

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Fair.

AROUND TOWN.

FRIDAY.

Time sheds at last no tears
Over well-kept yards.Try Schilling's Best tea and baking powder.
Hot Scotch and hot Tom and Jerry
at the Office.Bicycle and repair shop at 185 Ninth
street. Charge reasonable.Umbrellas covered and repaired by a
practical workman, at 185 Ninth street.Wickman and Palmberg made the high
scores at the Riverside alleys yesterday.The big steamer Teen Kat, which arrived
down yesterday, had to lighter 750
tons of wheat.P. J. Meany, the leading merchant
tailor, 127 Tenth St. The highest price
paid for fur skins.Dr. Bishop has removed his office and
rooms to 522 Commercial street, over the
Co-operative Grocery Co.It was reported yesterday that Shama-
han Bros. contemplate removing their As-
toria store to Dyke or Skagway.New crop dried fruits, new crop raisins,
figs and assorted nuts—all extra fine
quality, at Ross, Higgins & Co.W. J. Hookard creamery butter received
Wednesday and Saturday at the Par-
lor. Also sweet cream every day.HARPER Whiskey is liquid music, bet-
tled poetry, fire, molasses, refreshing and
delicious. Sold by Ford & Stokes Co.The railroad construction train carried
four carloads of ties and three carloads
of rails to the front yesterday afternoon.The Pawawan was towed down to the
mouth of the river yesterday, but was
brought back again because of the rough
weather.The lighthouse tender Manzanita went
to Portland yesterday. Captain Green
and Mr. John Fox accompanied here on the trip.Plum pudding, cranberries, sweet cider
and a large line of other seasonable
staple and fancy groceries at Ross, Hig-
gins & Co.All kinds of hard and soft cord wood
for sale at the West Shore Wood Yard,
Trullinger's dock. J. A. Abernethy, pro-
prietor. Telephone 65.The Water Commission makes the an-
nouncement that a fine of twenty-five
cents will be imposed on all delinquent
water consumers after the 15th instant.J. H. Seymour has received since the
holidays a new line of fine umbrellas of
the latest styles, which he is offering at
unusually low prices.Engineers Curtis and Jamiwon re-
turned from the front yesterday. The
gap in the railroad grade will soon be
closed, and rail laying is being pushed
rapidly.If you have hides, wool, furs, rag-
bone, or any kind of junk for sale, ship
it to R. M. Gaston, 195 Fourteenth street,
Astoria, Oregon, or write him and he will
call at your place and get it. He
pays cash.Largest and most complete assortment
of light-bearers 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.
Ford & Stokes Co.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 ad-
dress W. L. Dudley, general agent, Hal-
ler building, Seattle, Wash.In the notice of the funeral service of
the late Mrs. Kindred it was inadver-
tently stated in yesterday's issue that the
Port Canby life saving crew bore the re-
sponsibility from the residence to the train.
It should have read the Point Adams life
saving crew—neighbors of Mrs. Kindred,
who kindly offered their services.Captain Green, superintendent of con-
struction of the Thirtieth lighthouse dis-
trict was down yesterday and inspected
lightship No. 59, the repairs on which were
finished, and formally accepted her for
government. She will be put in commis-
sion.

