The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

FRIDAY.....MAY 27, 1887

Reserved seats for Baird's Minstrels at the New York Novelty Store.

Capt. David Williams, of Ilwaco, goes in command of the *Venture*.

The *Gen. Miles* came in from Seattle yesterday with 100 tons coal.

The *Oregon* is due from San Francisco this morning; the *State* sails.

To night Prof. Aulguire will deliver another free lecture at upper Astoria hall. All are invited.

Road tax in district No. 7 is being collected. It is a good sized district and holds a good many large tax payers.

The funeral of the late Wm. Wilson took place yesterday afternoon, conducted by Seaside Lodge No. 12, A. O. U. W.

The first excursion of the season will be on Sunday, The *Gen. Canby* going to Fort Canby and Ilwaco, leaving Gray's dock at nine A. M.

Rev. Mr. Hall will deliver a Memorial Day address at the Congregational church next Sunday evening, the text being "What mean ye by this service?"

Two shad, a male and a female, the latter with roe, each weighing about four pounds, were caught the other day near Clifton, farther up the river than is usual for these toothsome fish to go.

Stockholders in the Astoria building and loan association can get their stock certificates, by-laws, receipt books, etc., on application to A. S. Reed, the secretary, at Griffin & Reed's.

Rev. Mr. Hall, pastor of the Congregational church, will deliver a short oration at the Memorial services held by Cushing Post No. 14, G. A. R., next Monday, Memorial Day, the 30th inst.

A force of men under direction of the Oregon Paving and Contract company is busy opening a quarry at Tongue Point, above the buoy depot, with a view of using the rock at the mouth of the river.

No marriage license has been issued from the county clerk's office this month—an unprecedented occurrence. However, if all tales be true there will be several of those documents asked for before long.

While playing in the rear of the premises, last Wednesday, L. W. Holt's four-year-old son fell off into the water below, but was promptly rescued by his father without sustaining any material injury.

Dr. Jay Tuttle, grand chancellor of the K. of P. of this state, starts this morning on an official visit to the several lodges throughout the state. There are 25 K. of P. lodges in Oregon and it will take him about a month to complete the circuit.

The matter of celebrating the coming Fourth of July is in the hands of a general committee, consisting of J. H. D. Gray, C. J. Trenchard, I. Bergman, C. B. Watson, J. W. Welch, C. W. Fulton, C. H. Cooper, Thos. Dealy, B. S. Worsley. When they meet again it will be to hear the report of the finance committee, composed of C. H. Cooper, A. V. Allen, M. Foard.

Tee volume of laws passed at the last session of the legislature has about as few mistakes as appear impossible to avoid in a work of that nature. In the title to the act creating the office of recorder in certain counties the names of Linn, Marion, Washington and Yamhill are the only ones specicified, while in the body of the act are mentioned Umatilla, Union, Clatsop and Clackamas. Of course the law will be construed to apply only to the counties specified by name in the title.

Regarding the bark *Helen Almy*, due from San Francisco with combustibles aboard, the city council will this morning convey instructions to harbor master Curran to order the vessel upon arrival in the river to lie a mile away from the city; it will be optional with the master of the vessel whether he lies below Smith's point or above Tongue point; the point is to have the vessel far enough away from the city so that, should she blow up, there would be somebody left to see and hear it and report the calamity.

A brand new species of ghost has been unearthed in northern California. It is the spook of an alleged girl, and when the family has gone to bed it comes and fixes the fire all ready to start in the kitchen stove in the morning, and splits kindling in the woodshed, and puts some bread to raise, and cleans up shelves, etc. There is some style about a ghost like that. Instead of kicking and getting scared about it, that northern California family ought to silently rejoice over their great good luck. Some folks never know when they have struck a good thing. A ghost like that is a handy thing to have around so long as it behaves itself and doesn't break the dishes and remains invisible to the juvenile members of the family.

The captain of the *River Indus*, now lying at the foot of K street, East Portland, is a much disgusted man. "I was sent out here to get a cargo of wheat and salmon," he said to a reporter, "but when I got here and asked for my cargo, I was told that the wheat would be harvested this fall, unless the crop failed, and that the salmon were out in the ocean, but they were expected to run up the river soon, when they would be caught and cooked and canned; and some time during the summer there would be enough for a cargo. This is the charming state of expectancy in which I am to lie around here all summer." The doughty captain was assured by a *Telegram* reporter that crops never fail in Oregon and that time alone was necessary to complete his cargo.

