These $3.35 a pair blankets are good, generous double-bed size. Good weight, too. Not the soggy sort that burden without warming you; ligh', mellow and so soft that it's a pleasure to snuggle under them. We know of nothing in other stores to equal them at less than $4.50 or $5.

THE ARCADE.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local weather for twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m. yesterday, furnished by the United States Department of Agriculture, weather bureau.

Maximum temperature, 39 degrees.

Minimum temperature, 33 degrees.

Precipitation, .21 inch.

Total precipitation from September 1st 1895, to date, 20.08 inches.

Deficiency of precipitaiton from September 1st, 1895, to date, 5.12 inches.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Seventy-two Christmas candles for 15c at C. B. Smith's.

Ask your grocer for Ito Blend tea. It will please you.

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

Buy your Christmas candies of C. B. Smith and get the worth of your money.

What brings people back to the Astoria Wood Yard after they have sounded the possibilities everywhere else? May be it's one thing, and May be it's another. But the fact remains—back they come. And of course the Astoria Wood Yard is proud of it.

No excuse for sleepless nights when you can procure One Minute Cough Cure. This will relieve all annoyances, cure the most severe cough, and give you rest and health. Can you afford to do without it? Chas. Rogers.

SHILOH'S CURE, the great Cough and Croup Cure, is in great demand. Pocket size contains twenty-five doses only 25 cents. Children love it. Sold by J. W. Conn.

Parties desiring any of those fine Christmas tree decorations at C. B. Smith's will do well to get them at once as they are going fast.

THE BON TON.

New Restaurant—Serves all the delicacies of the season at the lowest prices. Open until midnight. Special attention given to theatre parties. No. 571 Commercial street.

AN ENIGMATICAL BILL OF FARE.

For a dinner, served on the Dining cars of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, will be sent to any address on receipt of a two cent postage stamp. Apply to Geo. H. Heafford, General Passenger Agent, Old Colony Building, Chicago, Illinois.

FOR THOSE WHO EAT

For the remarkably small sum of 15 cents one can procure an excellent chicken dinner every Sunday at the popular "Denver Kitchen," east side of 9th street between Astor and Bond. Mr. Richardson, the proprietor, also assures the public that they can obtain at his place a well-cooked, well served breakfast, dinner or supper any day in the week for the above mentioned price. Give him a call and be convinced that he speaks the truth.

A TWISTER.

A twister in twisting
May twist him a twist,
For in twisting a twist
Three twists make a twist;
But if one of the twists
Untwists from the twist,
The twist untwisting
Untwists the twist.
That is, when it's twisted with any other twine than MARSHALL'S.

FROM NOW UNTIL SPRING

Overcoats and winter wraps will be in fashion. They can be discarded, temporarily while traveling in the steam heated trains of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway. For solid comfort, for speed and for safety, no other line can compare with this great railway of the West.

ECONOMY IN FUEL.

The Eureka Fuel Economizer is a scientifical preparation which augments the intensity of coal and wood heat in the proportion of 23 per cent.

If the direction printed on each package is carefully observed, the Eureka Coal Economizer will give to any ordinary or middling coal the same value as that of superior quality.

The Eureka Fuel Economizer prevents the shoots, the cinders and the formation of smoke, which may spoil, in an apartment, so many valuable articles, such as curtains, paintings, etc.

The Eureka burns any kind of gas which might destroy the breathable air; apartments and factories in which it is used are consequently more healthy and comfortable. In less than five minutes, one can obtain a very brisk fire which will last thirty hours without being stirred up and without any addition of fresh coal. Hence an economy of coal, work and money.

The Eureka Economizer produces a heat more soft and more concentrated; when a normal heat is wanted, the ventilation must be partly stopped and, again, an economy in fuel is to be relied upon.

We guarantee that our preparation produces no injurious effect on the health, and does not affect in any way stoves, ranges, grates, etc.

Large consumers can obtain the product, which we do not hesitate in terming "marvelous," at much more reduced prices.

