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By the yard, Linen-Mesh, 32 inches wide—ecru, 75c yard; white, \$1.25 yard.

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RATE WAR ABOUT TO END

ASTORIA RAILROAD AND WATER LINES COME TO TERMS.

Differential of 40 Per Cent Allowed to the Steamboat-Transfers at Flavel Granted.

It is reported on good authority that the rate war between the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company and the steamboat companies operating lines between Portland and Astoria will soon be settled. This could be good news to the merchants of Astoria, who have been losing a great deal of business on account of the low fares prevailing which induce many Astorians to come to Portland to do their shopping, but from what can be learned the conditions on which the rate war is to be settled are not so favorable as they might be.

The cause of the trouble between the railroad and the steamboat lines is not fully understood by everybody, and the following explanation, furnished by an interested party, may be of public interest. When the railroad was put in operation, clear through the Company disallowed making connections at Astoria between their trains to the Seaside and the steamboat lines. Now, going to Astoria, by boat on transferring to the railroad were subjected to what was considered unreasonable charges for excess baggage from Astoria to the Seaside, and if they had a box of provisions it was not allowed to go as baggage, but had to be shipped as freight, and, of course, be delayed. Passengers fit as if this was done to get even with them for coming down on a boat, and were told that if they had come down by rail there would have been none of these extra charges.

The boatmen have been demanding connections with trains morning and evening, and a differential in rates of 40 per cent, and wished to handle their summer business via Flavel or Astoria, at their option. Some

of the railroad officials have large holdings of land at Flavel, and it would therefore suit them better to have all passengers transferred at Flavel. It is understood that the steamboat companies have at last yielded this point, and that the rate war will soon be settled by the steamboat companies agreeing to the Flavel transfer, and the railroad company conceding a differential and insuring stable freight rates. When this arrangement is completed passenger rates will be advanced and there is no probability of an unreasonably cheap rate to the Seaside this season.

AT THE METROPOLITAN.

Number of School Children See the Matinee.

At the Metropolitan yesterday afternoon the stock company played to a crowded house of school children, who were attracted to the performance by the promise of prizes from different merchants for the greatest number of words to be made from the letters contained in the name George Washington. The matinee was a great success in more ways than one. The youngsters enjoyed the performance from start to finish, as was evinced by their constant applause of each situation. The songs by Laura Adams and Miss Georgie Cooper and her "Carolina Twins" received encore after encore. The prizes were announced from the stage after the second act. The boy finding the greatest number of words received a suit of clothes. The girl finding the greatest number, a pair of shoes; the nearest manuscript a dozen photographs. A number of contestants were so close in competition that special season matinee passes were issued.

Last night the house was again packed. The company seems to have made a hit, and will give three more performances of "O'Brien, the Contractor," Friday evening, Saturday matinee and Saturday evening. On Sunday evening "Red, White and Blue" will be produced.

Those unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and dyspepsia should use Carter's Little Nerve Pills, made expressly for this class.

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100 pairs bobbinet ruffled curtains with valencienne edge and insertions, \$1.95 pair.

Remnants of Vellings 8c each.

BOERS STOOD FOR DRINKS.

How an Ingenious Bummer Quenched His Thirst.

A very thirsty individual, whose finances were depleted, hit upon a plan whereby for filling up without expense, and succeeded beyond expectation. He stood outside of a well-known saloon much frequented by pro-boers, wondering how he could stand off the bartender, when all at once it occurred to him to start a war rumor, and he put the thought into execution instantly.

Entering the saloon with rapid strides he saluted the bartender, "Say, Jerry, did you hear about the big Boer victory?"

"No," replied Jerry, "what has happened?"

"Cronje caught the British in a trap, and killed, captured and wounded 3000 of them," responded the man with the unquenchable thirst.

"Hurrah for Cronje," said Jerry, "have a drink, boys, have something with me."

The crowd elbowed up to the bar, and the whiskey glasses were soon filled and emptied. The thirsty individual looked up after having put down "four fingers" of rye and began to relate the alleged particulars of the important event to the gang.

"I tell you Cronje is a great general," remarked another member of the party from the land of boes, "Jerry, fill 'em up again."

The crowd soon became congenial under the influence of numerous treats all around, and the thirsty individual ceased to thirst.

"TOO MUCH JOHNSON."

How Gillette Happened to Name His Famous Comedy.

When William Gillette finished this new successful comedy, he handed the manuscript to Frohman to read. Frohman did so, and when he finished it he said: "There's enough about Johnson in it, isn't there?"

