

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON :

D. C. IRELAND ..... EDITOR

WEDNESDAY.....MAY 17, 1876.

Even-Handed Justice.

Under the above heading the San Francisco Bulletin of the 8th, after reviewing the recent disaster in the Straits of Dover, wherein the steamship Franconia bound to Brenhan, ran down and sunk the steamship Strathelyde, bound to Bombay, and giving a synopsis of the trial and conviction of the master of the Franconia, says:

"But when was the master of an American vessel ever convicted in our Courts of a like offense? Theoretically, we hold them to the strictest responsibility, but practically we do no such thing. If death results from the carelessness or mismanagement of a shipmaster, or other persons engaged in passenger transportation, that is manslaughter, a felony, involving punishment in the penitentiary. The captain of the steamship Pacific did not survive. But had he been saved he would have been put to a little more inconvenience than that resulting from the comments of the press.

"What responsibility do the owners of passenger ships really assume who send them to sea in an unseaworthy condition? When the investigation was going on touching the seaworthiness of the lost Pacific, there was a general expression of opinion quite unfavorable to the old steamship John L. Stephens, then lying in the harbor. Even those who thought the Pacific might have been in tolerable order when she sailed, declared that they would not risk their lives on the old Stephens. Well, this vessel went on to a small floating dry dock recently for a few days, was tinkered little, some of the barnacles were scraped from her bottom, and she has recently been plying between this port and Portland. Now, if a disaster overtakes this ship, are we going to have the usual amount of testimony conjured up in favor of her seaworthiness? The winter storms are over, and this ship may float during all the summer months. But when this old hulk disappears, what sort of an inquiry will be instituted respecting her? We all remember Capt. Bob Waterman's investigation. Even in that case, while the Pacific affair was patched and whitewashed as much as possible, no one had cheek enough to affirm that the Stephens was a sound and seaworthy ship, fit for the transportation of passengers. If the Stephens carries down her passengers as suddenly as did the Pacific, with or without a collision, will anybody be to blame?"

The steamship John L. Stevens, it is true, is an old vessel. So is the Beaver, now lying in Victoria harbor. Yet we remember that but recently the hull of the Beaver, constructed more than forty years ago, was practically tested, and found to be as sound and sea worthy as any iron vessel built in the past decade. So also was the John L. Stephens, inspected by the new Inspector Mr. Freeman, at the time the Bulletin speaks of her being in "a small floating dry dock for a few days, tinkered a little, some of the barnacles scraped off," etc. It was then found, after an examination which lasted three days, that the John L. Stephens was as sound almost as on the day she was launched. This was not "Capt. Bob Waterman's investigation," nor was the affair "patched and whitewashed," but the inspection was made carefully with an earnest desire on the part of the steamship company, no less than that of the Inspectors, to ascertain the truth. We feel safe in saying, in view of all the facts, that to-day the Oregon Steamship Company's steamship John L. Stephens is as safe and seaworthy as any vessel which leaves San Francisco. The steamship Gus-

sie Telfair, plying in the line between this port and Puget Sound ports and British Columbia, was pronounced worthless by public opinion prior to the recent accident at Waterford, which sent her to the dock for repairs. But, after undergoing thorough inspection at Astoria, only a few weeks ago, and being placed in good repairs, it has been proven that she is not only a safe and reliable steamer, but is capable of making better time than when under the ban of censure akin to condemnation. In view of all the circumstances it seems strange to us that the Bulletin writers, or other editors of reliable papers, will persist in an on to Richmond crusade against a company that has a reputation for carefulness, and as certain security from disasters, as the Oregon Steamship company is noted for possessing. The fact should be borne in mind that the Oregon Steamship Company is the only company sending steamers out of San Francisco that has not met with disaster, and consequent loss of life and property—for many years past.

--The City of Salem is the only steamer on either the Columbia or Willamette rivers that has a piano on board.

—Postage on the WEEKLY ASTORIAN is two cents a paper to any part of the United States, when sent by people not connected with the newspaper office. We will send four copies (separate dates), equivalent to one month, to one address, in one wrapper (post-paid), on receipt of 25 cents.

