

TODAY'S WEATHER. Forecast for Washington and Oregon. occasional rain, cooler.

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It Blows! It Rains! It Squalls!



And I have a long line of umbrellas, in fast colors, from 50c. Helvetia to the best silk, at \$3.50. Men's Mackintoshes, in wool, at factory prices, from \$5 to \$10.

I. L. OSGOOD, The One Price Clothier, Hatter and Furnisher. 606 and 608 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 ALDERBROOK.

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

ACREAGE.

15 or 10 acre tract inside the city limits, abutting Flavel.

GEORGE HILL—471 Bond St., Occident Block, HILL'S REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE.

Big Dry Goods and Clothing Sale!

Commencing January 1, 1896, and for 30 days only.

Great Reductions in All Lines! Prices Smashed to Atoms!

Table listing various goods and their prices, including wool ladies' cloth, scarlet flannel, and men's shoes.

\$1.25 - - Men's Shoes - - \$1.25

Space forbids the mentioning of only a few articles. But every piece of goods in our large and well-assorted stock has been reduced in price from 25 to 40 per cent during this sale.

OREGON TRADING CO., 600 Commercial Street.

We wish you all a Happy New Year, and thank you kindly for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us during the year just closed. Yours respectfully, SHANAHAN BROS.

ASTORIA'S NEW YEAR

The Past Efforts of a Patriotic People.

DAWN OF AN ERA OF SUCCESS

Hard Work and Confidence Will Crown All Efforts--No Slack Word as Fall.

As the bells are ringing in the new year the dawn of a brilliant future appears before the view of Astoria. Great events in the history of the city by the sea are presented upon the first page of the newly opened year book and the air is pregnant with that prosperity which has been the dream of its citizens in the years gone by.

MR. A. B. HAMMOND. Who is building the Astoria-Goble railroad, will be here tomorrow, having just spent several months in the East. While in New York the rails for the road were purchased, and it is stated by those close in touch with him that he has done much work in arranging plans for the development of large industries in Astoria and the rapid furtherance of the commerce which naturally belongs to this port.

A BIDDING COMMITTEE. Was formed, with Dr. A. Kier as chairman, and this committee--"the twenty-one"--commenced negotiations with A. B. Hammond which resulted in his signing a contract to build Astoria's railroad.

THE FIRST TEN MILES. Of road was let to Corey Brothers, and the contract to build Astoria's railroad.

NEVER MADE A FAILURE. Is very wealthy himself, at the head of large and prosperous enterprises in Montana, and has associated with him men of means and ability in the Astoria project.

BETTER BUSINESS. If all should join in an earnest effort to cooperate in the development and growth of the city, work now to prepare for the future, throw open the doors to capital, and show capital that there is an investment for it here.

Situated at the mouth of one of the greatest rivers in the world; having the grandest natural harbor on the Pacific coast; with a river navigable for a hundred and fifty miles, and which will soon be opened many more miles by the completion of the Cascade locks; unbounded forests of magnificent timber at her doors; having the unsurpassed Columbia salmon, a never failing source of riches and food to all these in railroads which shall connect it with the world and bring the wheat of the interior for shipment to Europe from her warehouses, and the establishment as great lines of ocean with the Orient, what more can be said than that Astoria will take its place among the commercial centers of the world?

CONTRACT SIGNED

The Bond Syndicate Will Parish \$200,000,000.

LONDON BANKERS WANT GOLD

For Coupons Due Today--County Banks in Pennsylvania Also Demanding Gold on Interest Coupons.

New York, Dec. 31.--The Evening Post says: The contract was signed this morning by all members of the new bond syndicate subject to the formal acceptance by the government. The syndicate agrees to furnish \$200,000,000 in gold, the government to take half of this sum first, and to have an option on the other half, and to deliver four-per-cent thirty-year coupon bonds at about the same price as was paid for the last issue of bonds.

WEIDDEKEN AFFAIR

Proves to Have Been a Terrible Accident.

Postmaster Johannes, of Seaside, Writes Fall Particulars--The Coroner Will Investigate.

A full explanation of the death of Mr. Weiddeken, at Elk Creek, is contained in the following letter:

To the Editor: Seaside, Dec. 30, 1895. A terrible accident which resulted in the death of Mr. W. Weiddeken occurred on the Bartley ranch on Bald Hill the past evening.

Mr. George Bartley and Weiddeken went to the beach, which is 600 feet below Bartley's ranch, in order to get some mussels. The tide coming in made it impossible for the two men to return by the usual trail, but instead they had to take to the steep mountain side, which is almost perpendicular.

This occurred Saturday afternoon between 4 and 5 p. m. Mr. Bartley immediately began search and searched all night, but no sound or trace of Weiddeken could be found. He then went to Jensen's place for help and on the next day without avail.

Mr. Jensen came to Seaside for a recruiting party at 10 o'clock Sunday morning a party consisting of Alex Dunbar, Rich and Burrell Elmer, Hark Burk, Wm. Skidmore, and James Chase. They went to look for Weiddeken, and these brave boys with the help of a life line descended this cliff with the hope of finding poor old Weiddeken still alive.

THE SENATE GALLERY. Life. She--I wonder what makes those silver senators talk so much? He--Possibly they have heard that silence is golden.

