h » $3 35 a pair blankets are good, generous double-bed size. Good weight, too. Not the soggy sort that burden without warming you; light, 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, 49 degrees.
Minimum temperature, 34 degrees.
Precipitation, .35 inch.
Total precipitation from September 1st 1895, to date, 22.50 inches.
Deficiency of precipitaiton from September 1st, 1895, to date, 4.01 inches.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Ho blend tea is the best. Ask your grocer for it, and take no other.

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

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.

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 RENT.

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

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 seafety, 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 33 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
1180 Broadway, New York, U. S. A.

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

DON'T

Wait until the assortment is broken • • •

Come Now and select your Christmas Handkerchiefs

Albert Dunbar

AROUND TOWN.

Purses at Dunbar's.

Yesterday's weather—decidedly mixed.

Christmas ornaments at Smith's.

For latest holiday novelties, go to P. A. Stokes.'

Christmas buyers on every street—happy merchants.

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

The four hundred turned out in full force last night.

F. J. Carney went to Portland last night on a busines strip.

The new moon last night—did you see it over the left shoulder?

L. E. Selig yesterday returned from a two weeks' visit in Portland.

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

Don't forget the tea and sale from 2 to 5 this afternoon at Miss Nan Reed's.

Silk mittens at Dunbar's.

See our ten cent silk handkerchiefs at the Oregon Trading Co., 600 Commercial street.

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.

A. M. Lindholm, of Young's River, and A. L. Graham, of Marshal, were in the city yesterday.

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

The merchants yesterday all report good business and a large increase in sales over last year.

C. B. Smith has the finest display of Christmas candies in the city. His prices cannot be beaten in the city.

Cream white lisle hose at Dunbar's.

The steamer Telephone yesterday reported a crowd of Christmas travelers going to and from the business centers.

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

Al. McGillis, steward of the Telephone, says that the recent report in the Albany papers that he was married is erroneous.

Call at Crow's gallery and see those beautiful holiday mounts—just the thing to send with your photograph for Christmas.

Neckties, silk handkerchiefs, silk mufflers, gloves, etc., at P. A. Stokes.'

The El Modelo cigar, imported exclusively by the Corbitt & Macleay Co., Portland, is having a great run throughout the West.

Christmas holly and evergreens are making their appearance, and the decorations of residences will be very general this season.

Burnt leather goods at Dunbar's.

The Sons of Hermann held their regular meeting last night and decided to give their annual ball on February 13th, St. Valentine eve.

There are a number of those Christmas dolls left at the library, and buyers cannot do better than to inspect them before making purchases.

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

Mr. Gosslin yesterday received a telegram from Mr. Hammond, who is now in Chicago, stating that he would be in Astoria right after the holidays.

There are rumors of the formation of a military company in Astoria, headed by a prominent society leader, whose services are to be offered to the president.

Everything new at Dunbar's.

Nothing is nicer for a Christmas present for your gentleman friends than a box of El Modelo cigars, imported by Corbitt & Macleay Co., Portland. For sale by dealers.

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.

Chas. Ericksen of Blind Slough, and C. W. Fisher, of Walluski, came in to the city yesterday to buy Christmas goods. They report the roads in very bad condition.

Seventy-two Christmas candies for 25 cents at C. B. Smith's.

One of the most useful makeshifts of fashion is a wide collar and revers of satin, embroidered all over with jet and steel or gold and jet, which can be worn with any evening dress.

The steward of the Columbine was noticed coming down off the hill yesterday morning with three pair of squeaking chickens. Several people who met him asked where the roost was.

Buy your Christmas gloves at Dunbar's.

In planning for the entertainment of your holiday guests, don't forget to order of your dealer several boxes of the El Modelo cigar, exclusively imported by the Corbitt & Macleay Co., Portland.

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.

Chas. Ecklund, A. E. Johnson, E. Robertson, A. T. Peterson, Chas. Johnson and wife, Martin Johnson, W. E. Johnson and W. H. Johnson, of Chinook, spent yesterday in the city, shopping for Christmas.

Mr. R. L. Durham, the well known vice-president and manager of the Commercial National bank of Portland, was in the city yesterday on a short business trip. He reports business as fairly good in the metropolis, notwithstanding the blow of a local political wave.

Linen handkerchiefs, fancy suspenders, at P. A. Stokes.'

White metal goods at prices that sell themselves at Dunbar's.

Opera glasses, gold and silver mounted umbrellas and canes, at H. Ekstrom's, 560 Commercial street.

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.

