

The Daily Astorian.

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Oysters in Court.

The United States supreme court has been discussing oysters. To be more strictly legal in expressions, it has been sitting on oysters. At certain seasons of the year, this is preferable to eating oysters. In the case alluded to an order has issued from the bench, not for oysters, as we have seen, but to confirm the decree of a Virginia court in re oysters. The matter is all, one would ordinarily say, in a nut-shell; but of course, this simile does not apply here, for evidently, it is not in a nut-shell—the shell being different. What the Virginia court has decided is a question of state rights as to oysters, namely: whether the state of Virginia can constitutionally prohibit the citizens of other states from planting the larvae in any stream in the state where the tide ebbs and flows. The state court says undoubtedly it can, and by its decision no one can hereafter cherish and cultivate oysters in the river Wye, the particular stream in question, without being in danger of running into contempt or being run into by enraged citizen oystermen. This decision has been approved by the supreme court at Washington, and a long wrangle thus comes to an end between oystermen living in different states, but on the same waters. The Jerseyman will no longer trouble the New Yorker, and Connecticut will not impose upon the Long Islander. The case as between the oystermen is settled, all but the oyster itself. That will be reopened at the next sitting of the court.

The National board of trade urges congress to take measures for assembling an international monetary convention "to establish, if possible, a permanent valuation between gold and silver." Such a convention might do good service by bringing light to bear on a subject that has been much fogged. But it would require a greater power than the assembled wisdom of mankind to create a permanent valuation between things that from day to day fluctuate in value. The resolution of the board of trade is valuable, however, as showing the general need of enlightenment on the silver question.

News and Notes.

Five more deaths from yellow fever are reported in Jacksonville, Florida.

The New Orleans Times says Randall's election as speaker, unless he is unequivocally pledged to the Texas Pacific, would be a calamity to the south.

Brigham Young's base ingratitude is shown in the fact that notwithstanding his prosperity he left his mother living at the age of 98 years, in penury and want, in Martinsville, Ind.

The doctors of Portland are publishing the quacks. They have a column in the Bee devoted to the purpose. Dr. Paul M. Brennan is put in the list along with the other quacks.

News from the war in the east report heavy slaughters of the Turks before Plevna, but they stick to their work neither running away nor asking for quarter. The Russians lost 7,000 men, killed and wounded, and the Roumanians 3,000.

The report of A. D. Newcomb, special agent of the department of justice detailed to investigate, under direction of the secretary of the interior, the desert land frauds in California, was made to the secretary, about ten days since. In consequence Secretary Shurtz has addressed a letter to the general land office, directing him to suspend all entries made in the Visalia land district until investigation can be had.

Astoria Correspondence.

Mrs. C. S. Woodworth, on her late Astoria visit, wrote several interesting letters to the press of Salem and Portland, from which we extract as follows:

The Standard: Everybody seems to be busily employed, and to one recently from the capital, the amount of business done and the progress visible everywhere, are quite a novelty. The old and new buildings, water lots, grating, pile driving, give a somewhat chaotic appearance, which the energy of property holders is, however, bringing into good shape and condition.

