

**SHOOTING SCARE IN SEATTLE.**  
A Tramp Was Killed and a Saloonkeeper Mortally Wounded.

Seattle, Dec. 31.—A shooting affray occurred at Ballard tonight, a suburb of this city, in which an unknown tramp was killed and Charles Ross, a saloonkeeper, was probably mortally wounded.

The shooting occurred in the Ross saloon. No witness to it can be found; Ross' condition is such as to preclude his giving an account of the affair. All that is known is that four shots were heard to issue from the saloon. When the saloon was entered the dead body of a tramp was found lying on the floor and Ross was lying behind the bar. The theory is that the tramp had a confederate. It is based on the fact that while four shots were heard there were but two empty chambers from the saloon and one in the tramp's. It is supposed that an attempt was made by the tramp to hold Ross up and rob the saloon.

**'PRISCO QUARANTINE.'**

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Quarantine Officer Rosenau has received authority from Washington to refuse pratique to vessels which cross the quarantining line or allow the pilot or any one else to go ashore before the quarantine officer has come aboard.

**CIRCUIT COURT.**

In the circuit court yesterday Judge McMorris rendered a decision in the following case:

Wm. Gorman vs. Victor Sanderson; judgement by default and order of sale of attached property.

State of Oregon vs. A. M. Rose; ordered that reporter furnish defendant with a transcript of testimony.

John Kinney vs. Hans Lund; settled and dismissed.

Astoria Savings bank vs. F. Olson; dismissed overruled and 20 days allowed in which to answer.

D. K. Warren vs. G. W. Fisher; default and decree.

A chorus composed principally of members from the Finnish and Swedish Lutheran churches, will give a sacred concert in Board & Stokes hall Sunday, January 2, at 8 p.m.

Admission 25 cents for adults, and 15 cents for children. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Swedish Lutheran church.

**CHRISTMAS AT CLATSOP.**

Spicy Letter From Mr. D. F. Stafford on Several Subjects.

Clatsop, Dec. 31.—Editor of the Astorian:—Christmas day is about through with, and the young folks seemed to be having a happy time, and have agreed to meet once more on New Year's eve and watch the passing from the old to the new year, form resolutions of good behavior, etc.

We had a beautiful Christmas tree, and presents were given from the tree, and from the side table to the extent of one or two hundred dollars. The ladies were given a vote of thanks for their labor, which they more than deserved, for it was a beautiful tree.

The school children had some fine recitations, diaconies, etc., in which they showed that they were all learning to speak distinctly—an improvement from two years ago. I should say that Violin West did the best of any of them, for she added grace, a smiling face, and expression, to distinct speaking.

Earl Grider, from the steam shovel, dropped in awhile to view the tree, and get a bag of candy. That steam shovel is quite a good thing. I have seen several of those shovels working before, but never have I seen so good a one as this one. It is being well handled too. I saw one working in San Francisco forty years ago. It took a yard of dirt at each lift, and it made out a minute. It was well handled, and was considered a great thing. This shovel makes three lifts in a minute right along, and if the lift is deep in front of it, it makes four lifts a minute, with one and one-half yards of dirt in each lift, or six times as much as the one I saw in San Francisco could do at its best. To handle the shovel well a crew of men must be all good. The one that runs the shovel must be expert, and have good judgment, as to drop the shovel always in the best place, make quick changes, so as to lose no time; the conductor and engineer of the train must work to have the car to be filled always in place to receive the dirt, in fact every one connected with the work must be all attention and activity.

One thing noticeable these days along the line of railroads is the gentleness like behavior of employees—little or none.

The first lot that was here was not that way as a whole. If a woman went in sight of a job, some one would yell at her. But a woman would be treated as politely any where along this road now by any of the employees, as they would be any where.

There are three logging camps on Callaby lake creek, and these will soon be many logs ready to send to the mill.

One of the ladies of Clatsop went to help adorn the Christmas tree, and left her man at home to keep house and look after the children. He was to get ready a goose for the next day. So to keep the children quiet while he got dinner, he told them they could pick the feathers off the goose. The girl was old, being seven years, and she found that the feathers came a little hard, and being of an inventive turn of mind she studied up another plan, and when the man came to look he found they had

Lady Hagedorn has been an advocate of "feminist" dress for over twenty years. When she began her crusade in favor of divided and short skirts she found but few sympathizers among her own sex. Now, thanks in a measure to cycling and golfing, the viscountess numbers thousands of women among her adherents, especially abroad.

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Miss Alice Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. Chas. Rogers.

Mr. Humphrey of Concord, N. H., who has just celebrated his 80th birthday, has been three times mayor of Concord, was a member of Governor Stearns' council and has been a member of the state board of agriculture since its organization, twenty-seven years ago.

The German emperor has decorated Dr. Mendel Hirsch, son of the late Rabbi S. R. Hirsh of Frankfort-on-the-Main, and director of the Hebrew realschule there, with the order of the Red Eagle, third class.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, December 18th, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Clatsop County, at Astoria, Oregon, on January 29th, 1898, viz:

JOHN J. WALTZ.

H. E. 18318 for the E. 1/4 of S. W. 4 and Lots 6 and 7 of Sec. 6, Tp. 4 N. R. 8 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph J. Lynch, of Astoria, Oregon; Timothy Corcoran, of Mishawaka, Oregon; George Simpson, of Mishawaka, Oregon; and Albert L. Grove, of Mishawaka, Oregon.

CHAS. R. MOORES, Register.

As some natures the mysterious is absolutely definable; to others it is a perfect delight to be surrounded with all that's uncanny and inexplicable. The one object in life of this latter class, then, resolves itself into the fathoming out to some satisfactory conclusion that which has seemed so queer.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says:

"My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by my crop had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles.

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