Births, marriages and deaths will be inserted free of charge to subscribers to either the DAILY or the WEEKLY ASTORIAN. Births or marriages, when sent in by persons who are not subscribers to the paper, should be accompanied with one dollar, which will be placed to the credit of the party and the paper will be sent to the address for the full amount so paid to us.

A new skiff, 16 feet long, without paint, was picked up at Upper Astoria on Tuesday, which the owner can have by proper course of application and payment of charges. Apply to Wm. BOCK & Co.

BORN.

In Knappa Clatsop county, Oregon, May 15, to the wife of Joseph Carno, a daughter.

NEW TO-DAY.

BLOODED SHEEP. About the first of June, the undersigned will visit Clatsop and Pacific Counties bringing with him from the famous stock of Peters & Severance, California, several Thoroughbred Merino Bucks, One year old, which will be sold cheap. PUT SMITH, Portland, Ogn.

NICOLAI & BRO., Central Plaining Mills, Cor. of North Second and E Streets, Portland. RUSTIC, CEILING, MOULDINGS, SASH, Doors, Blinds, Brackets, Urns, Tanks, Fences, &c. Fir flooring and ceiling and bevel-edged siding. Common size doors, sash and blinds at San Francisco prices.

Mass Meeting.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTERS OF CLATSOP County are requested to meet AT THE COURT HOUSE IN ASTORIA, TO NOMINATE COUNTY OFFICERS. Turn out and show the Ringes you are no longer their tool, and that Clatsop County will be represented by those who will work for her interests. By request of MANY CITIZENS.

NEW CALIFORNIA POTATOES, TAHITI ORANGES, SICILY LEMONS, MEXICAN LIMES, AND A FULL LINE OF Fresh Oregon Vegetables, —AT— E. S. Larsen's GROCERY STORE, MAIN ST., ASTORIA.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VAN DUSEN HAS JUST RECEIVED a fine lot of PRINTS, which he is selling very cheap. 81f

ROOM TO LET. A large front room 2d story, will be let at reasonable rates. Apply at THIS OFFICE. 81f

Facts Worth Knowing.

A. W. Cone, - - Astoria, SIGN OF THE GOLDEN SHOE. Cannot be beat in the Boot and Shoe line. Call and see him. SIGN OF THE GOLDEN SHOE. Main Street, Astoria.

Flour, Grain and Feed Store. Foot of Main street, one door from Holladay's wharf. G. F. Parker, LIME, BRICK, PLASTER and CEMENT, TOBACCO, CIGARS, NUTS, CANDY, Etc., Constantly on hand and for sale cheap for cash or farm products.

PUBLIC SPEAKING. Raleigh Stott and F. R. Strong, candidates for Prosecuting Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District will address the voters of this district in the following places and following times: St. Helens.....May 15, at 10 a. m. Rainier....." 16, " 2 p. m. Astoria....." 17, " 8 " Parrells Valley....." 18, " 1 " Hillsboro....." 19, " 8 " Forest Grove....." 20, " 8 " Cornelius....." 21, " 8 " Ames Chapel....." 22, " 2 " Middleton....." 23, " 2 " Eagle Creek....." 24, " 2 " Upper Molalla....." 25, " 2 " Oregon City....." 26, " 8 " East-Portland.....June 1, " 8 " 10d&w.7d.

NOTICE. A special meeting of the Legal voters of School District No. 1, will be held at the School House in Astoria, on Friday evening May 19, 1876, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of levying a tax in said District to pay off the indebtedness due on Block 74, purchased for school purposes, also to take in consideration the plans and specifications of school house, and the ways and means to raise money to build the same. By Order of Board of Directors, J. A. HUSTLER, Clerk. Astoria, May 9, 1876.—m9td

Farm and Stock on Deep River For Sale.

160 Acres, partly Improved. Good Buildings, Cattle, Sash, etc., etc., All of which will be sold Cheap for Cash. For full particulars inquire at this Office or on the premises of C. M. STARK.

DESIRABLE RESIDENCE PROPERTY FOR SALE. Corner of Jefferson and Main Streets, Astoria, Oregon.

