

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Occasional rain. AROUND TOWN. TUESDAY.

With the lace-dresser white on the meadow, The clematis twining its wreath, Purple the grape in the cluster and ripened The corn in its sheath.

Try Rostly coal, Elmora, Sanborn Co. You always find the best candies at the Parlor.

J. O. Hanthorn left for Portland yesterday evening. The Elder crossed out for San Francisco yesterday.

Finest candies ever seen in Astoria at the Parlor. Mrs. P. Shea left on a visit to Portland yesterday.

The Columbia, from San Francisco, arrived in Astoria yesterday. The Parlor is still the leading confectionary in Astoria.

The British ship Westcomb Park was towed to Portland Sunday. Herman Wise and family left last night for a short visit in Portland.

Mrs. G. M. Curran and family were visitors in the city yesterday. Mrs. J. N. Laws and daughter, Miss Maggie, are visiting in Portland.

Representatives Young and Curtis returned to Salem Sunday evening. Money to loan in amounts to suit the borrower. Apply to Ferguson Bros.

Fred Crosby, of the Parker house, went to Portland Sunday to visit the expedition. The Mammoth left out yesterday with supplies for the lightship and Tillamook rock.

Hay and grain for sale; best quality. See Susman, Ninth street, below Commercial. Mrs. O. Sovey returned yesterday from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Freeman, of Portland.

Fish Commissioner McGuire arrived down from Portland yesterday and returned in the evening. Dr. Finch has removed his office to Fourteenth and Commercial streets, opposite Ford & Stokes.

W. F. McGregor went to Lafayette Sunday night, at which place his firm has a large government contract. The British ship Metropolis, wheat laden, arrived down from Portland in tow of the Queen Sunday.

Three cases of drunkenness were tried by Police Judge Nelson yesterday and the usual fines were imposed.

A row load of salmon from McDougal's Chinook cannery was landed on the O. R. & N. dock yesterday for shipment.

The trial of George and William Holmes on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon will come up in the circuit court today.

Don't take the time to go home when you can enjoy a fine merchants' lunch at Bartley's National. Beer or coffee served with lunch.

James Ellsworth returned yesterday afternoon from a hunting trip up the river, bringing home about a dozen fine, large mallard ducks.

The steamer Harrison made another attempt yesterday to reach Nehalem, but came back to port again, the weather being too rough.

For Sale, 100 tons of Roslyn coal; the finest house and steam coal ever brought to Astoria. Elmora, Sanborn Co., Telephone, Main 5-1.

The case of Wilson vs. Estes was on trial in the circuit court yesterday before a jury. The plaintiff brings suit for \$5 per day.

Mrs. C. U. Newman, a first class dressmaker, would like to sew in families. She can be found at 128 Twelfth street, or addressed at Warrenton.

It was stated yesterday that the Elmora had left Nehalem for this city, but, as the weather had been very heavy outside, it is likely she put back to port again.

The infant child of M. K. Anderson, of East Astoria, died Sunday evening, after a short illness. The burial will take place today in Greenwood cemetery.

A double suite of rooms for three or four gentlemen or a married couple, with or without board; also light and pleasant single rooms in "The Rucker House."

Regular communication of Temple Lodge, No. 7, A. F. and A. M., this evening. Work in P. C. degree. Visiting brethren in good standing welcomed.

The government steamer Mendell arrived from Portland Sunday, having in tow two barges loaded with sand for Fort Stevens. The Mendell will hereafter be engaged in this work.

The steamer Belshaw arrived from Goble yesterday with a raft of piling for the railroad company. The Belshaw also took a large load of cordwood to the Brookfield cannery on the way down.

The Columbine left out yesterday with building material for the lighthouse at Point No Point. The Columbine will call at Gray's harbor on the way north and will remain on the Sound for two or three weeks.

The Astoria Street Railway company is making extensive repairs to several of the cars, one of which, No. 6, an electric headlight has been placed. New headlights will be placed on all the cars during the winter.

