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CENTENNIAL PAPERS.—No. 4.

The American Colonist in Oregon.

By Rev. George H. Atkinson, D. D.

Four years of trial of the provisional government, under the executive care of Hon. George Abernethy, (chosen twice to the office) proved its wise adaptation to the wants of the people. No better testimonial need be required to the wisdom of the laws or that of their execution.

Meanwhile the bitterness against the Americans became strong against missions, and more against the man who had risked his life to save the State and open a surer and wider field for his own work of blessing the Indian tribes. Some of the crowd who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with hosannas, no doubt joined the other crowd, who cried: "Away with him!" "Crucify him, crucify him!" So this savage crew, who had received many favors from Dr. Whitman's hands, and had pledged him their hearts, were skillfully turned against him, and roused to slay him and his family and guests, November 29th, 1847.

This cruel tragedy made a profound impression in Oregon and throughout the country. The settlers organized a military force and marched into the Indian country, defeated the Indians in several battles, and caused the murders to be brought to trial and execution under the United States territorial laws after Gen. Jos. Lane became Governor. By this prompt action the power of the Americans was felt and impressed on all the tribes. Peace and prosperity attended the growing settlements, but there were still interests of education, of jurisprudence, of agriculture and of commerce needing wise provisions.

While urging the Government of the United States to extend its authority over Oregon, the author of the Territorial bill, passed by Congress August 14th, 1848, Hon. J. Q. Thornton, among others and in addition to the provisions excluding slavery, as the people had twice voted, and the seventeenth section, enforcing contracts made under the provisional government, also inserted the twentieth section, granting the sixteenth and thirty-sixth section in every township for free schools. This act gave impulse and security to this vast blessing for the present and all future time. Other gentlemen connected with the various missions, or independently of them have established primary schools, seminaries, academies and colleges that have already given an education of more or less extent to thousands of pupils. The same men, with others, have aided in establishing the system of public instruction now sustained by law and equal taxation, which is growing in power and value. Our churches, founded by these pioneers, rank with those of other States. In the legislative and executive departments there have been wrought out some of the best results of self-government. Our judicial bench has not suffered in comparison with that of any other State. The gentleman who represents the Supreme Court of the United States has the distinguished honor of the approval of most of his decisions by that chief tribunal.

A fruitful soil and genial climate have stimulated the agriculturist until our farms rival those of any State in production of vegetables, fruits and cereals, in the display and use of the most improved implements, in the number and quality of the flocks and herds, in the annual outlay for improvements, and the annual exports of the world's commerce. The forests, the fisheries and the mines have enlisted the energies of increasing numbers, while swift steamers plying our rivers, and our fleets of commerce on the sea attest the skill of our mariners, the excellence of our harbors, and the breadth of mercantile enterprise.

The American colonist in Oregon has founded a State which takes equal rank with the other thirty-seven of the Union in the intelligence of its constituency, the dignity of its representation, and the strength of its patriotism. In the extent of its area and the variety and richness of its resources, its mines of coal and iron and the precious metals, its vast wheat land prairies, its grand forests, noble rivers and bays, bordering the Pacific as France and England do the Atlantic, it is destined to become a rival of the chief States of the republic.

As the peaceful and successful found-

ders of christian State, the American colonists in Oregon have been clearly led by the guidance of the Prince of Peace.

When mere commercial plans failed, and when the opposing policies of a wealthy corporation imperiled the infant colony, it was found that men connected with the various missions first and last were among the chief leaders and most efficient saviors of the commonwealth.

When the future historian shall write up the records of this State for the hundreds of thousands who will dwell where we now do, it will be his pleasant duty to inscribe the highest honors to the Pioneer American Colonists of Oregon, and place the name of the martyr, WHITMAN, above them all.

Nehalem Valley.

COLUMBIA CITY, June 10 1876.

Your letter addressed to me, came duly to hand. Briefly I will say to you, that there is plenty of good land in Nehalem valley for settlement for hundreds of settlers. As to your first question the land along the river is mostly timbered, though many large swails are brush or grass lands, the uplands are burnt woods with some small prairies, in my opinion the maple and alder land on and near the river is very good for farms. The fish and game are very plenty, of the very best, such as elk, deer and bear, the best fish are salmon trout.

