

NOTICE
Books, Periodicals, Magazines, etc.,
Are Not to be Taken From The
Library without permission. Any
one who is guilty of such offense,
will be liable to prosecution.

ASTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Daily Morning Astorian.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN is the
biggest and best paper
on the Columbia River

THE ASTORIAN has the largest
circulation of any paper
on the Columbia River

FULL ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

VOL. XLVII.

ASTORIA, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24, 1897.

NO. 120.

"Superior" Stoves and Ranges

ARE THE BEST

J. N. LAWS, AT HAWES' OLD STAND

Christmas Goods

TO SUIT EVERYBODY

Celluloid
Novelties
Leather Goods
Medallions
Christmas Cards
Booklets



Books
In New and
Dainty Bindings
Children's Books
Bibles
Prayer Books
Books of all Kinds

Do not make your selections until you have seen our stock.

GRIFFIN & REED

Christmas Next

OUR STORE IS FULL OF THE MOST
SERVICABLE AND ORNAMENTAL
CROCKERY, LAMPS AND GLASS-
WARE, SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.

Foard & Stokes Company

The Tail Goes With the Hide

P. J. Goodman & Co. will, until January 1, 1898,
without reserve, sell their large stock of Boots and
Shoes—Ladies', Misses', Children's and Boys'—
choice footwear at cost. When we say cost, we
mean it. Give us a call and we will prove to you
that you can take home more footwear for the
money than you can from any shoe store in Ore-
gon. Remember, the sign of the Big Boot, 584
Commercial street.

P. J. Goodman & Co.

Ross, Higgins & Co.

CHOICE...
FRESH
AND SALT MEATS

Grocers
AND
Butchers....

BOND STREET

UNION MEAT COMPANY

Hams,
Bacon and
Strictly Pure Lard

ALL KINDS
OF CANNED MEATS
Guaranteed
The Best in the Market

Cor. Fourth and Glisan Streets
Portland, Oregon.

W. F. SCHEIBE,

Manufacturer and
Dealer in

FINE CIGARS!

A full line of Pipes, Tobacco,
and Smokers' Articles.
474 Commercial St.



Astoria's Gorgeous
Entertainment Hall

The Louvre..

Three Floors—Fine Music; Games of All Kinds; Two
Magnificent Bars; Everything First-Class; Good
Order and Everybody's Rights Strictly Observed.

BLANCO EMPLOYS SOME STRATEGY

Sends a Spy to New York to Ship as
a Filibusterer.

PEACE BY INDEPENDENCE ONLY

Indignation Over Killing of Ruiz Intense in
Havana—No Flaps of Truce Dis-
played by Spanish.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The Press pub-
lishes a sensational letter written to a
resident of this city by a "distinguished
resident" of Havana, whose name is
withheld for obvious reasons. The letter
says in part:

"You know that the policy of General
Blanco has always been a combination
of bribery and assassination. You will
not be surprised, therefore, at what is
to follow. The information has been
given to me by a Cuban, who, acting to
the advantage of the cause, holds a position
in the councils of the captain-general.
The friend tells me that Dr. Congosto,
who was the Micharvill of General Blan-
co, has several schemes in store, but the
most important ones, those that will
give us clearer insight into the methods
of pacification, that the Spaniards in-
tend are as follows:

"The first scheme is most important.
Congosto has sent an emissary to New
York. I do not know his name. He is
a tall man with full beard, black eyes
and a marked Spanish accent, though I
am not sure of his nationality. He
probably started for New York, where
he hopes to join one of the filibustering
expeditions and reach the army under
Gomez. He is to find out the location of
the headquarters and the depots of arms.
When an expedition presents itself he is
to murder General Gomez. His recom-
pense for all these services will be some
thousands of dollars.

"My trouble is to understand how they
will get the money.
"The second scheme is in reference to
provisions to be made to those fighting
for Cuban liberty. You know as well as
I the old man Jose Rabon, and you re-
member as I do, that in the former im-
pudencies he showed himself to be a Span-
iard of the Spaniards. Now this son
Luis, is the leader commanding the in-
surgents in Sagua. For this crime his
father was excommunicated and sent from
Sagua to Havana, where he now lives.
Congosto thinks that General Gomez has
issued a proclamation ordering every
leader to see that all emissaries who
may present themselves with propo-
sitions of peace that are not based upon
absolute independence of the island shall
be sentenced to death. He further adds
that all infractions of this shall be con-
sidered treason. Now, Congosto has
conceived the idea of sending the father
to the son with propositions looking
toward autonomy, thus placing the son in
the position of either shooting his father
or being himself declared a traitor. The
poor old man refused, but I know not
how long he may withstand the pressure
that is being brought to bear on him.