"Yes," answered Gillette, "too much Johnson." And so the play was christened, but never in his happiest dreams did the author picture such an unprecedented success as this comedy has attained. At Cordray's this week it is simply carrying the audiences to extremes of laughter, and every one who has seen it reports the same old verdict that "It's certainly the funniest thing ever written." The production by Mr. French and his excellent company compares favorably with the original performance, and Portland's one regret is that the comedy is only to run one week, closing Saturday night, and including the regular Saturday matinee.

Candidates for Commissioner. At Mount Tabor there are candidates enough for County Commissioner, so there will be ample material to make a selection from. Among the names mentioned are those of George Sanford, W. S. Failing, C. H. Welch, Leander Lewis.

All these men are well known and good citizens, and no mistake could be made in making them all Commissioners if that could be done.

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WORKING FOR ECONOMY

TAXPAYERS' LEAGUE MAKES MANY SUGGESTIONS.

Street Improvements Come Up for Consideration, and Reductions in County Expense Are Asked For.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Taxpayers' League the question involving the improvement of the streets of the City was discussed at some length. The particular street that was brought most forcibly to the front was Sixth, because that is the main thoroughfare to the Union depot, and its condition is bad. This is very noticeable to strangers in the City, and is disagreeable to drive over. A letter which was received from the Superintendent of Streets contained many valuable suggestions. A committee was appointed to improve matters now, and to look into the City Charter to inquire into permanent improvement. It was the opinion of many of the members that the only way to reach the root of the matter is to care for the streets at present out of the general fund for a term of years. If left to individual property-holders to repair streets, they will not be kept in good condition, as there would be too many different plans.

The county roads and the manner of their improvement, as well as the amount expended on them, are receiving the attention of the Committee on Streets. This committee is looking after the financial end of the problem, and the members are making personal investigation of the different roads of the County. It is a question in which all are interested, and the League intends to devote considerable time to the matter.

The details of the government of the City have also been investigated, and at the next meeting the committee hopes to make a full report of all the work up to date, and further details will be given as they occur.

The drawing of the jury list is receiving some attention, and the League is satisfied that the list just drawn is an excellent one, and litigants need have no fear of having cases tried before them. It is an unwritten law of the League that all members drawn for jury duty must serve, unless imperative reasons deter them.

The matter of the bicycle tax list report by the Sheriff was brought up. This matter came before the League some time ago, and on the first of February the League was advised by the Sheriff that he intended to file his report soon. This was not yet been done, and the League feels that this cannot be postponed much longer. The League is not disposed to be hasty in these matters, or unduly captious, but it believes the reports of receipts and disbursements should be filed. This is not a personal matter, but a question of principle, as a large part of the League work consists of making suggestions for laws to make expenses less.

There is no way to get these figures except by actual results, and the results can only be obtained from the reports of the officers. The League hopes the Sheriff will file this list very soon. It does not desire to have any friction, but as a body of taxpayers it feels there is no occasion for further delay.

A special committee was appointed to inquire into the actual cost to the County of collecting the taxes. There is some doubt as to what the actual cost of collection is. The committee already knows the cost for the extension of the rolls. The League will make suggestions for changes whereby this work, in its opinion, can be done much cheaper than at present.

The number of Deputy Sheriffs required in office for actual collections seems uncertain. A committee is making inquiries into this matter, and will soon be in a position to make a full report.

The Committee on Assessment attended the Assessors' convention, and is now codifying the present laws, with a view of making suggestions. As the matter is now understood, it is not proposed to make any important changes, but using the old laws as a basis, will offer amendments to simplify the plan of assessment.

The general disposition seems to be to make no radical change in existing laws, but gradually to modify them and make them more adaptable to existing circumstances. Many minor changes will be proposed.

The League has received a letter from men at the Dalles requesting information to be used in organizing a similar League there. By-laws and other information has been forwarded. The Portland League hopes that similar Leagues will be formed all over the State, of a nonpolitical character, with the belief that the discussion will have a good result.

Will Connect Bell Tower. The effort making by the Sunnyside Volunteer firemen to connect the bell in the tower of the house on Belmont and East Thirty-fifth streets with the fire-alarm system promises to prove a success. A considerable sum was realized from the dance given by the firemen on the 14th of the month, but all the returns are not yet in, and the full sum received cannot be known for several days. The Commissioners are very favorable to the improvement, and will do what they can to help the Volunteers. Chairman Howe

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All the latest styles for men, women, boys, girls and children. Heavyweights, medium weights, light weights, black shoes, tan shoes, shoes for all occupations and occasions. Best of values guaranteed throughout.