The Mercury: To one who has not seen Astoria for nearly twenty-one years, the changes are simply marvelous. Then the quiet harbor, skirted with green hills that sloped nearly to the water's edge, and upon which were perched here and there a cottage, gave no hint or promise of its present importance or proportions. Notwithstanding the closing of the canneries, life and activity are visible in every other department of business. There is "water, water everywhere," and as the city (the business part and much besides) is literally built on piles, necessitating the use of an unlimited amount of lumber, the saw mills appear to be a most desirable "bonanza," and the heavy "thud" of the pile driver and the nailing down of planks are heard throughout the living day. Lots are being rapidly covered with buildings and new roadways made, but how the corners of these water lots can be found, must sometimes be puzzling even to an experienced surveyor. The coming and going of the two lines of steamships, the vessels at anchor, and the smaller craft bound for different points keep up a lively appearance on the wharves. Would you believe that in a place whose name is always coupled with fish, there is not a fish market! And it appears to be more scarce than any other article of food. The Custom-house is really an honor to the place, being built of stone, occupying a whole block and enclosed with a nice fence. Grace church is attractive, with its dark finish and stained glass chancel window; the Roman Catholics have an edifice far up on a hill; the Baptists are erecting a neat place of worship, and the foundation of a new city hall is being laid. "How much is such a lot as that worth?" I inquired, pointing to a piece of water where piles were being driven for a building. "About \$1200," was the reply, and that too, for the width of a good sized building only. Graveling streets back on the hills, building houses, filling up lots, with the ordinary traffic make busy scenes, and John Chinaman is everywhere. Some very pretty homes, surrounded with almost perennial verdure nestle among the hills, but generally an air of newness pervades the place. Col. Taylor is removing his old house to make room for a more pretentious residence; Mrs. Warren is building a handsome house and many are adding to and improving their homes. Mr. Frank M. Bowley is at present in market, a fact that will be appreciated by his young lady friends of (your city, as well as by his customers here. There's no place like home, to be sure, and the old song of "Farmer John" comes to mind: "The best part of a journey is going home;" and a brief absence will certainly make the city of spires seem more attractive than ever; but your correspondent wishes that some of this busy stir might be transferred thither, while only a memory of it can be taken, and a remembrance of the ever flowing, ever ebbing tide of this grandest of rivers, as it rolls and is lost into the near ocean beyond. All honor be to the mayor and city council of this city for doing all in their power to prevent the exhibition of the immoral show which has of late been tolerated in several places up the valley. If they failed it was from no fault of theirs that the youth of the place were exposed to the corrupting influences of that most base and evil exhibition, which is the dread of all pure minded and conscientious parents.

The Portland Bee: There is enough of busy life here, to say nothing of the beautiful hills, the ever-changing skies, and the "mighty Columbia rolling on to the sea," to interest and attract even the casual visitor. Last night, September 10, the rolling and dashing of the surf on the bar could be heard during the night, but a visit to the "lousy wharves" this morning shows a calm after the storm, and a beautiful rainbow spanning the mouth of the river from shore, suggested the old couplet "A rainbow in the morning, sailors take warning," which we heard repeated by a lady about to take passage for Fort Canby.

Looking about we see everywhere busy life in all its departments, from the merchant to the celestial, and receiving no response to the question,

"What keeps Astoria up now that the fishing season is over?" conclude that it is simply enterprise in its purest form, for, lacking the agricultural interests, which in so great a measure sustains the valley towns, nothing but a most sanguine belief in Astoria's continued future could induce this continued and rapid improvement of the waste and watery places where the business part now stands. Should the query "What lack we yet?" be put by an Astorian to a sojourner here, the answer would be, "A roadway to upper-town," and while its necessity would be speedily and tacitly acknowledged, from the outlay it would require, it is doubtless in the far future.

FOREIGN EXPORTS.

To Liverpool, per Lochinvar, Sept. 1.	Values.
Wheat—23,200 cts.	\$43,600 00
To Honolulu per Mattie Macleay, Sept. 1.	
Flour, 242 barrels.....	\$ 1,288 50
Cash Goods, 105 cases.....	651 25
Potatoes, 122 sacks.....	286 00
Hams, 210 lbs.....	384 00
Salmon, 383 bbls.....	3,780 00
80 cases.....	500 00
Miscellaneous mde.....	2,415 32— 8,785 07
To Honolulu per Falkenberg, Sept. 2.	
Flour, 50 bbls.....	\$ 240 00
Salmon, 123 bbls.....	1,012 00
116 pkgs.....	834 00
35 cases.....	229 00
Lumber, spars and bolts.....	2,642 52
Cats and beans.....	615 03
Miscellaneous mde.....	750 00— 5,812 55
To Victoria and Nanaimo per str Cal- ifornia, September 4th:	
Flour, 132 bbls.....	\$ 8,779 50
Wheat, 112 casks.....	1,023 74
Brans, Meal and Mid- dlings, 35,719 lbs.....	849 08
Miscellaneous mde.....	5,359 18— 16,082 50
To Queenstown, per Kinslune, Sept. 11.	
Wheat—23,300 cts.....	45,503 71

Church Directory.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Rev. F. Craig, services at 11 A. M., and 7 1/2 P. M. Sunday school after morning services. Seats for members of the society. Friends of Progress, J. Korte, conductor.

Rev. A. G. Daniels will preach at the usual hours this A. M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Organized May 6th, 1877. Supply expected from the Board of Domestic Missions. Sunday school every Sunday at one o'clock P. M., at upper Astoria school house.