For Bread Alone

You cannot live without bread, but you
cannot live by bread alone. You must
have variety. You can't have good meals
with ordinary or inferior supplies. You
need the best groceries to make your din-
ner the attractive meal you want it to
be. You can get great variety and best
quality meats and groceries at
ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.sion again as soon as the new inspector,
Capt. Geo. C. Riddle, appoints a captain
and crew. The ship will be towed to the
buoy station this morning.The Riverside bowling club is wide
awake in its methods and is determined to
encourage its many patrons as circum-
stances will admit. For the week ending
January 4, two prizes will be award-
ed to the best bowler. The first prize
will be \$5 or its equivalent in goods at any
store in town; second prize \$2.50 in cash
or goods.Court Astoria, No. 8, Foresters of Amer-
ica, installed the following officers last
night: Chief ranger, A. Schroder; sub-
chief ranger, O. P. Rice; recording sec-
retary, G. Gunderson; financial secretary,
J. W. Williams; senior woodward, Chas.
Bicklund; junior woodward, Victor Car-
son; senior bowler, Charles Ring; junior
bowler, Gus Nelson; treasurer, William
Pohl. The installation was followed by a
literary and musical program, after
which everyone partook of a bounteous
repast prepared in honor of the occasion.At the meeting last night of Beaver
Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., the following
officers were installed with due ceremony:
N. G. O'Neil; V. G. O'Neil; W. G. O'Neil;
P. G. O'Neil; S. G. O'Neil; T. G. O'Neil;
J. G. O'Neil; K. G. O'Neil; L. G. O'Neil;
M. G. O'Neil; N. G. O'Neil; O. G. O'Neil;
P. G. O'Neil; Q. G. O'Neil; R. G. O'Neil;
S. G. O'Neil; T. G. O'Neil; U. G. O'Neil;
V. G. O'Neil; W. G. O'Neil; X. G. O'Neil;
Y. G. O'Neil; Z. G. O'Neil.The poultry exhibit at the corner of
Eleventh and Bond streets, will close this
evening. Ribbon awards were made by
Mr. Goodhue and were based on the
score of the winning fowls yesterday.
Mr. Goodhue had also a choice lot of
fowls from the Willamette valley on ex-
hibition, some of which were from his
own yard, and these were also awarded
prizes contrary to expectation. This is
the first exhibit of Clatsop county fowls
and the patronage did not come up to the
expectations, but the exhibit will serve to
stimulate interest in the breeding and
raising of poultry in Clatsop county. Few
are aware that such fine birds have been
produced in this county, and it is safe to
say that no finer blooded fowls are to
be found anywhere in the state. Those
who have not yet visited the exhibit should
do so today, as they will be empty roads.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Since the appointment of Mr. John Fox
as collector of customs at this port, and
the announcement that he proposes to
appoint as his principal deputy F. L.
Parker, and H. G. Smith as chief clerk,
there has been much comment upon the
matter.The position of clerk now held by Mr.
C. L. Houston, is a civil service position;
that of deputy collector is not. Mr. Fox
left the city yesterday morning, and could
not be seen, but it is not believed that
he will attempt to antagonize the civil
service law by putting anyone in Mr.
Houston's place, notwithstanding the
statements made to the contrary. In an
interview with Mr. Houston last evening,
that gentleman stated that he did not in-
tend to resign, as he was not conscious
of in any way having misperformed his
duties. Under the United States law he
is entitled to his position, and he pro-
poses to see if there is any force in the
law or not. The law also specifically pro-
vides that appointments to the position
must be made from the ranks of those
who have passed the civil service exami-
nation. Mr. Smith, who is spoken of for
the position, has not passed such exami-
nation, but there are a dozen others here
who have, and who stand in line for pro-
motion, should Mr. Houston resign. Mr.
Houston is a democrat, but has made a
good official and believes that the law was
made to protect service, and can
not be set aside for partisan rea-
sons. There are a number of
similar cases pending in New
York and San Francisco. It is said, the
outcome of which will be watched with
interest. A number of those who are un-
der Mr. Houston, and stand next in line,
stated yesterday afternoon that they pro-
posed to see what their rights were pro-
tected or whether they had any rights.Those who are in a position to speak
say they do not think Mr. Fox, who is now
in Portland, contemplates any action an-
tagonistic to the law, but the rumor has
created considerable excitement in certain
quarters and no end of interest through-
out the community.

COUNTY COURT.