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

Opals are the most interesting of gems, and are in great demand. They are the most beautiful of gems, varying in iridescence not only with the temperature, but the mood of the wearer. The Hindoo believes opals change with sorrow and joy, and that they are the children of the sunbeam and the moonbeam.

Jno Hahn & Co., 469 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.

Price C. B. Smith's fine Christmas candies.

For this week I offer special holiday bargains in ladies' wraps and jackets I have the only first grade and latest styles of these goods in the market and am selling them for less than the trashy stuff that the city is filled with this season. A handsome line of umbrellas, the best line of dress goods at great reductions. L. Cohen, Low Price Store, 491 Bond street.

The finest assortment of Christmas handkerchiefs is at Dunbar's.

Engineer Adams, of the city waterworks, reports that the first half of the new plant is ready for operation. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the water will be turned into the new reservoir on the hill, through the new pipe line from Bear Creek. This marks an event in the history of Astoria which presages her future growth. In a comparatively short time the tunnel will be completed, and as the distribution system is now about finished, the citizens can soon expect to see the new system in full operation.

Mrs. D. H. Heckard, wife of the well known Lewis and Clarke rancher, died suddenly yesterday afternoon. She had been suffering for some little time, and was yesterday taken with a sudden turn for the worse. The immediate cause of death was purpura hemorrhagica. Mrs. Heckard was 52 years old and one of the pioneers of the Lewis and Clarke river, where she leaves many friends and relatives to mourn her loss. Dr. Estes was called yesterday afternoon, but before he could get to the residence Mrs. Heckard had passed away.

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 added as Mr. Wirkkala intends keeping up the reputation his saloon has had since he assumed charge years ago. On'y 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.

One of the most pleasant events of the coming holiday season will be the social session to be given by the Elks in this city on Christmas eve at their lodge rooms. An elegant Christmas tree is being prepared for the occasion and it is the intention of the B. P. O. E. to load it up with gifts for members and their friends. Every member is entitled to two invitations for personal friends, but in order to obtain such invitations it will be necessary to leave the names of people that Elks wish to invite, with Mr Frank Rogers, not later than Sunday next. Presents for members and friends to be suspended from the Christmas tree must be left at the lodge room not later than Tuesday afternoon. A committee will be in readiness to receive them at the hall.

See the 21 and 30 inch gloves in all the evening shades at Dunbar's.

One night last week a well-known man about town in the metropolis, who owns an electric diamond, was riding in a street car in the West End. The party in question decided to have some fun, so he laid his head back against the seat and pretended to be taking a nap. Then he put his hand in his pocket and turned on the battery. The prismatic streams of light flitted to and from the big shirt stud. Passengers began to squirm and nudge away from the sleeping man. Some were laughing and others were scared. The owner of the stud was calmly taking in the remarks about the strange light.

"Wake him up and tel him he's on fire," suggested one wiseacre.

Finally a man touched the owner of the diamond on the arm. At that instant the light went out, and the sleeping passenger awoke with an innocent look on his face.

"What is it?" he asked of the man who had disturbed his supposed slumber.

The party addressed tried to stammer out something, but when he saw that the light had vanished he couldn't speak.

The other passengers laughed, and the passenger who had been awakened got indignant. An argument was about to ensue, but a lieutenant of police stepped on the car and the fun came to an abrupt end.

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.

OLD SETTLERS.

Clatsop, December 17, 1895.

Editor of Astorian:

Today's issue of the Astorian, under the head of "State News," says that Mrs. Elizabeth Babcock was the oldest person that ever proved up on a homestead claim. I think Mrs. Clara Houghton, of Clatsop, will come close to her, if she does not beat her. She took her claim in August, 1882, and was 76 years old in the next December. She proved up in June of 1890, and after waiting for over a year was told that something was wrong about her papers, and had to go and prove up again. So it was about nine years from the time of settlement before she proved up, and she was well on to 85 years old when the final proof was made.

Mrs. Houghton is now 88 years old and is living on her homestead; is in good health and has had her patent for over a year, and has sold some of her land for $40 per acre and some at $60 per acre, enough to amount to over $1,700; has bought a timber claim on the Nehalem with some of the proceeds, and has a little laid up for future old age.

D. F. STAFFORD.

ASSEMBLY CLUB BALL.

The Social Event of the Season.

The new moon last night was propitious and the ball given by the Assembly Club in Fisher's Hall proved to be the society event of the season. Parson's orchestra, of Portland, furnished the music and the four hundred were in attendance.

The ball room was a scene of beauty, the sheen of light reflected upon the dainty and beautiful costumes of the ladies, contrasted with the regulation evening dress of the gentlemen, made a picture of pleasing lights and shades, ever changing, like the colors in a kaleidoscope, in the mazes of the merry dance. There were many unique and exquisite effects noticed among the ladies' costumes; the music was excellent throughout; the dancing was good, and each and all enjoyed to the full the pleasures of the evening. The whole affair passed off most smoothly and was one of the few recherche events which take place in Astoria society.

SURPRIS EPARTY.

A pleasant surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. John Enberg, in Upper Astoria, Thursday evening. The occasion was the 20th anniversary of their marriage and a large number of their friends and acquaintances took advantage of the opportunity to express their regard in a substantial manner.

One of the visitors, in a well turned speech, presented Mr. and Mrs. Enberg with a beautiful china tea set. Mr. Enberg responded in heartfelt and well chosen words, thanking his friends for their unexpected remembrance of the day, and giving them full charge of the house. The large parlors were cleared and games and dancing filled the time into the wee small hours. Refreshments were served, and after wishing Mr. and Mrs. Enberg twenty years more of married bliss, the party dispersed, well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Enberg, Johnnie Enberg, the Misses Enberg, C. A. Enberg, Mrs. C. A. Enberg, Frank Lindstrom, Mrs. Lindstrom, Miss Ellen Burner, Aug. Danielson, Mrs Danielson, Laura Danielson, Arthur Danielson, C. J. Larson, Mrs. Larson, Eddie Larson, Nellie Larson, Theo. Johnson, C. Charlson, Adolph Johnson, Miss Antona Johnson, John Carlson, C. G. Palmberg, Aug. Larson, John Olson, Victor Carlson, C. Stenberg, and Alex Johnson.

ERICKSON'S PET.

Aside from the usual attractions of Aug. Erickson's palace barroom, such as rich, creamy beer, fine old wine and whiskeys, and a superb line of the choicest imported and domestic cigars, there is one which is deserving of special mention. It is a pet fox, sent to Mr. Erickson by an Eastern friend, and is a perfect beauty. He is as frolicsom and as gentle as a kitten, and plays for hours with the cat and dog which go to make up a portion of the zoological garden of the establishment. Indeed, these three pets are such staunch friends that they have been christened Thompson's "Happy Family." Go and see them. It is worth your while.

ELKS TAKE NOTICE.

We wish to call the attention of all Elks to the notice on this page concerning the social session to be held Christmas eve. It is absolutely necessary that the names of friends to be invited should be left with Mr. Frank Rogers not later than Sunday.

BUYERS AND SELLERS.

The following transfers of real estate were filed in the office of Recorder Gunderson yesterday:

C. E. Robinson to Mahaly Coxine, lots 7 and 8 in block 2, Ocean Grove addition $800
Geo. Noland et al to N. Kimball, lot 9 Block 5, First addition to Ocean Grove $700

JAPANESE PAPER STARTED.

Devoted to Promoting Closer Commercial Relations With the United States.

New York Herald.

The first number of the Japanese-American Commercial Pioneer has been published. Its object is to promote commerce between the United States and Japan by giving the people of each country a more thorough understanding of the commercial capabilities and the mercantile methods of the other. The balance of trade between the two countries is at present against the United States. The reason of this has been that the Japanese have not understood how advantageously they can purchase in the American market.

The Herald suggested several months ago that commerce would be promoted if there were some means of making the Japanese better acquainted with the manufactures of the United States. The new paper has been started on these lines. It is printed in the Japanese language in this city, and is to be sent over to Japan for circulation. It contains lists of articles which may be purchased more cheaply in the United States than elsewhere, and in short editorials sets forth the advantages which would accrue to Japan by a more extensive trade with this country.

The editor, Shizu Kondo, said yesterday that the annual import and export trade of Japan is $250,000,000, and that more than half the exports are sent to the United States, while considerably less than half the imports are from here. The Japanese, he said, will find it to their advantage to buy more in the United States, so that they may foster their large and growing American trade.

The Pioneer is a weekly paper of fifty pages.

Ex-President Harrison receives a larger sum for his article on "This Country of Ours," which he is writing for the Ladies' Home Journal, than has been paid to any public man in America for magazine work of a similar nature. His first article, in the Christmas number of the Journal, sold over 100,000 extra copies of the paper, of which 725,000 were printed as a first edition.

Yesterday the high-water mark was touched, as far as the present administration is concerned, at the penitentiary, says the Salem Post. Superintendent Gilbert receipting for his three hundred and seventy-eighth prisoner. The roster is on the up-grade there.