Miss Mamie Cronen, of Nehalem, will be one of the trained nurses who will graduate at the training school of St. Vincent's hospital at Portland today. Her many friends in this city will be much pleased to learn of her success.

A first-class fish and poultry market has been opened by George C. Elio at 11 Bond street. He solicits a share of Astoria's patronage and guarantees satisfaction to all patrons. His prices are lower than any similar stand in the city.

Mrs. G. W. Lounsberry, who has been ill for some time, is improving. Me-vyn Lounsberry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lounsberry, is ill with typhoid fever but shows signs of improving yesterday morning. Mr. Lounsberry and family have the sympathy of their numerous friends.

Many of the residents of East Astoria are making extensive improvements to their homes, and that progressive portion of the city is unusually active. The recent construction of new streets there has opened up considerable new property and several new buildings are being erected. The East End is rapidly forging ahead.

The fleet of foreign shipping laying at Sand island, weather-bound, nearly all put to sea Sunday and yesterday. The vessels that crossed out Sunday were the Garnet Hill, Braemar, the schooner Web-foot, John Cook, and the South Portland. The Chan Mackenzie, Windelbraut and Duntrune crossed out yesterday and the Larco Bay will probably put to sea today.

"You Astorians should never level off those hills," said a visitor yesterday. "They will make the finest residence property on the coast. Never mind a sea-wall. Drive piling along the city front, pump the mud out of the river and fill in south of the piling. That would give you all the level property that will be needed for 50 years. The heights are the best part of Astoria."

Durward Lely, the great tenor, appears at the Marquam in Portland, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Mr. Lely, who is accompanied by Mrs. Lely, is considered one of the very finest tenors in the world, and his coming to Portland affords Astorians a rare opportunity to hear him—an opportunity which may never come again. Mr. and Mrs. Lely will appear in recitals of Scottish song and story. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Philharmonic and Scotch societies.

Farmer Courseth, of Jewell, came to town yesterday in his wagon, attached to which was a fine team of bays. The horses were left standing at Ford & Stokes' store, from which place they started down Commercial street. They made pretty good time for Clatsop county travelers and had a clear path down the city's principal business street. They ran to First street and then turned down to Bond, where they were stopped. The wagon was not at all damaged.

There is hardly a steamer on the coast that has gone through such a chapter of accidents as the Miami, now laying inside the O. R. & N. dock. Scarcely a week passes that the steamer is not in trouble of some kind. Saturday last the captain was notified that his services were no longer required, which caused all of the crew to quit. The Miami is partially loaded with cannery supplies for the Siletz river, and was waiting for the weather to moderate before putting to sea.

The latest bulletin issued at the A. F. C. shows that Albert Funge is thus far in the lead in the bowling contest for the Herman Wise medals. His average is 42-10. B. P. Allen is a close second, with 41-3. For the women Mrs. Normie is thus far in the lead, with an average of 26-5-4. The daily records for the past week follow: Monday—C. H. Cooper, 67; Mrs. Normie, 60. Tuesday—L. R. Burroughs, 67; Mrs. Sine, 63. Wednesday—C. H. Cooper, 57; Mrs. Ingalis, 63. Thursday—C. H. Cooper, 56. Friday—Burroughs and Cooper, 56. Mrs. Ingalis, 58. Saturday—Burroughs and C. H. Higgins, 61; Mrs. Wise, 60.

Wednesday afternoon the people happening to be at the train waiting station rather novel and interesting scene. When the train pulled into the station two young people rapidly descended the our steps and entered the parlors of Station Agent Jordan, who resides in the depot building. Probate Judge M. Breda accompanied them. The lady and gentleman who entered the depot were Miss Olive V. Long of Astoria, Oregon, and Clyde R. Hervey, of Spokane; the lady and gentleman who emerged from the depot are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Hervey. The newly wedded couple catch board the train and went on their way rejoicing—Rathdrum (Ida) Blade.