Each package bears, with very explicit directions, our trade mark, representing four hands crossed together above a lion with this motto: "In union there is strength." Any counterfeiter shall be dealt according to law.

We receive too frequently applications for samples, and it is with regret that we are compelled to refuse the sending of the same. Heretofore we have liberally given away samples in order to popularize our product, but we cannot afford to support such heavy expense any longer. The moderate price of our product is in the reach of anybody who wants to try it. It is for the same reason that we have decided to send it direct on receipt of 25 cents.

To try is to be convinced that our product is a triumph of science.

25 cents each package, sent free of charge.

AMERICAN EUREKA FUEL ECONOMIZER CO.
1186 Broadway, New York, U. S. A.

ROYAL Baking Powder has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.

AROUND TOWN.

"What shall I do?" the jockey cried,
And trembled in his shoes;
"I have forgotten if I ride
This race to win or lose!"
—Washington Star.

Handkerchiefs at Dunbar's.

Frank Leinenweber is on the sick list.

The frost and snow—small boy and sled.

Walter B. Day, of Chicago, is a guest of the Occident.

For Holiday Goods, go to the Estes-Crain Drug Store.

H. S. McGowan, of Chinook, was in town yesterday.

D. Stuart, Jr., has returned from his trip up the valley.

You must kum a warin your old close on Tuesday night.

Jacob Wilson, of Skamokawa, was in the city yesterday.

For nice cut glass bottles go to the Estes-Crain drug store.

Infants' silk hoods at Dunbar's.

Robt. McIntosh, the well known ship liner of Portland, is in the city.

Silver novelties in large variety, at H. Ekstrom's, 560 Commercial street.

Merchants yesterday reported business as being rather quiet, but not dull.

L. R. Fairchild, of St. Louis, and W. E. McCormack, of Victoria, are in the city.

If you don't think that times are hard come to the sociable on Tuesday night.

Mr. Copeland will represent Judge Owl Wise at the sociable on Tuesday night.

J. Q. Jamieson, engineer of the Goble road, returned from off the line yesterday.

The finest line of domestic and foreign perfumes in the city at the Estes-Crain drug store.

Solid silver and plated ware—a large assortment, at H. Ekstrom's, 560 Commercial street.

Marshall's twine for fishermen (Elmore, Sanborn & Co., agents) is the best in the world.

P. N. Corsets are the best. Albert Dunbar is sole agent.

H. G. Wood and E. L. Sherman of Warrenton, paid a flying visit to friends in town yesterday.

Everybody is going to the Hard Times "sochel" Tuesday evening at the old store of Herman Wise.

Diamonds, watches, jewelry, suitable for Christmas presents, at H. Ekstrom's, 560 Commercial street.

Fire alarm box No. 8 was yesterday removed from Foster's and placed at the Central Hotel corner.

D. L. Ashton, F. Webber, W. H. Bonham, and Geo. M. Healy, of Portland, are registered at the Occident.

In the police court yesterday there was but one case, that of Matt Harrison, who was fined $5 for being disorderly.

You can purchase clothing at least 20 per cent cheaper at the Oregon Trading Co. than you can at any other place.

It took two of Prael's big drays hitched together and four horses to move a piece of machinery from the dock yesterday.

At Crow's Gallery—"Christmas mounts" new process. Photographs that will please everybody. Have you seen them?

Ribbons, all widths colors and prices at Dunbar's.

Rogers' Drug Store, headquarters for Munyon's Remedies, where you will find a full line. Call for guide. Chas Rogers.

The pile driver was hauled to Erick on's yesterday and in a day or two work will commence on the foundation of his new building.

WANTED—Employment of any kind by a bright boy, just out of college. Is a good penman and willing to work. Apply B. J., this office.

Carl Nebe, a native of Germany, in the county clerks's office, yesterday declared his intentions of becoming a citizen of the United States.

Genuine Findon Haddocks, Imported Stock Fish, Anchovies and Holland Herring; also Fine Bloater Mackerel; try them. Foard & Stokes Co.

