

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 Flax and Cloth Capes, at less than cost.
Jackets sacrificed. No reserve.
New line Handkerchiefs, 5 and 10 cents, worth 15 and 20 cents.
Silk Flax 25 cents, value for 50 and 60 cents.

McAllen & McDonnell

P. J. Meany

Merchant Tailor and Exporter of Furs. Highest Cash Price Paid for Fur Skins.

TODAY'S WEATHER

AROUND TOWN.

Try Vestra coal, Elmora, Sanborn Co. Candles 10 cents a pound at the Parlor. Largest assortment Xmas tree ornaments at the Parlor.

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

WE ARE SHOWING AN ELEGANT LINE OF BLACK PEAU DE SOIE SILKS IN 12-YARD LENGTHS.

WE HAVE A FULL LINE OF Pinauds Royal Perfumes, Roger & Gallet's perfumes; Queen of Violets in bulk and fancy bottles.

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For Rent—Thad B. Trullinger's residence, furnished. For particulars inquire at W. G. Howell's, 611 Exchange street.

Your mother, sister, or friend would be pleased with one of those beautiful silver mounted purses for Christmas—at Ekstrom's.

In the county clerk's office yesterday Thomas K. Lewis, a native of Great Britain, declared his intention to become an American citizen.

NOVELTY ALL WOOL DRESS PATTERNS FROM \$1.00 TO \$2.00 PER SUIT AT C. H. COOPER'S, THE LEADING HOUSE OF ASTORIA.

It was reported last night that the telephone and steamship had collided in the river above Astoria, but the rumor could not be confirmed.

Clifford Staples has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever for some time but he is now out of danger and is rapidly recovering his health.

Many new things in dolls, toys, games, etc., are shown in Griffin & Reed's toy department. Wagons, doll buggies, blocks, mechanical toys, and everything else to please the little ones.

The Austrian steamship Burma cleared at the customs house yesterday carrying 141,685 bushels of wheat, valued at \$7,706. She goes to St. Vincent for orders and is ready to leave out today.

The Columbian arrived in yesterday from Puget sound, after an absence of over a month. The Columbian visited several lighthouses in that portion of the district and put down a few new buoys.

The Scandinavian Society is making extensive preparations for its annual ball next Monday night. It is expected that 1200 people will be in attendance, and arrangements are being made for the entertainment of the many guests.

From present indications the torpedo boat Davis will not leave out for San Francisco for some time, as the weather promises to continue severe for the remainder of the month. There is no doubt that the Davis could be taken safely to San Francisco, but it is deemed advisable to wait until weather conditions are more favorable.

W. A. Gainer's 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.

Griffin & Reed have a stock this year that is well worth your time to inspect, even if you do not buy. Books in all the late bindings, leather goods, medallions, Bohemian ware, celluloid goods, white metal and sterling silver novelties, and a thousand and one other articles not to be found elsewhere.

The Knights of Pythias order is flourishing in Washington, where the membership has gained more in the past year than in the preceding four years. The membership now exceeds 1000 in Washington, and Grand Chancellor Young, speaking at the recent convention in Tacoma Monday, said indications pointed to a still greater increase. The Knights in Oregon are very strong and the popular order is growing rapidly.

The revenue cutter Perry will be placed on the marine ways at Smith's Point tomorrow, under the direction of Captain Anderson, who superintended the work of placing the lighthouse tender Manzan. He on the dock. The Perry is still at the government depot. Just how badly she was injured by going on the rocks will not be ascertained until she is placed on the ways. Doubtless the accident to the cutter will call the attention of the treasury department to the folly of sending the vessel to Portland for supplies, which can just as well be purchased in Astoria.

A resolution has been introduced in congress making it possible for vessels wrecked on the coast of the United States to become American ships, and fly the stars and stripes. The first ship to be affected by the new law is the old Plateau, which capsized in San Francisco harbor about two years ago. She recently arrived at Tacoma under a special permit from the government to make the trip, and had no flag. With the passage of the resolution she may become an American ship. The new law will apply to the Glenora and Potomac, if they are ever blown off the Washington coast.

