

Wedding Ties...

XMAS TIES, SILK, INITIAL AND PLAIN HANDKERCHIEFS, FANCY OVERSHIRTS AND NIGHTSHIRTS, UNDERWEAR, HATS, UMBRELLAS, SOX, GLOVES, SUITS, OVERCOATS AND MANY OTHER USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS, THE GREATEST ASSORTMENT, THE LOWEST PRICES.

Herman Wise

The Reliable Clothier



We Are Closing Out at Cost

Call and Be Convinced

COLUMBIA SHOE COMPANY
323 COMMERCIAL STREET.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Fair weather.

AROUND TOWN.

WEDNESDAY.

Good works on dove-like pinions borne, returning from the past as ministering angels come. To bless us at the last. —Symonds.

Try Schilling's Best tea and baking powder.

Pure sweet cider, 25 cents gallon, Star Grocery.

Rev. J. J. Walker, of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

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

A full line of 5, 10, 15 and 25 cent presents at Foard & Stokes Co.

District Attorney T. J. Cleston is in attendance upon the circuit court.

Mr. E. W. Talant returned on the Columbia yesterday morning from San Francisco.

At the A. F. C. alleys yesterday Mrs. Dellinger scored 69, W. Crosby 51, and H. Bell 51.

A full line of hanging stands and banquet lamps, suitable for presents at Foard & Stokes Co.

P. J. Meany, the leading merchant tailor, 137 Tenth St. The highest price paid for fur skins.

Mrs. F. M. Goto returned on the Columbia yesterday from San Jose, Cal., where she has been on a visit.

New editions of Mark Twain's books, Eugene Field's and James Whitcomb Riley's poems at Griffin & Reed's.

At the meeting of the Elks last night there must have been a jolly time judging from the noises which reached the street.

Judge Gray was occupied yesterday in examining the testimony in the Job Rose will contest, and a decision will probably be rendered in a few days.

It is expected that the Ocean Wave will be able to cross over for Puget Sound today. She is well fitted out for the trip, and with moderate weather should reach her destination without difficulty.

\$200000

Schilling's Best baking powder makes the biscuits light. Schilling's Best tea makes them seem lighter yet.

Schilling & Company San Francisco

Hot Scotch and hot Tom and Jerry at the Office.

Large assortment new crop nuts, Star Grocery.

Mr. Hammond left Portland for Missoula Monday.

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

Why buy Christmas presents when Devo is giving them away.

T. Gustafson forfeited \$5 in the police court yesterday for being drunk.

Bates & Conn's Christmas tree looked up on Commercial street yesterday.

Candies, all prices, and the best quality possible to make, at the Star Grocery Co.

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

If you want something beautiful and noble for Xmas, call at Foard & Stokes Co.

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

Lieutenant Ferguson, of Fort Canby, left last evening to spend the holidays in Portland.

Mr. John McIntosh and wife returned from California on the Columbia yesterday morning.

Just arrived, at Foard & Stokes Co., a full line of fancy groceries, suitable for Christmas presents.

For Sale—A small piano, price \$50, inquire at S. Kirchoff, corner Twelfth street and Franklin avenue.

Probably without doubt the Star Grocery has the best assortment of candies ever shown in the city.

An extraordinarily low tide occurred yesterday afternoon, leaving many bare spots along the city water front.

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

A. J. Thorburn, Chicago; W. M. Scott, M. A. Hackett, Portland; A. H. Kline, Gray's river, are guests at the Parker house.

Lost—A ladies' plain leather pocket-book, containing ribbon and a sum of money. Reward will be paid on return to Astorian office.

Mr. E. J. Miller will have charge of the office of the A. & C. R. R. here, succeeding Mr. Manion, who has accepted a position in California.

A full line of Claus' celebrated cigars (right and left handed) and cigars, fully guaranteed. Nothing better for holiday presents. At Fisher Bros.

Two car loads of lumber were brought up from the Seaside mills yesterday for transshipment to San Francisco, and were unloaded at the O. R. & N. dock.

Wm. Cogswell has been employed by the water commission as resident caretaker of the new power house and reservoir, at a compensation of \$20 per month.

NOTICE: The public should remember that there is but one original, authentic, Fisher heater in the market, and that Fisher Bros. are the exclusive Astoria agents.