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speaks in complimentary terms of the Volunteers at Sunnyside, and of their fine work in protecting property in that portion of the city, giving their time and means for that purpose. The city electrician is making plans for connecting the bell with the city fire-alarm system, and will have them ready when needed. District Engineer Holden, of the East Side district, is quite anxious that the bell should be connected up. East of East Twentieth street the general alarm is very indistinct, and often cannot be heard at all, and when the district engineer goes out to Sunnyside he reports off. With the bell at the hosehouse repenting the general alarm, he will be kept in touch with the remainder of his district, and the people also can hear the general alarm.

VALUABLE RELIC.

Chest and Mirror Which Came to Oregon in 1792.

In 1773 a vessel called the Columbia was built at Hobart's Landing, on North River, near Boston. After being used for various purposes for several years, she was purchased by a trading company of that City and sent to the Pacific Coast about the year 1791, and returned to Boston August 19, 1796, having sailed 20,000 miles. After being thoroughly overhauled, the Columbia put to sea on September 23, 1796, and arrived off what is now known as Vancouver's Island June 4, 1797, in command of Captain Robert Gray, who had been an officer of the Revolutionary navy. After some months engaged in trading with the Indians along the Coast, Captain Gray found himself as far south as the entrance to what we now call Gray's Harbor, into which he sailed May 7, 1792. He named it Bulfinch Harbor, in honor of one of his employers. That name was soon dropped, however, and that of its discoverer substituted, which is still retained. Four days later he saw an entrance and sailed into it, hence May 11, 1792, has become an imperishable date in Oregon annals, as the date upon which the Columbia River was discovered, and upon the 12th of May, that year, Captain Gray landed near the mouth of the river, named it after his ship, raised the American flag, planted a few coins under a tree, and formally took possession of the country in the name of the United States. This act took place on the northern bank of the Columbia River.

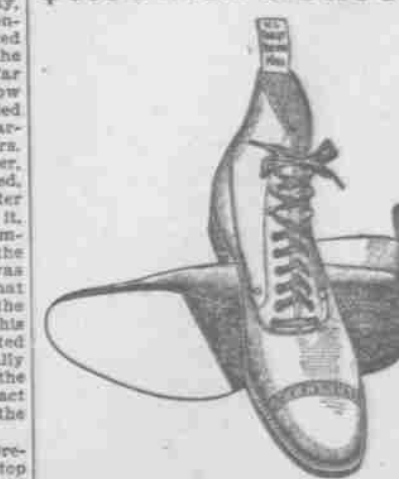
Today there is in the rooms of the Oregon Historical Society, City Hall, top floor, the ship chest of Captain Gray, and the mirror he used upon this memorable trip. Fifteen years ago an antiquarian of Boston visited Portland, and for some slight service rendered him by George H. Holmes, then secretary of the Oregon Pioneer Association, at the latter's request, promised to get all the information possible about the antecedents of Cap-

tain Gray and his renowned vessel. This was done in time for use at the 100th anniversary of the discovery of the River, and descendants owning the articles above mentioned were found who were willing to donate them to Oregon. In this way they came into the possession of the Oregon Pioneer and Historical Society of Astoria, and through the courtesy of the executive board of that Society, Judge J. H. D. Gray, chairman, they are now on exhibition in the rooms in the City Hall.

Mr. Carnegie's Riches.

Boston Herald. Mr. Frick, Mr. Carnegie's partner, estimates the net profits of the Carnegie Steel Company for 1899 as \$40,000,000. As the Carnegie interest is 5 1/2 per cent, the Carnegie share of these profits would be \$22,000,000. These figures are fairly staggering, and they are larger than has ever been returned by the concern in previous years, but this promises to be a phenomenally profitable season. It is stated as a cold fact that the Carnegie Company's profits last year amounted to \$21,000,000, out of which Mr. Carnegie drew \$12,355,000. With all his generosity, that philanthropic gentleman finds it difficult to give away money fast enough to begin to balance his accumulations.

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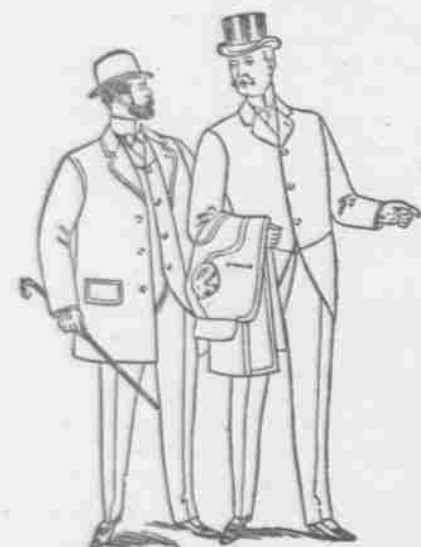


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