

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

We are informed that certain parties are purchasing some of the old Jensen Can-filling Machines, with a view to repairing them by supplying any missing, worn or broken parts, and again putting them to use for packing salmon.

A recent legal decision of high authority has been rendered to the effect that to supply one or all of the above cannot be lawfully done without consent of the patent owner.

We are the sole owner by purchase of the Jensen Patent for these machines, and public notice is hereby given that any and all persons who undertake to so repair or use these old machines will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Good Things for This Week

- New line of Flush and Cloth Capes, at less than cost. Jackets sacrificed. No reserve. New line Handkerchiefs, 5 and 10 cents, worth 15 and 20 cents. Silk Flush 25 cents, value for 30 and 40 cents.

McAllen & McDonnell

47-49 Commercial Street, ASTORIA. 12-14 Third Street, PORTLAND, OR.

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Merchant Tailor and Exporter of Furs.

Highest Cash Price Paid for Fur Skins. Tenth and Commercial Sts. Astoria, Or.

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Occasional rain. AROUND TOWN.

Tr. Goslyn coal, Elmore, Sanborn Co. Candies 10 cents a pound at the Parlor.

Largest assortment Xmas tree ornaments at the Parlor.

Mrs. M. J. Kinney, of this city, is visiting in Portland for a few days.

Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun restaurant, 22 Commercial street.

All holiday goods at reduced prices. Mrs. A. Rappley, 125 Tenth street.

For Rent—Two or three furnished rooms for housekeeping, 125 Tenth street.

For Rent—Two or three furnished rooms for housekeeping at 25 Tenth street.

The Ivy Leaf social club will give a whist party at No. 1 engine house this evening.

Miss Ethel Hunter and Mrs. Stout, of Ilwaco, are in the city on a short visit with friends.

Best California wine, 50 cents per gallon. Alex Gilbert, sole agent for Astoria. Telephone 53.

NOVELTIES IN CHATELAIN AND MONEY BAGS, PURSES, ETC., AT C. H. COOPER'S.

Wallend coal and coke is the best for domestic purposes. For sale by the Astoria Gas Light Co.

There will be a social tonight at the Salvation Army hall. After the meeting coffee and cake will be served.

The Chrysothemum and Wiegand and Forget-me-nots and Wisterias are scheduled to bowl Monday night.

Don't pay high prices. See the Parlor for Xmas candies, warranted as pure and as good quality as any in the city and lower prices.

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

SEE THE HANDSOME SILK PETTICOATS MADE OF TAFFETTA SILK, \$2.50 TO \$10 EACH. C. H. COOPER, ASTORIA, OREGON.

For Rent—Dwelling house containing nine rooms, with all modern improvements; located in a good neighborhood. Address A. Astorian office.

I have the largest assortment of perfumes for Christmas ever brought to Astoria; from 5-cent goods to the highest grades. Charles Rogers, druggist.

At the Baptist church tomorrow the theme of the morning will be "Fulfilling the Word of God; that of the evening sermon, "Destroying the Word of God."

AT C. H. COOPER'S STORE YOU WILL FIND MANY USEFUL AND ELEGANT PRESENTS SUITABLE FOR THE PRESENT HOLIDAY SEASON.

The announcement that the football game at Fort Stevens would take place on Christmas day was an error. The game will come off on Monday, December 22. The by-laws of the Astoria Football Club prohibit its teams from participating in Sunday contests.

The popularity of the merchant's lunch served by Mr. George Bartley at the National is growing daily, and many business men can be found there every day for their midday meal. The lunches set by Mr. Bartley are the finest in the city.

CLEARANCE SALE.

P. J. Goodman & Co. offer their entire stock of Boots and Shoes at prices never before heard of in Astoria. Sale will continue until the present stock is disposed of as we need room for a New Stock ordered from eastern factories. We offer ladies \$3 and \$4 shoes at \$1 and \$1.50 per pair. Misses and children's shoes in proportion. 30 per cent off on men's shoes. For proof of the above see our bargain tables.