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. Toyer, at Pacific Sheet Metal Works.

Alex Gilbert has all of the delicacies of the season in the way of fine wines and brandies for the holiday season. Fill up your side board, with good wines from the grape, and make merry from Gilbert's good stores.

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 flesh. A pure whiskey like HARPER Whiskey, sold by Foard & Stokes Co., Astoria, Ore.

At the annual meeting of the Finnish Brotherhood last night the following were elected officers: Fred Wickman, president; Cas. Laity, secretary; Alex. Holman, financial secretary; Jacob Moore, treasurer; John Pollo, guide; Wm. Swan, watchman; Oscar Tiburg, trustee; J. A. Fulton, physician.

Messes. E. and W. Manion, who have been in the employ of the Astoria & Columbia river railroad company for some time past, left Sunday evening for Portland. Mr. E. Manion has accepted a position with the Southern Pacific Co. at Los Angeles, and his brother goes to Tacoma, also to fill an engagement.

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

Whiskey may be called the national beverage. It is truly American. When Englishmen select it as a tonic or stimulant, they buy Cyrus Noble Whiskey. It is the only American whiskey of international reputation.

W. L. Whitmore, Chicago; L. M. Marlow, Helena, Mont.; D. B. Hall, F. E. Clark, L. B. Seelye, Portland; L. B. Pletcher, St. Paul; H. W. Gleason, San Francisco; J. O. Welsh, Yakima; W. D. Conner, U. S. army, are guests at the Occident.

Captain Hansen, of the schooner Ralph J. Long, secured a charter for lumber loading in Portland and will leave up today. He was originally bound from San Francisco to Nehalem, but the bar there was so rough for these weeks that he could not enter and when he left there to come in here for supplies there was no prospect for anything better. The bar was rough and the seas were breaking in mountains under a southeast gale. He discharged his Nehalem freight yesterday at the Parker dock.

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Mr. L. B. Marlow, of Montana, a friend of Mr. Almonist, is visiting in the city. He spent the afternoon in the exhibition room of the A. P. C. A., and was greatly surprised and pleased with Clatsop county's products. Mr. L. B. Seelye, manager of the White Cedar line, accompanied Mr. Marlow from Portland, and after viewing the exhibits, said that he had not before realized the importance and variety of Clatsop products, although he has been in business on the Columbia river for many years.

At an adjourned meeting of the water commission Tuesday night the rates to water consumers was established as follows for the ensuing year: Bakeries, \$2.50; bathhouse in harbor shore, \$1.50; tube public, \$1.50; additional tube, \$1.50; blacksmith shops, \$1.50; printing offices, \$1.50; butcher shops, \$2.00; Chinese build. \$1.50; additional permits, 5 cents; Chinese washhouse, \$1.50; family curn, \$1.50; dentist's office, \$1.50; photograph galleries, \$2.50; saloons, \$1.50; hotels, 1 cent; liquor stores, \$1.50; dye works, 20 cents; theatres, 50 cents; restaurants, 10 cents.

Captain Schieffelin of the British ship Millstone which arrived yesterday sixty-six days from Melbourne, Australia, reports that he had an average passage until near the Columbia river. Then he struck the heavy weather and had to beat about off the mouth of the river twelve days before he could get into harbor. While outside he sighted the Henriette and another ship whose name he did not learn. For nine days he did not have his clothes off nor dare lose his vigilance in the storm and heavy weather. Captain Schieffelin is a young man and is the son of a well known merchant.

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ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

The entire stock of goods in the New York Novelty Store, consisting of holiday novelties, books, stationery and musical instruments of all kinds, will be closed out regardless of cost by the assignee.

CALL FOR WARRANTS.

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Dated Astoria, Oregon, December 15, 1897.

H. C. THOMPSON, County Treasurer.

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Fresh pop corn at Star Grocery.

A number of social events are booked for holiday week.

The Astoria and Portland railroad puzzle is the latest craze. Every purchaser in our job department gets one. Griffin & Reed.

Plum pudding, cranberries, sweet elder and a large line of other reasonable staples and fancy groceries at Ross, Higgins & Co.

In the circuit court yesterday in the case of Winton vs. Estow, a motion to strike out parts of amended complaint was overruled and allowed until December 24 to further plead.

