

Destitution in San Francisco.

San Francisco has hundreds, perhaps thousands of men deprived of employment and reduced to destitution by the influence of the drought; and the Alta says, these men must receive more help than the benevolent societies now in existence have the means of providing.

South America.

What a delightful country to live in must be that western coast of South America! Unless mistaken occasion has forced a similar, if not identical, expression before.

Northern Pacific R. R. Lands.

HEADQUARTERS LAND DEPARTMENT, New London, W. T. Sept. 25, 1877. Dear Sir:—In the DAILY ASTORIAN of Sept. 21st, under "Needs Explanation," you assume to understand that a settler is charged by the Northern Pacific railroad company for his own improvements made on railroad land.

No extra price is ever fixed on railroad lands in consequence of improvements made there by the settler.

Prices are fixed according to the value of the timber, its accessibility to deep water, etc., its prominence as a business point, or its adaptability to agricultural pursuits.

Where a large tract is accessible only at a single point, which is esteemed valuable by reason of its peculiar location, and a party desires to purchase only a few acres, embracing that valuable point, and thereby defect the sale of the balance of the tract, or render it less valuable, we must necessarily ask a much higher per acre, than would be asked for the land under different circumstances.

We know of no case covered by the circumstances you cite. I therefore hope that this explanation is satisfactory. Yours truly, D. C. LEWIS.

Play Ground of the Dead.

Late I sat, and lonely wandered By my melancholy led, Till I entered stately Greenwood; Marble city of the dead!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

—Mr. Hale has been so badly abused by the New York papers for roasting a few dozen workmen in his tin-box piano factory, that he thinks of going to St. Louis and starting into business amid the ruins of the Southern hotel.

—The will of the late Edwin Forrest, the great tragedian, is to be contested by a youth who claims to be a nephew of the testator. The claim is decidedly thin, in view of the fact that, a few years before his death, Mr. Forrest, writing to a friend, declared himself the last of his blood or family then living.

—Watterson says he never said that a hundred thousand Kentuckians would march to Washington to prevent the inauguration of Hayes, he only meant that that number, or thereabouts, would invite him to visit Kentucky and test on its native soil the merits of that generous beverage which is identified with the prosperity and renown of the state.

FOREIGN EXPORTS.

Table with columns for month (SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER), item (Wheat, Flour, etc.), and value. Includes sub-sections for Domestic Exports and Foreign Exports.

Congregational Church Notice.

The members are requested to meet at the Church on Wednesday evening, 31 inst., at seven o'clock, for the transaction of important business.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Advertising. The Astorian has a larger circulation on the Columbia river than all other state papers combined.

For Tillamook. THE STEAMER GEN. CANBY. Will be dispatched from Astoria to Tillamook in a few days.

OREGON STEAMSHIP COMPANY For San Francisco Direct. Carrying the United States Mails and Wells, Fargo & Co's Express.

Geo. W. Elder, Commander. Will leave W. T. & L. Co's dock Astoria for above port on TUESDAY, October 2, 1877.

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INTERPRETER. The undersigned is familiar with the Russian, Norwegian, Swedish and other languages, and offers his services to the public as an interpreter in suits at law, contracts, etc.

50,000 FEET SPRUCE LUMBER, And SHIP LINING for sale by 95-111 J. G. HUSTLER.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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.

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Wagon and Carriage Shop. Squemoquia street, between Washington and Polk streets. ASTORIA, OREGON.

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GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES!! THE PIONEER BOOT & SHOE STORE. Corner of Cass and Squemoquia streets, ASTORIA, OREGON.

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AUCTION SALES.

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

B. S. WORSLEY, AUCTION & COMMISSION MERCHANT. Office, on Main street opposite Washington Market. SALES DAILY From 7 to 9 o'clock P. M.

UNION HOUSE. Cor. Squemoquia and Lafayette Streets, ASTORIA, OREGON. THIS HOUSE HAVING BEEN newly repainted and furnished throughout is now open to the accommodation of the public.

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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.

HOLDEN & LAUGHERY, UPHOLSTERS AND FURNITURE DEALERS. At the old stand—HOLDEN'S AUCTION ROOMS on Chenamus street. All kinds of upholstery and cabinet work done to order. Manufacturers of Lounges, Spring Beds, -AND- MATTRESSES. Of any size and quality. Picture Frames and Furniture Manufactured or Repaired by Experienced Workmen.