#### The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.

coming women-wrote us.a note of his hand has the respect accorded to encouragement, saying that he had anyother beggar -- and Pixley is right. read the Argonaut long enough now to justify a confidence in laying it upon his table for the young people to read. We wished then that he had increased his advertisement; at that time we were more in need of coin than compliments. That we have now a sufficiency of both—compli-ments and coin—is due to the fact that, with brains, courage, and con-science, we have had the confidence to believe that a brave expression of honest opinions would find a metallic echo. The Argonaut was a mercenwants; the more it gets the better paper it will be; the better paper the more money. The only thing about the Argonaut is that it does not want money badly enough, nor anybody's patronage badly enough, nor any man's advertisement badly enough, to forego the immense luxury of saying just what it thinks that is within the fair limits of jour-

nalistic discussion. And that is about the way it is or should be with newspapers in general. The American newspaper is an enterprise whose primary object is to make money for its owner. People who think that THE ASTORIAN is too candid, too plain spoken, will say that this is "giving the business away," but a moment's reflection will show that the statement is manifestly correct. Of course we are talking now of a newspaper; if a blackmailing concern is started whose only creed is coin and whose only policy is pelf and plunder, the same laws apply to it that apply to other forms of putresence; it rots and falls to pieces-

Whatever motive may be stated as Mexico, writes to various newspapers PACIFIC METAL WORKS the reason for the birth of a newspaper, expectation of profit by it is man who has any regard for his futhe real one, whether the newspaper ture should think of emigrating to is religious, political, moral or other- Mexico, unless well prepared finanwise. The cause, the sect, the trade, cially to make immediate exit. the idea, the notion gets its newspaper, its organ, its advocate only when some one thinks he can see a pecuni-

This motive is not lower than that which leads a man into any other occupation or profession. To make a living and to have a career, is the original incentive in all cases. Even in purely philanthropical enterprises the driving wheel that keeps them in motion for any length of time is the salary paid its working members. We are in regular receipt of two "temperance" journals, the one published in Portland, the other in Corvallis, in both of which the main point seems to be to establish the allegation that each is the only official "organ" of the cold water beverage movement and therefore entitled to whatever drippings of advertisements, subscriptions, etc., that adherents of the doctrine may have to

ary return in establishing it.

So powerful is the incentive, that sometimes the wheel will continue to turn round when there is no grist to grind. It sometimes happens that the friction of the philanthropic machinery is so great that very little power is transmitted to the object for

paper, and uses it unscrupuously as a means of money-making only, sinks to the level of the physician and the lawyer who have no higher conception of their callings than that they offer opportunities for getting money by appeals to credulity, or by assisting or conniving at evasions of the

It is generally true that if a newspaper does not pay its owners it is valueless to the public. We do not wish to be understood as implying that all money-making newspapers are good, for some succeed by catering to the lowest tastes of respectable people, and to the prejudice, ignorance or passion of a certain class; but, as a rule, the successful journal pecuniarily is the best journal. The reasons for this are on the surface. The impecunious newspaper cannot give its readers the news, cannot give able discussion of the news, and, still worse, it cannot be independent. The political journal that relies for support upon crumbs of party favor or patronage, the general newspaper that finds it necessary to existence to manipulate facts, the religious newspaper that draws precarious support

from puffing doubtful enterprises, the "organ" that can only play the tune prescribed, are poor affairs, and, in the long run, or short run, come to grief. Some

MARCH 8, 1884 newspapers do succeed sansationalism, as some preachers do; by a kind of quackery, as some doctors do; by trimming and shifting to FRANK PIXLEY, editor of the San any momentary breeze or passing pre-Prancisco Argonzut, has been edit- judice, as some politicians do; by being his paper ever since he started it coming the paid advocates of a per six years ago. Talking about his paper sonal ambition, or a corporate enterin a recent issue he says in his own prise, as some lawyers do; but the Once in the early time of our en- real power, when it is able on the baterprise, when it was hard scratching to live, one of the best citizens of San Francisco—one with a son growing to manhood and daughters be. An editor who stands with his hat in

THE government doctors, or rather commissioners, who were appointed some time ago to examine into the moral and physical condition of our Brewery Beer Saloon darling western hog, have completed their inquiry and in their report declare absolutely and unreservedly that he is all that a respectable, ablebodied hog should be. His morals are superb. He is out of bed at an ary venture. Like all business enterprises, it was expected to pay. The journal which does not pay is not worth reading. There is not in all the vast circumference of the round globe a useful or valuable paper, seasonable hour every evening and daily, weekly, or semi-occasional, that his owner is never obliged to let him is not on a profitable financial basis. The Argonaut, therefore, as a matter F. acee, England, Russia or Germany of course wants coin; always wants it; and, curiously, but naturally enough, the more it gets the more it particular. The German chancellor should be ashamed to slander so worthy an animal. Let him send a

Ricz of Massachusetts, who has charge of the bill providing for a copyright of news published in daily concerning anything and everything newspapers, says he is going to report adversely upon the measure. He says that under such a law there would be a complication of lawsuits that would set all the judges wild." Every newspaper publisher would have to retain'a lawyer. "There is ingenuity in the composition of a book, the same as in an invention of a patented article," he says, "but there is no element of genius in news. Its talk is common gabble, and no one should be prevented from writing all he chooses about current news. To prevent or prohibit it would be to arm monopolies and appoint a censor of the press that would ruin our common literary institutions."

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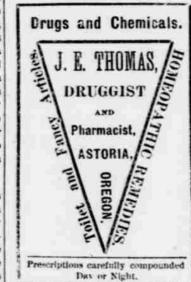
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