

Tri-Weekly Astorian

ASTORIA, OREGON:

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-A bill will be introduced in Congress to admit grain-bay material duty free.

-Irving, the San Francisco culprit taken to New York for what he knew of the Nathan murder, has been convicted of burglary.

-The Chicago Evening Journal says there is considerable opposition to the confirmation of Williams for Chief Justice. Guess not.

-We notice that "Smith of Oregon" is on the House Committee on mileage and military affairs. Ne-Smith of Polk county, we suppose.

-Prof. Agassiz is seriously ill. Seth Adams, the pisciculturist is dead. Judge J. C. Underwood of the United States Court for Virginia is also dead.

-The United States steamer Richmond, from Key West May 10th, via Rio de Janeiro July 4th, arrived at San Francisco December 4th. The Richmond is 2,700 tons register, carries 15 guns and 342 men.

-One thousand tons of tea, which left Shanghai and Hongkong on the 27th of September, arrived in New York, November 9th, only forty-three days from China. It was forwarded by the Pacific Mail Steam Line and the overland train.

-A member of the St. Paul Minn., city council, believing that towns should dispense with such luxuries as parks, these hard times, moved, the other day, that the city sell out a \$100,000 plot recently purchased for a park, and the matter is now pending.

-George W. Peckham, a retired lawyer, aged eighty years, brother of Judge Rufus Peckham, who was lost on the Ville de Havre, committed suicide in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 3d, by jumping into the river. The sad death of his brother, it is supposed, produced temporary insanity.

-Henry C. Bowen, of the Independent and Brooklyn Union, who is charged with slandering Henry Ward Beecher, stated in Plymouth Church on the 5th that if he had slandered Beecher he was sorry for it. He knew of nothing to warrant such slander.

-On the 4th the spirit of the news from Sacramento was the strong effort to drum Democrats into caucus in support of the Monopolists programme. A caucus was finally held on the 7th, at which thirty-seven Democrats were present, but no nomination was made. Instructions were briefly "Deat Booth."

-The San Francisco Bulletin says it is the opinion of friend and foe alike that the election of Governor Booth to the United States Senate for the long term is a foregone conclusion. Nearly all the letters from Sacramento, no matter what may be the political views of the writers, though differing in everything else, agree upon the point that the election of the Governor has become an absolute certainty.

-At a recent meeting of the American Iron and Steel Association, held in Philadelphia, a statement of the ascertained and estimated production of Iron and Steel in the United States was presented. The demand for railroad iron shows a marked falling off since 1871, when the business of laying rails seems to have culminated in the putting down that year of 7,776 miles. In 1873, the number of miles laid was 6,427, while during the past year the quantity is estimated at 3,000 miles, and perhaps not more than that will be laid in 1874. The decline in this interest and the diminished consumption of other kinds incident to high prices, in connection with the panic, have placed the trade in a very unsatisfactory condition, and losses have been the result.

SNOW IN CALIFORNIA.

Nearly a foot of snow fell in Sacramento on the 3d, but it melted so fast that there was not more than four or five inches at any one time. Snowballing was the order of the day; men, women and children entering into the sport. The storm extended to the northern and central portions of the State and there were copious rains in all directions.

This is how the snow was enjoyed in Sacramento on the 3d: During the day numerous impromptu cutters and sleighs made their appearance, some of them quite comfortable affairs, but the greater number little more than burlesques. One individual had a sled constructed of planks rounded at the end, with cross-pieces to hold them in place, and a huge crockery hog-head by way of a box. He found the latter a great convenience when he had to "duck down" to avoid a shower of balls. There was also a four-in-hand sleigh, with bells on the horses, etc, in which vehicle several gentlemen had a good time, and that evening went so enading. Another sleigh had a crockery crate for a box, and in this several Second-street demoiselles started out for a ride, but before they had gone far there was a breakdown, the "box" was pitched upon end, the women and driver thrown out into the snow, and everything so mixed that it was some time before the party could get disentangled.

At Vallejo the fall amounted to five inches during the day. The Chronicle says: "A sufficient quantity had fallen at a comparatively early hour to make snowballing a possible pastime; and a large portion of Georgia street joined in the fun. Business men, whose snow-balling days have been passed twenty years ago, joined with as much zest in the sport, as the school-boy with his satchel on the way to school. The occasion was, in fact, made a gala day, and hurling snowy missiles became the chief occupation. The air was thick with flying balls, and neither age nor condition enjoyed impunity from being made their targets. In the early part of the day, a decided sensation was created by the appearance of a sled coming up Georgia street, and appended to a wagon drawn by a couple of horses. The form of a well-known citizen seated upon this vehicle, however, was the chief attraction, and soon became the recipient of a united attention. Volley after volley of snowballs was rained upon the unfortunate man from every direction. He would probably have been compelled to endure an inflaming fire the whole length of the street, had not the sled stuck and tumbled him into the street. An interview with the "oldest inhabitants" develops the fact that the present is the heaviest snow fall known to have occurred in this section."