P. J. GOODMAN & CO.

205 Commercial Street, Sign of Red Boot.

Chief of Police Hallock yesterday sold the delinquent property for the improvement of Bond street, between Forty-second and Forty-fifth, and Duane street, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-seventh, in East Astoria. City Assessor Alben, for the city, bought in all the property.

A slight improvement in the condition of Miss Martha Goulter, who is dangerously ill in the hospital, was reported yesterday, and friends at her bedside now entertain hopes for her recovery. Her condition is still serious, however, but the chances for an improvement are much better.

W. A. Gaines' private stock whiskey, handled exclusively in Astoria by John L. Carlson, is one of the most popular beverages sold. Its purity and quality are guaranteed, and it is especially recommended for family use. It is sold in any quantity at the corner of Twelfth and Bond streets.

The torpedo boat Davis, in command of Captain Patterson and with a crew of 20 employees of the Wolf & Zwicker iron works, will leave Portland at 6:30 this morning on her voyage to Mare Island. J. E. Wolf and A. Zwicker will accompany the vessel to California. Captain Patterson will be relieved here by Captain Thomas Neal.

Mrs. Ingalls won the final contest for the Wilson medal yesterday afternoon, with the excellent total of 128. Her scores were good throughout, being 20, 45, 45 and 18. Owing to the disagreeable weather, there were but few contestants. The trophy is now the property of Mrs. Ingalls. This is the second medal she has won at the A. P. alleys.

The Oriental liner Columbia, the registry of which has been changed from British to American, is loading at Portland and is expected down the river Sunday. The Portland customs officials have measured the Columbia to determine her tonnage, and under the American measurement, she is 131 tons larger than under British measurement. Her dimensions now are: Length, 224; beam, 32; depth of hold, 11; gross tonnage, 206; net tonnage, 124. The Columbia is the smallest steamship plying between Astoria and the Orient, and was made an American vessel so as to be able to engage in the Philippine trade. She will take on a full cargo at Portland for Oriental ports.

It is understood that Councilman Robb, of the committee on wharves and waterfrontage, to which body was referred the resolution accusing Street Superintendent Killing of prevarication in the matter of killing wild animals, will recommend to the council at the next meeting that the city attorney be instructed to apply to the circuit court for a writ of injunction restraining said official from telling any more coguar stories. Complaint has been made by persons owning property in the outskirts of the city that "Tom" has slain wild animals on their lots, and that their property has been stained red from the blood of the slaughtered animals. City Attorney Allen, who has a weakness for bright red, has signified his intention of purchasing two of the stained lots.

Captain Randall, of the tug Relief, yesterday received orders to take his vessel to San Francisco. The Relief will undergo a thorough overhauling. Her boilers are in need of repairs, and a few slight alterations will be made in other portions of her machinery. She will leave out today, it is thought. The Relief is a tug boat of the Relief class, the coast and has been in constant service here for several years past. While she is being repaired the tug Sea King, another of Spreckels' boats, will take her place. The Sea King left San Francisco Thursday for Astoria and is expected today. The Relief will require about a month's work. The Sea King is also a good vessel and the service will not be impaired during her stay.

In voting against the motion to suspend the rules and place the hat ordinance on its final passage Thursday night, Councilman Brix did not necessarily signify his intention of opposing the measure. Unanimous consent of all the members of council is necessary to suspension of the rules, and Mr. Brix voted in the negative because, as he explained at the time, he thought the measure should not be rushed through. He said he believed the ordinance a good one, and there is no doubt that he will vote for it when it comes up at the next session. Alderman Fulton thought Mr. Brix had presented his wife with a new hat, but the gentleman from the Third ward assured the council that his objection was not due to this reason. Mr. Hansen, father of the measure, is a single man, and it is said of him that he has no consideration for his married brothers in the council. He blames it all on Manager Selig, of Fisher's, who, he says, requested the introduction of the ordinance.