GRACE (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH.—Rev. T. A. Hyland, Rector. Services at 11 A. M., and 7 1/2 P. M. Sunday school at 9 o'clock A. M.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS.—Services (upper Astoria) alternate Sundays, at 3 o'clock P. M., by the Rev. T. A. Hyland. Sunday school every Sunday at 9 o'clock A. M.

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH.—Rev. Father Maeken Pastor. Services at 11 o'clock A. M. Sunday school at 3 o'clock P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. G. Burchett, Pastor. Services at 11 A. M., and 7 1/2 P. M. Sunday school immediately after morning services.

227 Services in the Court-house. All are requested to be present morning and evening.

PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.—Children's Lyceum held at Liberty hall at 2 o'clock P. M., under the auspices of the society. Friends of Progress, J. Korte, conductor.

230 Sunday evening lecture by Mrs. C. M. Snow, will lecture at 8 P. M., at Liberty hall.

MARRIED.

In Portland, Sept. 12th, Gust Holmes and Mrs. Mary Holmes, both of Astoria.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Advertising: The Astorian has a larger circulation than all other state papers combined.

E. C. HOLDEN, AUCTIONEER and COMMISSION AGENT. CHENAMUS ST. ASTORIA, OREGON. Consignments respectfully solicited, bills collected and returns promptly made.

Regular Sales Day, Saturday. Refer by permission to J. S. WRIGHT, JAMES & MCGUIRE, Box J. Q. A. BOWLEY, A. VAN DUSEN, J. W. GEARHAUT.

E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer. REAL ESTATE SALE, At the Court House at 2 o'clock P. M., THE 24th, Sept. 19th. By order of the administrator of the estate of J. G. Coe deceased. Lot 5, block 36 in Olney's Addition, for account whom it may concern. Also, in block 159: lots 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12; lot 7 in block 106, Olney's Addition.

GERMANIA BEER HALL —AND— BOTTLE BEER DEPOT, CHENAMUS STREET, ASTORIA. The public are invited to call and leave their orders. Splendid Lager 5 cent a glass. Free Lunch every night. WM. BOCK & Co., Proprietors.

OREGON STEAMSHIP COMPANY For San Francisco Direct. Carrying the United States Mails and Wells, Fargo & Co's Express. Passage, Cabin \$7 50 | Steerage, \$3 Freight, per Ton, \$2 The A1 Iron steamship, Geo. W. Elder, COMMANDER. Will leave W. T. & L. Co's dock Astoria for above port on TUESDAY, Sept. 18 1877. For Freight or Passage, apply at the office of the W. T. & L. Co's company. C. P. UPSHUR, Agent.

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LIBERTY HALL. MONDAY, September 17th, THE NEW SENSATION HAS ARRIVED. CROSBIE & SCOTT'S GREAT COMEDY COMPANY.

KOMICAL KROSBIE. DON'T FAIL TO SEE HIM AND HAVE A GOOD LAUGH.

The most complete Comedy Company on this coast.

LOUIS HAGEN, Squemoqua street, next door to the Episcopal church. Cabinet Maker and Undertaker. Will take orders for all kinds of NEW FURNITURE, and repairing promptly and neatly done, at low prices.

NEW TAILOR SHOP. GEORGE LOVETT, TAILOR. Benton street, (opposite the Custom House). Gents suits made to order in latest styles and warranted to fit. Clothes cleaned and repaired.

Oregon City Brewery Depot. H. HUMBEL & BRO. Proprietors. On the roadway, opposite O. S. N. wharf. ASTORIA, OREGON.

Besides the celebrated Oregon City Beer, will keep constantly on hand all kinds of the finest Wines, Liquors and Cigars, at wholesale and retail. Orders promptly filled and satisfaction guaranteed. Beer five cents a glass—and a good free lunch.

BUY NONE BUT THE NEW IMPROVED FLORENCE SEWING MACHINE,

THE BEST in the WORLD For sale at the CITY BOOK STORE.

J. H. D. GRAY, Wholesale and retail dealer in. FLOUR, FEED, OATS, HAY, STRAW, WOOD, etc., Also wholesale dealer in

Shoalwater Bay OYSTERS, Received fresh from the bed four times a week. On the wharf foot of Benton street, Astoria, Oregon.