In the county court yesterday title on
the general fund and on the public road
fund were examined and allowed.
In the matter of the tax purchase of
property assessed to the Union Road Es-
tate and Improvement Company, J. K.
Kelly, an order was made extending
the time heretofore fixed for the above
parties to appear until Wednesday, Feb-
ruary 9, at 2 o'clock p. m.In the matter of the purchase of the
northeast quarter of section 9, township
6 north, range 6 west, sold for delinquent
taxes for 1895, when the receiver's re-
ceipt was only issued June 29, 1897, the
land being government land at the time
of the tax sale, it was ordered by the
court that the tax purchase be cancelled.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Dr. Belle J. Macdonald begs to announce
to her patients and friends the comple-
tion of arrangements for receiving and
treating, at her home, cases, both medi-
cal and surgical, of nervous and uterine
disease.Dr. Macdonald has had 10 years experi-
ence in the neurological departments of
Madison Hospital, New York Poly-
clinic, and Woman's Medical College of
the New York Infirmary. She is thor-
oughly equipped with modern appliances,
electricity, etc., for the treatment of all
forms of nervous diseases and those pe-
culiar to women.Office and residence, 125 Thirtieth
street, near Washington, Portland, Ore.Office hours from 2 to 4 o'clock p. m.,
and by appointment.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Committee Appointed by Mayor Ber-
gman—Business Transacted.The city council met in regular session
last night at 7:30. A number of specia-
lized were present to witness the first meet-
ing of the new council as changed by the
last city election. The session, including
the mayor's chair, used by the old fami-
liar figures who had helped to guide the
destiny of the city for several years past,
were filled by the newly-elected members.
Mayor Bergman presided. All the mem-
bers of the council were present.A petition from Viola Kait for the re-
mittance of extra taxes on lot 3, block 30,
sold for non-payment of assessments,
was read and referred to the ways and
means committee.A communication from the secretary of
the Riverside bowling alley, Public
bowling alley, and the Bulletin bowling
alley, asking for a reduction of license
on public bowling alleys, was referred to
the committee on health and police.A communication from City Treasurer
Carney was read, which stated that on
examining the books of that office, which
were turned over to him, he found that
they had not been kept in a systematic
manner for years, and in justice to him-
self asked that they be kept and that
the amount of money which he received
from the ex-treasurer be properly ac-
counted to the respective funds to which
it belongs. From the books as they stand
at present it is impossible to determine
the true status of the various accounts.
No blame was attached to any one, but
the new treasurer proposed to start right
and open a proper set of books. The
matter was referred to the committee on
ways and means for immediate action.The committee on ways and means re-
ported favorably on the communication
of J. S. Dellinger, asking for payment of
certain bills, and recommended that a
warrant be drawn on the general fund
as requested. Adopted.A report of the committee on streets
and public ways recommending the pay-
ment of \$500 to the West Shore Mills for
the month of December was read and the
bill ordered paid.The report of Treasurer Carr was in
motion, laid over till the next meeting in
order to have the report of the auditor
on the same accompany it.The report of the treasurer of the pub-
lic library showing disbursements, was
read and referred to the ways and means
committee.A motion to suspend the order of busi-
ness and refer back to the committee on
health and police was passed.A communication from the health and
police committee recommending the ap-
plication of Frank Lindstrom for a liquor
license was adopted.An ordinance appropriating \$25 out of
the general fund in payment of the sala-
ries of the mayor and councilmen for the
year 1897, was read first and second times.An ordinance authorizing the mayor and
auditor and police judge to issue and sell
street bonds for the improvement of
fourteenth street, between Jerome and
Bond streets passed the third reading un-
der suspension of the rules.An ordinance authorizing the auditor
and police judge to issue street bonds for
the improvement of Irving avenue, be-
tween Fifteenth and Eleventh streets,
passed the third reading under suspension
of the rules.An ordinance providing for the collection
of assessments remaining unpaid on
Thirtieth street to Thirty-fifth and
Harrison avenue, was read first and second
times.An ordinance authorizing the issuance
of warrants for the collection of assess-
ments remaining unpaid for the construc-
tion of the drain in McClure's Astoria,
was read first and second times.An ordinance authorizing the issuance
of warrants for the collection of assess-
ments remaining unpaid on the Bond
street improvement, was read first and
second times.It was moved that the rules be sus-
pended and the ordinance called up ap-
propriating \$25 out of the general fund
in payment of the salary of the mayor
and councilmen for the year 1897. The
motion was carried and the ordinance
passed under suspension of the rules.A resolution appointing J. H. Mansell,
W. L. Robb and P. H. Helman a board
of assessors for the ensuing year was
read and adopted.A resolution authorizing the auditor
and police judge to give due and legal no-
tice for the establishment of the grade in
Columbia avenue and Alameda avenue,
in Emmons, was adopted.A number of bills were read and re-
ferred to the proper committee, and the
bills reported on favorably, including one
for supplies for the treasurer's office.
were ordered paid.Mayor Bergman then announced the
following committees to serve for the
ensuing term:
Ways and means—Brix, McGee and
Trullinger.
Public property—Clason, Goddard and
Parker.
Health and police—Brix, Trullinger and
Lutinger.Streets and public ways—Goddard, Han-
sen and Trullinger.
Fire and water—Hansen, Thompson and
Trullinger.
Wharves and water frontage—Clason,
Parker and Thompson.It was moved and seconded that the or-
der of business be suspended and the
council refer back to resignations. The
motion was carried.A communication was read from City
Attorney Allen asking for the purchase
of a stock for the city hall, the old one
having been in use many days. A motion was
passed that the request be granted.
Mr. Frank L. Parker was then put in
nomination for president of the council
and elected unanimously.
Council adjourned.