Received today, a new lot of sachet envelopes, at Dunbar's.

In Justice Abercrombie's court yesterday the man Johnson, charged with larceny from a warehouse, was bound over to the grand jury in $75 cash bail.

R. L. Boyle, the real estate agent, will go to the Sound to spend his holidays, and from there to Los Angeles, probably to open a branch office in that city.

Mrs. Amalet, of Uppertown, who has been in the hospital for a long time, undergoing treatment for a serious ailment, was able yesterday to return to her home.

Children's hosiery, all kinds, at Dunbar's.

Go to 158 8th street, opposite the Court House, to have your umbrella repaired or re-covered in first-class style. A complete stock of fixtures and repairs always on hand.

The $50,000 of city bonds were yesterday sold to Mr. Frank Patton for Morrison, Whitehead & Co., Denver. They are 20 year bonds drawing six per cent interest.

A number of merchants and business men were heard to say yesterday that they would insist upon a repetition of Prof. Bergs' beautiful Carnival of Nations.

The prizes to be given at the sociable tonight are worth competing for. There are four prizes, two for gentlemen, and two for ladies. The prizes aggregate fully five dollars.

There is no twine like Marshall's. It lasts longer and gives more satisfaction than any other made. Two-thirds of the fishermen on the Columbia River use it, and they know its value by experience.

The bright stars, frosty air and crisp snow crunched under foot, last night, carried many a one back to old Michigan or Illinois.

Just received, St. Gervais, Neufchatel, Philadelphia Cream, Kronenkase, Sierra, Schloss Kase, Edam, Swiss, Jedyost, and many other varieties of fine American and imported cheese at Foard & Stokes Co.

We have the finest and most complete assortment of canned fruits that has ever been placed on this market. You can convince yourself of this by giving us a call. Eight cans for $1.00.
PAT LAWLER & CO.

Children's handkerchiefs 20c a box at Dunbar's.

Before Auditor Osburn yesterday the following city officers-elect took the oath of office: F. J. Taylor, mayor; C. J. Curtis, city attorney; H. Bell, surveyor; F. Parker, councilman; H. E. Nelson, auditor and police judge; C. W. Holt, street commissioner.

This is Ember week. Services will be held Wednesday and Friday evenings at Grace Episcopal church, in this city, 7:30 o'clock, and Saturday morning at 10:30 at St. Thomas' church, Skipanon. It is desired that as many as possible attend from Astoria.

Loveliest ribbons and rare French flowers of shaded velvet are displayed for winter dress and opera bonnets. Milliners are going wild over the exquisite importations of artificial foliage and blossoms just received at French importing houses in the large cities.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 10, 1895.
To Whom it may concern:—
I will say for the preparation put up by Mr. Cromwall for making the hair grow on bald heads, in my case it has done all he claims for it. C. E. TYLER,
258 Bond Street.

One of the members of the A. F. C. returned from Portland Sunday morning and states the M. A. A. C. boys are training hard for their contest with the local boys on January 16th. Morgan and Bert Kerrigan are coming and the public are guaranteed an athletic treat.

For one week I offer a 75c fancy silk at 40 cents a yard. I am closing out all winter wraps, jackets, and a fine line of fur wraps at less than cost. children's and infants long and short cloaks also a large line of mackintoshes at wholesale prices. I. COHEN,
Low Price Store, 491 Bond St.

Jno Hahn & Co., 479 Commercial street, have an excellent stock, from which to choose a handsome and useful Christmas present, consisting of quilted and felt slippers, gentlemen's assorted embroidered slippers, ladies' and gentlemen's storm Alaska felt lined rubbers and a complete and stylish line of boots, shoes, etc.

The A. F. C. committee have postponed their games again on account of several local attractions that will take place during the first two weeks in January, but the club declares it cannot stand any further postponements and state that they will positively hold their games on January 16th.

Notice is hereby given to all parties holding Clatsop County Warrants indorsed prior to December 8th, 1892, to present the same to the county treasurer for payment, as interest will cease thereon after this date.