The wreckage reported to have been picked up on the beach, says the Aberdeen *Herald*, is undoubtedly that of the brig *North Star*, as the letters R. T. H. S. T. A., would indicate. She sailed from the Sound two months ago, and is among the missing. Captain William Traenor, who was in command of the *Trustee* when that vessel was lost on the spit off Peterson's Point one year ago, had been in the *North Star* since that time, but just before sailing on what proved to be her final trip, he was called to San Francisco by the death of his wife, and gave the brig over to Capt. Williams, who has been to Gray's harbor a number of times as master of the brig *Orient*, and later as mate on the *Novelty*. The *North Star* undoubtedly foundered in the gale of April 1st, in which the ships *Saint Stephens* and *El Dorado* were lost.

A new departure in the way of carrying lumber coastwise, says the *Post*, is about to be made by the Fort Bragg Redwood Company. This corporation has had the tug *Sea Lion* under charter for a month, and has employed her in towing the schooner *Nora Harkins* between Fort Bragg and southern California ports. Although the schooner can carry but 275,000 feet of lumber, the experiment was successful far beyond expectation. The company is now having a steam schooner with a capacity of 325,000 feet built at White's shipyard at North Beach. She will be launched about June 1st. It is the intention to begin the construction of two or three sea-going barges with a capacity of 800,000 to 1,000,000 feet, and to have the steam schooner tow them up and down the coast. The barges will not be flat bottomed, and they will be fitted out with small masts. They will cost about $40,000.

Militia Orders.

HEADQUARTERS
OREGON NATIONAL GUARD,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
PORTLAND, May 21, 1887

General Orders No. 1.

I. In compliance with Section 40, Article II, of the Militia Law of the State of Oregon, passed at the 14th regular session of the legislative assembly, 1887, all organized companies of the Oregon State Militia who avail themselves of the provisions of the said law will hold an election for company commissioned officers on June 1, 1887, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

II. The election of said officers in conformity with the said law will be by ballot, written or printed.

III. The names of all officers thus elected will be forwarded, properly certified by the presiding officer and clerk of the meeting for such election, to these headquarters.

IV. Commanding officers of regiments or battalions are hereby authorized to make transfers from companies having more than sixty non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates, to companies having less than sixty, which is the maximum number allowed by law. By order of the commander-in-chief.

J. C. SHOFNER,
Adjutant-General.

A New Steamer For Oregon.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The Northern Pacific Lumbering & Manufacturing company will launch a new steamer Monday next. She will be 140 feet long and be used in towing on the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

Alert H. & L. No. One.

There will be a drill of Alert H. & L. Co. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

L. W. HOLT,
Foreman.

EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN NEWS

Latest by Wire From Over Land and Sea

PORTLAND, Or., May 26.—An old soldier named Joseph Rea was found dead in his bed at the Occidental hotel this morning. He died of general debility. The deceased was 48 years old. Among his papers were found three honorable discharges from the regular army.

KILLED THE WRONG MAN.

ROCKVILLE, Mo., May 26.—The shooting and death of John Vanderburg in the court room yesterday, during his preliminary examination on a charge of outraging Jennie Anderson, is now believed to have been a horrible mistake. It is thought Vanderburg was cooking for a camping party four miles from the scene of the outrage. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of murder against the Anderson boys.

HAVE BEEN APPEALED.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—The sheriff received yesterday official notification that notices of appeal had been duly served in the cases of Lee Chuck, sentenced to be hanged tomorrow, and Alexander Goldenson, the slayer of little Mamie Kelly, whose execution was set for the 10th prox. This gives the assassins another lease of life.

THE TRACT SOCIETY.

BOSTON, May 26.—The annual meeting of the American Tract Society was held yesterday, and the old board officers re-elected with the exception of Secretary Rev. Jeremiah Taylor, D. D., being elected in place of Rev. M. M. Cutler, resigned.

THE N. Y. LEGISLATURE.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 26.—The Velder liquor tax bill passed the assembly this morning. It now goes to the governor, who will undoubtedly veto it. The final adjournment of the legislature will occur this afternoon.

ONTO THEIR LITTLE GAME.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 26.—It is reported that the sultan has dismissed a number of officials holding high positions in the palace, who were discovered to be engaged in a conspiracy to overthrow him.

PRESBYTERIAN STATISTICS.