TITLE PERFECT, LOTS 100 BY 50. The above premises will be sold cheap for cash. A never-failing well of water, a barn, hen-house, and other conveniences make it a very desirable place for residence. The house contains six rooms, besides the kitchen. For further particulars apply at THIS OFFICE. 81f

RARE OPPORTUNITY For Profitable Investment. I offer for sale all my real estate in Clatsop County, consisting of my original Donation claim, on Lewis and Clarke river, consisting of five hundred acres, tide land meadow, acknowledged to be the best stock claim in the county. Also, a large interest in the Upper Town of Astoria, a portion of John Adair's donation claim. Enquire of the subscriber. T. P. POWERS.

S. KINSEY, ON THE ROADWAY, NEAR HUME & Co's. CANNERY, Astoria, Oregon, DEALER IN Building Materials OF EVERY KIND.

Nails of All Descriptions. DOORS AND WINDOWS, RUSTIC, FLOORING, BLINDS, MOULDING, SASH, ETC.

Wines and Liquors BY THE BOTTLE OR THE GALLON Custom made boots and Shoes. Tobacco of Fine Quality. This stock is in every respect A1, and will be sold at the lowest prices for cash. Give me a call at the new store, on the Roadway. S. KINSEY, Astoria, Oregon.

ONE HALLS FIRE PROOF SAFE, with Combination Lock, in good order, for sale cheap, at I. W. Case's.

THE BEST ASSORTMENT OF Crockery, Glass Ware, Lamps and Lamp Chimneys in the City at Case's.

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

MENDLESON BROS., Having Concluded to Remain in Business AT ASTORIA, HAVE LAID IN A

SPLENDID STOCK OF SPRING & SUMMER GOODS! DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR THE ASTORIA TRADE. A complete assortment OF FISHERMEN'S OUTFITTING GOODS JUST OPENED. The public in general are respectfully invited to call at the old stand, on CONCOMLY STREET, next door to Parker House. MENDELSON BROS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

O. F. BELL, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Notary Public and Commissioner of DEEDS, For California and Washington Territory. OFFICE.—Case's Building, corner Cass and Chenamus streets, Astoria, Oregon.

F. CRANG, M. D. SURGEON, ETC., ASTORIA, OREGON. At the solicitation of numerous friends, has consented to practice medicine, and tenders his services to the public. Dr. Crang brings many years experience in the practice of his profession.

J. W. ROBB, C. W. FULTON, ROBB & FULTON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, ASTORIA, OREGON. Office in Warren & McGuire's building, opposite Occident Hotel, Chenamus street.

GEO. W. REA, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, ASTORIA, OREGON. Examining and perfecting titles made a specialty. All accounts left with me will receive prompt attention. Office in Warren & McGuire's Building, Chenamus street, corner of Cass.

C. H. PAGE & CO., DEALERS IN General Merchandise, FARMERS WHARF, ASTORIA OREGON. All kinds of country produce, wanted in exchange for goods.

Mrs. Pangburn, Masonic Hall Building, Astoria, DEALER IN Fancy Goods, Ladies Dress and Cloak Trimmings of the Latest Style. WILL ATTEND TO ORDERS FOR DRESS and Cloak making. Work will be done in a satisfactory manner. Agent for the sale of Dr. Warner's Sanitary Corsets, and also Children's Waists with patent elastic buckles.

NEW MILLINERY STORE. Mrs. H. A. Derby, (Late of CLEVELAND, OHIO.) WISHES TO ANNOUNCE TO THE PUBLIC of Astoria and surrounding country, that she has just received a full and complete line of HATS, TRIMMINGS, And all kinds of MILLINERY GOODS! At the stand recently occupied by Miss Morrison on MAIN STREET, Astoria. And will be prepared to fill all orders for first class goods in this line at reasonable prices. New goods will be received every month.

NEW AND ELEGANT STOCK —OF— Latest Styles of Millinery Goods, JUST RECEIVED BY THE LAST STEAMER, At the Rooms of Mrs. A. D. WASS, (UP STAIRS, BROWN'S BUILDING.) Corner Main and Chenamus Streets, Astoria. This stock consists of the latest style Hats, for Ladies and Children; Dress Trimmings and Fancy Goods for Ladies, which will be sold at very low prices. DRESS AND CLOAK MAKING promptly attended to, as usual.