Dated this 7th day of December, A. D. 1895.
B. L. WARD,
Treasurer of Clatsop Co.

Work on the railroad grade and bridge is again started up with vigor under the influence of the pleasant weather yesterday. The tunnel above Tongue Point is in about 50 feet and good progress has been made on the grade. The pile driver which capsized the other day will soon be in running order again and the bridge work will be pushed to make up for lost time.

Disbarment proceedings in the supreme court against Thomas H. Tongue, the brilliant Hillsboro attorney and politician, have been stopped and the accused completely vindicated. Mr. Tongue has warm friends in this city who remained firm in their belief that he had done nothing to warrant his disbarment, to whom the above will be pleasing news.

Postmaster Wise says that the number of bundles and packages has so largely increased on the advent of the holidays that all of them cannot be delivered during the day of arrival. The carriers will, however, deliver notices of their arrival of packages and owners can call for them if they prefer to do so rather than wait a day.

What is the success of a fisherman without a good net? While he lays in his boat at night his net is doing his work for him, silently and surely. There's only ONE way to make big hauls and big money. He must use twine that he can depend on in an emergency, that will not break through or rot. Marshall's twine will save him many a salmon. Get a fish into a net made with Marshall's, and he STAYS.

Ladies' and children's silk mittens at Dunbar's.

Green now shows on every side. It is seen in some of the flowered, shot and changeable, old-time looking taffetas, in shades that resemble grandmother gowns. It is also freely used as the over-tone of a lot of the blendings in many colors. The brilliant emerald and grass tones vie with all the softenings of bronze and sage, and even the very trying onion green with its blue tint, the sort of color that the impressionists were making their pictures a little while ago.

Charles Wirkkala's saloon, on Astor and 7th streets, which has long been one of the most popular and best patronized drinking places in the city, will soon be moved from its present location to the lot immediately east of the Casino theatre. Many improvements will be made as Mr. Wirkkala intends keeping up the reputation his saloon has had since he assumed charge years ago. Only the best wines, liquors and cigars sold at the bar, a musical concert by the best talent in the city, under the leadership of Professor Schwabe, the well known pianist, given nightly. Call around and bring your friends with you.

For several days past the Oregonian has been filled with interviews and surmises as to the probabilities of the future of the O. R. and N. Co. The strong point made, as published in the Astorian several days since, is that the Southern Pacific is making strenuous efforts to secure the O. R. and N. and is for that purpose conducting the present San Francisco rate war in order to break down the navigation company, and that being Mr. Hammond's backer, Mr. So. Pac. Huntington will eventually own all of the railroads in Oregon—a dire calamity for the state, judging from the experiences of California people with the same company. The following extracts from yesterday's Oregonian throw new light on the subject:

"The Morris-Williams glove contest took place Saturday night at Ilwaco, and resulted in a victory for Morris, who was awarded the fight on a foul. The first round was somewhat tame, but the remaining four were lively enough to satisfy anyone. Williams, who was the cleverer of the two, put his forearm across Morris' throat when breaking away, and was cautioned by the referee when the claim of foul was made. Upon repeating these tactics a second and third claim of foul were made, and the claim allowed. Returning from the contest a citizen who got aboard the steamer at McClewan's was made the victim of coarse practical jokes, and on arriving at this city complained to the authorities that he had been robbed of $60 and that Williams and his trainer, Delaney, had taken the money. They were arrested Sunday by Constable Oberg and their case set for tomorrow. Yesterday H. S. McGowan stated that the Chinaman actually had the money when leaving the cannery. There is no doubt a robbery was committed, but it is broadly hinted that Williams and his partner are victims of circumstances and that the thief has not yet been arrested.

Said a well-known lawyer the other day, "I delight once in a little while to stumble upon a bit of gorgeous rhetoric which makes me think of a sunset and a conflagration and a blizzard combined. One of the little Southern newspapers crows in this charming way about the Exposition at Atlanta: "And while we watch the hundreds of incandescents that diadem the dark as if the javelin of some god had made so many glittering punctures in the black robe of night, a serpent of flame winds itself about the white tower of the lake, the water shares the dazzling aspect of the land and the bed of Clara Meer seems strewn with diamonds."

