

TODAY'S WEATHER. Forecast for Washington, snow or rain, gales on coast. For Oregon, fair weather, followed by snow in western portions Sunday night.

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New Year's 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, \$19 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, Suspenders, Fur Top and other Gloves, and all kinds of Furnishing Goods, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Umbrellas, etc.

I. L. OSGOOD,
The One Price Clothier, Hatter and Furnisher.
506 and 508 COMMERCIAL STREET, ASTORIA, OR.

Souvenir of Astoria!

Have you seen it? A beautiful and artistic booklet, containing twenty pages and about fifty views of Astoria and vicinity. Price, 50 cents.

Diaries for 1896. New Year Cards.

Would you like a nice set of books by standard authors? We will sell them to you from now until January 1st at 25 per cent discount.

Griffin & Reed.

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

CHOICE LOTS IN HILLS FIRST ADDITION.
On the new Pipe Line Boulevard—Just the place for a cheap home.

A Block IN ALDER BROOK
STREET CAR LINE will be extended this summer to within 5 minutes walk of this property—Will sell at decided bargain.

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

We have received an immense new stock of goods during the past week, and will guarantee our prices to be at least 20 per cent lower than a year ago in this city.

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600 Commercial Street.

TO Real Estate Men, Barkers and Business Men of Astoria Generally.

A POINTER!
Call in the Astoria office and get sample copies of our regular Commercial edition.

It Means Money in Your Pocket.

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473 Commercial Street, is the place where the business-man and the laboring man go for what is called "BEST IN THE COAST," or a nice cool drink of the celebrated Gamsbrins beer. Served in every kind made to order, and elegant free lunch served every day. Hot Boston Baked Beans served every other afternoon. You are welcome.

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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.**

PILOT'S HARD FIGHT

Took Nine Days to Go Ten Miles.

HEAVY WEATHER ON ATLANTIC

Tale of "Dick" Behrens' Experiences on the Schooner Melega—Worst Storm in 18 Years.

WILL GET A NEW PROPELLOR.

The Columbine on a Search for the Missing Men.

Tacoma, Dec. 28.—Cabrera received tonight from Glasgow announce that the owners of the Strathmore will forward a new propeller for her from Liverpool early next week. It will take three weeks to get it here.

The highhouse tender Columbine left Portland on her last voyage on the coast south of Cape Flattery, in a search for Purser McDonald and the Japanese sailors who left the Strathmore with the Capt. Parke, thinks they landed on the straitened island and are quartered at the highhouse there.

THE TONE CHANGES

Gloom Cast Over Politics in England.

Those in Authority, and Those Not, Take Peaceful Attitude, But Future is Not Ignored.

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London, Dec. 28.—The sudden weather, sleet and dampness, which has been the feature of Christmas week, seems to have cast a gloom over politics in general, although the Venetian question, which has been from its financial and commercial standpoints, has been uppermost in the public mind.

It takes some time to convince the average Briton that anything and there has been no exception in the case of impressions on the minds of those in authority here that the United States is thoroughly convinced of the justice of the Monroe doctrine, as a whole, although there may be differences of opinion as to its application to the boundary disputes between Venezuela and Great Britain. In consequence the tone of the press and general public here is strikingly conciliatory and everything possible is being done to avoid friction which might result in further unpleasantness.

Although the attitude of the people in authority and those not in authority, by means of bringing forth in any means overlooked. This is shown by the stress laid by the St. James Gazette this morning on the late address of the British Consul in London, in connection with the military outfit of that colony. The St. James Gazette has from the first, and up to the present, had a good opinion of the distinctly ahead in announcing all developments from this side of the water in the Venezuelan question, and there is a well-known Atlanta lawyer lost his gold watch from the boat in which he was sitting. The next spring he made another visit to the lake, and during the first of his stay he was shot and killed. His assassination can be imagined when he found his watch lodged in the mouth of the trout. The watch was running and the time correct. It being a stem-winder, the position is that in masticating his food the fish wound up the watch daily.—Atlanta Constitution.

A GOOD MAN IS GONE.

Bishop Junger's Death a Sad Loss to Catholics.

The death of Bishop Junger, at Vancouver, late Thursday night, as announced in yesterday's Oregonian, was the topic of conversation yesterday among the Catholic clergy and those most interested in the affairs of that church. The decease of Neaguely, of which Bishop Junger was the head, is an important one, embracing a Catholic population of 40,000 and property worth several million dollars; and the question of a successor is naturally uppermost in the minds of those most directly interested.

IN THE SNOW.

Trouble in the Mountains on the Great Northern.

