

TODAY'S WEATHER. Forecast for Oregon and Washington, snow or rain; slightly warmer gales on the coast.

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Xmas Presents!



One of my Men's Suits in the war at \$5 \$7.50 or \$10. A wool Mackintosh in the war at \$5 \$6.50 or \$10. A wool Overcoat for men in the war, prices at \$7.50, \$10 or \$12.50. Boys' wool Suits in the clothing war at \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50 or \$4. Boys' Mackintoshes and Overcoats in the war at \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4 or \$5. Silk Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Suspensers, Fur Top and other gloves, and all kinds of Furnishing Goods, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Umbrellas, etc.

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Holiday Goods In the City!

At Prices to Suit the Times.

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THREE LOTS.

In a desirable location, 2 blocks from High School. A BARGAIN.

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On the new Pipe Line Boulevard—Just the place for a cheap home.

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ACREAGE.

In 5 or 10 acre tracts inside the city limits, also adjoining Flavel. GEORGE HILL, 471 Bond St., Occident Block. HILL'S REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE.

New Lines of

- Neckties! Suspensers! Silk Handkerchiefs! Hosiery! Underwear! Hats! Clothing! Umbrellas! Blankets, Etc., Etc.

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Holiday Fans

Just received today a magnificent line of Satin Fans, suitable for presents. See our new line of Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas. If you are looking for Xmas presents we can suit you. SHANAHAN BROS.

ON EARTH, PEACE

Good Will Toward Men, Theme in School and Church.

VARIOUS CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

The Schools Appropriately Close the Fall Term—Christmas Eve in the Churches.

Yesterday afternoon the schools, except the Uppertown school, held their Christmas exercises preparatory to the holidays' vacation. The Uppertown school held its celebration Monday evening. Last evening the various churches had their exercises, commemorative of the birth of the Christ child, and mingled with the religious exercises was the happy event of giving and receiving. Bright faces and joyous laughter were on every side, and that childhood's joys had not yet become overcast with the shadows of conflict with the world was evident.

MRS KRAGER'S ROOM. The Christmas exercises held in Mrs. Krager's room No. 3, yesterday were in charge of the Theologian Society, and a very interesting programme was rendered, the principal feature of which was a dialogue between Agnes Brady and Florence Ross. The society paper, "Holly Wreath," was also very interesting. The programme was as follows: Reading, Mrs. Krager and Chas. Young; recitation, Olga Noe and Clyde Bales; comedians, Pearl Estes; "Holly Wreath," Herbert Trullinger and Florence Ross; dialogue, Agnes Brady and Florence Trullinger.

UPPERTOWN SCHOOL. The Uppertown school held its exercises Monday evening. A literary programme by the children was given, after which came Santa Claus (Mr. Ben Young) and appropriate gifts were distributed to the pupils and teachers, each one receiving something to remember him or her of teacher or playmate or pupil.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. The Christmas exercises of the Occident Literary Society were held yesterday. There were quite a number of visitors, among them, Mrs. Narcissa White Kinney, Miss Tringers, Helen, Her Charles Fulton, A. A. Cleveland, Jr., and John McCue. Mr. Fulton made a very interesting address on the Monroe doctrine.

MISS GRANT AND MISS DEALY. One of the largest and most successful school celebrations was the one given jointly by Miss Grant and Miss Dealy. The room used was most beautifully decorated by the little folks in evergreens, holly, Christmas mistletoe and by fine free-hand drawings on all of the blackboards. The skill exhibited by several of the girls in this blackboard work evoked a future generation of such, perhaps, they do not dream. On one board particularly was noticed wreaths and trailing vines of holly and mistletoe, in nature's colors, which made a most pleasing effect.

SPECIAL TO THE ASTORIAN. Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate today passed the bill removing all disabilities from ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors. Hill said in discussing the bill, "It would be a most fitting and generous Christmas present to the men of the South."

WAR SHIPS. Can Be Built for the Great Lakes in Thirty Days. Chicago, Dec. 21.—W. L. Brown, of the Chicago Shipbuilding Company, declared today that in case of war with England, the United States could build thirty fully equipped war ships for lake service inside of ten months. In an emergency armories of ship's masts could be put together in thirty days.

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STRAKER WRECKED. Victoria, Dec. 21.—The steamship Islander, which came from Port Lock Port Sunday morning, was released today. The disabled steamer went back to Esquimaut where she will be repaired. The damage amounts to \$20,000 to \$25,000. The accident arose through Pilot Foster falling asleep while in charge of the steamer.

BETTER FEELING IN LONDON. New York, Dec. 21.—The Evening Post's London cablegram says: "There was a further marked improvement in shares here today on telegrams reporting a calmer and more friendly utterance from President Cleveland. The recovery was due to be re-purchase and active speculative orders. The climb was nearly at the best. I understand no financiers in Germany were quoted yesterday as to the terms of the American loan bond. The demand of money there, to say nothing else, is against it. All markets would better be compared with American markets."

GOOD GENERALSHIP

Gomez Executes a Brilliant Countermarch.

WILL TRIUMPHANTLY ENTER

Havana—Spanish Leaders Badly Rattled and Only a Miracle Can Save General Campos.