The water commission held its regular meeting last night at which the usual routine business was transacted. A report was filed that one of the big fills, on the pipe line about a mile and a half from the reservoir, had gone out during the recent heavy storms, and that it would be necessary to make heavy repairs. It was reported to the commission that the Pacific Bridge Company was delaying the work on the tunnel, because of the water which is flowing through it, from some springs, and which it claims that the commission should remove. The officers of the water company and members of the commission cannot see wherein they have anything to do with the matter and feel greatly provoked that such uncalled for delays at this critical season should be caused by any unnecessary squabbling over technicalities on the part of the Pacific Bridge Company. One of the members was heard to remark that "the Pacific Bridge Company had taken the contract to finish the tunnel from the point where it was left by Behm and Hamshaw, and no provision was made in regard to water. They were to build the tunnel and are not doing it as rapidly as it should be done. The time is coming in the immediate future when we will want water and can't get it. I for one think that we should not be treated in this manner and believe that proper steps ought to be taken at once to crowd matters."

There is no reason why the people of Astoria should go to Portland, San Francisco, or any other place for toilet articles, druggists' sundries, or drugs. I carry as complete an assortment of each as any retail house west of the Rocky Mountains. I have just received 75 dozen tooth brushes, from direct Eastern importers to sell from 5 cents to 75 cents; also Prophylactic and Dental Plate tooth brushes; 20 dozen hair brushes from 15c to $7 each. Cloth brushes from 10c to $2.50 each; lather brushes from 10c to $1 each, and shoe brushes at all prices; dressing combs from 5c to $1.25; 50 different handkerchief extracts in bulk, and a large assortment of bottled goods in choicest odors of imported and domestic manufactures, also some very handsome cut glass bottles filled for holiday presents. In fact I carry everything generally found in a first-class drug store and at the lowest prices. I would like every one to call and examine these goods, whether you want to buy or not. We will take great pleasure in showing them.
CHAS ROGERS.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Interesting Services in Different Churches on Sunday.

Those who ventured out in the storm Sunday night and attended Grace church were well repaid and could not help carrying away with them a feeling of encouragement and incentive to redoubled effort in the battle of life, however humble his sphere of occupation. This is the closing of the year, when one naturally reflects upon the past and casts up the balance sheet to learn what of good stands to his account, and the vesper service was particularly fitted to the season.

The choir sang that beautiful anthem, "I Will Feed My Flocks in Good Pastures," which made a good introduction to the sermon.

From the text, "But as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff"—1st Sam. xxx:xxiv—the rector delivered an eloquent sermon. He said, in part:

"All of the expressions of scripture are written for our help. The story of David and the four hundred is intensely interesting. When the Amalekites had burned the city of Ziglak, of Judah, they carried off all of the women and children. David pursued the enemy with 400 picked warriors. At the crossing of a brook half of them became worn out and were left behind to guard the baggage and unnecessary impedimenta of the troops. Two hundred pushed on with David, suprised the enemy making merry over the plunder secured from Ziglak, put them to the sword and to flight, recovered all of their stolen goods, all of their women and children and much goods belonging to the foe. Upon the return of the victors to the brook the question arose as to the division of the spoil, and in the language of the text David divided it equally between those who had remained to guard the baggage and those who had done the actual fighting on the field of battle.

"We, too, are sometimes prevented from going to the front, or being an active participant in the battle against sin, but duty performed at home, the taking care of the sick and infirm, will bring its reward as surely as the prowess of the soldier in the front ranks of the warfare against sin. Talmage, in one of his sermons, tells of his passage across the Atlantic and the ship's safe guidance through a terrible hurricane. Upon reaching port each passenger leaving the ship took the hand of the captain and thanked him for their safe deliverance. The captain and his officers on the bridge giving orders for the management of the vessel lingered in the memory, but all forgot the engineers and stokers down in the hold of the ship, out of sight, but who faithfully attended to their duties and made it possible for the huge ship and its cargo of human souls to weather the storm. It is a good thing to know that the time will come when the faithful ones who do their work out of sight of the world at large will receive their reward as surely as the captain on the bridge. The daily sacrifices in the home life are just as important as the public works and will just as surely be recognized on high."