"The last of the schemes is as follows:
"Congosto is striving to secure the ser-
vices of some prominent man of the
United States. This prominent person is
to come here and on his return to the
states to declare that autonomy is an ac-
complished fact, that peace is firmly es-
tablished and other foolish things. As
if this could alter the real state of af-
fairs, and if Consul-General Lee were
not here to tell the truth. And, by the
bye, I fear that if this gentleman (Lee)
does not take his departure in good time
he is running the risk of being blown
to pieces."

"The Vienna Deutsche Zeitung says the
United States has more interest in the
opening up of China than all Europe
combined, and that we cannot afford to
neglect our interest in the far east, and
that a partition of China would be im-
possible without America's approval and
participation. The European powers will
do well to give immediate attention to
the assertions and interests of the United
States.

Fire broke out yesterday afternoon in
the building on Madison street, Chicago,
occupied by the Tossotti Cafe and Frank
Museum's billiard parlors. As a dozen
police men were pushing back the crowds
of people in the street, a terrific explo-
sion of natural gas occurred. The building
was badly wrecked, windows
window grating, sidewalk lights, and
man-hole covers were hurled among
the people. Dozens were thrown from
their feet and 22 injured. Police Captain
Thomas O'Connor was the only one se-
riously injured. Many were crushed in
the frantic rush for safety. The fire
spread rapidly after the explosion and the
weather caused much of the water to
freeze, so that the building soon resem-
bled an iceberg with a furnace in its in-
terior. The loss was \$125,000.

Victoria, Dec. 23.—A. P. Quintan who
arrived here this afternoon on the City
of Seattle, brings late news from Daw-
son. He says there is enough food in
Dawson to last the 6000 men now there
all the winter, those without food, 2000 in
number, having gone to Fort Yukon.
Two hundred will come out over the
trail.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Christmas at the
White House will be a very quiet one.
Miss Barber and Miss Duncan, a niece
of the president, will be the only guests.
Mrs. McKinley has been busy prepar-
ing gifts for her family and all her
new friends among the children in Wash-
ington. Every article of the mansion
will be remembered by the wife of the
president by a token of some kind.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Christmas at the
White House will be a very quiet one.
Miss Barber and Miss Duncan, a niece
of the president, will be the only guests.
Mrs. McKinley has been busy prepar-
ing gifts for her family and all her
new friends among the children in Wash-
ington. Every article of the mansion
will be remembered by the wife of the
president by a token of some kind.

ANOTHER STEAMER ADDED TO LIST

Curacoa Bought by Pacific Coast
Parties for Alaska Trade.

COMING FROM AUSTRALASIA

To Join the Klondike Rush—Army Pack
Train From the Platte Will Join
the Expedition.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Red D. steam-
ship Curacoa, has been sold by its owners,
Messrs. Boulton, Blye & Dallette, to go
into the Alaska trade. The purchasers
are said to be Pacific coast residents,
and the price paid \$195,000. The Curacoa
was built especially to trade between this
port and Curacoa, Maricao, by the mer-
chants of Philadelphia. The first es-
sential required was a minimum draught
with a maximum cargo capacity, owing
to the fact that the vessel was to nav-
igate the shallow waters of Lake Mar-
cahu. Up to the expectations of her
builders and owners, she ran regularly
to Marcahu, up to a recent period, when
she was chartered.

The Curacoa is a handsome vessel of
the American type. Her cabin and state
rooms are beautifully finished in white
oak and gold; in fact she is an ideal
ship for the tropical trade. Boulton,
Blye & Dallette recently sold the Val-
lecula, also for service in Alaskan trade.
The Curacoa on account of her tight
draught and large cargo capacity, is a
valuable addition to the fleet now plying
between San Francisco, Seattle, St.
Michael and other points along the Alas-
kan coast. She has gone to Baltimore to
prepare and outfit for the long voyage
around the horn.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Travel from
Australasia to the Klondike will be heavy
next year and the Oceanic company is
preparing for it. All available space on
the Mariposa, due here in February, and
the Moana, due in March, has been en-
gaged. In the case of the Moana, the
bulk of the passengers will be from New
Zealand.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Orders were
received last evening by the quarterm-
aster of the Eighth infantry to have
the army pack train of the department
of the Platte, stationed here, leave for
Alaska at the earliest possible moment.
The pack train is in charge of the chief
packer, Tom Mooney. He will have the
entire outfit, consisting of ten expert
packers and 80 trained and drilled pack
mules on the way ready to start.
The destination of the pack train is Dyea.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—E. J. Willis, a
member of the party that sailed on the
schooner La Nina for Copper river in
October last, writes from Kodiak that on
December 4 there were about 150 pros-
pectors with their outfit scattered over
a trail between Eyak lake over a level
stretch of country known as the grass
flats and the little Indian village of At-
zanak, anxious to push on into the in-
terior as soon as the ice on the river is
strong enough to permit travel.