OMAHA, May 26.—At the Presbyterian assembly this morning the report of the committee on education was read showing the number of candidates now under control is fifty-six more than last year, making in all 696. There is a debt of $5,000 attributed to the falling off of legacies. The net increase of churches last year was 188; net increase of ministers, 1,029, after filling vacancies caused by 109 deaths.

BACK TO BEARDING THE LION.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 26.—Editor Wm. O'Brien and party arrived here this morning. The party visited the legislature, O'Brien making a few remarks in the assembly chamber. He left for Montreal this afternoon.

EXTREME TRADE JEALOUSY.

ODESSA, May 26.—The Nobles' and Rothchild's petroleum conduits near Batoum, has been destroyed by dynamite. The outrage is said to be the result of trade jealousy.

GONE TO THE ADIRONDACKS.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The president, accompanied by Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. Lamont, will leave Washington at four o'clock to-day, for a ten days' visit to Saranac lake.

U. S CIRCUIT JUDGE.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The president to-day appointed E. Henry Lacombe, of New York city, to be the additional circuit judge in the second judicial circuit.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The president has appointed L. W. Reid of Virginia, assistant register of the treasury.

GOING HOME.

LONDON, May 26.—Count Herbert Bismarck has left London for Berlin.

SO LONG.

PESTH, May 26.—The Hungarian Diet closed to-day

EXTENSIVE AND EXPENSIVE.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Wm. A. Delaney, who represents in New York certain foreign bond holders of the Kansas Pacific railroad before it was gobbled up by Jay Gould, Russell Sage and others, said to-day that he would commence action against those parties as soon as the necessary papers arrived from Amsterdam, Holland. The amount of the suit will be close on $3,000,000. George Gould and Russell Sage to-day refused to speak on the matter.

DEFENCES TO BE INCREASED.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 26.—The Dominion government will at once increase the defences of British Columbia. A battery of artillery will be established at Esquimalt, near Victoria, with the view of making the corps permanent. The imperial authorities have been asked to send out a hundred men from the British army reserve to form a nucleus.

A SORROWFUL MISTAKE.

The Ilwaco Shooting the Result of a Misunderstanding.

Farther statement from Ilwaco yesterday afternoon confirms the fact that the killing of Ross and the wounding of King at Ilwaco last Tuesday night were the result of an unfortunate encounter between men that had nothing but the same purpose in view, viz: to guard some web that was drying near the town. It appears that an Indian named "Tillamook Tom," had been placed on guard and it was he that excited the suspicions of the party of three and they, demanding to know who he was and what he was doing there, received death dealing shots in response. It is further said that it was only after being fired at and chased till almost run down that the Indian turned and fired on his pursuers.

Bad as the result is, it is with relief it is learned that there was no hostile meeting as at first feared, and the instance serves as a sad illustration of caution whenever fire arms are in the hands of excited and excitable men.

It is learned from a reliable source that Major W.A. Jones, of the U. S. engineer corps is expected down here shortly to make personal examination of the position and location of the traps in Baker's bay, their effect upon the channels, their relation to navigation, etc, and will make a report to the government thereon.

None but the general government can assume requisite control or direction of this much vexed matter, and if some definite conclusion or order concerning it can be arrived at, it will tend to settle a matter over which there has been years of dispute and contention.

Since the above was in type the following was received from THE ASTORIAN'S Ilwaco correspondent:

ILWACO, May 26, 1887.

At the coroner's inquest held yesterday, the jury decided that "Tillamook Tom," the man who was guarding Colbert's net, and who shot Ross and King, was justified in doing so, and exonerated him from all blame.

Sheriff Turner searched the house from which those bloody rags were reported to be thrown and found nothing that would lead to substantiate such a report. It started from a gossipy neighbor.

Archie Ross' funeral took place at 2 P. M. Services conducted by Judge Dalton, who read the Episcopal burial service in an impressive manner. The Heath family formed the choir, and the school house was not large enough to accommodate the many friends and sympathizers. The remains were buried in a beautiful spot across the Whealdon lake.

King is doing well and will be out soon.

The name of the Indian that killed Ross is Thomas Dalzan. He is the man who killed Duncan at Clatsop plains about three years ago.

Important If True.

A physician maintains that one person out of every five is insane. The other four are cranks.—*Phila. Press.*

Our boys' hose team has definitely decided to participate in the fireman's tournament at Vancouver next month, to which end they are training daily. —*Walla Walla Union*, 23.