METHODIST CHURCH.

The congregation at the M. E. church enjoyed a rare treat on Sabbath morning in the sermon of Rev. C. D. Huntley, D. D., of Baltimore. While in the evening Rev. E. B. Reece, a member of the Puget Sound conference of the M. E. church, preached a good hortatory discourse.

MEDICAL MASKS.

Masks for French soldiers engaged in warfare in the colonies, not as a defense against the sword or the bullet of the enemy, but as a protection from the no less dangerous cohorts of fever—such is the original proposition which has just been submitted to the academy of medicine. It emanates from Dr. Huerot, professor at the Rheims school of medicine, who argues that the use of this mask would prevent the germs from penetrating to the lungs of the soldiers engaged in colonial warfare, who, as he is not acclimated and is overworked, is much more liable to attack than other people. In short, as he maintains, it would place a barrier between the deleterious atmosphere and organs of respiration.

Dr. Donaldson Smith, the explorer, has reached London after an extended exploration of the interior of Africa. He reports having found a tribe who are not over five feet high and who go naked.

A THEATRE PARTY

Astoria Elks Will Attend in a Body Tomorrow Night.

SCHILLING MINSTRELS ATTRACT

Well Known Hospitality of the Order Prompts Them to Honor Brother Elks.

After the manner of their usual liberal and open handed hospitality, Astoria Elks have prepared a surprise reception for the Schilling Minstrels, complimentary in particular to the half dozen or more Elks who are members of the Schilling combination. It was learned that the Portland lodge will attend the entertainment to be given by this same company in that city, in a body, and the Astorians, not to be out classed when it comes down to a point of etiquette, will not only attend the performance but the following prominent Elks will be accompanied by their wives and lady friends:

A. J. Megler,	S. Maddock,
Martin Foard,	Edward Hallock,
T. S. Trullinger,	F. S. Dement,
F. M. Green,	F. R. Rogers,
Duncan McTavish,	E. C. Hughes,
Frank Cook,	F. J. Carney,
J. S. Dellinger,	H. J. Wherity,
Dr. Logan,	M. Hanthorn,
J. H. Langworthy,	D. Moser,
Peter Brach,	Chas. McDonald,
Geo. Smith,	H. Hamblett,
Alex Campbell,	W. T. Beveridge,
J. H. Seymour,	G. Trullinger,
S. A. Kozer,	A. Grant,
I. Bergman,	J. R. Clinton,
C. W. Loughery,	Fred. Hildebrand.
Jno. Fox,	

It is the earnest desire of the lodge that all brother Elks who have not received their tickets are to consider themselves invited to attend the theatre party with their lady friends, and any such, and all visiting brothers, will please get their seats as near the party as possible. The flower of the order, the beautiful forget-me-not, will be worn by all members and that the audience at Fisher's tomorrow night will be a brilliant one goes without saying.

It is a noticeable fact that the Elks never do anything half way. They know how to entertain and how to be entertained. They know a good thing when they see it, and are never slow to avail themselves of it. Beyond all they are clannish in the matter of standing by each other, and never let a stranger Elk come to town without looking after his comfort, or securing his good offices for their own entertainment and advancement.

Manager Beggs has made all arrangements to receive and care for all guests to the best of his ability.

ADDITIONAL MARINE.

The Reaper will be taken out by Pilot Johnson this morning.

The British ship Claverdon is still waiting for favorable weather.

The Crown of Scotland wil go to sea today if the weather is favorable.

There is a large three masted ship in ballast outside. Her name is unknown.

The Bedfordshire was taken alongside Parker's dock yesterday. Repairs will be started on her immediately.