Special to the Astorian. Havana, Dec. 21.—Christmas eve is ushered in with something like dismay in this city, and there is apprehension, hourly gaining ground, that Havana will be besieged by armed forces before Christmas day is over. The advance of the insurgents seemed at last about to be uninterrupted, thus contradicting the reports sent out during the afternoon that they had been turned back in a pitched battle by Campos himself, and were striving to make their way back into Santa Clara province.

THE PRESBYTERIANS. The Christmas exercises at the Presbyterian church last evening were very successfully performed; the singing by the different classes was excellent. Miss Warren made an address, the subject being "The Christmas Eve," and the Sunday school being for this purpose. Santa Claus was there in all his glory and presented each of the scholars with a candy cracker. The children were handsomely decorated with ivy and evergreens.

THE METHODIST CHURCH. The entertainment at the M. E. church was pronounced by all who heard it one of the best programs ever rendered on any similar occasion in Astoria. It would be almost impossible to say which part of the varied program pleased the most. The singing by the school was good and showed much practice, especially the infant class exercises. The declaration work was all well done. The declarations were well committed and rendered with good effect. The solos and choruses were worthy of much praise. Especial mention ought to be made of the musical number by Miss Bertha Simpson, a wee, small tot, scarcely eight summers old. Her voice in a perfect way well trained and her voice in a perfect way well trained.

DISABILITIES BILL. Passes the Senate Without a Dissenting Voice. The Northern Republicans and Democrats Push It Through as a Holiday Present to the South.

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THRILLING VOYAGE

The Cargo Takes Fire in Mid Ocean.

GOOD JUDGMENT SAVES SHIP

Capt. Jorgensen, of the British Ship Hiawatha, Tells His Story of Battle With the Flames.

San Francisco Chronicle. The British ship Hiawatha, Captain Jorgensen, arrived yesterday, 194 days from Grangemouth, England, and 107 days from Pernambuco, with 1,600 tons of cargo. Her narrow and providential escape from destruction by fire in the cargo at sea may be best told in Captain Jorgensen's full and complete memorandum, which is as follows: Left Grangemouth roads on the 6th of July. Passed to the north of Scotland, had light and variable winds down to 30 deg. north, where we got the northeast trade winds, which were light and variable throughout. Lost the northeast trade on the 12th of July, and after a couple of days of variables we got the southwest monsoon. On the 12th of August, in 6 deg. 55 min. north, 19 deg. 25 min. west, noticed a strong smell of coal gas coming up from the fore hatch. Examined the fore hatch and found the coal heated, but no fire was observed. Being sure that there was something wrong we had all the hatches taken off and rods driven down in different parts of the hatches, but after having had one rod in the middle of the main hatch for about fifteen minutes it came out almost red hot.

TERRIFIC STORM. Worst the Sound Country Has Seen in Years. Seattle, Dec. 21.—The storm on the Sound last night surpassed in violence anything that has been experienced in these waters for years. All steamers were delayed and some have not yet put in an appearance. The steamship Willapa had waves breaking over her pilot house, and all her staterooms were flooded. The steamer Fairhaven left here for Whatcom on Sunday night and has not since been heard from. There is a rumor that she is grounded at Oak Harbor. The steamer state of Washington, on the same run, leaving twenty-four hours later, has not put in an appearance. Boats that have come in, most of them hours late, have their smokestacks tinged and whitewashed with spray.

GREEN GOODS BUYERS. Greater Criminals Than the Men Who Fleeced Them. New York, Dec. 21.—"Old Bill" Vauburg, the green goods man who swindled Anton Irmel, a farmer of Clarkson, Nebraska, out of \$50,000, was arraigned for sentence before Recorder Gott today. His counsel made a plea for clemency based on the ground that his client had never sought to take a human life, contenting himself with making war upon property. The attorney concluded: "In brief, let the law be merciful and grant a suspension of sentence on account of Christmas and the crucifixion of our Lord."

FIRE IN VANCOUVER, B. C. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—A disastrous fire occurred here last night whereby the Cassidy Lumber and Shingle Mill and factory were completely gutted, and the dry kiln of Spicer's mill and a cottage were also destroyed, while considerable damage was done to the British Columbia Co-operative Works. The blaze was started by the explosion of an oil lamp in the engine room. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

TARIFF LEGISLATION. Wool and Sugar Receive Attention in the House. Bond Bill Introduced Will Change Rate of Interest—Greenbacks to Be Isolated.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Republican members of the ways and means committee held another conference this afternoon and decided on several changes in the two revenue bills to be introduced in the house Thursday.

NEW SIGNORAGE BILL. Washington, Dec. 21.—A plan has been drafted by ex-Speaker Crisp, and will be offered as a substitute for the Republican bill on the subject of the signorages. It is based on the old belief in the coinage of the silver signorages, which was passed by the last congress and vetoed by the president. But to this bill, modified, will be added a feature for the redemption of greenbacks.

ACTION OF POPULISTS. Washington, Dec. 21.—The Populist senators conferred today and decided to offer a free coinage bill as an amendment to the tariff or bond bill, or both, when they come from the house. The populists are favorable to a duty on wool, but against a raise in duties on woolen goods.

A NICE SERVANT. Servant—Give me a pound of tea. Grocer—Green or black? Servant—It doesn't matter; my mistress is blind.—La Carante.

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