-The Sacramento Union has a lady Stenographic reporter in the California legislature this Winter. Miss Fannie Wheeler of San Francisco.

-The military telegraph line was completed to Tucson on the 2d instant, and is now in good working order to all points named in the Act of Congress.

-The Enterprise, the most influential paper in Nevada, has been making an estimate of the political sentiment of that State. It claims that a majority of the voters are favorable to an independent movement.

-Ex-Senator Casserly of California advises the Democrats to go into caucus, pick out a man and stand by him, even if they were defeated. They could at least fall with their feet to the foe—and their faces to the sky.

-Rasmus Johnson of California has invented a machine for cutting canals. It is a most wonderful machine, if the Call account of it is correct. Among other things it is said the machine will cut a canal thirty feet wide and six feet deep at the rate of one to three feet per minute.

-The controversy between the German and Spanish Governments regarding the German vessels seized by a Spanish war vessel in the Philippine Islands continues to increase in seriousness. The German frigate Kron Prinz and the corvette Augusta have been ordered to prepare for active service.

-The Vasco de Gama, the initial steamer in the new British line between Hongkong and this coast, left the English docks at Gravesend on the 14th ult., will be due at Hongkong to-day, and will have immediate dispatch for San Francisco. The second ship of the fleet, the Vancouver, was successfully launched on the Clyde on the 10th of November.

-Sleeping in a cold bed room is very hurtful to the health. Robust persons may safely sleep in a temperature of 40 or under, but the old, the infant, and the frail, should never sleep in a room where the atmosphere is much under 50 degrees Fahrenheit. All know the danger of going direct into the cold from a very warm room. Very few rooms, churches, theatres, and the like are warmer than 70 degrees. If it is freezing out of doors it is 30 degrees—the difference being 40 degrees more. Persons will be chilled by such a change in ten minutes, although they may be actively walking. But to lie still in bed, nothing to promote circulation, and breathe for hours an atmosphere of 40 and even 50 degrees when the lungs are always at 98, is too great a change. Many persons wake up in the morning with inflammation of the lungs who went to bed well, and are surprised that this should be the case. The cause may often be found in sleeping in a room the window of which has been foolishly hoisted for ventilation. The water-cure journals of the country have done an incalculable injury by the blind and indiscriminate advice of hoisting the window at night. The rule should be, everywhere during the part of the year when fires are kept burning, to avoid hoisting outside windows. It is safer and better to leave the chamber door open, as also the fire-place—then there is a draft up the chimney, while the room is not so likely to become cold. If there is some fire in the room all night the window may be opened an inch. It is safer to sleep in a bad air all night, with a temperature over 50 than in pure air with a temperature under 40. The bad air may sicken you, but cannot kill you; the cold air can and does kill very often.

Meteorological Report

Table with columns: Date, Bar, Thermometer (Mean, Max, Min), Rain fall, Direct'n of the wind. Data for Dec 1-15.

Fireman's Ball.—Astoria Engine Company No. 1, will give a Grand Ball, at Spiritual Hall, Astoria, on Christmas Night, December 25th, 1873. Good Music will be provided. Tickets, including supper, \$3. A general invitation is extended to the public.

Committee of Arrangements—W. P. Gray, Foreman; J. G. Coe, 1st Assistant; B. F. Stevens, 2d Assistant.

Hotel Arrivals.—PARKER HOUSE, Astoria. John Bent, J. Duffy, Beck Ingalls, E. B. Parker, city; Wm Baker, Schomague; J B Miars, Point; W J Franklin, M Hill, A Condit, P Tilman, Summer Hoxy, H. Harrison, Clatsop; G. Smith, C H Parker, Thomas Collins, E E Chapman, Portland; Henry Miller, City; J N Ogleby, R A Abbott, Fort Stevens; J H D Gray, Thos Johnson, Daniel Overton, J Wilson J Ross, W P Gray, Astoria; R M Lowe, Landing; W Bryant, W T.; Ben Johnson, Brookfield; J W Schroder, Shoalwater bay; S Smith Glas Jennings, W P Parker, Wm Oliver, star Annie Stewart, Capt. Ferguson, ship Tongoy; John Barton, Care; J H Boyd, S. F.

