

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1887

THE collector at Bombay has among his curiosities a Chinese god marked "Heathen Idol," and next to it a gold dollar marked "Christian Idol."

GENERAL and growing discontent is reported throughout the island of Cuba, caused by the oppressions and tax extortions of Spain. Measures of relief are demanded of the Spanish government, and there is a growing desire for more intimate trade and political relations with the United States.

OSCAR B. FARNUM, of Boston, tired of life, took a big dose of laudanum, tied his necktie tightly around his throat, hung himself thereby to the chandelier, turned on the gas, and tried to die. The necktie broke, the poison didn't work, he was discovered before the gas killed him, and at last accounts was alive.

THE United States supreme court has handed down a decision that an insane person who takes his own life does not "commit suicide," and that life insurance may be recovered even though the policy may provide that it shall be void if the insured person shall die by suicide; self-killing by a lunatic person is by law to be regarded as an accidental death.

A PLACE on earth has been found where taxes are unknown. It is a territory bordering on the northern line of Lincoln county, Me., called "Hibbert's Gore." It contains three hundred and thirty-four acres of land, and ten flourishing families. It is bounded by the lines of three counties—Knox, Lincoln and Waldo—but it is not claimed by either. The inhabitants do not maintain a municipal organization, and cannot vote for president, governor, members of the legislature or town officers.

THE cost of all fences in the United States amounts to \$1,747,549,931, or nearly equal to the interest bearing debt, and about the same as the estimated value of all the farm animals, so that for every dollar invested in live stock another dollar is required for constructing protection against their ravages upon crops. The annual repairs together with interest on the amount invested in the existing fences, amounted to nearly \$200,000,000, and the amount of wood needed must have been not far from 5,000,000,000 feet.

A POSSIBLE cause of earthquakes in Europe has been suggested to the French Academy of Sciences by M. A. Blavier, who associates the great disturbances of 1755, 1884 and 1887 with abnormal accumulations of ice about the north pole. He supposes such accumulations have caused a deflection of the gulf stream away from Europe, producing great climatic changes and a slight disturbance of equilibrium in the sea bottom, followed by a possible local fracture along the line of least resistance. Evidence of the in-rush of cold oceanic waters is furnished by the disappearance of sardines from the west coast of Europe during the years in question.

FAMOUS WOMEN. Madame Trebelli, the greatest of living contraltos who has traveled extensively, in fact visited every county and city of note in the world, has just departed from the slope of the Pacific, and often expressing the greatest admiration for the beauty and grandeur of our scenery and the delightful mildness of our climate, left the following written note as a living expression of her opinion in the hands of a Portland druggist, the original of which can be seen on demand.

PORTLAND, Or., April 6, 1887. Dear Mr. Wilson:—I have tried your "Robotine," and it gives me much pleasure to say that it is excellent for the complexion, being one of the best articles of the kind I have ever used. Believe me, yours sincerely, Z. TREBELL.

If any further proof of the excellency of this article is required call on Messrs. W. E. Dement & Co. of Astoria, Or., who, for the small sum of fifty cents, will produce evidence that will satisfy the most skeptical and fastidious and give you a beautiful picture card for the trouble of enquiring.

BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Yesterday morning flames broke out at 1:30 in the South End line stables on Tenth avenue, New York city, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets. The building was entirely destroyed, with 1,600 horses and nearly all the cars in the building. Two blocks of buildings were soon in flames.

Flames were first seen by one of the night hands, who gave the alarm. The flames spread rapidly, and soon completely enveloped the building. The building was a five-story structure, and covered a square block, reaching back to Eleventh avenue. It was in flames so quickly that there was no chance to save the books of the company. In the stables were over 1,600 horses and several hundred cars. Only ten hand cars were saved. At 2 o'clock the walls of the building fell in with a crash, sending millions of sparks and blazing pieces of wood high in the air. The call of three sixes had been made as soon as the fire chief arrived at the scene, and engines from all parts of the city, with the water tower and hook and ladder companies were readily coming. The heat from the flaming building was so great that several firemen and two policemen were prostrated.

At 1:45 A. M., the flames, aided by a strong high wind which was prevailing, had leaped across the wide avenue and communicated to the whole block on the east side, between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth. The block was composed of six-story tenement houses and a coal yard. The terror-stricken tenants poured out of the building like a swarm of bees, praying, fighting and cursing by turns. The scene of terror was indescribable. The buildings burned rapidly, though the fronts facing the avenue were brown stone. By 2:30 they were completely gutted. Flames spread to the entire block, over to Ninth avenue. At half past two the next block below had caught fire and was blazing furiously. Streets in the vicinity for blocks away were filled with frightened, crying and woe-stricken tenants fleeing from the ravages of the flames. The fire attracted thousands of awe-stricken spectators. The tenement houses were thickly peopled. Every floor had from four to five families. All were poor people, who will lose all their property.

It is not known how the fire originated. A number of men slept in the car stable. Seventy-five dwellings, mostly frame tenements, inhabited by poor people, a soap factory and a brewery are among the buildings burned. The loss will aggregate over \$1,000,000. The fire was got under control at four o'clock this morning; the loss is now estimated at \$1,325,000. The fire raged from 1:30 o'clock till day-break; the bodies of 1,200 horses were roasted in the ruins of the stables. More than one hundred families, most of them very poor people, were rendered homeless. A number of people were prostrated by the heat. The insurance will be less than \$500,000.