Victor Hagemann completed his three months' term in the county jail yesterday and was discharged from custody by Sheriff Williams. Hagemann is a youth about 20 years old, and while rooming with a friend at the Clatsop mill boarding house, ransacked his trunk, taking some money. He then went to Quincy at which place he was arrested and brought to Astoria for trial. He speaks but little English, and is not a hardened criminal. His youth and unsophisticated ways worked in his favor and his term in jail was a short one. Judge Bland says Hagemann was a model prisoner, never giving the slightest trouble.

The wheat-laden vessels now on the way down the river may meet with less difficult in passing over the shoals than those that arrived a few days ago. Spring tides commenced Monday, and the river is probably about a foot higher now than it was the latter part of last week. The General de Charrette, which is on the way down the river with 21 feet 8 inches of her hull in the water, will possibly arrive here without much difficulty. Three other wheat-laden vessels are in Portland ready to leave down, the Cape Clear being scheduled to leave today. The Poser and Galena, the remaining two, are waiting for tow boats to start seaward.

The circuit court was occupied yesterday in hearing testimony in the case of E. Barraco vs the city of Astoria. The case has created a good deal of interest, and many attorneys of the city were present during the day. Barraco sues the city on an assigned claim of \$281, with interest from November 1, 1896. The suit is for labor alleged to have been performed by G. Perrelli & Co. on the construction of the city waterworks. Perrelli & Co. were subcontractors under the Pacific Paving Co., which became insolvent before the completion of the work. Plaintiff alleges the work performed afterwards was under the instructions of the constructing engineer of the water commission. The city objects to the payment of the claim on the ground that its dealings were directly with the Pacific Paving Company, who were paid in full, and the firm of Perrelli & Co. was not known in any transaction. The case will probably go to the jury this afternoon. Following are the jurors: T. S. Henderson, R. R. Cole, J. C. Alcaraz, Robert Gray, James Turpin, D. J. Ingalls, O. Hansell, W. Z. G. Bostel, J. D. Heckler, E. A. Taylor, J. W. Walker, Andrew Nyquist.

The farmers' congress recently held at Astoria has been productive of many good results, not the least desirable of which is a booklet issued by the passenger department of the O. R. & N. Co.



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 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. The high standing of the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP Co. with the medical profession, and the satisfaction which the genuine Syrup of Figs has given to millions of families, makes the name of the Company a guaranty of the excellence of its remedy. It is far in advance of all other laxatives, as it acts on the kidneys, liver and bowels without irritating or weakening them, and it does not grip or nauseate. In order to get its beneficial effects, please remember the name of the Company—

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N. Y.

The book is entitled "A Farmer's Paradise—The Columbia River Valley as a Land of Grain and Fruit," and is being distributed all over the middle west. The matter contained in the book is from the pen of Professor Thomas Shaw, the distinguished agriculturalist, who was in attendance at the farmers' congress. The story of the great productiveness of this section was originally written for the St. Paul Pioneer Press by Professor Shaw, and the R. & N. Co. used in the book just issued. It tells of the fertility of the soil and the wonderful agricultural and dairying possibilities of Clatsop county. The farmers' congress receives considerable space and its results are made the subject of much favorable comment. The idea of the farmers' congress was started at by some of the people of Astoria when the plan was first suggested, but the great good it has accomplished in advertising Astoria has more than repaid the city for the expense of entertaining her guests. On the last night of the congress Professor Shaw stated in an address to the farmers that he had never before seen such a representative audience at a gathering of agriculturists. He had been engaged in agricultural work in the east for many years, he said, but the attendance that night was the best he had ever seen. He was very favorably impressed with Astoria.