United States Marshal Shoup, of Sitka,
Alaska, arrived in San Francisco yester-
day with seven prisoners charged with
various crimes from murder to jarceny,
who were sentenced to San Quentin. He
says he will bring down another batch
of twenty next month, and that criminals
will give the authorities in Alaska much
trouble next spring.

At the regular weekly meeting last
night of the Astoria Progressive Commu-
nial Association, there was not a very
large attendance, owing to the very
work incident to the holidays.

In the absence of the president Mr.
Harrison Allen presided and after the
discussion of various matters before the
association, the question of the Klondike
expedition was taken up and the fol-
lowing telegram was sent to Secretary
Ager:

Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 23, 1897.
To the Honorable R. A. Alger, Secretary
of War, Washington, D. C.
The Astoria Progressive Commercial
Association has a list of 100 resident As-
torians, nearly all Americans, natives of
Norway and Finland, who are experienced
reindeer drivers, and would be glad of
an opportunity to accompany the govern-
ment relief expedition to Alaska Astoria
is the point of departure for a weekly
line of steamers for all Alaska points,

and the reindeer drivers can leave here
as soon as arrangements can be made.
ASTORIA PROGRESSIVE COMMU-
NIAL ASSOCIATION.
Albert Dunbar, President.
E. J. Smith, Secretary.

Among the volunteers for drivers is a
colored gentleman who claims to have
been employed in North America.
Doubtless his experience would be worth
a good deal to one of the guides as a
valet.
Some of the Norwegian states that in
their country a man who can't sport 25
reindeer to pull his sleighs is not much
account. They use reindeer to take their
girls out riding on winter evenings.

A LONG CONTEST FINALLY ENDED

Behring Sea Seizures Commission
Files Its Findings.

SOME OF THE CLAIMS MADE

Not Only Wasted the Value of the Ships,
But Prospective Profits and
Interest.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The findings of
the British-American commission, chosen
to assess damages for the seizures of
British ships in Behring sea, have been
received by the state department and
the British embassy.

The controversy has occupied the at-
tention of the authorities here and in
London for the last seven years. At
the outset the tone of the controversy
was belittling, suggesting a possible re-
sult to arms. This was following the
seizure by the United States steamer
Corwin of the British sealer Carolina
and Thornton on August 1, 1888. The
facts of the seizure were not known un-
til some time later and in the meantime
the Corwin had taken the Onward and
Favorite. The same policy of seizure
and confiscation occurred during the
next sealing season, despite the protests
of Great Britain, the United States
steamer Rush, taking the byword,
Grace, Anna Pack, Dolphin, Alfred
Adams, Triumph, Junita, Pathfinder,
Black Diamond, Lily, Arctic, and the
Kate and Minnie, and the cutter Bear took
the Ada.

The claims for these seizures took a
wide range, beginning with the value of
the vessels and their outfits and includ-
ing not only the value of the seal skins
confiscated, but also the value of the
skins which might have been taken if
the ships had not been seized. This last
feature of prospective damage caused
the main contention. In the case of each
British ship the largest item of claim
was for the estimated future catch. For
instance, in the case of the Carolina, the
claim for the ship was only \$100, while
that for the skins which might have been
taken that year if she had not been
seized was \$18,667. Each ship estimated
a prospective catch of from 200 to 500
skins, the value being from \$2.50 per skin
in 1887 to \$12.25 in 1888. The total of the
claims without interest amounted \$20,181
and with interest at 8 per cent and other
charges the total reached \$26,166.

Excellent Program Rendered at the
Senior School Last Night.

The entertainment given last night by
the pupils of the Convent of the Holy
Names was very successful and largely
attended, the school room being crowded
to its utmost capacity, not a seat being
vacant. The room was tastefully de-
corated with ivy, ferns and evergreens,
and inscriptions, appropriate to the oc-
casion, were on the wall back of the
stage. The audience was largely com-
posed of the parents of the children who
were allotted parts in the entertainment,
and they must have been well satisfied
with their training as the little ones ac-
quitted themselves very nicely and re-
ceived well merited applause.