Unnecessary Misery. Probably as much misery comes from habitual constipation as from any derangement of the functions of the body, and it is difficult to cure, for the reason that no one likes to take the medicines usually prescribed. HAMBURG FIGS were prepared to obviate this difficulty, and they will be found pleasant to the taste of women and children. 25 cents. At all druggists. J. J. Mack & Co., proprietors, S. F.

Vagaries of Minnesota Weather. It gives us great pain to announce that the man who was sun-struck early Sunday afternoon froze to death Sunday night. —Minneapolis Tribune.

The Verdict Unanimous. W. D. Sult, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of rheumatism of 19 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have aided their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at W. E. Dement & Co.'s Drug Store.

Go to Thompson & Ross for a number one Salt Lake potatoes.

For Gray's River Asparagus fresh and tender.

For the White Heath Peach XXX.

For Rock Candy Drips half gallon and gallon can.

For Cream Biscuits, Boston Brown Bread, etc.

For fresh Clatsop Clams.

For White Burbank potatoes for seed and for Silver Cream for breakfast.

In fact if you want choice groceries at the lowest market rates don't forget to call on THOMPSON & ROSS.

The perfection of the age in the medical line is the liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, manufactured only by the California Fig Syrup Co., San Francisco, Cal. It is agreeable to the taste, acceptable to the stomach, harmless in its nature, painless yet prompt and thorough in its action. For sale by W. E. Dement & Co.

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Telephone Lodging House. Best Beds in town. Rooms per night 30 and 35 cts. per week \$1.50. New and clean. Private entrance.

A Sunny Room. With the comforts of a home, library, etc. Apply at Holden House.

Gambian Beer. And Free Lunch at the Telephone Saloon, 5 cents.

A New And Enlarged Stock of Choice Brands of Cigars. Imported Key West and domestic. All tastes can be satisfied and all pockets suited as to price. T. Harris, Folsom & Juniors in full supply as usual at D. L. BECK & SONS.

What is better than a glass of liquor? A cup of delicious coffee at Fabre's.

The best oysters in any style at Fabre's.

Ten cents for a cup of Fabre's nice coffee.

DIED. On Gray's River, May 25, 1887, Frankie L. infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Baker, aged nine months and three days.

"Thy days sweet babe, were few— An angels morning visit, That came and vanished as the dew. 'Twas here; 'twas there; where is it! Yet didst thou leave behind thee A clue for love to find thee."

NEW-TO-DAY. Summer Visitors WILL FIND SUNNY QUIET ROOMS, with or without board; Apply to Mrs. A. T. Harris, Folsom & Juniors, one door from corner, west side. Rates reasonable.

Auditor and Police Judge's Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that the city assessment roll of the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon for the year 1887, as returned by the City Assessor of said city on the 24th day of May, 1887, is now on file in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge of said city, where it is open and will remain open for inspection until the 15th day of June, 1887. All applications for corrections or revisions of the same must be filed with the Auditor and Police Judge prior to said 15th day of June 1887. By order of the Common Council. Attest: T. S. JEWETT, Auditor and Police Judge. Astoria, May 28th, 1887.

FIRST OF THE SEASON. Grand Excursion! To Fort Canby and Ilwaco.

The steamer Gen. Canby will leave Gray's dock at 9 A. M. Sunday, May 29, 1887. Tickets for the Round Trip, One Dollar.

Proposals for furnishing ship chandlery and rations for revenue vessels. CUSTOM HOUSE, ASTORIA, OREGON, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, May 20, 1887. SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the office until 12 o'clock, noon, of Saturday, June 11, 1887, for supplying rations and ship chandlery for the use of crews and vessels in the U. S. Revenue Marine service, in this collection district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888. Schedules of articles of ship chandlery to be bid for will be furnished on application at this office. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, and to waive defects. JOHN HOBSON, Collector.

Notice. NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR THE agents of the British ship Sir Henry Lawrence, will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of said vessel without the master's consent while at this port. CAPT. SINCLAIR. Astoria, May 25th, 1887.

Astoria Building and Loan Association. Special Notice to Stockholders.

CERTIFICATES OF STOCK, BY LAWN and receipt, bona fide, now ready for delivery at office of the secretary, at City Book Store. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday evening June 1st, 7:30 P. M. at the hall of Rescue Engine Co. Does not paid before 9 P. M. of above date will become delinquent and subject to fines which will be strictly enforced. The public invited to attend. A. S. REED, Secretary. Astoria, Or., May 26, '87.

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Watch for the Grand Parade of Baird's Gold and Silver Cane Band. Admission: Reserved Seats 50. Family Circle 75 cents. Gallery 50 cents.

Reserved seats on sale at the usual place The New York Novelty Store.

For Sale. TWO NEW FISHING BOATS. JUST completed; guaranteed quality. Apply at boat shop of JOS. LEATHERS.

Books, Stationery, WE DO NOT WANT THE EARTH. Modest Prices are Satisfactory, Small profits are Sufficient. Moderate Patronage is acceptable. We reach your approval through Low Prices. We have now an immense stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware. Our stock is Fresh, New and Stylish. LOOK US OVER. If we do not save you money we will make some one else sell you Low. CARL ADLER, Manager

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EMPIRE STORE! WE CARRY A Full Line of Dry and Fancy Goods, Ready Made Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods Hats & Caps. We have just received a large lot of GENTS' FINE SHOES. Direct from Manufacturers. Children's Youths' and Misses' Shoes. In all styles and grades, And the finest assortment of LADIES' SHOES to be found in Astoria. W. T. PARKER, Manager.

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