



Fines Ever Brought to the City Dress Shoes Ladies

JUST ARRIVED—Ladies' Heavy Seal Bal. Ladies' Heavy Oxf. Bal. Ladies' Heavy Crick-Proof Oxf. Bal.

COLUMBIA SHOE COMPANY 322 COMMERCIAL STREET.

TODAY'S WEATHER. Occasional rain.

AROUND TOWN. WEDNESDAY.

It is much easier to break a good habit than a bad one.

Try Schilling's Best tea and baking powder.

Large assortment new crop nuts, Star Grocery.

Hot Scotch and hot Tom and Jerry at the Office.

The choicest candies and nuts can be found at the Parlor.

The Parlor has received a full line of Xmas goods. Call and see.

At the A. F. C. alleys yesterday Fisher scored 57 and Mrs. Dellinger 52.

Ask for sample of Chase & Sanborn's famous teas, at Ross, Higgins & Co's.

E. D. Flood, Duluth; Captain R. F. Stevens, E. Tackabery, T. Copley, Goble, are at the Parker house.

New crop dried fruits, new crop raisins, figs and assorted nuts—all extra fine quality, at Ross, Higgins & Co.

Mr. C. F. Overbaugh, traveling freight agent of the O. R. & N. Co., is in the city, looking after the interests of his line.

There are plenty of docks on the Washington side of the river, but the boys have to get them over on the Q. T., owing to a little peculiarity in the Washington law.

Two young girls intending to attend school after the holidays can find a good home at Mrs. E. C. Holden's in return for service rendered in light housework. Call at 45 Duane street.

The Duane football club has challenged the local team for a game on Christmas day. The challenge has been accepted, and the team are practicing every evening on Van Dusen's ground.

John Anderson, Oxnida; A. Aymore, Lewis and Clarke; Wm. Anderson, Deep river; Theodore Christians, Walluku; Fred Olsen, Fred Blaisdell and M. Erickson, Olney, were visitors in the city yesterday.

To those who drink whiskey for pleasure; HARPER Whiskey adds zest to existence. To those who drink whiskey for health's sake; HARPER Whiskey makes life worth living. Sold by Foard & Stokes Co., Astoria, Oregon.

A prominent logger stated yesterday he was confident that the price of spruce logs would be \$2.50 per thousand the coming spring, and that it looked like the returning of old times when he sold logs on the river for \$2.50 and \$3.00 per thousand.

The bark Ocheja, which was under arrest here on a suit filed by P. J. Christensen, a sailor boarding house keeper in the United States District court in Portland, was released yesterday morning, the captain having given bonds to cover the amount pending settlement.

Whiskey to be good must be both pure and old. Without age whiskey cannot be mellow, and is not safe to use as a tonic, nor is it pleasing as a beverage. Cyrus Noble is never bottled until it is aged six years in cask. It is the only American whiskey of international reputation.

The fifty-game championship on the A. P. C. alleys will soon be over. Only three have finished. H. T. Findlay wound up with an average of 42; H. Bell, 37.5, and H. Wise 37.5. Next Thursday will see nearly all finish and it looks as if all will average 30 and over. The high scores for the week ending December 11 were: Monday, H. Wise 53; Tuesday, M. M. Pickett 54; Mrs. Incales 48; Wednesday, H. T. Findlay 52; Miss Grimes 51; Thursday, H. T. Findlay 53; Friday, C. H. Cooper 57; Mrs. Incales 53; Saturday, C. H. Cooper 61.

At a regular meeting of Conning post, G. A. R., December 13, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Post commander, Craxman Tammen; senior vice commander, Gustav Merbold; junior vice commander, Henry Willson; officer of the day, Stroben Miller; officer of the guard, Daniel Cronk; chaplain, C. S. Wright; quartermaster, C. A. May; surgeon, A. Weyland; delegates to state encampment, B. F. Allen, G. Merbold; alternates, Willson and Brown.

The "Wave Crest" is a new ornamental ware, with a rich wavy surface, richly lined with satin, in colors in harmonize with the decorations, which are richly traced in gold and colors producing floral and conventional designs. These goods are of a high order of artistic merit. The metal trimmings are gold plated and finished in a very careful manner, making altogether the handsomest moderate-priced gift for holiday presents. J. H. Seymour has them in stock. Call and examine whether you wish to purchase or not.

Go to the Star Grocery for your sauer kraut.

Auditor Kuetner will pay off on the line today.

Groceries at the lowest prices at the Pacific Grocery Co.

