

# Christmas Groceries Are Necessary

And you doubtless want such as will make your Christmas dinner the best of the year. We can help you to this result by the excellence and variety of good things we have provided for the holiday trade.



## Ross, Higgins & Co.

Fresh pop corn at Star Grocery.  
Wanted—To rent upright piano, cheap.  
Pure sweet cider, 25 cents gallon, Star Grocery.  
The choicest candies and nuts can be found at the Parlor.  
A full line of 5, 10, 15 and 25 cent presents at Ford & Stokes Co.  
Bicycle and repair shop at 18 Ninth street. Charges reasonable.  
Our prices are the lowest in the city. Call and see us, Pacific Grocery Co.



### We Are Closing Out at Cost

### Call and Be Convinced

### COLUMBIA SHOE COMPANY

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Rain or snow.

### AROUND TOWN.

SATURDAY.

I hear it singing, singing sweetly, in an undertone, "It is better far than on." Try Scilling's Best tea and baking powder. Large assortment new crop nuts, Star Grocery.  
Mrs. C. E. Ruyon has returned from a lengthy stay in California.  
The Parlor has received a full line of Xmas goods. Call and see.  
James Murphy is over from North shore to spend a few days in the city.  
Umbrellas covered and repaired by a practical workman, at 185 Ninth street.  
You can always find the best creamy butter and sweet, fresh cream at the Parlor.

Just arrived, at Ford & Stokes Co., a full line of fancy crockery, suitable for Christmas presents.  
Dr. Bishop has removed his office and rooms to 62 Commercial street, over the Co-operative Grocery Co.

Services as usual at Bethania Norwegian Lutheran church, tomorrow at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are welcome. P. Steen, pastor.  
Jack Kearney was in charge of one of the water front boats yesterday and will hereafter hold that position under the supervision of Messrs. Reed and Christie.

LOST—On Russian island, December 6, a 14-foot gasoline launch, painted light bronze green. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning same to N. Troyer, at Pacific Sheet Metal Works.  
Services as usual tomorrow at the Presbyterian church. Subject of the morning sermon, "Do Thyself No Harm." Evening subject, "Memory and Memories." You are most cordially invited to worship with us.

The Chinese case of embezzlement came up before Justice Abernethy yesterday morning but was postponed out of court, and the judge dismissed the charge and assessed the cost of the case to the prosecuting attorney.  
Whiskey may be called the national beverage. It is truly American. When Englishmen select it as a tonic or tipple, it must have merit. They buy Cyrus Noble Whiskey. It is the only American whiskey of international reputation.

Swedish Lutheran church—No services Sunday morning. English services at 7:30 p. m., when Rev. J. H. Nicolai will fill the pulpit. The pastor will preach in the Melville school house Sunday. Swedish at 10:30 and English at 2 p. m. Services at Fort Stevens school house Tuesday, December 21. Swedish at 7 p. m. and English at 8 p. m.

The room next to the Occident hotel has been rented by Harbor Master Reed, Harbor Officer Stuart and Dr. Christie, and is being neatly fitted up and will be ready for occupancy today. All their water front friends and ship captains who are in the city will be welcome to call at all times.

The supervisor of road district No. 14, the new road adjoining the Tillamook line, and the supervisor of road district No. 3, at Seaside, each report over one hundred trees are across their roads that were blown down by the late storms. They say that owing to the long continued rains the ground is softened to such an extent that trees are easily uprooted.

## \$2000.00

Ask your grocer whether really, as man to man, he knows of any other baking powder so good as Scilling's Best.

He doesn't want to sell you alum baking powder—you make him do it, though, by asking for baking powder at a low price.

A Scilling & Company San Francisco

Go to the Star Grocery for your sugar kraut.  
Hot Scotch and Hot Tom and Jerry at the Office.

Mr. A. Sorenson, of Gray's river, was in the city yesterday.  
Groceries at the lowest prices at the Pacific Grocery Co.

Why buy Christmas presents when De-Yo is giving them away.  
A cartload of fresh candies and nuts at Ford & Stokes Co. for Xmas.

Ask for sample of Chase & Sanborn's famous teas, at Ross, Higgins & Co's.  
A full line of hanging, stand and banquet lamps, suitable for presents at Ford & Stokes Co.

P. J. Meany, the leading merchant tailor, 137 Tenth St. The highest price paid for fur skins.  
Mr. A. R. Hammond left for Portland last evening and from there will go to Mantam on next Monday.

E. S. Edwards, Frank McDermott, W. N. Bellinger, Portland; Dr. Raymond and wife, U. S. Army, are at the Occident.  
Lost—A ladies' plain leather pocket-book, containing ribbon and a sum of money. Reward will be paid on return to Astorian office.

