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CHRISTMAS.

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It was not until the fourth century that Christ's mass was instituted, and the eastern Christians celebrated it, then as now, on the 6th of January, and called it the Epiphany, while the westerners pitched on the 25th of December.

Without the door let sorrow in, And if for cold it hap to be, We'll bury it in a Christmas pie, And evermore be merry!

She went abroad and asked subscriptions For the heathen black Egyptians And the Terra del Fuegoans.

For the tribe at Athabasca, And the men of Madagascar, And the poor souls of Alaska, So she did.

How she loved the cold Norwegian, And the poor half-bred Peilan, And the dear Malacca Islander! So she did.

She sent tips of red tomato To the tribes beyond the equator, But her husband ate potato, So he did.

The poor, helpless, hopeless thing (My voice falters as I sing), Tied his clothes up with a string, Yes, he did.

A haze on the far horizon, An infinite, tender sky, And ripe, rich tints in the cornfield, And wild geese sailing high.

And all over upland and lowland The charm of the golden rod— Some of us call it autumn, But others call it God.

When Christmas tide comes in like a bride, With holly and ivy clad, Twelve days in the year, much mirth and good cheer.

We must not omit to notice the splendid charities of our countrymen on behalf of the unfortunate, and especially at Christmas. The subscription lists annually pour in for the poor a case in point, and one which reflects the highest credit on all concerned.

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disposal, and its ashes freed the corn from blight. The Christmas candles used to be of enormous size, and made to illuminate the whole house.

Christmas is a season of carols. Durand derives this word from cantare, to sing, an echo, a joyful interjection.

Warren says of the Christmas carol printed in 1821, by Wynkya de Worde, that "these were festive chansons for enlivening the merriment of the Christmas feasts."

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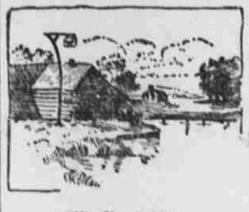
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Fifty Years Ago. Who could imagine that this should be the place where, in eighteen ninety-three that white world-wide of arch and dome should shadow the nations, polychrome...

Ayer's Cathartic Pills

have, from the time of their preparation, been a continuous success with the public. And that means that Ayer's Pills accomplish what is promised for them; they cure where others fail.

50 Years of Cures.

"Bely Thora" which miraculously worked some annually on the fifth of January, yet there are saints as good as he who walk the earth still, and flowers and fruit of human kindness fairer than any that ever flourished on a weary hill.

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LADY CRY. See Tennessee C. Claflin.

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yesterday and docked at the Main street dock where she takes on 700 tons of wheat to finish loading. She is bound to St. Vincent, Cape Verde or Port Said for orders and will carry 120,000 bushels of wheat valued at \$28,300.

The Columbia crossed the straits yesterday afternoon. She met with a slight accident to her machinery on leaving her dock at Portland, which delayed her on the trip down.

The schooner Edward Park, Captain Janson, for San Francisco, cleared from the customs house yesterday with 120 thousand feet of lumber.

The steamer Oregon arrived in yesterday morning. Among the freight was 100 sacks of soil for the U. P. Salt Co.

The Chicago will arrive down and sail Monday for Seattle and west ports. She will be on this route regularly.

The Siskiyou left Portland Friday evening, but has not yet arrived.

The British ship Milton Park, left up for Portland yesterday morning.

VESSELS BOUND TO ASTORIA.

The following vessels are bound to the Columbia River, with name of master, nationality, rig, tonnage, where from and date of reported sailing:

Lombard, Calson, Br str, 1625 tons, Yokohama.

George Steison, Murphy, Am sh, 1709 tons, Baltimore, August 6.

Lanthingwahire, Anderson, Br sh, 1267 tons, Antwerp, July 28.

Drumburton, Spurring, Br sh, 1773 tons, Swansea, July 8.

Annexley, Ewart, Br sh, 1591 tons, Cardiff, May 8.

Cambrian King, Hansen, Br sh, 1628 tons, Shanghai.

Dovenby Hall, Whickham, Br sh, 1828 tons, Liverpool.

Ben Vortich, Ahler, Ger sh, 1467 tons, Santa Rosa.