Seattle, Dec. 28.—For the first time in three days there was announced today a prospect of the Great Northern that its overland train through to this city.

The east-bound train, which was to leave Seattle Friday, was abandoned and left evening the train that left here Thursday night, having been successful in getting only to Wellington, 84 miles east of this city. In the meantime, the overland, due to have arrived at this city Thursday night, has been blocked on the switchback in the Cascades, and although three rotaries are said to have been at work, they have been unable to clear the grades in time to get the train to this city on schedule time tomorrow afternoon.

CAPTAIN PETERSON DEAD.

Crushed While Trying to Save His Small Boat.

Port Costa, Dec. 28.—Captain C. C. Peterson, of the schooner Maxim, met with a fatal accident near this place today. A strong north wind was beating the vessel against the wharf, and while attempting to save a small boat from destruction, Captain Peterson was caught between the schooner and the wharf and crushed to death.

HE WAS SUSPENDED.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Lieutenant Werlick, of Philadelphia, who was court-martialed for drunkenness at Tacoma, has been suspended from duty and placed on leave pay for six months.

SENATE COMMITTEES.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Democratic steering committee of the senate today completed the last assignment of the minority members of the committee, and

THE BILL IS PASSED

Provides for Issue of Three Per Cent. Coin Bonds.

RESOLUTION IN BAYARD MATTER

Offensive Features Eliminated by Substituting Practically the Original McCall Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The house today passed the bill by a vote of 123 to 15, and the house having discharged the task for which it has been sitting during recess effected an agreement which the house should adjourn next week, three days at a time, in order to give the members an opportunity to spend New Year's Day at their homes.

The closing hours of the debate today were lacking in spirit, and there was practically no excitement until the vote was taken. The margin of 108, by which the first section of the bill, against which the Republican opponents of the measure massed their opposition, was passed, showed the effect of the substitution of the original McCall resolution.

The bill as passed amends the resumption act so as to permit the issue of 3 per cent coin bonds, redeemable after five years, with a specific provision that nothing in the bill shall be construed to require the issue of bonds under the act of March 3, 1879, which provided for the issue of bonds to be offered for subscription at the sub-treasuries and depositories of the United States.

The second section of the bill provides for the issue of three year 3 per cent debt certificates, of denomination of \$5 and \$10, to be issued in lieu of the \$50,000,000 of temporary deficiencies.

Doolittle, Hyde, Hermann and Ellis voted against the bill, and as it is to be reported to the committee in lieu of the Barrett resolution for inquiry into the advisability of imposing a tax on the importation of goods from Great Britain, for reported speeches made at Boston, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, was substantially the McCall resolution, requesting the president to inform the house whether any steps had been taken to ascertain the correctness of the reported speeches, and, if true, what action, if any, should be taken thereon.

Everything offensive had been eliminated from the resolution, making it simply one of inquiry. It was agreed to.

THE YOUNG MURDERER

He Says He Did Not Kill His Parents.

McKercher Killed Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery and Lloyd Killed Their Slayer in Revenge.

Portland, Dec. 28.—Lloyd Montgomery, the youthful slayer of his parents and Mr. Daniel McKercher, who lies in the county jail at Albany, waiting execution on January 21, declared that he is innocent.

In an interview today with an Oregonian reporter he said that McKercher killed his parents and he in turn took vengeance by shooting their slayer. This is the story he told before he made a complete confession to Sheriff McFeron, and he now reiterates it, claiming that he was overcome by grief and excitement, consequent upon the shooting, and that his mind became unbalanced and he wasn't responsible for anything he may have said.

The young fellow is apparently anxious for the hanging to take place and says that he doesn't want to live now because death would be preferable to life under present conditions. "People would always think I killed my father and mother," he said, "and make life miserable. The sooner the hanging takes place the better it will suit me. I know that I'm going to die and do not even hope for life after January 21. I don't want to go to the penitentiary."

Montgomery, until two or three days ago, thought he was to be hanged December 31. He was mistaken in the date and when told of it expressed no interest. He says he will go on the scaffold with out fear and is not afraid of the hereafter.

SAILS FOR HOME.

New York, Dec. 28.—Lord Dunsraven and his friend, Arthur Glennie, sailed this afternoon on the Umbria for England. In answer to questions by an Associated Press reporter, Lord Dunsraven said: "I really do not wish to talk."

Glennie was little more communicative and when asked what was the reason of Dunsraven's sudden departure, said: "It's a very sad ending." Glennie did not feel inclined to qualify or define this statement when urged. What effect Lord Dunsraven's seemingly unceremonious departure will have in determining the committee's course cannot be foretold.