"The Last Jewels," a drama in two
acts, was rendered by the following
young ladies: The Misses Morgan, A.
Sover, Kopp, Leahy, Cahill, Shively,
Barth, M. Sover, Larsen, Strauss,
Smith, Cowgill, Ohler, Day, Curtis, Wise,
Goodman, Carlson, and Picher. Each
one acted her part superbly, and showed
careful study, as well as intellectual de-
velopment of a high order adapting
their age, and an uncommon adaptation
to theatrical drama.

The Children's Festival an instru-
mental musical number, was presented by
the following children: W. Cook, H.
Shelbo, A. Wright, H. Robb, N. Wilson,
A. Kendall, M. Shannahan, G. Sinnott, L.
Parker, A. Kopp. The children acquit-
ted themselves very nicely and re-
ceived well merited applause.

Happy Moments, a march, accompa-
nied by the young ladies' orchestra, was
rendered by the following young ladies:
The Misses E. Hare, C. Thiel, H. Torkel-
son, L. Carlson, H. Sahlstrom, L. Fast-
land, L. Grange, N. Wilson, M. Strauch,
M. Bertrand, M. Sover, M. Utzinger, E.
Strauss, T. Barth, G. Kearney. The en-
semble were nicely executed and pleased
every one present.

Gloria in Excelsis, Deo, (Gloria to God
on High) a song and chorus, was ad-
mirably rendered by a class of children
and they were heartily applauded by the
audience.

The Hurdle Race, along accompanied
by an orchestra, was faultless and show-
ed careful training by the following
young ladies taking part in it: The
Misses J. Stanley, A. Leahy, G. Kear-
ney, N. Ford, P. Heilborn, A. O'Connor,
M. Utzinger, M. Sover, E. Strauss, Mrs.
O. Heilborn.

Waiting for Santa Claus, a cantata,
was given in a very excellent manner by
a class of school children, and, when in
the midst of their justification Santa
Claus himself appeared bearing all the
evidences of winter, the frost glistening
on his weather beaten countenance, and
at once mingled with the little folks in
their jollity, hearty applause broke from
the spectators.

La Badine, caprice, an instrumental
duet, was the last number on the pro-
gram and was well rendered by the fol-
lowing young ladies: The Misses T.
Barth, M. Sover, G. Kearney, E. Strauss,
M. Utzinger, M. Bertrand.

IS IT A TRIFLE?

That Common Trouble Acid Dyspepsia, or
Sour Stomach,
Now Recognized as a Cause of Serious
Disease.

Acid dyspepsia, commonly called heart-
burn or sour stomach, is a form of indig-
estion resulting from fermentation of
the food. The stomach being too weak to
promptly digest it, the food remains until
fermentation begins, filling the stomach
with gas and a bitter, sour, burning
taste in the mouth is often present. This
condition soon becomes chronic and being
an every day occurrence is given but little
attention. Because dyspepsia is not im-
mediately fatal, many people do nothing
for the trouble.

Within a recent period a remedy has
been discovered prepared solely to cure
dyspepsia and stomach troubles. It is
known as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and
is now becoming rapidly used as a radical
cure for every form of dyspepsia.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets have been
placed before the public and are sold by
druggists everywhere at 10 cents per pack-
age. It is prepared by the Stuart Co.,
Marshall, Mich., and while it promptly
and effectively restores a vigorous diges-
tion, at the same time is perfectly harm-
less and will not injure the most delicate
stomach, but on the contrary by giving
prompt digestion strengthens the stomach
improves the appetite and makes life
worth living.

Send for free book on Stomach Diseases
by addressing Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

Where Does Germany Stand in the Far
East?

London, Dec. 23.—The Times corre-
spondent at Peking says:
The Chinese are provisioning Fort Ar-
thur and will reconstruct there the forts,
Russia furnishing the money. In the face
of this indication of permanence; occu-
pancy, the necessity of safeguarding our
position in the far East is increasing.

The Russo-Chinese bank, which is the
agent for the Russian government, has
offered to China 10,000 rifles, with 100-
miled five years hence, China has ac-
cepted the proposition. The Times is an
editorial on the situation, sarcastically
asks whether the German press in claim-
ing a Russo-German entente, in China
and Emperor William in his speech at
Graudenz anticipated Russia's demand for
the removal of the German drill sergeants
from the Chinese army.

It adds with reference to the demand
for the dismissal of the English engi-
neers: "Our Peking correspondent says
China is hesitating and possibly may
be able to appeal to motives at Peking
which will strengthen China's determina-
tion to comply with the Russian request
for the dismissal of the English en-
gineers."

