

**The Daily Astorian.**  
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 Music and the Band.

On Saturday last referring to the matter of music at Astoria, the following paragraph occurs

ABOUT THE BAND.—Last evening just as the Ajax landed at the Astoria steamship dock from points above, the public school bell was ringing to call a meeting of the voters of the district, a bonfire was lighted on the plaza, and a boy sent out with a dinner bell to whoop and halloo, "Independent mass meeting at the Court-house!" etc. The risibilities of passengers were heightened by the scene, and a prominent gentleman connected with the press of Pennsylvania, on a fraternal visit to our sanctum inquired: "Have you no Brass Band here?" On being informed affirmatively he expressed surprise that a boy should be sent out to ring in a crowd, when it could be done so much more elegantly and with such *clat* by musicians, closing with the remark "that a band of musicians was indispensable to success in a growing city, and he hoped to learn from our columns hereafter that the services of the Astoria Brass Band would be substituted for the boy and the bell, on public occasions. It is true that the Astoria Brass Band is not appreciated, and we trust that the suggestions of our visitor will hereafter be heeded.

Inasmuch as numerous members of the no party movement in this city have taken decided exceptions to the remark expressive of the surprise of our visitor "that a boy should be sent out" with a bell we should have stated, "to ring in a crowd," and the intention and application of our meaning has both been misunderstood, and the item greatly perverted, it is due to ourself, and no more than justice to the Independent voters of this county, to say that we had no design whatever to belittle their actions with the remark above quoted. Our sole aim and purpose was to make a point for the Astoria Brass Band, and if we have set people to thinking as to their duty with respect to employment of the band, "on all public occasions hereafter." Our aim has been gratified.

With regard to "a boy ringing in a crowd," our words have been grossly misconstrued. It has been charged that we there refer in *personal terms* to Capt. J. H. D. Gray—which is a most absurd construction to put upon the remark. Capt. Gray has the right, as well as any other citizen, to take initiatory steps in what he may consider to be reforms in politics or other matters for the improvement of the town and the development of the country, and in view of his past services in behalf of Astoria, it would seem ridiculous in us to class him as "a boy ringing in a crowd." We respect Capt. Gray for what he has done in aid of the development of such important works as the building of the Astoria Farmers wharf, the organization of the barge system of transportation on the rivers, the reduction of freights and fares, and the moulding of a sentiment which will lead to the eventual construction of the Cascade Canal and Locks, and the opening of Eastern Oregon to the sea,—hence we can in no way be characterized as ridiculing him, in his present political operations, as "a boy ringing in a crowd."

Now, while on this subject, we want to say a few words in a general sense. These are party times, and politicians are decidedly too sensitive (sometimes). We are in no sense of the term a politician. Having passed through the ordeal of politics, and paid dearly for our schooling in that respect,—graduating in 1873 with no higher honor than empty pockets, and a badly damaged reputation, but with a knowledge which will serve through life to inform us that politics is a dangerous business,—we "swore off" politics when we were kicked out of the office of the now defunct Bulletin in Portland. We have since regarded the toll-box, the horde of political manipulators, and candi-

dates for high offices, very much in the same light as we regard the jury-box, with keen lawyers, and a wealthy client. Both need regenerating. For the time we have been at Astoria we have filled the position we hold amply to our own satisfaction, and judging from the liberal support which has been extended to us, the public generally has also become satisfied that our course as editor is at one and the same time just and proper. We hold that no man should claim special praise for doing what he may consider to be right, and if every man in the community, everywhere, will act in accordance with the dictations of a clear sense of his duty, he is bound to do right. We have not been actuated with any purpose to reward friends or punish enemies since we came to Astoria, on the contrary we have striven, to the utmost of our ability, to keep foremost in view, publicly and privately, those enterprises most calculated to result in the advancement of the country, and we admire all men actuated with similar purposes, whether in private life they be friendly to us individually or sternly opposed to us; and when this campaign is over, and the people again settle down to their usual avocations without the gusts of political strife to ruffle their usually mild temperaments, we feel confident they will accord to us the principles of fairness, on all subjects, which we claim for the THE ASTORIAN, and will forget some very ridiculous motives attributed to us in our capacity as an honest, fair-minded, independent journalist. We have claimed independence in our expressions upon all topics, since the beginning of our enterprise here, and shall still continue to claim it. When people can no longer sustain us, in a living manner, with the principles which now control us, we shall modestly surrender to the more retired walks of life, and when we cannot accord to every other man the same principles of honor, we hope that public sentiment will set us adrift. If this is free America, let all men be freemen, in every laudable action in life.

—The Journal says: "A San Francisco iron foundry sent a smoke stack to these 'wilds' directed to 'George Flavel, Astoria, Oregon Territory.'" No wonder that San Francisco business men refuse to advertise in Oregon journals. They don't realize what Oregon is, and as a result some of them have confounded the State with *orfpild* believing that on goods sent here there is no restitution, but we will wager a counterfeit five dollar bill that San Francisco has no better paying customers than those from Oregon. She floods our State with drummers and bummers, hunting trade to steal away the business of these same Oregon merchants, too; which is adding insult to injury. The next Assembly ought to put a stop to it.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—We shall not, cannot, in future, answer letters of inquiry written to us by parties desirous of settling in Oregon, unless such letters of inquiry contain at least the amount of stamps necessary to pay postage on the return letter. For 2 cents we will forward four copies of THE ASTORIAN, of separate dates, to any address in the United States, postage paid.

