a relative against whom one has a grudge to meet the payments.

The agent was asked yesterday, "What guarantee has a subscriber that he will get his money?"

To this question, with an assurance born of experience in such matters was given the answer, "Why, the company is incorporated."

About the only return a subscriber is likely to get is to have his bond paid "when there is a sufficient amount of money in the redemption fund." But how the company can pay \$500 for the use of \$79 for four years is not explained, except in the unsatisfactory manner that many of the subscribers drop out, and that there is a perennial increase in the fool crop.

It may be interesting to add that two of the officers of the company are Messrs. Shorey & Hall, who manipulated Burnside addition to Astoria (or what ought to have been named Burnside's addition to Knappa) about four years ago.

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The following communication will explain itself, and will doubtless be the means of preventing the success of a reuse on the part of politicians:

Editor Morning Astorian:—

Dear Sir: Having heard that there is a rumor to the effect that if I should be elected on the republican ticket as police commissioner I would soon resign, I would beg to state that there is no cause for this rumor whatever, and it is doubtless a scheme to defeat me. Should I be elected, I shall discharge the duties of the office in such a manner as will merit the approval of all good citizens. Yours truly,

J. O. HANTHORN.

WHAT IS MAN MADE OF?

A physician in the city furnishes us with the following data: An average man, say of 154 pounds, is composed of 56 pounds of water; three pounds of albumen; ten pounds of pure glue; thirty-four and one-half pounds of fat; eight and one-half pounds of phosphate of lime; three ounces of sugar and starch; seven ounces of fluoride of calcium, six ounces of phosphate of magnesia, a little ordinary table salt, and one-tenth of an ounce of iron.

Divided into the original elements, we would find ninety-six pounds of oxygen which under ordinary atmospheric pressure would occupy a space 10x10x10; of hydrogen, fifteen pounds, which, under like conditions, would occupy twice that space; three pounds thirteen ounces of nitrogen; a cubic foot of pure carbon; four ounces of phosphorus; three and one-half ounces of flourine; eight ounces of phosphorus; three and one-half ounces of brimstone; two and one-half ounces of sodium; two and one-half ounces of potassium; one tenth ounce of iron; two ounces of magnesium; three pounds, thirteen ounces of calcium.

Calcium at present market price, worth \$200 per ounce, and the amount contained in one body is worth \$18,500. It must be very gratifying to people during the present hard times to know they are worth that amount intrinsically.

Yours, respectfully,

JOHN U. SHAFFER,
Ed. Reno (Pa.) Record.

For sale by Chas. Rogers, Astoria, Or., sole agent.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Astoria, for the election of directors and transaction of other business, will be held in the banking office Tuesday, January 9th, 1894, at 4 p.m.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

December 9th, 1893.

AWARDED HIGHEST HONORS WORLD'S FAIR.

DR. PRICE'S
Cream Baking Powder.

The only Pure Cream of Tartar Powder.—No Ammonia; No Alum.
Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

THE ART OF SINGING.

Mrs. H. T. Crosby, lately of Washington, D. C. (pupil of Anton Barbi and others) begs to announce that she is prepared to take pupils in vocal and instrumental music. Instruction will be given after the school of the best masters in the Italian method of training the voice. For terms and information apply to 118 Second street.

GUARANTEED CURE.

We authorize our advertised druggist to sell Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds, upon this condition. If you are afflicted with a Cough, Cold, or any Lung, Throat or Bronchial trouble, and are unable to get relief as directed, giving it a fair trial, and experience no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We could not make this offer did we not know that Dr. King's New Discovery could be relied on. It never disappoints.

Trial bottles free at Chas. Rogers' Drug Store. Large size 50 cts. and \$1.00.

NOVELTIES IN JEWELRY.

Beautiful and Appropriate Christmas Presents. Rare and Tasteful Designs in Jewelry.

H. EKSTROM, Third St.

GREAT SACRIFICE SALE.

Business Must be Closed Out Sure!

Having concluded to retire from business I will dispose of my entire stock at a sacrifice SCHOOL BOOKS AND STATIONERY at actual cost. All other goods will be sold below cost. No reserve. The entire stock must be closed out before the new year. Fixtures and show cases for sale cheap. This is a bona fide sacrifice closing sale.

R. STRAUSS,

NEW YORK NOVELTY STORE

P. S. Country Merchants will find it to their advantage to call on us and price our goods before purchasing elsewhere. This closing out is strictly for cash only.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

PILOT COMMISSIONERS.—The regular meetings of this board will be held on the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the office of Robb & Parker.

W. L. Robb, Sec.

NOTICE.—The regular meetings of the Astoria Building and Loan Association are held at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Office on Geneva street, south of Chenamus.

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