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Rain; gales on coast.

AROUND TOWN.

WEDNESDAY.

It was a little child that swung wide back that city's portal where hearts remain forever young. -Lucy Larcom.

Try Schilling's Best tea and baking powder.

Hot Scotch and Hot Tom and Jerry at the Office.

Groceries at the lowest prices at the Pacific Grocery Co.

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

Mr. Sherman Case, of Clatsop, was in the city yesterday.

R. M. Wooden, of the Nehalem, arrived in the city yesterday.

All kinds of rings and jeweled ornaments at Exstrom's.

Bicycle and repair shop at 123 Ninth street. Charges reasonable.

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Captain A. B. Britton, wrecking master of the Washington coast, is in the city.

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

Masters Harry and Roger Wheeler are spending a portion of their vacation in Portland.

Work on the improvement of Commercial street will not commence for several days yet.

A midnight service will be held in Grace church on Friday, December 31, at 11:45. All are welcome.

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P. J. Meany, the leading merchant tailor, 127 Tenth St. The highest price paid for fur skins.

The Bulletin Bowling alley, recognized as among the best in the city, were built by Contractor Fougson.

Dr. Bishop has removed his office and rooms to 522 Commercial street, over the Co-operative Grocery Co.

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

W. E. Niles, the bustling traveling freight agent of the Union Pacific, called on his Astoria friends yesterday.

Hon. C. W. Fulton and Mrs. Fulton returned yesterday from an extended visit to the East and Washington, D. C.

Mr. O'Hara, one of the passengers on the Elder, yesterday made the highest score on the new Bulletin alleys—9.

George Teal, an old O. R. & N. man, was one of the passengers on the Elder, yesterday, for Klondike, as was also Frank Gilbert, another O. R. & N. man, and well known river purser.

THIS WEEK ONLY

From Now Until January 1st A Few Rare Bargains in

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Also an attractive variety of Norwegian Goods which will be returned on the First At bargain prices.

J. H. SEYMOUR JEWELER 426 COMMERCIAL STREET

Miss Harriet Kinney and Miss Violet Bowley have gone to Portland on a fortnight's visit with their friend, Miss Killen.

Lost—A bunch of keys. Finder please return to the Astorian office and receive reward, by today noon, or it will be too late.

J. E. Withers, C. W. Lawrence, Portland, A. G. Barker, C. & N. W. Ry., W. E. Niles, U. P., are guests at the Occident.

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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, Haller building, Seattle, Wash.

Two boys named Carlson and Jeddness were arrested yesterday by Officer Thompson for larceny from a dwelling. The theft consisted in the taking of a lot of dishes stored away in the vacant building at the corner of Harrison, avenue and Tenth streets. It appears the Carlson boy took the dishes, misadventurously standing what the lady who was renting the house had told him and met the Jeddness boy on the way home. Both are the sons of hardworking and honest parents, and are not naturally bad boys.

The monthly bowling tournament for A. F. C. takes place yesterday, there being about seventy contestants. The scores were not as high as they should have been. Miss Mamie Gilbert won the tournament. She made the best total last month, and has an excellent chance to win the medal. Mrs. Ingalls, one of the champion lady bowlers, always has hard luck in the tournaments. After having bowled in the tournament yesterday, Mrs. Ingalls played six games with an average of 294, her best score being 54, which stood for the day's record. The gentlemen bowl Thursday.

THE WALDORF-ASTORIA Will Be Glad to Accept an Astoria Album.

At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on November 24, Mr. J. S. Deltner, referring to the recent opening of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York city, suggested the idea of the chamber procuring a series of photographic views of Astoria and vicinity and having them bound in album style and presented to the Waldorf-Astoria, to be laid on the table of the guest's reading room. The suggestion met the approval of the chamber, and the matter was left in the hands of Mr. Deltner and the secretary.