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Trunks, Valises, Shoes, Blankets, in fact everything in our line of moving prices on and they will move beyond question. We are not going to pay freight to Portland on our stock if prices can help it.

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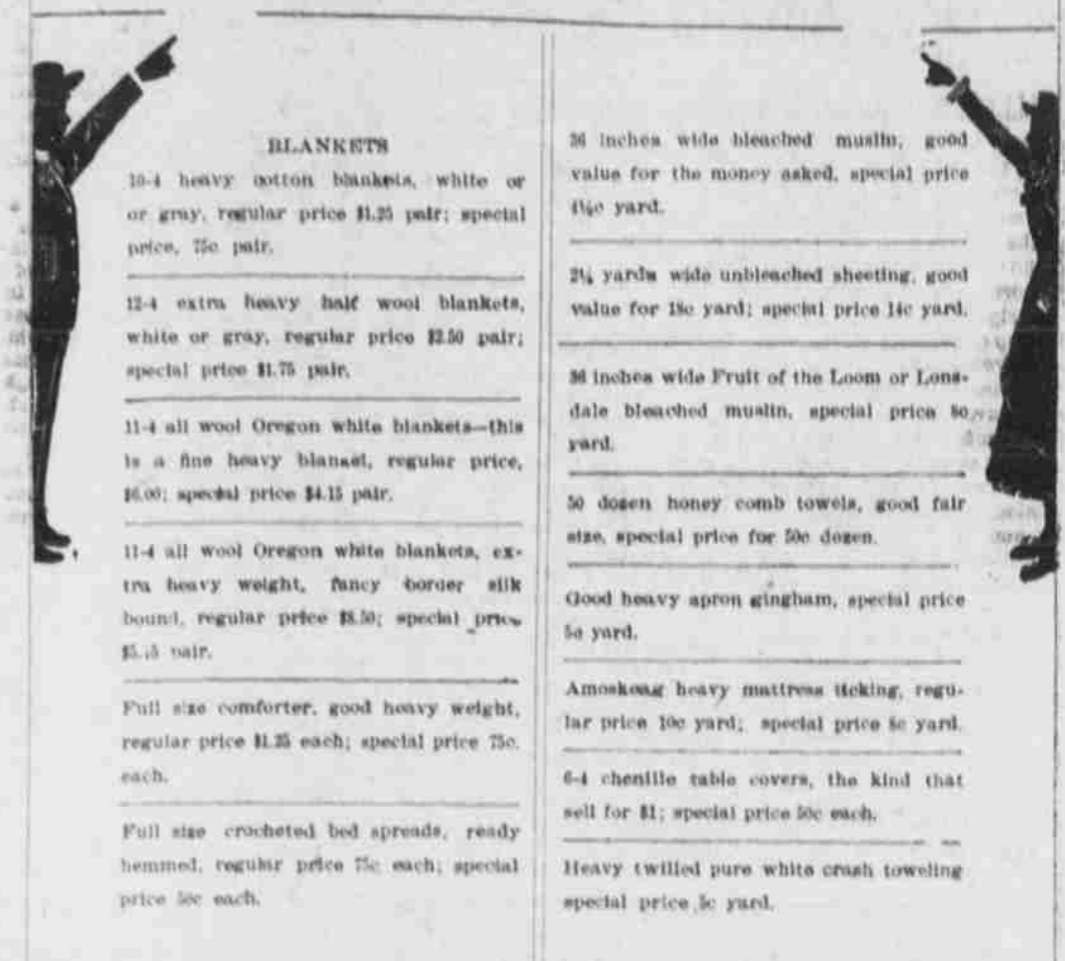
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SPECIAL :: DRIVES

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SHANAHAN BROTHERS THE PLACE TO GET BARGAINS.

Report of the Condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Astoria.

Table with financial data for the First National Bank of Astoria, including assets, liabilities, and capital.