Dec. 15, American ship Cutwater, for Liverpool, with 9,592 barrels flour—\$38,818; and 1,078 cents wheat—\$18,818; aggregate value of \$57,637; loaded as follows: at Portland 9,000 cents \$15,000, and 2,529 bbls \$15,000; against 1,818 cents \$3,818 and 7,072 bbls \$13,133 taken on at Astoria. Figures don't lie.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Dissolution of Partnership. THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between J. F. Saunders and A. G. Allen, is this day dissolved, by mutual consent. A. G. Allen retires, I assume all obligations. All debts due the firm to be paid to me. J. F. SAUNDERS. Fort Stevens, Oregon, Dec. 9th, 1873. dtf

To Let. THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY, belonging to the estate of A. Crosby deceased, is for rent. For particulars apply to H. S. AIKEN, Administrator Astoria, Nov. 20th, 1873-tf of said Estate.

Astoria Truck and Dray Co. Office at J. W. Gearhart's Store, Astoria.

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FRESH BREAD, CAKES, PIES, CRACKERS and Pilot Bread, always on hand.

A RESTAURANT Is kept in connection with the Bakery, where meals can be procured at all hours. Oysters in every style in the season. oc1tf

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FRANK FABRE, at the Central Market, Portland, has enlarged his COFFEE stall, and added such improvements as will enable him to provide Epicures with the best in the Market. Parties furnished with Hot Coffee on short notice. Give the Central Market Coffee Stand a trial. oc1tf

HENRY BERENDES, Fashionable BOOTS MAKER! Chenamus street, Astoria, Oregon.

Manufactures to order the best quality of Boots and Shoes Repairing of all kinds oc1tf

Fancy Poultry Sale.

THE UNDERSIGNED, ABOUT TO REMOVE from Astoria, offers his stock of fancy Poultry for sale, at the following reduced prices: Silver Spangled Hamburgs.....\$7.50 per pair Buff Cochins..... 5.00 Light Brahamas..... 5.00 Duck-Wing Game..... 3.00 All Chickens are warranted to be Pure blooded. A. J. MEULELIE, Astoria, Oregon.

NOTICE.

BY ORDER of the Board of Directors a third assessment of Twenty-five (25) per cent. on the capital stock of the Astoria Farmers Company is made and required to be paid to the Treasurer of said Company within Thirty days from date. S. D. ADAIR, Secretary. Astoria, Dec. 2d, 1873. oc1tf

Notice.

THE ASTORIA FARMERS' COMPANY is now ready to store

Wheat and other PRODUCE! AT THEIR NEW WAREHOUSE. Usual rates charged. S. D. ADAIR, Secretary. Astoria, Dec. 4th, 1873. dtf

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THIS COMPANY IS NOW READY TO deliver from one to one thousand sacks of Fresh Oysters, direct from their native element three times a week; we can furnish all kinds, in any quantity, at prices defying competition.

Customers can rely upon regular tri-weekly supplies, either in sun-shine or storm—We never fail, and Always last the Season Through. G. W. WARREN & CO., Astoria, Oregon. oc2tf

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FAST HORSES! GOOD CARRIAGE! LEAVES ASTORIA EVERY TUESDAY, Thursday and Saturday Mornings. Arrive Same Mornings at the OCEAN HOUSE, GRIMES HOUSE, SUMMER HOUSE, And SEA SIDE HOUSE.

RETURNING—Leaves those Houses every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, connecting with steamer to Portland each way. Distance twenty-four miles, fare \$1.50. H. B. PARKER, Proprietor.

The Steam Tug Varuna Will leave Astoria every TUESDAY AND SATURDAY Morning, for FORT STEVENS, CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT, And UNITY, Carrying Mails, Passengers and Freight.

Other days of the week she will be ready to go anywhere that business may justify. Is prepared to lighter cargoes, freight, hay, cattle and wood. J. H. D. GRAY Agent, Astoria.

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GEORGE B. McEWAN, Boat Builder ASTORIA, OREGON.

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HAS TO BE SOLD; And in order to settle up the affairs of the estate, the undersigned, administrator, is now offering the entire line, embracing a very desirable quality of goods at prices below actual cost.

Call and Examine for Yourself. oc1tf

All persons having bills against the estate will please present the same, with proper vouchers for payment. And all persons owing the estate will please come forward and settle, or make arrangements to settle the same, and save costs. C. S. WRIGHT, Administrator.

Headquarters! Headquarters! I. W. CASE, Chenamus Street, Astoria, Oregon, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, Provisions, Notions, AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

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