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Dec. 11, 1898.
Messrs. McAllen & McDonnell,
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Gentlemen:
We are in receipt of your favor of 7th Inst., and accept your offer for our goods—one-third off.
We think you will be able to make money out of the lot at this figure, for it is a big loss to us, but the goods have been handled since they left our place, and we prefer to sell them cheap, rather than have them returned. Yours very truly,
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TODAY'S WEATHER.
Rain.

AROUND TOWN.
Money to loan—Ferguson Bros.
Candles 10 cents a pound at the Parlor.
Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun restaurant, 412 Commercial street.
The Irish fair opens at the exposition building in Portland this evening.
The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stacy is quite ill with lagrippe.
Sheriff Link C. Burton, of Cathlamet, Wash., is lying sick at St. Mary's hospital.
George Dekum, who has been in this city on a visit, returned to Portland yesterday.
Fresh Shoalwater Bay oysters and clams at the "Pat" Market, 514 Commercial street.
Best California wine 25 cents per gallon. Alex. Gilbert, sole agent for Astoria. Telephone 32.
Parolman Thompson, who has been suffering with the prevailing sickness, is much improved.
Dr. Finch has removed his office to the new Spanish building, Commercial street, near Eleventh.
Wallend coal and coke is the best for domestic purposes. For sale by the Astoria Gas Light Co.
Stop that tickling in the throat with Rogers' bronchial tablets, only 10 cents. Charles Rogers, druggist.
The down train from Portland yesterday was three hours late. The delay was caused by a slide in the vicinity of Sycamore.
During Dr. Tuttle's absence in British Columbia, Dr. J. A. Fulton will be acting assistant surgeon of the United States marine service.
The fuse in the electrical box on Astor street, near Ninth, burned out yesterday evening, leaving several places in the vicinity in darkness.
Sunday at the Baptist church will be observed by the usual services. The theme of the morning discourse will be "The Birth of the Water," that of the evening, "The Birth of the Spirit."
At the Presbyterian church services will be held as usual tomorrow. The theme of the morning service will be, "God's Faithfulness the Guarantee of

Achievement." In the evening the pastor will preach the first of a series of sermons on "Eternal Life." The subject will be, "Witness to Immortality." A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the services.

Rev. T. W. Butler will arrive tonight from Oregon City and conduct services at the Congregational church tomorrow. Rev. Bollinger will occupy the pulpit at this Oregon City church, and left up this morning.

BE GOOD TO YOURSELF and good to your friends. When you treat a friend to whiskey, give him the best. HARPER Whiskey is the beverage for your friends and for you. Sold by the Board & Stokes Co., Astoria, Oregon.

The council at its meeting Friday night confirmed the assessments for the improvement of Eighth street between Grand and Harrison avenues, and for the improvement of Harrison avenue, between Seventh and Eighth streets.

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.

County Judge Gray and Commissioners Lewis and Peterson were to have gone to Portland last evening to attend a meeting of the state board of immigration. The meeting has been postponed and the members of the court remained in the city.

Call at city ticket office of Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, 524 Commercial street, for through tickets to all points east, also Aberdeen, Olympia, Tacoma, Seattle and all points on the Northern Pacific railroad. Through tickets cannot be purchased to these points at the depot.

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.

Mr. Thomas McGovern, of Deland & McGovern & Co., associate promoters with Mr. A. B. Hammond, of the Columbia River Packers' Association, left New York on Thursday for Astoria with all necessary means to close pending arrangements for the final organization of that company. Mr. McGovern will come direct to Astoria and will be followed by Mr. Hammond, who leaves New York for the west tomorrow.

The Astorian appears this morning with a short telegraphic report. Up to 11 last night the Postal line was in working order to Portland, but after that hour it was impossible to communicate with the Associated Press headquarters, and only a very small portion of the regular night report was received by the Astorian. The day report came through, however, and most of it is published as usual.

An ordinance was introduced at the county Thursday night making it necessary for private sewers to be connected with the city sewers, and providing against cesspools within the limits of the city. The measure is a good one and will undoubtedly pass at the next meet-

ing of the council. Astoria is a healthy city, and the little disease which prevails here is the result of improper sewer connections. The ordinance, which provides against cesspools, affects nearly, if not quite, two-thirds of the residences in the city.

Reports received from Clatskanie yesterday evening state that the up-train was unable to get through. At 2:45 the train left Clatskanie, but after proceeding a short distance, ran into another slide and was compelled to return to Clatskanie. The slide is said to be a bad one, and it is expected that the passengers, who are at Clatskanie, will be picked up by one of the river boats today and taken to Portland.

The Elder arrived in Astoria yesterday after a stormy passage from San Francisco. Captain Hinckle reports that the trip up the coast was one of the roughest ever experienced. The wind varied from south to southwest, and at times blew very hoarse. The Elder arrived off the river yesterday morning and crossed in shortly after 10 o'clock with but little difficulty. She had a fair freight and passenger list, and left after a short stay here.

Herman Wise, who has been confined to his home with an attack of lagrippe, is much improved, and expects to be able to attend to his duties at the bowling alleys and his store in the course of a few days. He has succeeded in killing nearly all the microbes in his system, and hopes to finish the job before the end of the week. He says microbes have absolutely no consideration for a fellow's feelings, but that they seem to conspire against one's peace of mind.

W. J. Ingalls, who is in charge of the construction of a county road to the south of the city, writes to the Astorian from Chadwell that the contract for the grading and building of the highway, which will extend from William Larsen's place to the south end of the city, has been let to John W. Reith and John Larsen. The contract price is \$113 per lineal rod, and the road will cost approximately \$60. Subscribers to the road fund are notified that their subscriptions are due, and must be paid immediately.

Ex-Circuit Judge Frank J. Taylor was seen yesterday by an Astorian reporter in regard to a statement recently published in a Portland paper that he was slated for appointment of circuit judge, which will be created in the Fifth judicial district by a bill pending in the legislature. Mr. Taylor said he knew nothing whatever of who would be chosen to fill the office. All he knew, he said, was that the bill had been introduced to divide this district into two circuits. He believes the district too large and too scattered to be conveniently covered by one judge. At present there is considerable work ahead of Judge McElrath, and he can seldom succeed in catching up with it, owing to the territory that must be covered.

The floral tournament was to have been continued at the A. F. C. alleys last night, when the Snowbirds were to meet the Forget-me-nots and the Wisterias were to try conclusions with the Bachelor Buttons. Owing to the downpour, however, only a few ladies were present, and the games were postponed. The above teams will probably hold Monday. Mrs. Ingalls made the excellent score of 50 for the ladies yesterday. In spite of the fact that the kingpins are very poor, Mrs. Ingalls is scoring very well, and is believed to be in the lead in the northwest championship tournament. Several interesting contests will take place shortly, among them the games for the Portland trophy with the Oregon Road Club and the Irving Club match, which was postponed, owing to the illness of some of the A. F. C. men.

The Portland Times says: "News comes by way of Chicago that the Astoria salmon canning combine may pave the way for a material rise in the price of tin plate." The salmon canners' combination will not have the effect of causing a rise in the price of tin plate, for the very good reason that the tinplate used on the entire Pacific coast does not amount to one-twentieth of the output. One firm in Indianapolis, a branch house, uses more tin than is used by all the packers of fruits, salmon and other articles on the coast. The price of tin plate may go up, but not because the canners of the Columbia river have combined. There is not enough tin plate used on the coast to support a tinplate factory, so the demand at Astoria is not great enough to warrant a rise in the price, as the Chicago story indicates.

Traffic out of the city by rail is delayed, and it seemed for a while last night that the city would be cut off entirely from communication with the outside world. This inconvenience was occasioned by a slide on the A. & C. R. R. just below Clifton, which occurred late yesterday afternoon. The company has had considerable trouble with this stretch of track, and the heavy rains of the past two weeks resulted yesterday in a slide of such proportions that it was impossible for trains to go over the road. The slide carried with it the Western Union telegraph poles, and the line is down for

a distance of nearly 100 feet. It was impossible to repair the break last night and the company was unable to do business. The line of the Postal was not in the best condition and Manager Brady was fearful for a time that he would be compelled to suspend business. However, the wire did not go down, and the Astorian received a portion of its telegraphic report through that office. It is hoped by the railway officials that the slide can be repaired today, but it is doubtful if trains will be able to make their regular runs until tomorrow. The slide is the most severe which has occurred this winter, and happened at the only bad place along the road. A force of workmen is now engaged in making the necessary repairs.

One of the most important bills introduced by the Clatsop delegation at this session of the legislature is a bill passed by Representative Young in the Senate, and for Working Convicts Thereon. The bill provides that the governor shall constitute a state road commission, with power to locate, lay out, open and construct state roads. This commission is to be authorized to purchase or condemn all necessary rights of way for that purpose. All state roads are to be located so as to form main roads crossing the state, and wherever they may be most serviceable to the whole state and adaptable for military purposes in times of war. Section 6 of the act provides that the state convicts shall, so far as practical, be worked upon said roads, but not by the state road commission, by the superintendent of the state penitentiary, under the direction of said commission; and for that purpose the said convicts may be taken from said penitentiary, and confined in such other place or places as may be provided for them by the commission. An appropriation of \$15,000 is carried by the bill to enable the commission to commence its operations.