IN OLDEN TIMES

People overlooked the importance of per-
manently beneficial effects and were sat-
isfied with transient action; but now it is
generally known that Syrup of Figs will
permanently overcome habitual constipa-
tion, well-informed people will not buy
other laxatives, which act for a time, but
finally injure the system. Buy the genu-
ine, made by the California Fig Syrup
Company.

PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION.

One of the most earnest and enthus-
iastic meetings of the Astoria Progressive
Commercial Association was held last
evening.After the routine of the minutes of the
previous meeting, President Dunbar
arose, and with a few well-chosen re-
marks presented his successor, Mr. Harry
Hamblet, with due grace. Mr. Hamblet
responded with a brief speech, stating
that his "views" for the good of the as-
sociation were too numerous to give out on
one, single occasion, and he would divide
them into fifty-two chapters—one chapter
for each meeting night in the year. He
spoke of the good things the Association
could and would do in the future, as it
had laid a substantial foundation in the
past, and exhorted the members to boost
their energies to the task of bringing
about a new and better condition of busi-
ness affairs in the city.In the absence of the secretary, Mr.
Harrison Allen, Mr. E. J. Smith acted in
that capacity.As the report of the treasurer, Mr.
Van Dusen, the time was occupied
with a general discussion of matters to
be taken up by the association in the im-
mediate future.Mr. Picken announced that a special
steamer had been secured for a trip from
Astoria to Skagway and Dyke in the in-
terests of local merchants and on com-
munion. It was resolved that the association
lend its efforts towards securing business
for the new enterprise. Mr. Picken fur-
ther stated that it was hoped the steamer
would be a permanent feature of trans-
portation between this city and Alaska.Many members stated that they were
having letter-heads and stationery printed
with the association cuts on the
locks, and were highly pleased with the
result.Altogether the meeting was a decided
success, which speaks well for the as-
sociation in starting in on the new year.

ASTORIA-ALASKA LINE.

An enterprise of great importance to
Astoria was inaugurated yesterday. A
steamer line to Alaska to handle local
business has been established. While
only one steamer has been chartered, the
entering wedge has been started, and
other steamers will follow.Yesterday afternoon Mr. M. M. Picken
by telegraph chartered the steamer Pro-
tection of San Francisco and will use her
in the Alaska service from this port. She
will be placed in the possession January
25, and is now taking contracts for space
from local business houses.This is no doubt the introduction to the
proposed tramp line of steamers from
San Francisco, which will, if possible, be
induced to stop at this port. The large
steamers, since all they can do to take
care of the shipments of stock and out-
fits and have been compelled to refuse
thousands of feet of lumber and other
freight. Even smaller vessels are hard
to secure, as the condition of traffic on
the Pacific coast has never been better.Before the season is over it is safe to
say that vessels of all descriptions will
be at a premium.