J. M. Nowlen called at the Astorian office last night and explained the proposition now on foot for the establishment of a flouring mill. He says he consulted M. J. Kinney regarding the matter, and that the latter expressed himself as heartily in favor of the idea. The property, Mr. Nowlen says, is lying idle, and Mr. Kinney agreed with him that to turn it into stock in the flouring mill would be a wise business move. It was Mr. Nowlen's idea to have the property appraised by three disinterested parties, and that the stock of the company should be not assessable. He says he talked with Mr. Kinney several times regarding the matter, and that the latter should deny any knowledge of the proposition is, he says, a matter of surprise to him. He says Mr. Kinney asked him who would be at the head of the company, to which he replied that he did not know; he had submitted his proposal to the Progressive Commercial Association, and expressed himself as being of the belief that the association would appoint officers for the company. Mr. Nowlen thought Mr. Kinney would be a good man for manager, but the latter would not agree to this. The property on which it is proposed to erect the mill is situated at the corner of Sixth and Astor streets. This statement is made in justice to Mr. Nowlen, who thought that his word had been impugned by the interview with Mr. Kinney in yesterday's Astorian.

It is stated that a man was and just \$5,000.00 on horse races. For 29 years he kept it at, 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. It can be kept up a long time, but in the end 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.

Lot, from the corner of his eye, detected the wife of his bosom in the act of looking back. "Rubber," he shouted, and hastened on. Meanwhile, across the street, a plain could be heard the strains of the Boston silver cornet band, playing defiantly. "There'll be a Hot," etc.—In. diaspolis Journal.

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.

The steamer rolled and pitched in the waves. "Dash boy," groaned Cholly, at the end of his first hour on shipboard, "promise me you will send my remains home to my people." A second hour passed. "Dash boy, moaned Cholly, 'you needn't send my remains home. There won't be any."

TO CURE A COLIC IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. See. The genuine has L. B. O. on each tablet. For sale by Charles Rogers.

Astoria Public Library. READING ROOM FREE TO ALL. Open every day from 9 o'clock to 6:30 and 6:30 to 9:30 p. m. Subscription rates \$5 per annum. West Cor. Eleventh and Duane Streets.

GREAT SALE Of Boys Fine All-Wool Clothing for This Week Only.

Having the best and largest assortment of boys' and youths' fine clothing ever shown in Astoria, we have decided to close them out before the first of January. We place them on sale for one week only. Note our sale prices.



- \$1.50-BOYS' CASHMERE VESTER SUIT, assorted colors, sale price \$2.00.
\$1.50-BOYS' CHEVIOT VESTER SUITS, new patterns, sale price \$2.00.
\$1.50-BOYS' SCOTCH TWEED VESTER SUIT, in neat checks, sale price \$2.00.
\$1.50-BOYS' WORSTED VESTER SUITS, assorted colors, sale price \$2.00.
\$1.00-BOYS' DIAGONAL VESTER SUITS, handsomely trimmed, sale price \$1.50.
\$1.00-BOYS' BLUE CHEVIOT SAILOR SUITS, trimmed with braid, \$1.50.
\$1.00-BOYS' BLUE CHUNCHILLA DOUBLE BREASTED REEFERS, sale price \$1.50.
\$1.00-BOYS' BLUE CHEVIOT CAPE OVERCOAT, sale price \$1.50.
\$1.00-BOYS' BLACK KEARNEY DOUBLE BREASTED TOP COAT, sale price \$1.50.

These few items are but a small amount of the bargains to be found at this great sale of boys' fine clothing. Come one, come all, and share in the many bargains.

SHANAHAN BROTHERS 580 COMMERCIAL STREET.

HOTEL ARRIVALS. Occident—J. H. Hubbard, W. G. Martin, S. Schmidt, Portland; L. L. Brown, J. C. Shiley, Tillamook; H. A. Friedlander, P. E. Boyd, San Lowenthal, San Francisco; Henry Ables, Denver; John D. McIlwain, H. S. McIlwain, Clifton; Frank H. Ross, Fort Canby; Julius Lyons, Kansas City; Mrs. Murray, Miss Dalton, Mrs. Bullock, J. J. Brumback, Ilwaco; Wallace Stuart and family, Tokeland. Parker House—J. Adlard, Goble; S. M. Hartman, T. C. Sewell, steamer Delshaw; Charles H. Young, Oak Point; Thos. Cobler, Portland; A. Carr, W. F. Reynolds, Fort Canby; Mrs. W. Scott, Mrs. Lawler and daughter, K. N. Nelson, Quincy.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