Springburn, Ran, Br sh, 2500 tons, Cape Town, September 20.

Durbridge, McLanchan, Br sh, 2112 tons, Table Bay, September 17.

Pottaloch, McLeod, Br sh, 2129 tons, Table Bay.

Orago, Esk, Swed sh, 570 tons, Hamburg.

Dundee, Jarvis, Br sh, 1968 tons, Hlago, Conway Castle, Jones, Br sh, 1291 tons, Valparaiso.

Commonwealth, Anderson, Br str, 2123 tons, Taku.

Vanduard, Beavan, Br sh, 1916 tons, Algoa Bay.

Teenkai, Long, Br str, 2016 tons, Hongkong.

Glenpark, Irish, Br sh, 1709 tons, Rio Janeiro, August 29.

Glenbank, Leonard, Br sh, 1389 tons, Calcutta.

Genevieve, Touge, Fr sh, 887 tons, Haiphong, October 12.

Galcomer Castle, Mahon, Br sh, 1867 tons, Table Bay, August 20.

Henry Villard, Pottet, Am sh, 147 tons, New York, October 14.

Oberon, Gully, Br sh, 1064 tons, Newcastle, Australia, October 8.

Verbaux, Judd, Br sh, 1773 tons, Valparaiso.



This Much EXTRA! PIPER HEIDSIECK PLUG TOBACCO (CHAMPAGNE FLAVOR) INCREASED IN SIZE 40% The picture shows the exact increase that has been added to the 5-cent piece. No increase in price and quality better than ever. The biggest bargain in tobacco to-day is one of these new pieces of PIPER HEIDSIECK. Try one.

It has never been known to fail that the day you write an important and personal letter to a man's office is the very day he stays at home.

CASTORIA

The array of empty desks on the stands after a football game is almost equal to the shower of peanut shells noted similarly after the circus.

A man's health is the rope by which he climbs to success. If he can keep his health, he will go on to success. Yet his health is the very thing he neglects more than anything else. It is easier to keep health than it is to regain it.

When a man feels himself running down, when he realizes a loss of vitality and energy, he must call a halt. The strands of his rope are parting rapidly. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has helped thousands of men in just this condition.

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CASTORIA For Infants and Children

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Why is it that when we put in our gray hair that a lozenge comes to the funeral, while if we remove the lozenge a dark one there isn't a single mourner.

Don't be persuaded into buying balms without reputation or merit. Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years.

As an emergency medicine, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral takes the lead of all other remedies. For the relief and cure of cough, whooping-cough, sore throat, and the dangerous pulmonary troubles to which the young are so liable, it is invaluable, being prompt to act, sure to cure.

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Why will some women persist in wearing offensively youthful false pieces when their own gray locks would be much more becoming?

HOW TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure; 25c. For sale by Charles Rogers.

What a dear, delightful world it seems when the persons we love love us.

The assertion that some day man will be a hairless animal is scorned by scientists. Already Hall's Hair Renewer is accomplishing wonders in averting baldness.

No man is going to rush into matrimony when he hears that a fancy waist alone costs \$50.

After hearing some friends continually praising Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now an enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Estes-Conn Drug Company.

What has become of the browniest? They somehow do not seem to be as popular as they were.

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If you are anxious to find the most reliable blood-purifier, read in Ayer's Almanac the testimonials of those who have been cured of such terrible diseases as scabies, rheumatism, and scrofula, by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Then govern yourself accordingly.

A most recently heard was, "The men God bless them—they have need of blouses."

Warning—Persons who suffer from coughs and colds should heed the warnings of danger and save themselves suffering and fatal results by using One Minute Cough Cure. It is an infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. Chas. Rogers.

The person who prefers turkey and doesn't get cranberry sauce with it feels that there are good grounds for a lawsuit somewhere.

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When you put your opinion against the opinions of all other men you are likely to be called a crank and you deserve to be.

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Some children go to a party and return looking as sick and span as they went, but too many others come back as fresh as a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match, if their mothers are to be believed.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for sores and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. Charles Rogers.

NOTICE OF FILING ABSEMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOND STREET FROM THE WEST SIDE OF NINTH STREET TO THE WEST LINE OF BLOCKS 16 AND 17 IN THE CITY OF ASTORIA AS LAID OUT AND RECORDED BY JOHN MCCLURE.