The bark Colorado, lumber laden, came down the river from Portland yesterday. She will probably leave out on Thursday.

The Chehalis for San Francisco, and the Vidette for Redondo, both lumber laden, will leave out for their destinations tomorrow.

The Alice Blanchard left out for San Francisco yesterday morning, kicking up her heels in a lively manner as she crossed over the mouth of the river.

It was reported here yesterday that the tug Coleman had taken the Flotbeck out of Shoalwater bay, but no confirmation of the rumor could be obtained.

It has been decided to change the name of the new Washington pilot boat from "Tubal Cain" to "William J. Bryant," after one of the district inspectors of hulls. Her caulking was completed yesterday and she only needs two coats of paint before being launched.

Government Lamplst McClure is waiting for an opportunity to get out to Tillamook Rock. The Columbine will make an effort to land him at the Rock today. He will proceed from there to Cape Disappointment, where he will examine the condition of the light and lenses preparatory to making his report.

W. C. T. U. IN DEMAND.

Mrs. Narcissa W. Kinney received yesterday the following official invitation from the Portland Chamber of Commerce to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union:

Miss Francis E. Willard, Pres. Nat. Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Chicago, Ill.:—

Dear Madam: The Chamber of Commerce of Portland, Or., at its meeting held December 9, 1895, instructed the undersigned to extend a hearty invitation to the W. C. T. U. to hold its next national convention, in this city.

If we can be of assistance to you or your associates in this or any other way, please command us:

I have the honor to remain,
Very Respectfully,
FRANK MOTTER, Sec.

The Ministerial Association of Portland also extends a hearty invitation to the convention to meet in Portland. Also the Ministerial Association of Salem send a very hearty invitation to meet in Salem.

A VALUED SERVANT.

(Indianapolis Journal.)

Mrs. Hammond—How do you like your new cook?

Mrs. Hashcroft—She ain't near as good as the other one. She has too good a temper. I used to make the other one mad every morning, and she would pound the steak to beat the band.

CHAS. E. SCHILLING'S MINSTRELS.

In the organization of his company for the present season Mr. Schilling has made radical departure from the average stereotyped minstrel entertainment. Novelty, the aim and sole reliance on this late day, is well maintained. The first part represents a royal court scene, the entire company being attired in silk, satin and plush, which, with the magnificent scenery elegant plush draperies and artistic distribution of stage adornments, makes one of the most brilliant pictures ever witnessed on the minstrel stage. Not only has great attention been given to the costures and stage settings, but in the selection of his company great care and judgment have been used, and among its members are the pick of the profession in their respective lines.

Lew Spencer, Chas. E. Schilling, Frank Hammond and Billy Carroll are a quartet of comedians whose names alone are a guarantee of the comedy element in the company, while the singing is one of the features of the entertainment. Chas. Lomier, John Sample, J. J. Birnes, Harry Love and the Trocadero quartet making a company of singers seldom equalled with an organization of this kind. In the olio of novelties which follow the first part, new specialties are introduced by Charles E. Schilling, the Brothers La Rose, Carroll & Nealy, Kingo, Frank Hammond, Lew Spencer, the Trocadero Quartet, and the Hobson family. The performance in its entirety is bright and snappy and without a doubt what Mr. Schilling claims for it—the crowning effort in progressive minstrelsy.

NOTICE.

The 14th series of the Astoria Building and Loan Association will be opened January 1st, 1896. Those wishing to subscribe will please call on the secretary on or before that date.
W. L. Robb, Secretary,
111 11th Street.

FOR SALE.

Fine residence and business property—by Wm. B. Adair, Real Estate Broker, No. 464 Commercial street.

"ADAIR'S ASTORIA."

On Irving Avenue.

At Prices Stated until January 1st.

Block 68—Lots 50x100, from $325 to $350 per lot. Two new houses on this block, three others in contemplation

Block 58—on north side Irving Avenue, a few lots in this block at $300 per lot. Five residences already on this block. Visitors will find a plank walk leading to the above property, and an electric light within one block.