J. W. Williams to Isaac Cohen, lots 1 and 4 block 2, Shively's, \$1000.
J. W. Williams to Scandinavian Benevolent Society, lots 2, 3, and 4, block 13, Shively's, \$1800.
C. W. Stone and wife to Emma A. Holder, lots 5 and 6, block 27, Holaday Park, \$300.
Mabel N. Fined to Charles E. Ford, lots 4 and 5, block 2, New Astoria, \$300.
J. H. Mansell to J. H. Johansen, north 25 feet, lots 1 and 2, block 4, Ocean Grove, \$70.
P. C. Warren to C. E. Liston, lots 10 and 11, block 2, Warrenton, \$300.

ETHAN A. HITCHCOCK WILL SUCCEED SECRETARY BLISS.

Nominated by President McKinley for the Interior Portfolio—Disappointment to Hinger Hermann's Friends. President McKinley yesterday nominated Ethan A. Hitchcock, of Missouri, as secretary of the interior to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Secretary Bliss. Mr. Hitchcock is at present ambassador to Russia. He is a wealthy resident of St. Louis and is a great-grandson of Ethan Allen, of revolutionary fame. The news of the appointment of Mr. Hitchcock will be a disappointment to many Oregonians, who had hoped to see an Oregon man in the cabinet. Hon. Hinger Hermann, formerly congressman from Oregon, but now commissioner of the general land office at Washington, City was prominently and almost unanimously mentioned as the man to succeed Secretary Bliss, of the interior department. Mr. Hermann's appointment was advocated by nearly every western newspaper, and it was believed President McKinley will decide upon him to fill the interior vacancy. The following from the Thomas Ledger is a sample of the general opinions of western newspapers: "Among those named as possible successors of Secretary of the Interior Bliss, who is to resign the portfolio of the interior department, are Hinger Hermann of Oregon, Assistant Secretary Davis and ex-Governor Merriam of Minnesota. While there are other able gentlemen from the Pacific coast who would be satisfactory to the people of this section, yet the selection of Mr. Hermann would also be heartily approved. There is no member of the cabinet from the west, which is for political and industrial reasons entitled to representation, and it is hoped that the promotion may come to Mr. Hermann. Of all the members of the president's cabinet family, the secretary of the interior should be a western man, acquainted with the conditions and interests of this section."

KID GLOVES 99c to \$2.00 per Pair. For Misses, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Albert Dunbar, Cor. 9th and Commercial Streets.

Fine Display of Xmas Good Things

Oranges, bananas, nuts, raisins, plum pudding, mince-cakes, red-checked apples, delicious cheeses. Chase & Sanborn's famous coffee, and teas, etc., etc. Small washing pigs and prime fresh masts of all descriptions. Splendid lot of young, fat poultry; turkeys, chickens and geese.

ROSS, HIGGINS & CO

Holiday Goods AT THE BEE HIVE.

Only a few days before Christmas. We have everything in the toy line—Fancy Goods and Novelties, Capes and Jackets, and Dress Goods and Fancy Slippers, which make acceptable gifts. Come in the morning to avoid the rush.

Holiday Goods

Arriving Every Day, at Portland Prices.

Chairs, Rugs and Medallion Pictures

C. HEILBORN & SON.

J. A. Fastabend, GENERAL CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER. Estimates Given on All Kinds of Work. House-Moving Tools for Rent. Astoria, Oregon. Post Office Box No. 491.

The Palace Cafe

W. W. Whipple, Prop. Finest Meals in the City. Special Attention Given to the Preparation of Banquets.

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 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. 611 Commercial Street, Sign of Red Boot.

EKSTROM The Leader for Holiday Goods in the Jewelry Line.

GETTING INTO A PAIR



Of our slippers that feel comfortable at once is worth a great deal. We'll put your feet into slippers of that kind and charge nothing extra for the comfort and very little for the slippers. Petersen & Brown.