Carpenters Tools For Sale. One Chest of Carpenters Tools will be sold cheap on application to MRS. DAGGETT, Astoria, Or. 5-11 tf

CITY ADVERTISING.

DOG TAXES. All taxes on dogs running at large within the Corporate limits of the town of Astoria will be due and payable on or before June 1st, 1876. DAVID INGALLS, Treasurer.

FOR SALE. The Engine belonging to Astoria Fire Company No. 1. For further particulars inquire of the Committee on Public Property. By order of the Common Council. FRANK J. TAYLOR, Recorder.

CASS STREET IMPROVEMENT. Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned, under instructions from the Common Council of the town of Astoria, for the improvement of that portion of CASS Street, lying between Chenamus street and As or street, by wharfing, grading and planking, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of F. J. Taylor, Recorder, until noon of Saturday May 20th, 1876, said improvement to be completed by September 1st, 1876, as provided by ordinance No. 121, passed the Council May 1st, 1876. The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved. HENRY MILLER, Street Commissioner. Astoria, Oregon May 2d, 1876.

CONCOMLY STREET IMPROVEMENT. Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned, under instructions from the Common Council of the town of Astoria, for the improvement of CONCOMLY Street in said town, by grading and planking said street, from Main street to the west line of the town plat, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of Frank J. Taylor, Recorder, until noon of May 20th, 1876, said improvement to be completed by Sept. 1st, 1876, as provided by Ordinance No. 121, passed the Council May 1st, 1876. The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved. HENRY MILLER, Street Commissioner. Astoria, Oregon, May 2d, 1876.

CHENAMUS STREET IMPROVEMENT. Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned under instructions from the Common Council of the town of Astoria for the improvement of that part of CHENAMUS Street, lying between Main and Spruce streets, by grading to conform as near as practicable to the crossings as already constructed on said street and also by the building of a sidewalk on the south side of said street from Jackson to Madison streets, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of F. J. Taylor, Recorder, until noon of Saturday May 20th, 1876, said improvement to be completed by September 1st, 1876, as provided by ordinance No. 121, passed the Council May 1st, 1876. The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved. HENRY MILLER, Street Commissioner. Astoria, Oregon, May 2d, 1876.

SQUEMOQHA STREET IMPROVEMENT. Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned under instructions from the Common Council of the town of Astoria, for the improvement of SQUEMOQHA Street by grading and planking said street from Cass street to Main street, and by the building of a sidewalk on the south side of said SQUEMOQHA street from the east line of lot No. two (2) in block No. twenty-seven (27) to Polk street, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of F. J. Taylor, Recorder, until noon of May 20th, 1876, said improvements to be completed by the 1st day of June 1876, as provided by ordinance No. 121, passed the Council May 1st, 1876. HENRY MILLER, Street Commissioner. Astoria, Oregon, May 2d, 1876.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT. Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned, under instructions from the Common Council of the town of Astoria, for the improvement of that part of MAIN Street, lying between Concomly and Court streets, by grading and planking the same and also to have the sidewalks in said street constructed to conform to the grades, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of F. J. Taylor, Recorder, until noon of Saturday May 20th, 1876, said improvement to be completed by September 1st, 1876, as provided by ordinance No. 120, passed the Council May 1st, 1876. The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved. HENRY MILLER, Street Commissioner. Astoria, Oregon, May 2d, 1876.

BENTON STREET IMPROVEMENT. Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned under instructions from the Common Council of the town of Astoria, for the construction of a sewer on the east side of Benton street, from Court street to the Columbia river, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of F. J. Taylor, Recorder, until noon of Saturday May 20, 1876, said improvement to be completed by September 1st, 1876, as provided by ordinance No. 121, passed the Council May 1st, 1876. The right to reject any or all bids is hereby reserved. HENRY MILLER, Street Commissioner. Astoria, Oregon, May 2d, 1876.