Our prices are the lowest in the city. Call and see us, Pacific Grocery Co.

You can always find the best cream butter and sweet, fresh cream at the Parlor.

A pretty souvenir given with every order for coffee and cake. Congregational church sale, December 17.

The house in Uppertown recently purchased by Chas. Olson is being enlarged and repaired by Contractor Palmberg.

John McCann was yesterday awarded the contract for making the new spars for the Commodore Perry and C. S. Gunnerson will make her sails.

Mr. A. B. Hammond arrived at Westport yesterday and from there will proceed to the end of the line from where he will take a special train into Astoria this afternoon.

A clerk in an uptown store burning a dozen incandescent lamps, was seen last evening with a tallow candle to light him while driving a nail in a shelf. Old-fashioned things are sometimes best after all.

The merchants yesterday reported an increase in business. The sun shone for a few moments, a number of farmers, who had a private tip on the weather came to town, and there was a general air of cheerfulness everywhere in contrast with the ugly weather and gloomy aspect of things during the past weeks.

At a meeting of Hawthorn's (Spokane) W. of W., last evening, after a spirited debate, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Quatuordecim, Bob Dola Barker; adviser, Mrs. Volth; past quartermaster, Clara Buchanan; clerk, Mrs. Parham; banker, Mrs. Kindred; musician, Mrs. Matthews; attendant, Mrs. Bullock; inner sentinel, Mrs. Tracy; outer sentinel, Mrs. Loewis; physician, Dr. Fulton; captain of guards, Mrs. Henry.

Another firm fell into line last night and set up one of the handsomest Christmas windows in the city. The boys at Foard & Stokes put their heads together, and this evening their corner window is simply a work of art. Designs in nuts, delicious fruits, delicacies of all sorts, make a perfect picture of holiday cheer. The window is topped off with a good representation of the "Wild man from Borneo" and the mineral water he used with his daily meals.

The land of ice and snow; the land of the midnight sun; the dangers of Chilkoot pass; the ice-bound sealers of the Arctic are all realities at the Office, where Art's Store and Hagerup have transferred to plate glass mirrors beautiful water-color pictures of these and many other interesting scenes. As the prime mover in the A. F. C. club for Christmas decorations by the merchants and business men, Mr. Hamblin has set the pace with the oldest and handsomest devices.

Little Emma Wright, whose mother died recently of consumption at the hospital and one of the family who was reported in destitute circumstances, has received a letter from her father at Seaside dated November 25, and stating that he would commence in a few days packing over the trail to Lake Toke. In regard to the family it might be said that they have received assistance during the time of their trouble, and are yet awaiting aid from the Sisters of St. Mary's hospital.

Among the passengers on the Oregon yesterday morning was a Chinaman, Wong T. Kwan, a member of the firm of Bow Wing Chang & Co. Importers of general merchandise, San Francisco. He is also interested in and agent for the Canton Electric Light Co. of Canton, China. His firm in San Francisco is the largest Chinese importing firm on the coast, and they pay a big sum annually as duty to the custom house at that port. He called at the custom house yesterday and had a conversation with Deputy Collector Houston on custom house affairs, which showed that he had a thorough knowledge of federal offices as well as being familiar with the political affairs of this country.

O. R. & N. TO THE FRONT.

Another Magnificent Steamer Added to the Columbia River-Alaska Fleet

With its usual spirit of advancement the O. R. & N. Co. has just decided to add to its fleet of Alaska steamers the splendid Victorian, which was built a number of years ago for service on the Sound, but which was retired after a few months when business depreciated. This magnificent steamer will be at once put in perfect order. Her hull

will be sponsored and strengthened, and she will be provided with a wheel that will enable her big engines to be worked up to the limit, without causing a tremor in the hull. She was built for rough water and in her previous work proved to be an exceptionally fine sea boat, and as there is no ocean-going vessels on the coast that can equal her in point of speed, she will no doubt be a great favorite with the traveling public. The Victorian is 250 feet long, 34 feet beam, and 16.6 feet depth of hold. She has triple compound engines, 26.4 and 48 inches in diameter of cylinder bore class now in the Alaska trade is the City of Seattle, and while the dimensions of the two steamers are nearly the same, the power of the Victorian is more than double that of the other vessel. The City of Seattle's dimensions are: Length, 25 feet; beam, 40 feet; depth of hold, 15 feet; but she has only double compound engines, with cylinders 22 and 40 inches diameter by 36 inches stroke. In cabin furnishings and equipment, the Victorian is superior to any other steamer in the northwest. The steamer will be quite extensively overhauled, and it will be several weeks before she is again ready for service, but she will be on hand for the first of the rush to the Alaska gold fields.