DRIVEN BY FEAR.

From the New York Weekly.

Farmer's Wife—"See here! What are you doing in our chicken coop?"

Tramp (after a pull)—"Please mum, I was only huntin' a place to sleep, and the barn is locked, I spose, mum."

"Pretty story. A tough such as you can sleep well enough out doors in such mild weather as this."

"Yes, mum, we can usually, mum, but I read in the paper about this bein' the time for meteoric showers, and I was afraid I'd get hit."

SUPREME TEST.

New York Herald.

Elder Berry—What is your idea of a job? Jobs—Putting a nickel on the plate and expecting a crown of pure gold.

They are making whisky from beets, but that sounds as if the cart was before the horse.—Cincinnati Tribune.

HIGHEST OF ALL IN LEAVENING POWER.—LATEST U. S. GOV'T REPORT

Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

MR. HAMMOND IS HERE

Arrived in Portland Yesterday Prepared for Work.

WHY HE BOUGHT ENGLISH RAILS

Is Not in Business for His Health—Saved \$130,000—Building the Road for an Investment.

Portland, Dec. 28.—A. B. Hammond, president of the Astoria-Globe railroad, returned from the East today, where he has been on business connected with his road.

While in the East Mr. Hammond purchased rails in England for his entire road. Speaking of the criticism passed on his action in buying rails abroad, he said:

"By buying rails in England I saved \$130,000, which I think is sufficient answer to the criticism. I am building the road as an investment, and expect to save money whenever possible. Unless something unforeseen happens trains will be running out of Astoria by next November. I have the money with which to build the road and it will be pushed as rapidly as possible. I expect to let a contract for the construction of about a mile of road."

"While East I expected to charter a steamer to run between San Francisco and Yaquina bay, in connection with the Oregon Central road, but the rate war between the Southern Pacific and the O. R. and N. came on so I did not make any contract for a steamer. The vessel we now have in the water will run until next May, and will answer every purpose till that time."

A PACKING HOUSE SITE.

The Hammond People to Locate a Plant on the Coast.

The Oregonian says: Willis Todd, in charge of the pork department of the G. H. Hammond & Co. packing establishment at Clatskanie, and in connection with the Oregon Central road, had left last night for Seattle. Mr. Todd is here in the interest of his firm, looking up a site for a packing plant as a branch of their firm, to be located somewhere on the coast between Los Angeles and the Puget Sound. Mr. Todd has already visited Los Angeles and San Francisco, and left last night for Seattle, after passing yesterday in this city, looking over the ground. When seen by a reporter of the Oregonian last evening, Mr. Todd would not commit himself on the matter, beyond saying:

"We have been considering very seriously the plan of locating a packing plant on the coast, but beyond that I could not say consistently."

Mr. Todd spoke encouragingly of the outlook. The hard times had hurt the packing business a little more than any other line of business in the country, but the revival had set in and everything looked promising. San Francisco just now, he said, was coming to the front as a packing center, but it was a question whether some of the more northern ports would not eventually take that prestige from her, as California hogs were not in it with Oregon hogs. Portland, he thought, would make an excellent point of supply, but whether it would prove as good as a distributing point was a matter for investigation.

The Hammond Company, with its large plants at Omaha, and one at Hammond, Ind., was now doing a fairly profitable business with a good cutback. At present the daily killing averaged 5,000 hogs and 250 head of cattle, and employs 1,000 men and two plants. Mr. Todd expects to return to Portland on his way back East.

WHY NOT ASTORIA FOR A PACKING HOUSE SITE?

"I judge," observed Rivers, who had just finished reading the president's message on the Venezuelan situation, "the longer he hunted the madder he got."

AND HE DIDN'T ASK.

Freddie—Miss Gwaine, if I should ask you to marry me, Miss Grace—I should smile.

HE KNEW WHAT IT MEANT.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

"How tired you look, my darling," exclaimed the little woman, as she sat him at the door. "Come right in and rest yourself. I've made a new pair of slippers and if your head aches I'll rub it with cologne, poor dear."

All this time he had been regarding her suspiciously. Finally he said:

"I had nearly forgotten that Christmas was so near. Here's \$25 on his way back East. Do, Maria, until collections are better."

ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

"Ouch!"

The beautiful maiden withdrew her foot hastily.

Flushing her arms into the air she deputed she took from the toe of her stocking a five-pound box of candies that she had overlooked.

"Need it be added that this happened in Chicago?"—Truth.

Hero—The plot thickens. Villain (anxiously)—Do you suppose anybody can see through it.—Detroit Tribune.