A philanthropic movement has been instituted in Portland in connection with the city board of charities, called the board of "friendly visitors." The aim of which is to cultivate a personal friendship with the destitute and ignorant, in order to help them to the right way of living, physically as well as mentally and morally. Practical cooking and sanitary conditions will be introduced into destitute households with the greatest tact. The board is composed of some of the wealthiest and most prominent ladies in Portland, and is non-sectarian in its membership. Each woman is given one or two families to look after, investigate their condition and when necessary, call upon the board of charities for pecuniary assistance. The objects of the board are rather more of sympathy and enlightenment and the teaching to families of self-support than material assistance. Abandoned mothers are made special objects of attention by those ladies, whose real sympathies, kind hearts, and enlightened understanding are calculated to arouse new interest in the ignorant and unfortunate. The members of the board meet every 15 days for the purpose of comparing notes and offering suggestions for improvement. The new society in Portland is an accepted institution in many of the larger American cities.

\$5,000 LOST ON HORSE RACE.

It is stated that a man won and lost \$5,000 on horse races. For 20 years he kept at it, and most of the time he was successful. At last fortune turned against him, and today he is penniless. Gambling is a good deal like neglect of health and it is disastrous. Fortunes are harder to restore than health. The first step toward winning back lost health is to restore the digestive organs to a normal condition. For this purpose Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is far ahead of anything else. This remedy is a specific for indigestion, dyspepsia, fever, ague, nervousness and sleeplessness. It is a wonderful tonic. Druggists sell it everywhere.

When Commissioner Booth Clibborn, of the Salvation Army, sent a telegram commending Queen Wilhelmina on her accession to the Dutch throne, he said: "The kind of work in which we are engaged is calculated to make your majesty's throne eternally memorable in history by adding Dutch jewels to the crown of Jesus."



SYRUP OF FIGS

NEVER IMITATED IN QUALITY!

THE EXCELLENCE OF SYRUP OF FIGS

is due not only to the originality and simplicity of the combination, but also to the care and skill with which it is manufactured by scientific processes known to the California Fig Syrup Co. Only, and we wish to impress upon all the importance of purchasing the true and original remedy. As the genuine Syrup of Figs is manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. only, a knowledge of that fact will assist one in avoiding the worthless imitations manufactured by other parties.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N. Y.

ENLAND EMPIRE VISITORS HAVE RETURNED HOME

Left Yesterday. After Looking Over the Situation and Studying the Astoria Proposition.

After two days spent in viewing Astoria's situation and surroundings, Messrs. H. L. Frazer, H. McDonald, William Nichols and Professor George Nichols, the Eastern Oregon visitors, left on the train yesterday morning for their respective homes. They were all loud in their praises of Astoria's hospitality, Professor Nichols saying to an Astorian representative, in behalf of the whole party, that they were never treated better, nor enjoyed a trip more in their lives than in Astoria.

The visit of these substantial business men to Astoria means much for the future interests of the city. Messrs. Boyle and Gilstrap, whose guests they were, took particular pains to show them every object of interest about Astoria, and its advantages have been thoroughly studied and comprehended by them. They are all leading citizens of their home towns and will radiate an influence throughout the inland Empire which will be the means of attracting to Astoria much desirable immigration and capital.

Each member of the party, it was learned after their departure, had closed deals while here, involving in the aggregate many thousands of dollars. They unanimously agree that Astoria's location and resources exceeded their anticipations, based though they were upon the strong representations made by Mr. Boyle to them and their associates in Eastern Oregon.