The river is large enough for steamboats, from the upper settlement to the Pacific ocean, distance seventy-five miles, with good land the entire way, so I am told, though the best portion I saw, when I was there, was at the big bend, between the upper and lower settlement, for a distance of fourteen miles, and only twelve miles from the Columbia river, at this place with comparatively a level country to pass over. A good wagon road can be had from Forest Grove, via Nehalem valley, to the river at this place and nearly on a direct line which in a short time will make the most practicable shipping point for those living on Rock creek, and the east fork of the Nehalem.

It is a very healthy country undoubtedly both for man and animals, as there are a great number of salt springs between here and there, and salting stock is unnecessary in the vicinity of those mineral or salt springs. In short it is a good place to locate, so it seems, for one hundred settlers have found comfortable homes, and all seem well satisfied. A company will start from here on the 14th, to locate claims in the valley, and make a road also, directly from here in a westerly direction.

C. G. CAPLES.

Tide Table for Astoria.

(From Tables of United States Coast Survey.)

Table with columns for Day, High Water, Low Water, and times in A.M. and P.M.

The height is reckoned from the level of average lowest water, to which the soundings are given on the Coast Survey charts. When the time in the a. m. column is followed by P it is afternoon, and when in the p. m. column by A it is forenoon.

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 25 cents we will forward four copies of THE ASTORIAN, of separate dates, to any address in the United States, postage paid.

WANTED.

A girl to do general house work. Wages \$25 to \$30 per month. None but a good hand need apply. Apply at Mrs DAGGETT'S.

ATTENTION SIR-KNIGHTS.

There will be a meeting of the Anti-chinese club at the Court House on Saturday, 17th, at 8 o'clock sharp. Only members and those wishing to become members will be admitted. Business important. By order A. H. SALE, Pres.

\$5.00 REWARD.—LOST.

FIVE DOLLARS REWARD will be paid to the finder of a small pass book, with letters in it, addressed to Thomas E. L. Logan and Thomas and James Logan, which was lost on Saturday June 3d, between Astoria and upper town, reward paid on leaving the book at this office, or at the residence of Mr. Goslin, at upper town.

NEW TO-DAY.

BAY VIEW HOUSE,

BAKER'S BAY, UNITY, W. T.

MR. DEXTER INFORMS THE PUBLIC that his House is now open for the reception of guests. Its advantages in every respect over any other Summer Resort are too well known to Oregonians to repeat here. To strangers I will say that the place is in plain sight and across the Bay from Astoria, on the sheltered side of Cape Hancock, and very near and adjacent to the Fort and Light-house, on Baker's Bay, a beautiful sheet of water, unequalled for Sailing, Rowing, fishing and Bathing. The dark forest with its picturesque drives, its mountain springs, profusion of wild berries, wild flowers and ferns, the horse trail to the Cape for Equestrians or walkers is one of the most delightful Panoramas to the eye ever witnessed. The beaches its caves, luxuriantly wooded Islands, its views of Astoria, Chinook, Fort Stevens, moist old Tillamook, in the blue distance.

The courteous hospitality of the officers of the Garrison at the Fort, and also of Mr. Munson and family, of the Light-house, make that place well worthy of a visit. The Salt Water Bathing in the bay, within a few feet of the hotel, exceeds anything far or near, for warmth of the water and mildness of its waves, far preferable to the heavy surf and cold winds for women, children and invalids, while the sturdy swimmer or those who love the foaming surf, in a few minutes walk will find a beach unsurpassed in beauty, hard and level for one continuous drive of thirty miles. At this end are huge rocks stretching out into the ocean, from which fishermen take from the sea Bass, rockfish, Tom Cod, Pogies, etc., etc., Crabs, Clams, Oysters &c., in abundance, and the Table will never lack a sufficiency of those desirable adjuncts, boats upon the Bay, Saddle Ponies for the children, Teams to the Weather bench, Croquet, Swings, Quoits, etc., FREE to Guests. Prices reduced from the old tariff. To those who would like to camp out, wood and water and use of ground free. Groceries, provisions, milk, eggs, butter, etc., for sale at a small profit. Campers can board at the Hotel if they prefer, at fair rates. A large Livery Stable, two new and fine Ten Tin Alleys, attached to the place. Stage office to Oysterville, Postoffice, Wells, Fargo & Co's office also there. No raw winds or damp fogs, and more beautiful tracts and shady groves cannot be found. The only regret the Landlord has, is that the house is not larger; but his grounds are large enough and beautiful enough to warrant next season a Hotel worthy of any surroundings. C. H. DEXTER, Proprietor.

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The Undersigned beg leave to call the attention of the public to his recent arrival of

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B. HAMBURGER, Main street, Astoria, Oregon.