WAR IN AFRICA

Forces of the South African Company Marching on Johannesburg.

PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY PRESIDENT

Transvaal, and Intruders Will Be Met With Arms.

Berlin, Dec. 31.--An alarming telegram has been received here from Pretoria Transvaal, which states that an armed force of the British South African Company, numbering 800 men, with six Maxim guns and other artillery pieces, is reported to have invaded the Transvaal territory.

CONFLICTING REPORTS

Movements of Cuban Insurgents Not Definitely Known.

Havana, Dec. 31.--The most conflicting reports are in circulation again today regarding the movements of the insurgent forces under Generals Gomez, Maceo and Banderu. Spanish officials continue to claim that the insurgents are in retreat, and that Spanish troops are pursuing them out of the province of Matanzas.

THE MARKETS

Liverpool, Dec. 31.--Wheat, spot, firm; demand, moderate; No. 2 red, winter, 4s 2d; No. 2 red spring, stocks, 4s 2d; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 4s 3d; No. 1 California, 4s 4d.

Portland, Dec. 31.--Wheat, dull; steady; Walla Walla, 56c; Valley, 54c/45c.

BUREAU OF COMMERCE

Washington, Dec. 31.--A plan for the establishment of a bureau to be known as the commissioner of foreign commerce has been transmitted by Doolittle, of Washington, and is embraced in a bill introduced in the house today.

NO HURRY NOW

Washington, Dec. 31.--There were no new developments today in the matter of the new bond issue, and the opinion now prevails that it may be postponed for a number of days yet.

THE LEDGER SOLD

Tacoma, Dec. 31.--Nelson Bennett has sold his interest in the Ledger to a syndicate composed of C. A. Snowden, who for four years past has been its editor and manager, and his friends.

DISMISSED FROM THE ARMY

Washington, Dec. 31.--An order was issued from the War Department today by authority of the president, dismissing from the United States army Lieut. Samuel Pague, 15th Infantry, Lieut. Pague, who was stationed at Fort Sheridan near Chicago, was found guilty of shooting at Col. Crofton, commanding Fort Sheridan, and was sentenced to dismissal.

COUNTERFEITERS

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 31.--Louis Bates was today held to the United States grand jury by Commissioner Bean, on a charge of counterfeiting. Bates and E. A. Craw-

SCANDALOUS SCHEME

A Wicked Woman in Wicked San Francisco.

STORY AGAINST A PREACHER

Was to Be Sold to the Chronicle for \$1,000--Girl in the Case Denies Her Part.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.--At the residence of the Rev. Dr. C. O. Brown, and in the presence of Mrs. Brown, Miss Mattie Overman today told her story of the charges made by Mrs. Mary Abbott Davidson, alleging criminal intimacy with Dr. Brown. "I have been a fool in the hands of a designing woman," she said. "My relations with Mrs. Davidson were of such a friendly nature that I regarded her as a mother." Miss Overman referred to the statement that Dr. Brown was contributing \$25 a month to her support.

ARMOR PLATE PRICES

Washington, Dec. 31.--The senate held a two-hour session today, in the course of which a speech by Mitchell, of Oregon, on the restoration of the McKinley duties on wool, was listened to, and a resolution was passed for investigation by the committee on naval affairs of the prices paid by the government for armor plate.

MAKES SHORTAGE GOOD

Kansas City, Dec. 31.--David Crockett Hoops, who was tax collector of Wyandotte, Kansas, in 1888, and who suddenly disappeared in that year with a shortage of about \$500, returned to Kansas City today, voluntarily to make good his shortage. He lives in Colorado. His father, who was governor of Missouri in 1868, died in Oregon during the war.

JAIL DELIVERY

Four Men Escape from Custody in Oregon City.

Oregon City, Or., Dec. 31.--Four prisoners escaped from the city jail this evening. Tom Clark, held to the grand jury for burglary; Will Moore, having served half of a three-months' sentence for conducting a saloon; and two others, were held by the sheriff.

ACTION IN THE SENATE

Tariff and Bond Bills to Be Taken Up at Once.

Washington, Dec. 31.--Senator Morrill, the new chairman of the senate committee on finance, said today that a meeting of that committee would be called for Thursday to take up the house revenue and bond bills. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, today expressed a preference for prior consideration of the bond question.

BISHOP JUNGERS FUNERAL

Vancouver, Wn., Dec. 31.--The funeral services of the deceased Bishop Nesqueally Aedanus Junger were conducted here this morning at the cathedral he had been instrumental in erecting. Bishops Glorieux and Brendell conducted the solemn and impressive funeral rites of the Catholic church, assisted by about fifty of the principal clergy of this state and Oregon.

SHE COULDN'T HELP IT

Boston Courier. Bobbie--Father will be down in a minute. Have a cigar? Aunt Ethel--Yes, Susie, dear; I am a real old maid. Susie (wishing to be nice and comforting)--Well, never mind, poor dear auntie, I am sure it isn't your fault.

CONFIDENT

Exchange. Bobbie--Father will be down in a minute. Have a cigar? Von Blumer--Are you sure these are the kind he gives to his friends? Bobbie--Yes, sir. They are some that mother gave him.

Highest of all in Leavening Power--Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Dr. Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE