

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

SPECIAL SALE THIS WEEK ON ALL CHRISTMAS GOODS

This sale is in force from 7:30 in the morning until we close in the evening every day in the week. If you have not visited our store you have not seen the

Cream of the Christmas Goods

in Astoria. Do your shopping in the morning, but if you must shop at night you will receive the same courteous treatment accorded our customers 365 days in the year.

Morse Department Store

Where Everybody Likes to Trade

ANNUAL MEETING

Semi Centenary of a Defunct Organization.

THE NEHALEM COAL FIELDS

Stockholders Will Hold a Meeting Next Thursday to Declare Dividends and Also to Provide for Extension Work.

A meeting of the Nehalem Coal Co. has been called for December 29 at 10 o'clock a. m. at Hanthorn's hall. Some interesting developments are anticipated. This is the company that was organized a few years ago to operate alleged coal mines in the Nehalem. A large amount of stock was subscribed, and the stockholders still have their certificates of stock. It is claimed that over \$32,000 cash was paid in. As to whether it is a case of "Frenzied Finance" or a game of freeze out will probably be determined at the meeting.

About five years ago a few local promoters, who had been studying the manipulations of Wall street, conceived the idea that could be found in abundance in the Nehalem, and in order to develop these wonderful coal fields it would be necessary to organize a stock company. Mining experts were brought to Astoria and taken to the alleged coal fields, and made an examination. As to whether the coal deposits had been bought in Australia or Rosslyn and taken there for the purpose of effecting an organization, is an explanation which a large number of the stockholders are deeply concerned in.

It is claimed by some of the stockholders who reside in Chinook that a report in concise form will suffice to alleviate the sufferings of that portion of the Nehalem coal syndicate which put its money in the undertaking. As to whether the money was used to develop the coal fields or to purchase business property on Commercial street matters but little. All they care for is to ascertain about the time that a dividend will be declared.

The men who subscribed to the stock of the concern were actuated more by the desire to develop the resources of Clatsop county than in any pecuniary benefit that might be derived, but they are naturally of an inquiring disposition, not so much for publication, as an evidence of good faith. They have a distinct recollection of purchasing a certain number of shares of stock in the Nehalem coal mine, but they consider that there is no striking similarity between a stock certificate and a marriage certificate, as in the latter a person generally receives some consideration, even though it be only the acquisition of a mother-in-law, but as a financial investment, there is a growing belief among the stockholders that Hoyle was not consulted in the management of the business of the company.

It is expected that everything will be satisfactorily explained at the meeting next Thursday and the stockholders will be informed as to whether they are to become coal barons or must continue their past avocation of fishing for salmon in the waters of the Columbia river. Interesting developments are expected and the stockholders anticipate either a funeral or a wedding. They have the most implicit confidence in the management, but have a burning feeling to acquire more coin of the realm from the sale of the products from the Nehalem coal mine.

HIS CHRISTMAS PRESENT

If he asks you where it Comes From Your reply should be, it Comes From

Herman Wise's
And its way up in
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Smoking Jackets, Vests, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs and Ties, The things that John would like to have Are Sold by

Herman Wise

There Was an old wimmins Who lived mit a shoe. She had so many kids She didn't know what to do. For some she buyed sweaters; For some she got TIES. Did You gess where she got 'em? Yoost ask

HERMAN WISE

THE RELIABLE CLOTHIER

PERSONAL MENTION.