THE LAND OF PLENTY



ROSS, HIGGINS & CO

THE BEE HIVE has a well selected line of stylish winter wraps, jackets, cloth and plush capes and, of course, at the very lowest prices. Before purchasing your outer winter garments, come and see these.

Try them on---It will be strange if you are not suited; and as to hats, you can have anything you may wish as to price, quality and style.

FOR COLD WEATHER

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Very Few people come back for their money. Why? Schilling's Best suits them.

Moving Prices For CASH Only

Nothing Convinces people more than prices. We might assert and talk until doomsday and make no impression, but when we leave a few dollars jingling in your pocket, that's different.

MEN'S HATS. Stiff and soft hats, in all shades, worth from \$1 to \$1.25, now 80 cents. Stiff and soft hats, in all shades, worth from \$1.50 to \$2.00, now \$1.25.

MEN'S PANTS. Pants is something that everybody knows all about, and yet the styles are so varied that an adequate description is impossible; we have regular sizes, extra long, extra short, extra waist, extra fine and extra cheap pants. Pants wear out quicker than your coat or vest; you will soon need a pair of pants, come to see us, let us leave a saving of \$1 or \$2 in your pants.

Boys' and Children's Suits. Have hardly anything left in cheap Cassimeres and never kept shoddy suitings, all we have is a large number of the best grades of boys' and children's suits, but since we've cut the prices you might as well buy your boy a fine suit and make him feel good.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR. Grey cotton shirts or drawers, \$1.50 \$1.25. Natural Wool Shirts or Drawers, 1.25 90. Camels Hair Shirts or Drawers, 75 45. Ribbed Woolen Shirts or Drawers, 1.00 70.

MEN'S OVERCOATS. Regular Moving Price. Men's light overcoat, \$19.00 \$14.00. Men's black clay worsted, \$11.50 \$9.00. Men's grey worsted, \$14.00 \$10.00. Men's grey ribbed, very fine, \$15.00 \$12.50. Men's brown Kersey, \$13.50 \$11.50. Men's brown cheviot, \$15.00 \$12.00. Men's chocolate color melton, \$10.00 \$8.00.

ODD SUITS. We have about 30 men's suits, mostly small sizes and light colors, worth from \$19 to \$45, but you can afford to keep one for next spring or even wear one now for everyday use, at the ridiculous price of \$4.75 per suit; nothing the matter with them except they are small sizes; that's where the small man gets in.

MEN'S SUITS. Before deciding on this removal we purchased an enormous assortment of suits in all colors and styles, made up to please but every one of them splendid suits must be sold. Here are a few figures: Regular Moving Price. Men's Black Clay Suits, \$15.00 \$11.50. Men's Mixed Wool Cheviot, \$15.00 7.15. Men's cheviot, blue mixture, \$12.50 9.25. Men's Cheviot, brown mixture, \$12.50 9.25. Men's Satin Lined Black Worsteds, \$15.00 9.15. Men's Blue Clay Worsteds, \$10.00 7.15. Men's Blue, extra fine, \$17.50 12.75. Men's Grey Clay, \$11.50 8.50. Men's very fine fancy mixed suits, \$17.50 12.25. Men's extra fine Worsteds, \$23.50 \$22.50 \$16.50. Cheviots, \$23.50 \$22.50 \$16.50. Dozens of other grades, worth from \$7.50 to \$35.00, reduced in the same proportion.

SUNDRIES. All Men's 50 cent ties now 25 cents. All Men's 25 cent ties now 12 cents. All Men's 50 cent socks now 35 cents. All Men's 25 cent socks now 2 for 50 cents. All Men's 15 cent socks now 3 for 25 cents. All Men's 10 cent socks now 5 cents.

RUBBER MACKINTOSHES. We have only about three dozen men's mackintoshes left, but the price will reduce them to zero; rather a cold statement, but these are hot times.

Herman Wise .. The .. Reliable Clothier