The hearing of testimony in the contest of the will of Job Ross, deceased, came up before Judge Gray yesterday and argument in the case was continued until this morning.  
You have a number of presents to make, and necessarily must limit the amount to be spent on each gift; therefore you must go to Shanahan Bros., the only store that sells cheap.

A pure whiskey agrees with any food, in fact aids digestion. It tones the stomach, increases the flow of the gastric juices and so promotes strength and health. A pure whiskey like HARPER Whiskey. Sold by Ford & Stokes Co., Astoria, Or.

Services at Grace church tomorrow, 4th Sunday in Advent, as follows: Early celebration, 8 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.; Sunday school, 12:30 p. m.; evening prayer, 7:30 p. m. Holy Innocents at 8:30. Bishop Morris is expected to be present and will preach.

Shares of the Alaska Transportation and Development Company of Chicago are the most desirable investment before the public. Safer than savings banks and bank stock. Paying large dividends. Shares one dollar. For information address W. L. Dudley, general agent, Halber building, Seattle, Wash.

The funeral of James Stornen, the light keeper on Tenas Ilhite island, who was found dead in his boat at that place last Thursday, will take place from 10:30 to 11:00 o'clock today, and the remains will be conveyed to Clatsop cemetery for interment. Mr. McPherson of Portland, a nephew by marriage of the deceased, arrived on the Gatzert yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral.

It has been suggested that Observer Johnson so arrange the weather as to keep in the harbor the twelve vessels ready for sea, until after Christmas, and that upon that day the citizens charter boats, proceed to the lower harbor and there hold a carnival or regatta, bidding Godspeed to the outward bound fleet. Some good races might be arranged, and a few of the captains who have not spent Christmas in port for many years would doubtless enjoy the entertainment.

A robber, or robbers, sometime Thursday night entered the store of Fisher Brothers by breaking a pane out of a rear window, opened the rear door, took the till and all that was in it, about \$12, and a few pocket knives, unlocked the door and climbed out of the window. It is supposed that a small boy was put through the window. No trace was left of their identity, but it is supposed that it is the same gang which has recently committed other depredations. Yesterday James Christy found the till floating in the river.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.  
Numerous Ordinances and Resolutions Passed—Special Meeting Called.  
At the meeting of the common council last night Mayor Taylor presided, and all the members were present.  
Petitions, with a number of signers, were read for electric lights on Grand avenue and Twelfth, and on Eighth street and Harrison avenue, and were referred to the committee on streets and public ways.  
The petition from S. E. Harris and P. Lindstrom for retail liquor licenses were referred to the committee on health and police.  
The application of W. Maurice Kelly for the redemption of property so far taxes was read and was referred to committee.  
The communication from S. Normie, offering to take bonds in pay for the improvement of Bond street, was referred to the street committee, and a communication from the secretary of the Astoria water commission accepting the proposition of the council to pay \$2000 annually for the rent of five hydrants on condition that a reduction of 20% per cent be made to families, was read and placed on file.  
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Captain Olive of the Theia, reported that he was 52 days from Yokohama, had bad weather all the way, spoke no one, and laid twelve days off the coast of the Columbia. While waiting to get into harbor, he ran short of rations, having no flour or bread, and was glad to get into port.  
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# HOLIDAY HUMMERS

<b>Dolls</b> We have the biggest assortment of Dolls in Astoria, at prices from 1 cent to \$2.50 each.	<b>Aprons</b> We have them and fine ones too. All new designs, especially for the holiday trade.	<b>Umbrellas</b> Nothing more suitable for a Christmas present than one of our nice Umbrellas. They are beautiful.
<b>Toys</b> Everything to please the little ones. Make your selections before the assortment is broken. We have all the latest novelties in Toys.	<b>Dress Goods</b> Imported novelties in figured and plain Dress Goods at special prices for the holidays.	<b>Men's Goods</b> If you need anything in the line of Gent's Furnishings, come to us, as we have the largest and most complete stock in Astoria.
<b>Ribbons</b> Baby Ribbon, all shades, yard wide, No. 5 All Silk Ribbon, yard wide, No. 7 All Silk Ribbon, yard wide, No. 9 All Silk Ribbon, yard wide, No. 12 All Silk Ribbon, yard wide, No. 16 All Silk Ribbon, yard wide.	<b>FOR Fancy Work</b> Silks in all colors. Embroidery Silk, Knitting Silk, 5 cents a spool. Embroidery Hoops, Needles, Art Draperies, Dollies, Scarfs, Stand Covers, Splashes, Etc.	<b>Etc., Etc.</b> Ladies' and Misses' Sweaters, Ladies' Kid Gloves, all colors, Ladies' Feather Boas, Ladies' and Children's Underwear, Ladies' and Children's Coats, Capes and Jackets.

Santa Claus will be with us soon. Watch out for him.  
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