SALE OF THE ISSERIE.

Report That Portland Parties Intend May 1908-Report Not Confirmed.

It is rumored that certain parties in Portland have opened negotiations with Mr. Robert Carruthers for the purchase of the schooner Isserie. The price is said to be \$3,000, conditional that the present owner shall put the vessel in good order and furnish her with two ordinary ship-boats, one to be 24 feet in length, the other to be 32 feet in length, and also one additional anchor and 120 fathoms of chainable, and some other minor additions, alterations and repairs.

It is said by some that the [Portland] purchase is proposed to put the vessel in the Alaska trade, while others state that she will be employed in the South Sea and Hawaiian island trade. If the sale is consummated the port of Astoria will lose the finest and fastest vessel that was ever owned here. The original cost, when built some 7 years ago, was nearly \$5,000 and she is said to be as good today as the day she was built. She is a fine, safe and commodious vessel.

Diligent inquiry last night failed to elicit any additional information.

METHODIST CHURCH BAZAAR.

Meeting Success Achieved Yesterday for the Purchasing of the Parsonage.

Whenever the ladies of the Methodist church undertake to do anything in the way of an entertainment or in furtherance of a church interest their efforts are always most successful. The bazaar held yesterday afternoon and evening for the purpose of raising funds for the purchasing of the parsonage was no exception to the rule. Long before the hour for opening crowds were in attendance and when the booths were ready for the sale of Christmas presents the choicest articles were soon disposed of at good prices. The large auditorium room presented a most beautiful and artistic spectacle. Decorated simply but in elegant taste, with vases, ferns and flowers, offset by the bright colors of the large array of hand-some ornamental and useful articles offered for sale, and enlivened by hundreds of bright and happy faces, the scene was an enchanting one.

Among the most notable attractions were the sections where were displayed Christmas dolls, full opening of millinery, artistic productions in tissue paper, including bouquets of flowers which took like the real, the candy booth, the linen counter, and the fancy goods display. During the evening oysters, coffee, and all sorts of delicate refreshments were served.

At 9 o'clock the drill by the sixteen young ladies commenced and twenty minutes were richly enjoyed by the large crowd of interested spectators. The young ladies were costumed in pink, green, yellow, blue and white. To the accompaniment of beautiful music, without a hitch, they formed in unique and fantastic figures outlined by the colors worn. The success of this part of the entertainment was due to the exactness of costume of Mrs. A. M. Wheeler. Miss Nellie Bussey was the accompanist on the piano. The young ladies who took part in the drill were:

Miss Jessie Ross, Miss Margaret Higgins, Miss Anna Nowlen, Miss Elsie Elmore, Miss Pearl Estes, Miss Anna Mel-Loy, Miss Nellie Gerding, Miss Lizzie Bussey, Miss Carrie Rozorth, Miss Lulu Gerding, Miss Beatrice Linton, Miss Martha Powell, Miss Anna Gratie, Miss Ella Powell, Miss Florence Turner, Miss Anna Bussey, Miss Nellie Bussey, accompanist.

One of the features of the evening was the auction, at which every kind of article from a pair of shoes to a piece of embroidery was disposed of amid much merriment.

These realize the amount of hard work involved in a labor of love of this kind. For days the ladies of the church society have been working day and night for the success so well earned. The financial results are not definitely known, but it is safe to say that all expectations have been exceeded.

A COLORED SUPPLEMENT.

Dear Mrs. Santy Claws:

Dunno if you're going to member my yer chile on Xmas morn, cause I know I'm powerfully wicked, I s'ar, but if you're going to put n. s. thing 'till in my large Xmas socks, I hope you'll not forget to bring something yourself.

Missus, she allow say: How Herman Wise he keep a powerfully large assortment of comfortable presents; nillal handkerchiefs, lamb wool and sheep wool and all wool underwears, box dat am darned and darned if you don't wear em; he's done bought a heap site of neckties, spooders, mighty warm overcoats for big uns and young uns; umbershoots and parasoots; and a heap of other buteful things to wear and other wares.

Anybody dat knows anything 'till knows dat Herman Wise he sells things, a heap site cheaper than anybody else.

So dear Mrs. Santy, please siddie dis yer little chile, and I swear never to be wicked no more; I'm good, 'markanly good now. Shillies yours,

GEORGE WASHINGTON THOMAS

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