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J. H. Cutter's and Miller's Extra Old Bourbon Whiskey,

J. W. Bridges & Son's LONDON PORTER, McEwans ALE, Holland and Geneva GINS.

A new Phelan & Collendar American Carom Billiard Table with patent cushions and a new set.

And a choice line of imported WINES and LIQUORS to which I invite the attention of my customers and the public generally. JAS. M. LYNCH.

Facts Worth Knowing. A. W. Cone, - - Astoria, SIGN OF THE GOLDEN SHOE.

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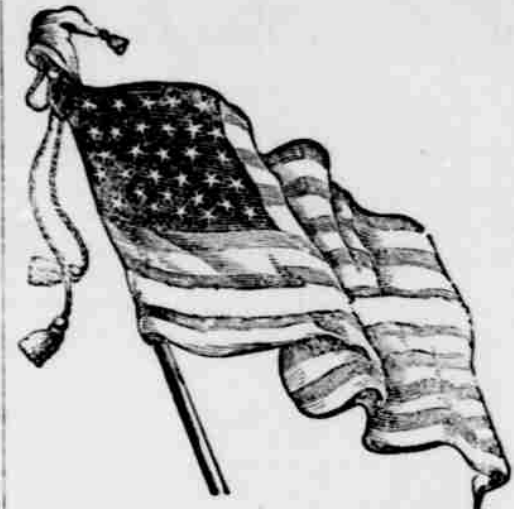
FIREWORKS!

In Great Variety, at Russell's Variety Store.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Fourth of July Celebration.

OWING TO THE DILATORY ACTION of our Solid Men, concerning the great National holiday, I feel compelled to tell citizens generally, through the Astorian that through the instrumentality of some of our citizens, new timber, I am enabled to offer the following as a part of OUR PROGRAMME:

1st. A Regatta by the Fishermen who represent our heaviest stay, showing the nerve and muscle which is our pride, in

A GRAND FLEET OF Two Hundred Boats.

Perhaps 250 of them!

of the finest build that ever came from a work-shop and best sailing qualities in the world, upon

OUR OWN Columbia River

For a PRIZE of \$1,000

Invite the MASONIC, AND ALL OTHER WORTHY SOCIETIES,

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Invite the STRANGER Who may be

Sojourning in the city to come and sit with us at the Centennial Dinner table, and enjoy the luxury of

A BARBECUE Prepared by the People!

WITHOUT MONEY

AND

WITHOUT PRICE.

If necessary and

Requisite to Success!

Secondly, Let us get up a display of fire works, for which we have the funds.

Third, Literary Exercises by our learned and eloquent men—including a Poem, by a gentleman known to be fully competent. Fair greeting and kindly remembrance of our children.

Fourth, A National Salute, which I propose to fire, and other exercises to be defined by a meeting of our citizens, which we now call, for

SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 17, 1876, at 8 o'clock,

At Spiritual Hall,

Come all Societies, all Lodges, Chapters, Creeds and Nationalities, (excepting always the Chinamen), and make of this an affair equal to our Pretentious would-be Monitor up in the Slough.

To a stranger what a sad commentary upon "the pride in their native heath" of the people of Astoria, is their very ready wish to shake its dust from their feet upon the Great National Holiday, and fly to Portland! Where is your boasted self-reliance of the Commercial Community of Astoria? that a stranger is lead to infer—from general conversations,—that the Great Centennial Day will pass here noticed only by your children? for upon my word Young America will celebrate, and thereby bring a reproach to his progenitors a thousand times sharper than the serpent's tooth. I notice hand bills about town telling of great expectations in far interior out of way communities where their opportunities must of a necessity be small. Will then our people let the day pass unnoticed? I hope not. No; for manhood. No; for patriotism. No; lastly, for the God-given prerogative of the American to honor his own Home.

DR. J. O'BRIEN, for the Volunteer Com.

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And return the same day. Leaving at the usual hour, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The reputation of these steamers guarantees safe and speedy transit to any point desired.

For charter, freight, passage, or towage, apply on board, or at the office of the Company in Case's Building, Astoria, or to

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By order of L. A. LOOMIS, President

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Unity and Oysterville Stages!

Loomis & Carruthers - - Proprietors

STAGES IN THE ABOVE LINE will leave Unity Tuesdays and Saturdays—on the arrival of the

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Will carry freight or passengers to any point at reasonable rates. Apply on board.

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