

# MISTLETOE

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## TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

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**How Do I look?**—To really see yourself as others see you, get one of those new style mirrors at Hart's Drug Store; all prices. A new supply just received.

**Glory Licenses Issued**—County Clerk Clinton yesterday issued a marriage license in favor of Mr. Irven E. Taylor and Miss Edna Hanson, both of Knappa.

I am positively going to retire from business and must sell out as soon as possible and from now on will give you still greater bargains at C. H. Cooper's great retiring sale.

**Comforts of a Home**—Whoever is looking for these in the shape of pleasant, cozy rooms, well lighted, and steam-heated, convenient, can find them at the Hotel Irving. Telephone Main 591. Franklin and Eleventh streets.

**Commercial Saloon**—This popular place, situated at 500 Commercial street, is up-to-date in every particular. The choicest of wines and all kinds of liquors can be procured here. Best quality cigars. Billiard table in connection. If you can't come in person, call up Phone 1231 Main.

**Candies Received**—Just received at Tuggs, a new shipment of Lowrey's candies, especially designed for Xmas gift packages.

**On a Business Trip**—Hon. Joseph W. Long, the well known Portland attorney, spent the day in Astoria yesterday, on legal matters bent.

**Closed for Today**—Owing to the cleaning of the city hall chimneys, the Astoria Public Library will be closed all of today; but will re-open tomorrow at the usual hour.

**Two of a Kind**—Yesterday morning two handsome, healthy little twin-daughters arrived to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Snow at 477 Fifteenth street. Mother and babies are reported doing finely.

**Tomorrow Night**—The Astoria Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular session tomorrow evening at the Bond street rooms, and it is hoped there will be no default in attendance, as there are a number of important matters to be taken up and disposed of.

**Superb Specimens**—The Columbia Nursery, on Bond street, is fairly alive with beautiful specimens of Christmas greeneries, along with Holly, Chrysanthemums, ferns, and the real tree of the season, itself, in all sizes and proportions. Make a call there and leave your orders for your holiday equipment in this line.

**Do You feel sleepy and not a bit like working in the afternoon?** Perhaps it's because of the kind of lunch you're eating—too heavy and too hard to digest. Why not try the Palace restaurant on Commercial street, where all the baking is done in those famous slow-process ovens, which turn out light appetizing, wholesome things? You'll save money, too.

**Sewer Bids**—The committee on streets and public ways yesterday opened bids for the construction of a sewer on Thirty-seventh street, as follows: L. A. Carter, \$390; Emil and I. W. Peterson, \$260. The surveyor's estimate was \$255.

**New Engine House**—Birch & Jacobson have located their pile-driver to the O. R. & N. dock on Commercial street, and will begin driving the piles for the new engine house next Monday. As soon as the foundation is completed, a contract will be awarded by the public property committee for building the structure. The estimated cost is in the neighborhood of \$500.

**Fine Boat About Ready**—At Wilson Brothers' ship-yard, they are about to install a fine Imperial 12-horse-power gasoline engine in the new launch just framed up for Thomas Edison, of Chinook; the boat being destined for purchase on the Columbia next season. The engine is said to be among the best on the coast, and is handsome, as well as durable; and is becoming very popular hereabout.

**Officers and Delegates**—Cushing post No. 14, G. A. R., of this city, has elected the following new officers and delegates to the Grand Encampment: Commander, B. F. Allen; Senior Vice Commander, D. B. Allen; Junior Vice Commander, R. C. Welch; Chaplain, Charles E. Wright; Orderly, P. Z. Taylor; Guard, A. P. Feenor; Adjutant, A. D. Craig; O. G., Sam'l Elmore; Delegates, Comrades Welch, Feenor, Wilson and Brown.

**Assessments Filed**—The board of city assessors yesterday filed assessments for the improvement of two streets in the office of Auditor Anderson and they will come up for confirmation at the meeting of the council Monday night. One is for the improvement of Exchange street from Eighth to Ninth at a cost of \$1,211.40, and the other the improvement of Commercial street from Ninth to Fourteenth at a cost of \$2,646.30.

**Want More Light**—Two petitions were filed in the auditor's office yesterday asking for the establishment of electric lights. One was from Chas. Wilson and fifteen others, asking for a light on Lincoln avenue, at the intersection of the alley. The other was signed by P. A. Ferchen and eleven others, asking for a light at the intersection of Seventeenth and Jerome. The petitions will be submitted to the council meeting Monday night.