Alfred Anderson of Rosburg was in the city yesterday.
Hon. W. R. Williams of Chinook was in Astoria yesterday.
Judge J. E. Alacraz of Seaside was in the city yesterday on business.
George W. Perdue of Victoria registered at the Occident yesterday.
O. C. Berg of Cathlamet was among the visitors in Astoria yesterday.
Charles R. Johnson of Chinook was in Astoria yesterday on business.
F. D. Keutner and wife returned yesterday noon from a trip to Portland.
John C. McCue left for Portland yesterday to spend Christmas with his sister.
F. W. Preston of Warrenton came down from Portland on last night's train.
Charles Stenburg, who has been quite ill at St. Mary's hospital, is reported as improving.
Hon. C. F. Lester of Warrenton returned from a business trip to Portland last night.
Sidney Campbell of the Warrenton Lumber Company was in the city yesterday on business.
J. O. Sutton left for Salem last evening to spend Christmas with friends and relatives.
Henry F. Conner, attorney for the O. R. & N. Co., was in Astoria yesterday on legal business.
Chief of Police Hallock has been laid up this week with a wrenched knee. He expects to be out today.
S. H. Turner, who has been over on Grays harbor the past year, arrived in Astoria yesterday to spend Christmas with his family.
Mrs. Edgar Stahl of the News force left this morning for Silverton, Ore., where she will spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Robert P. Parker, chief engineer for Balnes & Cunslow camp, is in town from Clatsop.
Wesley Sorrell of Olney is in the city for a short visit, having come in from the Chisholm camp.
Miss Eva L. Todd, one of Astoria's prominent young teachers, left on last evening's train for Portland, where she will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.
Andrew Malagamba and Waino Kraus have returned from Corvallis where they have been attending college and will spend the vacation at their respective homes.
Albert Kinney and Gus Kinney sons of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Kinney, arrived home yesterday to spend the holidays with their parents. They are attending school in Portland.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.
Peter Johnson, City.
Ben Wise, Ilwaco, Wash.
Vasco Banter, Cathlamet.
O. C. Berg, Cathlamet.
B. H. Tuft, Cathlamet.
Victor Hagland.
B. B. Beck, Seattle.
A. Young, Youngs River.
E. F. Lebike and wife.
Niab Bausch.
Miss N. E. Jacobs.
John R. Brown, Roseburg, Ore.
Geo. Doppineage.
W. Jensen.
A. Olson, Deep River.
P. Olson, Deep River.

Real Estate Transfers.

United States to Thomas E. Divier, SE quarter of section 11, T 5 N, R 10 W; patent.
United States to John W. Hems-worth, 167.7 acres in section 6, T 6 N, R 6 W; patent.
United States to George Rupprich, 166.42 acres in section 4, T 6 N, R 6 W; patent.

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.

Reopened Under New Management. John Blasich has leased the California Restaurant and Oyster House and is now prepared to serve the public. The best oysters and meals in the city. Family trade supplied. Good cooks, polite waiters and prompt service.

Only a few days more to save the La Imperial bands. They are a sure winner.

Our headache tablets will quickly gently and safely cure you, no matter how violent the headache. If they fail return bottle and get your money. Charles Rogers.

There is only one place in Astoria that carries the genuine Old Georgia, Moonshine, corn whisky. P. E. Peterson of the Mirror, has received a consignment direct from the distillery.

Have you seen the new automatic Morris chairs? The only place to get them is at Zapp & Co's.

Best meals in town at the New Style Restaurant.

The Occident tonorial parlors and bath facilities are equalled by none. Everything modern and up to date. See Peterson.

The Best Restaurant
Regular Meals, 25 Cents
Sunday Dinners a Specialty
Everything the Market Affords
Palace Catering Company

Smoke the New Size LA IMPERIAL CIGAR
ALL HAVANA. (No imitation goes with us.)
Save the Bands
And get the diamond in Seymour's window, or the \$20 gold piece or a fine suit of clothes.
J. V. BURNS,

Our selection of Christmas presents affords you a sufficiently wide range of articles to make presents to all your friends and relatives:

We have for Men:

Shoes, Slippers, Socks, Suspenders, Ties, Hats, Shirts, Umbrellas, Suits, Necktie Boxes, Brushes, Etc.

We have for Ladies:

Waists, Silk Petticoats, Furs, Fancy Collars, Handkerchiefs, Slippers, Albums, Jewel Cases, Card Cases, Glove Boxes, Manicure Sets, Photo Boxes, Etc.

Things That Will Please Everybody:

Vases, Ink Stands, Fancy Baskets, Clocks, Candle Holders, Pictures, Center Pieces in Battenburg, Cheney, Embroidery, Etc. Statuary, Books, Etc.

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