The Mutual Life Insurance Company,
of New York, have gone out of business
in Kansas because of legal prosecutions
in that state.

FROM AUSTRALIA.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Travel from
Australasia to the Klondike will be heavy
next year and the Oceanic company is
preparing for it. All available space on
the Mariposa, due here in February, and
the Moana, due in March, has been en-
gaged. In the case of the Moana, the
bulk of the passengers will be from New
Zealand.

ARMY PACK TRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Orders were
received last evening by the quarterm-
aster of the Eighth infantry to have
the army pack train of the department
of the Platte, stationed here, leave for
Alaska at the earliest possible moment.
The pack train is in charge of the chief
packer, Tom Mooney. He will have the
entire outfit, consisting of ten expert
packers and 80 trained and drilled pack
mules on the way ready to start.
The destination of the pack train is Dyea.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—E. J. Willis, a
member of the party that sailed on the
schooner La Nina for Copper river in
October last, writes from Kodiak that on
December 4 there were about 150 pros-
pectors with their outfit scattered over
a trail between Eyak lake over a level
stretch of country known as the grass
flats and the little Indian village of At-
zanak, anxious to push on into the in-
terior as soon as the ice on the river is
strong enough to permit travel.

United States Marshal Shoup, of Sitka,
Alaska, arrived in San Francisco yester-
day with seven prisoners charged with
various crimes from murder to jarceny,
who were sentenced to San Quentin. He
says he will bring down another batch
of twenty next month, and that criminals
will give the authorities in Alaska much
trouble next spring.

At the regular weekly meeting last
night of the Astoria Progressive Commu-
nial Association, there was not a very
large attendance, owing to the very
work incident to the holidays.

In the absence of the president Mr.
Harrison Allen presided and after the
discussion of various matters before the
association, the question of the Klondike
expedition was taken up and the fol-
lowing telegram was sent to Secretary
Ager:

Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 23, 1897.
To the Honorable R. A. Alger, Secretary
of War, Washington, D. C.
The Astoria Progressive Commercial
Association has a list of 100 resident As-
torians, nearly all Americans, natives of
Norway and Finland, who are experienced
reindeer drivers, and would be glad of
an opportunity to accompany the govern-
ment relief expedition to Alaska Astoria
is the point of departure for a weekly
line of steamers for all Alaska points,

and the reindeer drivers can leave here
as soon as arrangements can be made.
ASTORIA PROGRESSIVE COMMU-
NIAL ASSOCIATION.
Albert Dunbar, President.
E. J. Smith, Secretary.

Among the volunteers for drivers is a
colored gentleman who claims to have
been employed in North America.
Doubtless his experience would be worth
a good deal to one of the guides as a
valet.
Some of the Norwegian states that in
their country a man who can't sport 25
reindeer to pull his sleighs is not much
account. They use reindeer to take their
girls out riding on winter evenings.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The findings of
the British-American commission, chosen
to assess damages for the seizures of
British ships in Behring sea, have been
received by the state department and
the British embassy.

The controversy has occupied the at-
tention of the authorities here and in
London for the last seven years. At
the outset the tone of the controversy
was belittling, suggesting a possible re-
sult to arms. This was following the
seizure by the United States steamer
Corwin of the British sealer Carolina
and Thornton on August 1, 1888. The
facts of the seizure were not known un-
til some time later and in the meantime
the Corwin had taken the Onward and
Favorite. The same policy of seizure
and confiscation occurred during the
next sealing season, despite the protests
of Great Britain, the United States
steamer Rush, taking the byword,
Grace, Anna Pack, Dolphin, Alfred
Adams, Triumph, Junita, Pathfinder,
Black Diamond, Lily, Arctic, and the
Kate and Minnie, and the cutter Bear took
the Ada.

The claims for these seizures took a
wide range, beginning with the value of
the vessels and their outfits and includ-
ing not only the value of the seal skins
confiscated, but also the value of the
skins which might have been taken if
the ships had not been seized. This last
feature of prospective damage caused
the main contention. In the case of each
British ship the largest item of claim
was for the estimated future catch. For
instance, in the case of the Carolina, the
claim for the ship was only \$100, while
that for the skins which might have been
taken that year if she had not been
seized was \$18,667. Each ship estimated
a prospective catch of from 200 to 500
skins, the value being from \$2.50 per skin
in 1887 to \$12.25 in 1888. The total of the
claims without interest amounted \$20,181
and with interest at 8 per cent and other
charges the total reached \$26,166.

Excellent Program Rendered at the
Senior School Last Night.

Royal makes the food pure,
wholesome and delicious.

ROYAL
BAKING
POWDER
Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.