NO FAITH CURE

About Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
They Cure Stomach Troubles and Indi-
gestion. Anyway! Whether You Have
Faith in Them or Not.All physicians agree that the element
of Faith has a great deal to do in the
cure of diseases.First belief and confidence in a family
physician, or the same confidence and
faith in a potent medicine, have produced
remarkable cures in all ages.This is especially true in nervous trou-
bles, and no field offers so potent a bar-
rier for the quick and chaste, as the
dyspepsia arising from a weak or run down
nervous system.Nevertheless, the most common of all
diseases (indigestion and stomach trou-
bles), which in turn cause nervous dis-
eases, heart troubles, consumption and
loss of flesh, requires something besides
faith to cure.More faith will not digest your food for
you, will not give you an appetite, will
not increase your flesh and strengthen
your nerves and heart, but Stuart's Dys-
pepsia Tablets will do these things, be-
cause they are composed of the elements
of digestion, they contain the juices, acids
and peptones necessary to the digestion
and assimilation of all wholesome food.Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest
food if placed in a jar or bottle in water
leaving it 18 degrees, and they will do
it much more effectively when taken into
the stomach after meals, whether you
have faith that they will or not.They invigorate the stomach, make pure
blood and strong nerves, in the only way
that nature can do it, and that is, by
plenty of wholesome food well digested.
It is not what we eat, but what we digest
that does us good.Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are sold by
druggists at 50 cents for full sized package.
Little book on cause and cure of stom-
ach troubles mailed free by addressing
Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.A well-known hotel man declares that
his favorite hymn is "Able With Me."Northern Pacific railroad trains leave
Portland daily at 11 o'clock a. m. for
Tacoma, Spokane, and the East. Close
connection made at Spokane for Rose-
land, Nelson, Sandow and British Col-
umbia mining camps. For maps and
information call on or address
C. W. STONE,
Astoria, Or.Is there anything more awful than that
sense of sudden "conscience" that comes
when you find you have lost your pocket-
book?

WHEAT.

On June 25 wheat sold at 63¢. It has
since sold at 61¢. Difference, 2¢, or
\$2.50 on 10,000 bushels. \$100 would have
made this amount by our system of joint
investment accounts since June 25. Why
not try this system and increase your
income? Amounts of \$20 and upwards
received.Our information is of such a character
and from such source as to make it en-
tirely reliable. Write for particulars. J.
G. Knowlton & Co., grain brokers, 302
California street, San Francisco.

ONE ENJOYS

Both the method and results when
Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant
and refreshing to the taste, and acts
gently yet promptly on the kidneys,
Liver and Bowels, cleanses the sys-
tem effectually, dispels colds, head-
aches and fevers, and cures habitual
constipation. Syrup of Figs is the
only remedy of its kind ever pro-
duced, pleasing to the taste and ac-
ceptable to the stomach, prompt in
its action and truly beneficial in its
effects, prepared only from the most
healthy and agreeable substances,
its many excellent qualities com-
mend it to all and have made it the
most popular remedy known.Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50
cent bottles by all leading drug-
gists. Any reliable druggist who
may not have it on hand will pro-
cure it promptly for any one who
wishes to try it. Do not accept any
substitute.CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N.Y.

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.ASTORIA SCHOOL OF SUGGESTIVE
THERAPEUTICS.Established for the Treatment of all
Functional and Nervous Diseases.NEURALGIA and RHEUMATISM,
Asthma, Obstructive Constipation, Dyspep-
sia, Hysteria, 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.W. I. HOWARD, M. D.,
Medical Director.
536 Commercial Street.