Secretary Olney has now attained the distinction of being the best-dressed man in the cabinet.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair,
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

Most Perfect Made.
40 Years the Standard.

A STRANGER'S VIEW.

Letter of a Minister Written from Astoria to His Home.

The following taken from a Baltimore, Md., exchange, written to that paper by a prominent minister now visiting in Astoria, will be of general interest:

Our former pastor, Rev. E. D. Huntley, LL. D., whose health has prevented his taking active work since he left us is at Astoria, Oregon. He writes from there, under date or November 7th, to a friend in First Church, from which letter the following is an abstract:

Astoria, Or., Nov. 7, 1895.

My Dear Bro. Stevens:—

"From the ends of the earth I greet you; from a city named after John Jacob Astor, which is literally walled in by forests that are unsurpassed upon the globe. A city whose feet are bathed in the glorious Columbia, whose waters have but twelve more miles to run before rushing into the arms of the great Pacific. This river, over one thousand miles in length, is for the last one hundred miles not only the most picturesque, but the most wealth producing river in the world.

"Astoria has a harbor better than that of the 'Golden Gate'—with twenty-nine feet of water at the lowest tide, while New York has but twenty-six, and New Orleans but twenty-five. 'The largest ship that sails the seas can steer right in, and lie alongside of any dock or warehouse on the city's six miles of deep water frontage.' Its greatest industry is salmon fishing, the spring catch of the Columbia river being the best in the world. As to healthfulness, this place has all the essentials of a first-class Sanitarium. Its atmosphere has the 'tempered coolness,' which naturally results from its nearness to the ocean. It is freighted with the fragrance of the deep, salined to epicurean taste, and always unimpured by exhalations suggestive of the fetid swamp or malarial morass. It is aromatized by the fir tree and the pine, and is embalsamed by the subtlest chemistries of the Pacific skies.

"Well, what of it? Why, my dear friend, this is the Paradise to which your Huntley has been spirited. Here is where we, not editorial but personal, my wife and I, are resting during the early winter. Having been driving ahead for two years and six months without vacation, during which time I have been out of my pulpit but three Sabbaths on account of sickness, we thought it would be proper to tabernacle here a little while, to thank the Lord for health restored, and gird our loins for another fifteen years of holy service."

THE MINISTERS.

Their Names and Places of Residence.

Rev. E. S. Bollinger, 8th street, between Harrison and Irving.
Rev. Robert Liddell, 191 7th street.
Rev. L. J. Trumbull, 518 Exchange street
Rev. G. J. Cehmid, 266 K avenue.
Rev. Johnston McCormac, 478 Grand avenue.
Rev. E. W. Garner, 512 Franklin avenue.
Rev. W. S. Short, 325 16th street.
Rev. Leopold Dielman, St. Mary's Hospital.
Rev. O. E. Peterson, 193 Flavel street.
Rev. J. J. Walter, 110 Bond street.
Rev. Jacobsen, 1768 Franklin avenue.
Rev. J. J. Hoikka, 387 18th street.
Rev. P. Steen, 1968 Franklin avenue.
Rev. J. N. Edlund, 361 31st street.

CHURCH SERVICES TOMORROW.

There will be the usual services in the German language on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Congregational church.

Today is St. Thomas' day. There will be divine service at St. Thomas church, Skipanon, at 10:15 a. m. sharp. Boat leaves on return trip at 11:30 a. m.

Sunday services at Grace church tomorrow as usual. Morning prayer at 11. Sunday school at 12:30. Evening prayer at 7:30. Evening service at Holy Innocents', Uppertown, at 3:30.

M. E. church—The pastor will preach both morning and evening. Subject of the evening sermon, "Is Man Totally Depraved?" All members of the M. E. Sunday school are urged to attend rehearsal for Christmas tomorrow evening.

Baptist Church—Preaching morning and evening. Subjects, Christmas sermon, and "The Road to Prosperity." Sunday school, B. Y. P. U. and prayer meeting at usual time. Christmas tree on Christmas eve. We cordially invite the public to attend.

Norwegian-Danish Methodist Church—The African missionaries, J. Arndt and wife, will speak in the morning at 11 o'clock and 7:30 at night. Christmas day, the 25th, there will be service in the morning at 11 and 7:30 at night. Christmas festival on the 26th at 7:30 in the evening. All are heartily welcome.

Congregational church—Forefathers' celebration. Special services during the day. Morning theme, "Keeping America Christian." In the evening the pastor will deliver a lecture on "Pilgrim Influence on American Civilization." Excellent and appropriate music. Everybody most cordially invited.

