

NOTICE.

The business office and editorial rooms of the Astorian office will be closed after 11 p. m. of each day. All communications or business letters should be handed in before that time, as the editor will be at the down town office after that hour. At the present time the business office and editorial department will be found in the office of Elmore, Santorn & Co., where they will remain until the work of remodeling the Astorian building, on the corner of Third and Cass streets, is completed.

ABOUT THE CITY.

The school census is being taken by Clerk Ferguson. A girl baby has been born to the wife of Albert Johnson. No cases were tried yesterday in either the justice or police courts. The schooner Jewett is on the way to this port from San Francisco. The pilot schooner San Jose is expected to leave out early in the week. A marriage license was granted yesterday to Arvid Niemi and Mailla Karvala. The street lights were out for an hour or so last evening, and the city was left in almost total darkness. A year's subscription card to the Library would make your friend a very nice New Year's present. The steamer Bandorille, which arrived from Siuslaw on Friday last, is expected to sail for Coos bay today. The next meeting of the subsidy committee will be held on Tuesday morning at the office of the Astoria Real Estate Exchange at 10:30 a. m. Auditor Osburn yesterday straightened up the affairs of the city for the year about to close, and deposited the funds with the treasurer. Every person should attend the New Year's social Monday night at the M. E. church. Fine program, home talent. A fine series of tableaux. Free to all. Services as usual at Grace church today at 11 and 7. Sunday school at 12:30 p. m. Divine service with holy communion Monday (Jan. 1) at 10:30 a. m. There will be services in the Swedish Lutheran church, Upper Astoria, this evening at 7:30. New Year's day at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. F. Carlsson, Pastor. The steamship State of California sailed yesterday for San Francisco. Among the shipments from this port were 1513 cases of salmon, 115 sacks of oysters, 14 boxes of fish and 41 empty barrels. 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. Tom Irving, says the Cathlamet Gazette, is in receipt of a letter from Tom Boyle, who went to British Columbia recently to search for his brother, Hugh Boyle, stating he had located the lost man, who was safe and well. J. P. Bushie, late grand lecturer of the Masonic order for Oregon, who was killed by falling from a moving train in the city limits of Pendleton, as he was returning to his home on Christmas morning, was well known to a number of people in Astoria. Three victims of the opium habit, named W. H. Page, Ella Wilson and Grace Morris, were examined yesterday as to their mental condition by Dr. W. D. Baker before Justice Cleveland, and committed to the asylum for the insane. One of the girls is but twenty years of age, and the other but twenty-one. Owners of a good cigar can always find mild, fresh Belmonts at Chas. Olsen's. For Sale—Three good lots at Smith's Point. A bargain. Address A. B., this office. Chinaware, in the latest designs, at E. H. Hayes'. Prices never before equaled in this city. Miss Ethel Andrews has been appointed to fill the vacancy in Court Street School caused by the resignation of Miss Callie Brodie, whose marriage to Mr. Borchers was celebrated recently. Beginning with the next term of school, Miss Andrews will take the Uniontown school and Miss Bayles will be transferred to the Court Street School. If money is scarcer in this city as present owing to the effects of the general business depression, so much of it is not needed as in former times. Purchasers of dry goods can readily satisfy themselves of the correctness of this statement by calling at C. H. Cooper's and examining the first-class goods that are being offered at immense reductions from the former price.

Americans would have no cause to blush, and the Hawaiian question would long since have been settled satisfactorily to all concerned, if Gresham's diplomacy and patriotism had been equal to that of his illustrious predecessor, James G. Blaine. For full particulars of the negotiations in the Chilean affair, the Italian Mafia troubles, and the Bering sea controversy, see the Astorian's Life of Blaine.

A dispatch received from Tillamook via Forest Grove yesterday conveys the information that the steamer Elmore, although still aground, is considered out of all danger, and expectations were indulged in that she would be off at high tide last night. With a favorable wind, it was considered the steamer would be quickly lifted into deep water. She is now in such a position that there is but little danger of a strain, and Captain Tatton is not alarmed at the outlook.

Positively all goods sold must be for cash at the present great sale at C. H. Cooper's.

Wagner & Co. have a new line of souvenir spoons. Watch, clock and jewelry repairing a specialty. Opposite the Astorian office.

The Coffee House, 522 Third street, best place for chops and steaks: oysters by the quart; received daily and always fresh.

Zoe, the little eight-year-old daughter of Mrs. Weatherford, was fearfully burnt yesterday by the ignition of her clothes while popping corn. The little one was standing in front of the stove, and her dress caught fire, the flames rapidly encircling her entire body. Her mother hastened to the scene and made frantic efforts to quench the flames with her hands, but before she was successful Mrs. Weatherford was seriously burned about the hands and wrists, and will be unable to attend to her household duties for some time to come.

The trustees of the Public Library are very anxious to increase the subscription list to that institution the beginning of the new year. The only way it seems, Astoria can have a library is by popular subscription, so if you are not already on the list, send in your name. The library is improving as fast as means will allow. The past month, there have been added to the reading tables, weekly editions of New York, New Orleans and Chicago papers. The principal periodicals are always to be found on the tables with encyclopedias, dictionaries, maps, etc., for reference. The use of the reading room is free and nine-hundred and thirty-nine persons availed themselves of its benefits during the month of November. The library hours are 3:30 to 9:30 each day, except Thursday and Saturday, when for the benefit of country subscribers the opening hour is 1:30.

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

There is no risk taken by joining Hill's lot clubs. Everybody gets the full value of their money.

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.