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.

Breaths there a man with a soul so dead, who never to himself hath said—  
 "Oh, what a brute I have been!  
 For many long years my poor wife  
 Has been stitching away her life,  
 For want of a sewing machine."  
 To alleviate the wretchedness of such self-accusers, go to Van Dusen's and buy her one, to-day.

AN EDITOR'S APPEAL.—As the report that we are very wealthy has gone abroad among our subscribers, and has made them awful slow about paying up, thinking, doubtless, we do not want the money, we hasten to say the report of our wealth is false in every particular. If a dozen steamers were selling at a cent a dozen, we could not make the first payment on a canoe. The lightning of poverty has struck us square, and had it not been for an armful of hay which our devil managed to steal from a blind mule, our family would be without a mouthful to eat at the present moment. Is not this a sad picture, and can you delinquent subscribers look upon it without feeling the coin rattle with indignation in your pockets. We do not like to dun you but we must if you fail to take the hint.

EASTERN OREGON—The Astorian is doing more for the interests of Eastern Oregon than any other paper in the State. If you have a friend or a relative in that section of this country, send him the paper on trial. Only one dollar for four months.

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 House and Sign Painter,  
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 THERE IS REST FOR YOU.  
 STEAM WILL DO YOUR WORK.  
 The STEAM WASHER, Or Womans Friend.  
 The latest, the cheapest, the best—no rubbing, no pounding, no turning or tearing, no clumsy cylinder, and no twenty or thirty dollars expense. Steam does it all.  
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 J. T. BORCHERS.

INDEPENDENT COUNTY CONVENTION.  
 The Central Committee of the Independent party of Clatsop county respectfully suggest that the different Precincts send each one Delegate, and that Astoria Precinct send tea, to meet at the Court House in Astoria on Tuesday, May 23d, at 8 o'clock p. m., to nominate County officers.  
 J. H. D. GRAY,  
 H. BRALLIER,  
 J. O'BRIEN.  
 Astoria, May 19, 1876.

VAN DUSEN HAS JUST RECEIVED a fine lot of PRINTS, which he is selling very cheap. 8tf

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

FOR THE BEST AND THE LATEST styles of spring Hats go to Van Dusen's who has just received a fine assortment. 8tf

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.

Farm for Sale.  
 320 Acres Partly Under Cultivation, about half of the tract tide land.  
 SITUATED IN PACIFIC COUNTY, NEAR UNITY.  
 Will be sold cheap for cash, with or without stock, good house and out buildings and orchard. For full description and further particulars apply to or address JOHN HUNTER, Unity, W. T.

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 REGULAR DAILY MAIL BOAT.  
 Sloop "KATIE,"  
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 Will leave Astoria, FOR KNAPPTON AND RETURN DAILY.  
 For freight or passage, at living rates, apply on board, or at I. W. Case's store.

N. F. MUDGE,  
 CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER.  
 ASTORIA, OREGON.  
 ALL KINDS OF CARPENTER WORK AND CONTRACTING promptly attended to.  
 Special attention given to wharf and mill construction. Address: N. F. MUDGE, Contractor, Astoria, Oregon.

PETER RUNEY,  
 ASTORIA, OREGON,  
 BRICK LAYER,  
 And Plain and ORNAMENTAL PLASTERER.  
 Orders left at the Occident Hotel Promptly Attended to.

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Built Furnaces, set Ranges, and Kettles, and "Spread the Mort!"  
 During my 12 years Residence in Oregon,  
 LIME, SAND, BRICK, PLASTER,  
 Lath, Cement, and all materials in my line, furnished to order.  
 Special attention paid to Furnace work and Ranges. Cistern work warranted good, or no pay.  
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 A large front room 2d story, will be let at reasonable rates. Apply at THIS OFFICE.

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Flour, Grain and Feed Store.  
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 TOBACCO, CIGARS, NUTS, CANDY, Etc.,  
 Constantly on hand and for sale cheap for cash or farm products.

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 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.  
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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 26, 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. G. HUSTLER,  
 Astoria, May 9, 1876.—m9td Clerk.

NEW CALIFORNIA POTATOES, TAHITI ORANGES, SICILY LEMONS, MEXICAN LIMES,  
 AND A FULL LINE OF  
 Fresh Oregon Vegetables,  
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 GROCERY STORE, MAIN ST., ASTORIA.

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 Common size doors, sash and blinds at San Francisco prices.

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 160 Acres, partly Improved, Good Buildings, Cattle, Sall Boat, 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.

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PARLOR SETTS, BED-ROOM SETTS, DINING-ROOM SETTS, KITCHEN SETTS, OFFICE FURNITURE, ETC.,  
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 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 2/3 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.  
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 Having completed my shop (between Tallman's landing and Westport on the Columbia river,) I am now prepared to build  
 FISHING BOATS, ROW BOATS, SKIFFS, ETC., ETC.,  
 everything in the line of boats. Copper fastened boats a speciality.  
 My motto is: first class work for a fair remuneration. P. O. Address.  
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 A complete assortment OF FISHERMEN'S OUTFITTING GOODS JUST OPENED

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 Notary Public and Commissioner of DEEDS,  
 For California and Washington Territory.  
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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.

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 And all kinds of  
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