It may not be amiss in this connection to say a word in commendation of the personal efforts made by Mr. Boyle for the advertisement and advancement of Astoria in the past twelve months. He has traveled incessantly night and day throughout Eastern Oregon and Washington, preaching "Astoria" to the business men and substantial farmers of that great country. His efforts have been tireless and intelligently directed, and their ultimate effects will be felt in Astoria for years in future. Perhaps no individual has done more, or as much, as Mr. Boyle in calling attention to the importance of Astoria to the inland producer as the seaport outlet of the great Columbia basin. He has not contented himself with the circulation from Astoria of pamphlets and maps relating to the situation, but, after the example of the apostles of old, has gone out into the highways and byways and personal application and persuasion spread the truth of Astoria's superlative advantages up and down the land. There were those in Astoria who at first scoffed at Mr. Boyle's efforts, and predicted a failure of his mission; but no one who had the privilege of meeting and talking to the representative gentlemen who accompanied him to this city on day before yesterday can have any doubt of Mr. Boyle's ability to talk and successfully demonstrate the Astoria proposition.

THE MODERN MOTHER.

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy, than by any other. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

ICE BREAKING UP.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—The ice in the Columbia, which has caused a complete blockade in the river from the Cascades to the mouth of the Willamette, already shows signs of breaking up and if the present warm weather continues, the ice is expected to go out of the river in another 24 hours.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet. For sale by Charles Rogers.

FOUND NOT GUILTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Walter N. Rosser, the Tennessee soldier who, on the night of September 13, shot a civilian named Henry Hildebrand, was today acquitted of the crime by a jury. It was shown that Rosser, had been drugged while drinking in a low saloon and was entirely irresponsible for his acts.

HOME FROM EUROPE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Among the passengers who arrived tonight at quarantine on the steamer Lucania from Europe were General Wesley Merritt and Mrs. Merritt.

Mother (putting her boy out of the pantry)—How many more times have I to tell you to keep away from that preserve jar? Small boy (sobbing)—No more, mamma. They're all gone.

Make the children happy at Christmas and you will grow young again.

TEMPTATIONS In Holiday Bargains

- Dressgood Specials: 33 inches wide, black figured mohair luster finish, 65 cents value; special, 45 cents yard. 34 inches wide black or navy English storm serge, 85 cents value; special 65 cents yard. 7-yard suits, two-tone covert cloth, in handsome combination of colors, \$3 value, special, \$2.50 suit. Dress Skirts: Ladies full width heavy storm serge, tailor made, colors black and navy blue, \$5 value, special \$3.50. Ladies heavy brocaded silk skirts, extra full width well lined and strongly seamed, \$10 value; special, \$6.50. Capes and Jackets: Ladies' silk plush cape, 30 inches long, thibet fur trimmed, lined with near silk, full sweep, \$3.50 value; special, \$2.75. Ladies' heavy wool melton jacket, large storm collar, filled seams, new sleeves, \$5.50 value; special, \$4.50. Kid Gloves: A pair of our celebrated Mascot kid gloves, would make a nice present for a lady. All shades and sizes. Ladies Aprons: Of fine white lawn, embroidery or lace trimmed, 50 cents value; special 35 cents each. Silk Ribbons: All silk piquet edge baby ribbon, special 1 cent yard. All silk satin, plain edge baby ribbon, special 4 yards for 5 cents. No. 3 all silk satin ribbon, all shades, special 3 cents yard. Special bargains in all widths silk ribbon.

In the Toy Store

"It's as Good as a Circus." This spoke one little lad whose mother had brought him here to see the sights. Bring your little ones, Mrs. Reader, a world of amusement awaits them.

SHANAHAN BROTHERS 580 COMMERCIAL STREET.

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

Table with financial data for the First National Bank of Astoria, including assets like loans and discounts, and liabilities like capital stock and surplus fund.

MISSSES FELT HATS... 50 cents each.

Albert Dunbar, Cor. 9th and Commercial Streets.

Fairbank's Fairy Soap...

The best money will buy, and Sold at Popular Prices. Coupons for Handsome Books of Fairy Tales, with each 5c purchase.

Handsome Callenders with photos of War Heroes with 25c purchases

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Holiday Goods AT THE BEE HIVE.

A great variety of Holiday Goods now on display. This includes all styles of Christmas Novelties AND A Big Line of Toys.

Holiday Goods Arriving Every Day, at Portland Prices.

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