Swedish Lutheran Church—Services Sunday at 10:30 a. m. in Swedish. Sunday school at 12:15. No services in the evening. Christmas day there will be early services (Julotta) at 6 a. m. Sunday school festival (Xmas tree) Christmas day at 8 p. m. sharp. Church doors open to anyone, and everybody cordially invited to come and partake in the rejoicing of the joyful message that a Savior has come into the world.

Whenever a receipt calls for baking powder, use the best, the Royal.

MENU FOR SUNDAY.

Breakfast.
Grape Fruit.
Moulded Farina, with Cream.
Hashed Turkey, with Poached Eggs.
Porterhouse Steak.
Stewed Potatoes.
Toasted Crumpets.
Coffee.

Dinner.
Oysters.
Cream of Celery.
Lobster Cutlets.
Olives. Radishes. Lyons Sausages.
Sweetbreads a la Duxelle.
Cauliflower Hollandaise.
Roast Ribs of eBef.
Mashed Potatoes. String Beans.
Lettuce Salad.
Maraschino Bavarian Cream.
Roquefort. Wafers.
Coffee.

Supper.
Turkey Salad.
Golden Buck.
Parker House Rolls. Orange Marmalade.
Cake. Tea.

SOCIAL CLUB.

The Upper Astoria Social Club held their regular meeting last night. After the business was finished, the following program was rendered: Recitation, Miss Hilma Peterson; recitation, Eddie Larsen; music by Mr. Starke and Jones; recitation, Robbie Wilbur; reading, Thomas Irwin; recitation, Miss Bertha Morton; song, Miss Mable Larsen; reading, Fred Johnson; song, Miss Clara Larsen; recitation, Miss Nellie Larsen; remarks, by Dr. Bartell; music, by Starke and Jones; recitation, Toni McCurlo. The society's paper, Kodak, was then read and loudly applauded. In the debate, "Resolved, That married life should be preferred," Silas B. Smith spoke in the affirmative, and W. C. Graves in the negative. After a lively discussion the question was decided in the negative.

The man who has a good 'possum dog may be regarded as a leading citizen.—Atlanta Constitution.

If you want a sure relief for pains in the back, side, chest, or limbs, use an

Allcock's Porous Plaster

BEAR IN MIND—Not one of the host of counterfeits and imitations is as good as the genuine.

Hear Them Bells A-ringing!

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Little Folks and "Old Folks, Too" Are Waiting Patiently for Them to Ring.

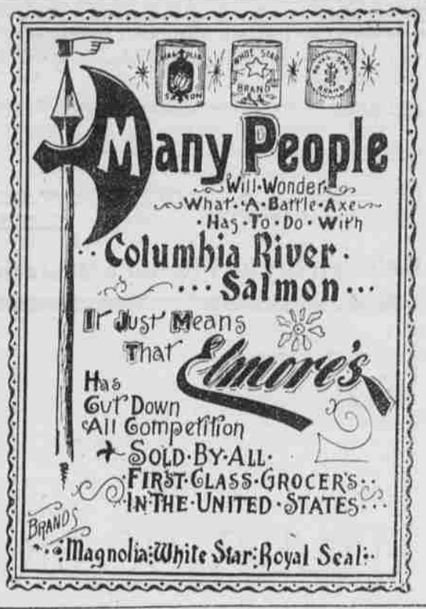
"'Tis a Pleasure to Give and a Pleasure to Receive"

That there may be no disappointment

The Foard & Stokes Co.

Have placed the prices on thei large assortment of holiday goods, LAMPS, Plated Ware, etc., lower than ever.

Call and select your presents while the stock is complete.



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 $35 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 annery, 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.

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"Well, I know, he is fond of fish, so I bought quite a string of small river fish, and several larger ones from the dam."

"I'm not much at doing the honors when we have a minister at the table," said George "but I guess we can get through with it all right."

Half an hour later they were seated at the table, and a blessing had been asked by the minister. A little nervously the head of the house began dishing out the vegetables, and turning to the guest, said: "Will you have some of the little river fish, or would you prefer some of the dam big fish?"

The warning kick under the table from his wife was unnecessary. He knew he had blundered, and cold beads of perspiration started out on his forehead.

"I mean"—trying to repair the error—"will you try some of the dam river fish, or some of the big fish?"

Worse, and more of it! His daughter slyly pulled his coat tail, to bring him to his senses.

"That is, would you like some of the river fish, or some of the other dam fish?"

The deep carnation spreading over the good lady's face didn't mend matters a bit, and with a gasp he plunged in once more:

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