Those anticipating a merry Xmas should not fail to send in their orders for nuts, fruits, candy, plum pudding, plum pudding sauce, jams, jellies, etc., also for dinner wines of the highest quality to Foard & Stokes Co.

Largest and most complete assortment of all-light heaters in the city. All the kinds advertised in this paper may be seen and compared at our store, then your selection will be satisfactory to you. Foard & Stokes Co.

The merchants report an increasing holiday trade. Every store in town has all it can do, with the aid of extra clerks, to take care of customers. People from the country despite bad roads, are in larger numbers than usual at this season. The inference is that some of the general prosperity has struck Clatsop county.

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HOLIDAY HUMMERS

Dolls

We have the biggest assortment of Dolls in Astoria, at prices from 1 cent to \$2.00 each.

Aprons

We have them and fine ones too. All new designs, especially for the holiday trade.

Umbrellas

Nothing more suitable for a Christmas present than one of our nice Umbrellas. They are beautiful.

Toys

Everything to please the little ones. Make your selections before the assortment is broken. We have all the latest novelties in Toys.

Dress Goods

Imported novelties in figured and plain Dress Goods at special prices for the holidays.

Men's Goods

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.

Ribbons

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.

FOR Fancy Work

Silks in all colors, Embroidery Silk, all shades, Knitting Silk, 5 cents a spool, Embroidery Hoops, Needles, Art Draperies, Dollies, Scarfs, Stand Covers, Spatulas, Etc.

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Ladies' and Misses' Sweaters, Ladies' Kid Gloves, all colors, Ladies' Feather Bosom, Ladies' and Children's Underwear, Ladies' and Children's Coats, Caps and Jackets.

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

SHANAHAH BROS.

The Only Store That Sells Cheap

THE STORY TELLER.

This month, Mr. Brophy of the home office tells a good story of Mr. L. Samuel, Portland, Or., one of the most successful of the Society's coast managers.

For years whenever Mr. Samuel visited Astoria he always called on Mr. Blank the leading merchant of the town, and used all his energies in the endeavor to insure him, but though he ever looked blank with the best of heads of insurance men, the desired application never seemed to get any closer. Finally he visited the town accompanied by his son Eugene, aged sixteen, whom he was just starting in the insurance business. They called together on the merchant who received them courteously, saying, "Mr. Samuel, I am glad to see you. I am always glad to have you call and as long as you can manage to keep off the subject of life insurance we shall see on together like a pair of geese. Now, you have been pumping Equitable Life into me for years, but believe me, you are only losing time. I don't want it, so let's drop it once and for all."

Mr. Samuel merely looked flattered as he replied, "My dear sir, don't distress yourself too much about me. I like talking life insurance and I have enjoyed interesting you in it all these years, knowing it was only a question of time when I would get your autograph on a \$10,000 application. I am today nearly fifty, but I believe I have yet a good many years to live. Meaning I propose keeping on seeing you a few times every year in this connection while I live, and should I be called away at any time to a better land, my son Eugene here will take hold of you just where I left off."

There was a look of a wad admiration on the merchant's face as he said, "Mr. Samuel, if you happen to have an application blank handy about your clothes we will close this deal now."

And they did.

(The best of it is the story is true, even to the amount of insurance obtained.)

—From the Equitable Record for December.

ASTORIA SCHOOL OF SUGGESTIVE THERAPEUTICS.

Established for the Treatment of all Functional and Nervous Diseases.

NEURALGIA and RHEUMATISM, Asthma, Obstinate Constipation, Dyspepsia, Headache, Insomnia, Melancholia, Menstrual and Sexual Disorders, Nervous Prostration, Paralysis, Stammering, St. Vitus' Dance, Violent Habits and DRUG HABITS (tobacco, alcohol, morphine and cocaine), successfully treated.

Instruction given.

W. I. HOWARD, M. D., Medical Director.

556 Commercial Street.

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING.

New Ordinances Introduced and Passed at the Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

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FISHER'S OPERA HOUSE...

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

A. F. C. Benefit

TO BE GIVEN BY THE GLEE CLUB OF THE University of Oregon.

The Glee Club has appeared over the entire coast, and has met with flattering success. Secure your tickets early.

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