PORTLAND CANDY FACTORY. THE UNDERSIGNED TAKE PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE TO THEIR PATRONS AND DEALERS IN GENERAL THAT THEY HAVE LATELY LARGELY INCREASED THEIR FACTORY AND ARE NOW PREPARED TO FURNISH AS GOOD AN ASSORTMENT IN THEIR LINE AS ANY HOUSE ON THE COAST.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS TO CASH CUSTOMERS. ALISKY & HEGELE, P. O. Box 61. 105 First Street. Factory on Alder Street, between First and Second Street, Portland, Oregon.

GREAT REDUCTION —IN— PRICES!! —AT— THE PIONEER BOOT & SHOE STORE

Corner of Cass and Squemoqua streets. ASTORIA, OREGON. FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS I WILL SELL ALL MY LARGE STOCK OF Mens', Boys', Ladies', Misses and Children's BOOTS AND SHOES

At a considerable reduction from previous prices, many kinds AT COST! C. J. SMITH, Prop.

ASTORIA BREWERY SALOON, And Bottled Beer Depot! MAIN STREET, ASTORIA. RUDOLPH BARTH, MICHAEL MYERS, Proprietors. The Best Quality Lager Beer, FIVE CENTS A GLASS. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. Orders for Lager, or Bottled Beer, in any quantity, promptly filled. Free Lunch day and night.

"NIL DESPERANDUM." Lime, Brick, Sand And LATH, ALSO Plaster and Marble Dust AS CHEAP AS CAN BE LANDED IN ASTORIA. Can be had in any quantity at my wharf. Agent for sale of San Juan Lime. PETER RUNEY, Astoria.

AUCTION SALES.

B. S. WORSLEY. AUCTION & COMMISSION MERCHANT. Office, on Main street, opposite Washington Market. SALES DAILY From 7 to 9 o'clock P. M. Regular Sales Day, Saturday, at 10 O'clock A. M. Will purchase and sell real estate, merchandise, furniture, etc. Consignments respectfully solicited. Diagrams and terms to be had on application to the Auctioneer. B. S. WORSLEY

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

UNION HOUSE. Cor. Squemoqua and Lafayette Streets. ASTORIA, OREGON. THIS HOUSE HAVING BEEN newly re-painted and furnished throughout is now open to the accommodation of the public. The house being in new hands now can guarantee success. Board and Lodging per Week, \$5 00 Board per Week, \$4 00 MRS. M. E. TURNER, Proprietress.

Private Lodging House, Mrs. J. W. MUNSON, Proprietress. CHENAMUS ST., ASTORIA. Choice Rooms (furnished) to let by the Month, Day or Week, at reasonable prices. This is a new, hard finished house, in a quiet locality, on the 2d block below the Custom-house; it is all newly-furnished, and has been built rat and mouse proof. Apply at the small house next door. None but respectable persons need apply.

OCCIDENT HOTEL, A. J. MEGLER, C. S. WRIGHT, Proprietors. Astoria, Oregon. The Proprietors are happy to announce that the above Hotel has been Repainted and Refurnished, Adding greatly to the comfort of its guests AND IS NOW THE BEST HOTEL NORTH OF SAN FRANCISCO.

R. H. CARDWELL, C. H. PERKINS, Purker House Hotel, Corner Main and Concomly streets, ASTORIA, OREGON. CARDWELL & PERKINS, Proprietors. THIS IS THE LARGEST HOTEL IN ASTORIA, new and new furniture, furnished in first class style.

The table will be supplied with the best the market affords. Accommodations to suit the times, from \$1 25 to \$2 50 per day. Steamers and rail boats leave the wharves and slips near the Hotel, daily for Fort Stevens, Fort Canby, Skipanon, Fort Clatsop, Sea Shio, Ocean Beach, Knappton, Chinook, Unity, Oysterville and other places of resort in this vicinity. There are now five large salmon canneries in Astoria, which employ over 1200 persons in the various branches of the business, making Astoria as it now is, a point of interest to visitors, independent of its cool invigorating summer climate.

CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT. WATER STREET ROADWAY. Opposite Oregon Steam Navigation Company's Wharf. ASTORIA, OREGON. The above new Restaurant will be open from and after to-morrow, Sunday, January 7th, 1878. D. BUSANICH & Co., Proprietors.

A. BOISON. WATCH MAKER AND JEWELER. Main street, Parker's Building, Astoria. HAS JUST RECEIVED A FINE ASSORTMENT of Jewelry of the latest styles, also a fine assortment of Gold and Silver Watches, which will be sold at lowest prices, and warranted from two to ten years. Particular attention paid to repairing.

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