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The bill is exhaustive, and cannot be picked to pieces, as it was drafted by John H. Smith and Harrison Allen, two members of the legislative committee. This bill provides for the levying of a poll tax in Clatsop county of \$5 a year on all persons not otherwise paying taxes. The Poll Tax committee which arranged this plan for the creation of a fund expects that about \$5000 or \$6000 will be derived from poll taxes thus collected. If \$5000 are collected the fund will be greater by \$5000 than now is paid by persons subject to poll taxes.

The manner of collecting this tax has been a matter of much concern to those interested in the bill, as people generally seem to think that they do not have to pay poll taxes. The levying of such a tax has been considered more or less of a joke in the past, and the city seldom, if ever, has collected more than \$200 or \$300. In Washington state and elsewhere laws have been enacted providing for the collection of poll taxes, and have been found to work quite successfully. The bill drafted by the Poll Tax committee specifies the manner of collection, and holds employers responsible for the payment of the tax by the men in their employ. The bill has been so framed as to make it necessary for the Chinese employees of the salmon canneries to pay the poll tax, and it is considered just, even by the Chinamen, who have paid nothing for the privilege of good streets, lights, etc., in the past.

If the canners are held responsible for the collection of the tax, there will be little trouble in getting the money. It is estimated that there are nearly 200 Chinese employed in the various canneries here, and the \$5000 derived from these men will assist materially in the building of good roads, for which purpose the bill has been prepared. It is expected that there are 100 other persons in the city subject to the tax, and the fund may be increased to \$6000. All this money, according to the program, is to be turned over to the county by the city and expended on county roads. The first highway to be improved with the fund thus created is the road south to Olney. It is the intention to build only the very best road and there will be no repair accounts to meet every year.

When the Olney road is completed the money will be expended on the road west to Seaside, after which the balance of operations will be transferred to the eastern portion of the county. In this manner three fine highways may be constructed almost in a straight line from the city in the course of four or five years, at practically no cost (except the \$500 now collected by the city for poll taxes) to the tax payers. When these roads are finished, the money will be used on branch roads, and open up the entire county to settlement. It is indeed a great scheme, and will have the effect of bringing hundreds of farmers to Clatsop county.

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man Dow, of the convention, handed me the petition some time ago, with the request that I give it to Senator Fulton for presentation to the legislature. Senator Fulton arrived in Astoria from Salem, but returned to the capital before I had an opportunity to give him the petition. When Representative Young was in the city last week I gave the petition to him, requesting him to hand it to Senator Fulton, which he did, and it was presented to the legislature.

"Of course, any resident of this county has the right to petition the legislature, or any other public body whose actions may affect this locality, and the petition was perfectly right and proper. The people of the country thought such an amendment to the charter necessary and they took the usual method of applying for the desired relief. To say that their petition was improper is a remarkable statement.

"As to myself, I have only to say that had I signed the petition—which I did not—I could merely have exercised the prerogative which the laws of the land guarantee me. Of course, I appreciate the spirit of the resolution, and am not inclined to pay any attention to it. If I thought the charter required amending, I would not hesitate to petition the legislature every day in the year, if necessary. Even a county judge has that right, and the judge of Clatsop county intends exercising it whenever he deems it advisable."

The resolution adopted by the council was the subject of much comment on the streets yesterday, and it was generally condemned as a most improper and ill-considered expression. To condemn a man for petitioning the legislature is regarded by Astorians generally as the veriest rot, and the opinion was freely expressed that the resolution was the result of an eccentricity on the part of Judge Gray. The latter official has complied with the wishes of the country people in this matter, as he does in other matters affecting the general welfare of the people of the city, when he said that it was "almost impossible to conceive how a body of supposedly intelligent men, to which had been intrusted the administration of the city, could denounce a citizen—and more particularly a county official—for petitioning the legislature for an amendment to the city charter."

ROAD INDE. TAX BILL.
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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Astoria Wharf & Warehouse Company will be held at the office of the Pacific Sheet Metal Works on February 7, 1899, at 10 a. m. F. P. KENDALL, W. A. SHERMAN, Secretary, President.
Astoria, Ore., Jan. 20, 1899.

Some very pretty articles of jewelry for admirers of horses are shown. Pins formed to represent articles employed in riding and driving are numerous. The greatest demand is for matchsafes enameled with the heads of thoroughbreds.

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Children......10

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