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll containing the special assessment for the improvement of Bond street, from the west side of Ninth street to the west line of blocks 16 and 17 in the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure, has been filed in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge, and is now open for inspection, and will so remain open until the 15th day of December, 1897, prior to which time all objections to such assessment roll must be filed in writing with the Auditor and Police Judge.

The Committee on Streets and Public Works, together with the Board of Assessors of the City of Astoria, will meet in the council chamber of the city hall, in the City of Astoria, on Wednesday, December 15, 1897, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. to review and equalize such assessment, and thereafter report their actions to the Common Council.

By order of the Common Council, H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge, Astoria, Oregon, November 25, 1897.

CITATION

In the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop. In the matter of the estate of Joseph L. Moore, deceased. Citation.

To all heirs of the above-named Joseph L. Moore, deceased, greeting.

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop, on Monday, the third day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to show the first day of January term of said court, and then and there to show cause if any exist, why an order of sale should not be made of the following described real estate belonging to said deceased and situated in Clatsop county, state of Oregon, to-wit: The southeast one-quarter of section No. 2, in the town-ship No. 5, north of range No. 7, west of the Willamette meridian, containing 160 acres of land, according to the survey of the position of C. A. Patton, administrator of said estate, filed herein, praying for such sale.

Witness, the Hon. J. H. D. Gray, Judge of the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop, and the seal of said court hereto affixed, this 24th day of November, A. D. 1897.

Attest: F. I. DUNBAR, Clerk.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of December, 1897, a general election will be held in the City of Astoria, Oregon, for city officers, namely:

- 1 Mayor for the term of two years. 1 Auditor and Police Judge for the term of two years. 1 City Attorney for the term of two years.

- 1 Treasurer for the term of two years. 1 Surveyor for the term of two years. 1 Superintendent of Streets for the term of two years.

- 1 Police Commissioner for the term of six years. 1 Harbor Master for the term of two years.

- 1 Councilman in the First Ward for the term of three years. 1 Councilman in the Second Ward for the term of three years. 1 Councilman in the Third Ward for the term of three years.

The polling places and judges and clerks of election are hereby designated as follows: FIRST WARD.

1 Polling place No. 1.—At brick engine house on Astor street. Judges—H. B. Ferguson, William Edgar, Perry Trullinger, Charles L. E. Smith, A. M. Smith.

2 Polling place No. 2.—At engine house in City Hall building on Commercial street. Judges—O. C. Fulton, Antonio Weyland, C. A. Mathena, Charles Chas. May, V. Bodling.

3 Polling place No. 3.—At Columbia engine company No. 3. Judges—Ludwig Larsen, Jacob Moore, Gas Boentgen, Charles Adolph Johnson, Neil Crosby.

4 Polling place No. 4.—At old school house, Judges—John Enberg, Enoch Peterson, O. Retum, Charles O. F. Mor-ton, Ole B. Olsen.

The polls will be open from 8 o'clock a. m. until 6 o'clock p. m.

By order of the Common Council, H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge, Astoria, Oregon, Nov. 25, 1897.

A. & C. R. R. R. TIME CARD

In Effect Oct. 25, 1897. Leave Seaside for Astoria via Flavel at 7:30 a. m. and 3 p. m. daily. Leave Astoria for Seaside via Flavel at 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. daily.

All the Above Trains Are Daily.

Reading or Distance Glasses

\$2.00 Eye Glasses for \$1.25, or \$3.00 Eye Glasses for \$1.75. Warranted Gold Plated Frames. Make your friend a beautiful and useful present. We guarantee a perfect fit by mail providing when you order the glasses you answer the following questions: How old? Ever used glasses? How long? Male or female?

GEO. MAYHEW, Expert Optician, 23 Third street, San Francisco. Opticians and Photographic Supplies.

FACE HUMORS

Pimples, blotches, blackheads, red, rough, oily, itchy skin, itching, scaly scalp, dry, thin, and falling hair, and all skin blemishes prevented by CUTICURA SOAP, the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world, as well as purely and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery.

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