QUARTERLY LICENSE NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all 40¢ li-
censes for the year ending December 31,
1897, and all the provisions of ordinance
No. 189, and all team, billiard, pool, bow-
ling alleys, theatres, pawnbrokers, hotel,
summer, peddler, laundry and other quar-
terly licenses ending March 31, 1898, under
the provisions of ordinance No. 189, are
now due and payable to the chief of po-
lice, at his office, and if not paid within
ten days from the final publication of the
notice, to wit: Within ten days from
Friday, January 14, 1898, a penalty of 25
per cent will be added to such licenses.H. E. NELSON,
Auditor and Police Judge.
Astoria, Oregon, January 4, 1898.A Narrow
Margin.Is all we are asking
on our stock ofLadies' and Gents'
Boots and Shoes

Our goods are warranted.

479 Commercial Street John...
Hahn & Co.LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S
Underwear

MADE TO ORDER

Latest Styles
Thorough Workmanship
Prices LowJames Murphy
420 Commercial Street.WHITE COLLAR LINE
Columbia River and Puget Sound Naviga-
tion Co.Steamer "Bailey Gatzert" leaves Astoria
daily, except Sunday, 7 p. m. Leaves Port
land daily, except Sunday, 7 a. m.
"Bailey Gatzert" tickets good on "Bailey
Gatzert."U. B. Scott, President.
E. A. Seelye, Agent, Portland.
C. W. Stone, Agent, Astoria.
Telephone No. 11.Emil Schacht
ARCHITECTRooms 317-318
Portland Savings Bank Bldg.
Portland, Oregon.LUBRICATING
OILS
A SPECIALTY
Fisher
Brothers
ASTORIA...SHIP CHANDLERY
HARDWARE
IRON AND STEEL
COAL
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS
FLOUR AND MILL FEED
PAINTS, OILS AND VARNISHES
LOGGERS' SUPPLIES
PAINTERS' SUPPLIES
DOORS AND WINDOWS
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS
WAGONS AND VEHICLESThe
Choicest
Table Wines...For Families
Also for Medicinal and
Cooking PurposesPrivate Stock, Cream Rye, Old Hickory,
Pride of Kentucky and Henneberg; Rep-
resented California Brandy.Carlson's Family Liquor Store
108 TWELFTH STREET

SEASIDE SAWMILL

A complete stock of lumber on hand
in the rough or dressed. Flooring, rus-
tic, ceiling and all kinds of finish; mold-
ings and shingles. Terms reasonable
and prices at bedrock. All orders
promptly attended to. Office and yard
at mill.H. F. L. LOGAN,
Proprietor.U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, PORTLAND,
Oregon, January 1, 1898. Replied propo-
sals for constructing lock, dam, etc.,
in Yamhill river, Oregon, will be re-
ceived here until 12 m., February 1,
1898, and then publicly opened. Informa-
tion furnished on application W. L.
Fish, Captain Engineers.

Astoria Iron Works

Front Street, foot of Fourth, Astoria.
GENERAL MACHINISTS
AND BOILER MAKERSLand and Marine Engines, Boiler Work,
Steamboat and Canoe Work a spe-
cialty. Castings of all descriptions
made to order on short notice.John Fox, President and Superintendent
A. L. Fox, Vice President
O. B. Prall, Secretary
Astoria Savings Bank, TreasurerOriental Novelties
Japanese Goods
WING LEE.343 Commercial Street
Next to Madison's Cigar StandMarble and Granite
MONUMENTSL. HOFF & MINAR,
1212 Madison St., Portland, Or.

ALL KINDS OF CEMETERY WORK.

NOTICE OF FILING ASSESSMENT

For the improvement of Eighth and
Seventh streets, from Grand avenue to
Ray avenue.Notice is hereby given that the assess-
ment roll containing the special assess-
ment for the improvement of Eighth and
Seventh streets from Grand avenue to
Ray avenue, known and designated as
"Young's Bay Improvement No. 1," has
been filed in the office of the auditor and
police judge, and is now open for inspec-
tion, and will so remain open until the
15th day of January, 1898, prior to which
time all objections to such assessment
roll must be filed in writing with the au-
ditor and police judge.