Block 24—on Duane street, only one block from river front—$350 for lots 50x100.

Water Frontage—Above Hanthorn's cannery, 375 feet to ship channel.

MARY ANN ADAIR'S SOUTH ADDITION.

Ten lots 50x100 only two blocks from improved property and less than five minutes' walk from electric car line, are now offered in this addition at the very low price of from $150 to $200 per lot.

SHIVELY'S ASTORIA.

North 100 feet Lot 1, Block 138, cheap for cash.

Busines Lot—No. 4, (50x125) in Block 132, on Commercial street. For short time only, $3,000.

Block 36—Only one block south of electric car line, a few lots at $350 per lot. 50x100.

McCLURE'S ASTORIA.

Fine business lot in Block west of custom house on Bond street, $5,000.

Corner lot (50x100 in Block 13, Astor street, for short time, $6,000.

"MERIWETHER DOWNS."

Lots from $50 to $100 per lot.

Acreage—Two hundred acres adjoining Skipanon—a bargain: Two valuable timber claims, within half mile of proposed Nehalem saw mill.

BE THOROUGH.

Many persons seem always to be in a hurry, and yet never accomplish much; others never seem to be hurried, and yet do a very great deal. If you have 50 letters to answer, don't waste too much time in looking over to find which one should be noticed first; answer the first one you lay your hands on, and then go through the pile as fast as possible.

Some begin a thing and leave it partially completed and hurry off to something else. A better plan is to complete whatever you undertake before you leave it, and be thorough in everything; the going back from one thing to another wastes valuable time.

Another thing, deliberate workers are those who accomplish the most work in a given time, and are less tired at the end of the day as many who have not accomplished half as much. The hurried worker has often to do his work twice over, and then it is seldom done in the best manner, either as to neatness or durability. It is the deliberate and measured expenditure of strength which invigorates the constitution and builds up the health; multitudes of firemen have found an early death, while the plowboy lives healthy and lives long, going down to his grave beyond three score and ten.

BUYERS AND SELLERS.

The following transfers were filed with Recorder Gunderson yesterday:

Peter Packet, receiver, to Jas. W. Thompson, 160 acres, sections 29 and 30, township 4 north, range 9 west	$ 200
Jas Thompson and wife to Robt. Watt, same property	500

Marion Harland, the high authority on kitchen economy, recommends Royal Baking Powder above all others.

MENU FOR TUESDAY.

Breakfast.

Crushed Wheat.
Codfish Balls.
Veal Cutlets, with Onions.
Broiled Sweet Potatoes.
Bread Rolls.
Coffee.

Lunch.

Beef's Tongue with Spinach.
Stewed Potatoes.
Salad Macedoine.
Charlotte Russe.
Wafers. Cheese. Coffee.

Dinner.

Raw Oysters.
Consomme a la Japan.
Pass, with Sauce Bordelaise.
Fried Chicken, Cream Sauce.
Brussels Sprouts.
Stuffed Potatoes.
Doucette Salad.
Peach Fritters.
Coffee.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following list of letters was advertised at the Astoria postoffice December 16th, 1895:

Armstrong, F. L.	Lewis, George F.
Carroll, Jas.	Martin, Willie (2)
Groves, C.	Martin, Mrs. Ellin
Hagner, Miss May.	Smith, Mike.
Jenark, Matt.	Smith, Mike.
Johanssen, Theod.	Styles, Miss Grace.
Kelly, W. M.	Viaene, L.

Foreign.

Andrea, Signor Mazzini.
Tulu, Florindo di

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Three comfortably furnished rooms, with first-class table board, at Mrs. Holden's, corner 9th and Duane streets. board without room if desired.

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Wanter to rent—A centrally located house of seven or eight rooms. Address M., this office.

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WANTED—Man or lady to collect, do some office work, and manage agents. You will deal through your leading merchants. Something new and very popular. We pay all expenses. Position permanent. Send four references and ten cents for full particulars. John Finney Mgr., P. O. Box 484, St. Louis, Mo.

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