"Near the Waldorf-Astoria site the tunnel builders encountered a bed of a freshwater stream long ago forgotten, but once the bed of Kolck's creek, according to city maps. It was necessary to drive the tunnel through the bottom of a pocket formed by a sudden break in the strata of rock below the creek bed, and it was discovered that in this had gathered water from pipes below the street, together with loose gravel and earth. When the water was pumped out, the suction weakened the whole section of earth between the top of the tunnel and the asphalt of the street. The weight of the wagon then caused the asphalt to give away."

**Exemplifying the Season**—One of the best agencies for exemplifying a specific season is found in the public windows of the up-to-date merchant. They are true expressions of the passing hour and its purposes, and indicate to the most inattentive glance, the object desired to be conveyed. Apropos of this, the east window in the handsome clothing house of Herman Wise is a fine manifestation of the idea broached here. The "Star of Bethlehem" is the central feature of the presentation, and its beauty is softened and yet emphasized by the glow of multi-colored electric lights, the whole rendered the plain and instant Christmas idea in pretty fashion, and is highly creditable to the man who devised it.

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One Piano Number Free With Each \$5 Sale at Wise's

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- Suit Cases.
- Initial Handkerchiefs.
- Silk or Linen.
- Fine Neckwear.
- Dent's Gloves.
- Holiday Suspenders.
- Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas.
- Separable Handles.
- E. & W. Monarch, Elgin Dress Shirts
- Underwear and Overshirts.
- Coats, Gloves, Hats.
- Cravenette Coats.
- Suits and Overcoats
- For Men and Boys.

**HERMAN WISE**  
BEHIND EACH ARTICLE SOLD IN HIS STORE

**Booster Club**—Arrangements are being perfected for the organization of an Astoria Booster club, which it is expected to organize immediately after the holidays. The object of the club as outlined by the projectors, is to build a sea wall, improve a number of streets in the residence district and work along all lines for a "Greater Astoria." A new hotel project is among the contemplated improvements that will be undertaken by the new organization.

**Council Meeting**—The regular meeting of the common council will be held tomorrow night. There is no important business to transact, the various committees devoting their time to cleaning up the business of the past year, so as to commence a new balance sheet on the first of the year. This will be the last meeting of the year, unless an adjourned or special meeting is held, which is very probable, as there are several matters of importance to be wound up. Although there will be no change in the personnel of the present council, it is very probable that there will be a change in the committee appointments of next year.

**Tempting Values in Footwear**



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At this time of the year we have a vast assortment from which foresighted buyers of Christmas gifts can select admirable Christmas presents for relations or friends.

**Wherity, Ralston & Company**  
The Leading Shoe Dealers.

**N. P. Engineer Here**—Chief Engineer Gilbert G. Hall, of the Northern Pacific field force on the north shore, was in the city yesterday for a few hours and in course of a conversation with a reporter of the Astorian, said that the company's surveys from Kalama to Knappton were now complete but was unable to say when the work of construction would begin. He and the twenty-four men in his outfit, now quartered at Knappton, will start in on tomorrow, to run the preliminary survey lines from Knappton to South Bend, taking the interior route therefor. He could not say when he would get through; but was in no wise chary about indicating that the venture was thoroughly legitimate and would be perfected in good time.

**"100 to 1 Shot"**—The Waldorf is presenting this week another of its famous and interesting kinnetscope films, in which a splendid story of pluck and prowess is told very vividly and with, of course, perfect realism. The long and brilliant string of pictures tells the story of an old couple in an Eastern city, over-borne by poverty, on the verge of being cast from their humble home by a heartless landlord and his minions; the humble sacrifices of the aged mother in offering her old and worn bridal jewels in abatement of the indignity; the young son's swift solution of the predicament by taking the jewels to the pawnshop, gathering a few dollars upon them and then haarding these at the races on a "100 to 1" shot, and winning. His return to the stricken home; the payment of the old debt; the purchase of the whole house and premises and his "free-for-all" deal with the minions of the police and the landlord. It is one of the best presentations made in this city in many a day.

**Street Improvement**—City Surveyor Tee yesterday filed the plans and specifications for the improvement of Columbia avenue from the west end of Bond street to Taylor avenue. Arrangements for the improvement of the street will not be undertaken until after the first of the year.

**Foley's Honey and Tar Cures** the most obstinate coughs and expels the cold from the system, as it is mildly laxative. It is guaranteed. Do not risk taking any but the genuine in the taking any but the genuine in the yellow package.

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The money spent for trinkets by the average family at Christmas time would buy an Edison Phonograph. The trinkets last about as long as Christmas does. The Edison Phonograph affords enjoyment day after day and year after year. The trinkets please only the individual recipients. The Edison Phonograph offers a continuous round of pleasure for the whole family.

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