THE RESCUE CLUB. A Short Program and a Large Audience Last Evening.

The meeting of the Rescue Club last evening brought out a large number of the friends of the club, and while the program was short there was much enthusiasm displayed. President Estes was in the chair, and Miss Frankie Holden officiated at the piano. The program was as follows: Song, "There's One Who Will Never Forget," Miss Annie Gratke, accompanied by Mrs. Macomber. In response to an encore Miss Gratke sang "Biddy Magee" very cleverly.

A duet, piano and violin, by Mrs. John Wirt and Master Gus Wirt, was rewarded with an encore, and they responded with an attractive selection. Mr. Silas B. Smith was next introduced, and he entertained the audience for a short time with an address which proved very interesting.

Dr. Estes followed with some happy remarks, and after appointing a committee on program for next week consisting of Miss Maggie Burns and Miss Laura Fox, the meeting adjourned.

Steedman's Soothing Powders relieve feverishness and prevent fits and convulsions during the teething period.

Gents' overcoats, in new and nobby styles, tailor made, will be sold at from 25 to 50 per cent less than the former price during the great sale at Cooper's. 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.

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.

HELD THE STAKES. A foot-race of seventy-five yards was run at Kalama last Saturday between Charles Devol, formerly of this city, and E. E. Dunham, who has also figured in foot-races in this city and vicinity. Devol won easily, the Bulletin

of Kalama, says. The stakes were \$75 a side, it is alleged. The sequel to the affair is told in the following, which also appeared in the Bulletin:

"I wish to state to the public that H. J. Powell, who backed me in the foot-race at Woodland last Saturday, sneaked off with the stakes and did not divide up with me as he promised to do. C. E. DEVOL.

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

The dining room at the Astor house has again been opened. Only the best of white labor is employed. Give the favorite a chance.

The following goods at C. H. Cooper's sale are exempt from reductions, owing to manufacturers' restrictions: E. & W. collars and cuffs, Centeneri kid gloves, "W. C. C." corsets, oil clothing and rubber goods. Everything else will be slaughtered.

ASTORIA LEATHER. The Product of the Tannery Gaining a Great Name.

Charles Olvis, the tanner of Uppertown, has returned from the East. During his absence he visited the World's Fair, where exhibits of Astoria leather took four prizes. A. Ortmeier & Son, of Chicago, who made one exhibit of the product of the Astoria cannery, was awarded three medals, and John O'Kane, of San Francisco, took the only prize for horse-boots made from the same material. Mr. Olvis has entered into contract with Ortmeier & Son to ship them leather twice a month. He states that in Chicago the poverty is something frightful, over 100,000 people being out of employment, while St. Paul had 20,000, and Minneapolis 10,000. In St. Paul some men are sawing wood at the rate of twenty sticks for a meal ticket, and hundreds waiting their turn to earn sufficient food to keep them from starving. "Here in Astoria," said Mr. Olvis, "I do not think there is a single person starving, and nowhere in the country can a city be found the residents of which have so much cause for congratulation."

At Cooper's Midwinter Sale you can buy fine imported dress goods formerly sold at from \$1 to \$1.25 for fifty cents per yard. Combination suits, formerly sold at from \$15 to \$22.50, can be had during the present sale for \$7.50. All the goods are new and of the latest style.

A great sale of dry goods will be commenced at the store of Shanahan Bros. on Wednesday next. It is the intention of the proprietors to retain their well-earned reputation for giving bona fide reduction sales, and in the coming one, as in those that preceded it, will be offered bargains in dress goods, fancy goods, notions, ladies and gents' furnishing goods, etc., that must appeal to the good judgment of all who examine the goods and prices. It is needless to say that the stock contains nothing but new and fashionable goods of all descriptions, Shanahan Bros. invariably exercising excellent judgment in making their quarterly purchases."

PERSONAL MENTION. Miss Bessie Arndt is visiting friends in Portland. A. L. Gile came down from Portland yesterday. Miss Nellie Spencer, of Hare, is a guest at the Occident.

Mrs. M. M. Hunter, of Portland, arrived in town yesterday. Miss Ocia Campbell, of Warrenton, visited this city yesterday. Hon. and Mrs. J. G. Megler came down from Brookfield yesterday. H. Trenkman and family were passengers from Portland on the Telephone yesterday. Captain John Olsen, who has been sailing for some time past, left for California on the ocean steamer yesterday.

WEATHER STATISTICS. Compiled at the Fort Canby Station by Observer Williams. The weather bureau at Fort Canby, Washington, furnishes the following data, compiled from the record of observations for the month of January, taken at that station for a period of ten years: Temperature—Mean or normal temperature, 41 degrees. The warmest January was that of 1871 with an average of 46 degrees; the coldest January was that of 1838, with an average of 36 degrees. The highest temperature during any January was 60 degrees on the 7th, 1893; the lowest temperature during any January was 11 degrees on the 15th, 1888. Precipitation—Average for the month, 7.93 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 20. The greatest monthly precipitation was 12.07 inches in 1890; the least monthly precipitation was 2.69 inches in 1892. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 2.87 inches on the 23d and 24th, 1889. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in twenty-four consecutive hours (record extending to the winter of 1884-5 only) was 4.50 inches on the 6th and 6th, 1890. Clouds and weather—Average number of clear days, 6; average number of partly cloudy days, 8; average number cloudy days, 17. Wind—The prevailing winds have been from the southeast. The highest velocity of the wind during any January was 87 miles on the 27th, 1890.

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State, Wednesday, Dec. 20.  
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