In order to be sure that such a gift would be acceptable and be promptly placed, secretary Holden wrote the manager as follows:

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 2, 1897. Dear Sir:—In view of the interesting historical associations connected with the renowned John Jacob Astor, the founder of this city, located at the mouth of the Columbia river, Oregon, the Chamber of Commerce desires to present to the Waldorf-Astoria hotel a suitably bound album containing a series of special photographic views of the Astoria of today, and of various other points of interest including localities particularly mentioned in Washington Irving's "Astoria." We purpose that the album shall be entirely a home production, gotten up in the best style home manufacture will permit. Will you accept and kindly find room for it on the table of the public reading room of your palatial business, or such other place as your judgment may dictate? I may state that it is not intended to insert any advertising matter. An early answer will oblige.

Respectfully, E. C. HOLDEN, Secretary.

To this communication the following replies came to hand yesterday:

The Waldorf-Astoria, New York, Dec. 2, 1897. E. C. Holden, Esq., Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Astoria, Oregon: Dear Sir:—Mr. Boldt requests me to say we would be glad to receive the book referred to in your letter, and see that it occupies a prominent place on our library table. Respectfully,

T. R. THOMAS.

And this from Mr. Boldt, the manager: The Waldorf-Astoria, New York, Dec. 2, 1897. Mr. E. C. Holden, Secretary Astoria Chamber of Commerce: My Dear Sir:—Yours of December 2, through approval and changing of my private office from the Waldorf into the Astoria side was mislaid and only discovered on my desk this afternoon. I shall be glad to place the book you mention in a prominent part of the house; especially so since you mention it shall not contain advertising matter. In such case it would be again the rules to place it anywhere. With apologies for the delay in answering, I beg to remain, very truly yours,

GEO. C. BOLDT.

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.

SPECIAL. Members of the Degree of Honor are requested to meet at Mrs. G. V. Porter's Wednesday evening, December 29, at 7:30 sharp. Business special.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE. 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, Vicious Habits and DRUG HABITS (tobacco, alcohol, morphine and cocaine), successfully treated. Instruction given.

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FISHER'S OPERA HOUSE... NEW YEAR'S EVE. A. F. C. Benefit TO BE GIVEN BY THE GLEE CLUB OF THE University of Oregon.

SIXTEEN VOICES FINE STRING BAND. Admission 50 cents. Reserved seats 75c extra.

ALL KINDS OF Rings Things. EXSTROM'S JEWELRY STORE. 600 Commercial Street.

Holiday Goods Japanese Goods Dry Goods. Underwear Made to Order. James Murphy 420 Commercial Street.

Don't Forget Chas. Kan & Co. 367 Commercial Street. We carry a fine assortment of Japanese Goods Silk Handkerchiefs Chinaware, Etc.

ORIENTAL NOVELTIES Japanese Goods WING LEE. 543 Commercial Street Next to Madison's Cigar Stand.

A FREE LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION At Fisher's Opera House, Wednesday and Thursday Evenings, December 29 and 30, 1897. The lame, the rheumatic, the paralytic, the sick and afflicted will be cured; the rheumatic and paralytic persons on canes and crutches will be cured without cost and without pain by a new system of treatment imported from Europe. No magnetic healing or faith cure. The Reno tapeworm cure will in 30 minutes bring head and all. Persons having tapeworm will be cured free. Reno, the wonder worker, who has created such a sensation in all parts of America by his extraordinary cures, will cure a few rheumatic and paralytic cripples, no matter how severely afflicted provided they call at the Occident hotel. This is done to show the people of Astoria the wonderful power of the Reno treatment over disease. Reno will lecture and give a demonstration Wednesday and Thursday evenings, December 29th and 30th, at Fisher's Opera House. He gives an exhibition of most wonderful character. It greatly exceeds anything ever attempted before. It is filled with serious and pathetic scenes. The startling situations will at times outlive the drama. No one should miss seeing this man, who comes with such a remarkable record. He performs cures which astonish the skeptical, and the most thinking, and convince the doubtful. No matter