

Unprecedented Robberies.

Yesterday a gentleman who has a vote to record in Astoria by virtue of a long residence here, and the payment of taxes for many years past, but who is at present enumerated on the roll as "temporarily absent on business," approached us to interrogate with respect to city affairs. He informed us that the mayor was arraigned for not bridging the yawning abyss between Astoria and upper-town; for not erecting a street lamp in every man's front door-yard; for not burying the dead somewhere else besides in the old burial grounds that have been in use for a quarter of a century and are not yet one-tenth filled; etc., etc.

He informed us that the common council were individually arraigned as a gang of robbers. The specifications were incomplete in behalf of the robberies perpetrated by Messrs. Hiram Brown, Ferd. Ferrell, Geo. Flavel, C. H. Page, J. C. Trullinger, and D. K. Warren, (members of the common council), but after a moment's hesitation we were compelled to admit that these gentlemen, as members of the common council, deserved to be branded as a gang of the most remarkable robbers that ever went unpunished. Just look at the acts they have perpetrated in the name of the people of Astoria, when they have ordained that such and such a street should be improved, because John Smith, John Roe, and Richard Doe simply petitioned the common council to improve the streets named in the ordinances aforesaid. We have not the data at hand to show the exact amounts these men have literally stolen (from their own pockets), to comply with the requests made of them by the aforesaid Smith, Roe, and Doe, who had a lot or block which they desired improved by grading, planking, etc., but it is safe to say that the sums amount to thousands of dollars, and it is the first instance on record where men have deliberately taxed themselves to pay for improvements to such extreme limits. All street crossings have to be paid for out of the general fund, and the present council in the aggregate, probably pay six-tenths of the actual taxes of the city. Yet they have done this willingly, because the charter provides that when a certain number of lineal feet along a proposed street improvement is represented in the bona fide application of the owners, such street shall be improved. The taxing of themselves in the ratio they have to defray these expenses, besides purchasing of the finest steam engine on the coast, with hose and hose carriages, etc., the purchase of land for an engine house, the erection of an engine house, city jail, council chamber, city officer's quarters, etc., has no precedent that we know of in the history of municipal corporations, and so long as the individual members of the council do not complain at the burden of taxation which the citizens themselves have fixed upon members through their petitions, all of which are on file in the office of the auditor, we think that complaints from the petitioners (the mass of the public) come with very bad grace, and are not worth repeating—but if any citizen of Astoria feels himself aggrieved at any action on the part of the council, and will make valid complaint in a consistent manner he will find us ready at all times to lay the same before the public.

So far as the complaints against the mayor are concerned we answer for that ourself. The office is merely an honorary one, no pay nor perquisites being attached either to it nor to the office of councilman, and we have endeavored to fill the position to our own satisfaction, at least, without fear or favors for any single individual. We are satisfied with the success which we have attained in this respect, if anybody else is dissatisfied with the official course which we have pursued, they are less fortunate, and we shall not object in the least if all such will manage to suit themselves in future without asking us to make the trial at our own expense of time and money.

NEWS OF THE MORNING.

The increase of bank circulation amounts to \$3,602,000 since last year.

A winter campaign in the war of the east is impossible. Fodder is now scarce for ten days, at times.

The Ajax from Astoria, and the schooner W. F. March, from South Bend, have reached San Francisco.

Surgeons have probed the wound in Miss Blaine's head, but have been unable to find the ball. She suffers terribly. Inflammation of the brain is feared, but the surgeons give the family some hopes of her recovery.

The Times' Washington special thinks the United States made a good bargain in the Sitting Bull matter. We got rid of him, and will no longer feed or fight him, while Canada is bound to see that he does not violate the frontiers.

The whaling bark Dawn, from the Arctic ocean, brings news that September 11th the bark Three Brothers, Capt. Owen of New Bedford, was abandoned in the ice near Point Barrow. The crew escaped and were distributed on other vessels of the fleet. September 11th, the British bark W. A. Farnsworth was crushed in the ice, filled, capsized and sank in 20 minutes. The crew was saved. No news of the crews of the fleet abandoned last season, with the exception of two Kanakas named Barnes, who made their way to land. All are supposed to have perished.

An attempt was made in the Washington territory House of Representatives week before last to repeal the law relative to disposing of liquors to minors. It was defeated by a vote of seventeen to eleven.

A traveling printer in Vermont, says the Brandon Union, was juggled in Rutland on the 5th of May for being drunk. The law kept him there five months, at an expense of \$75 to the state for board, and then he was pardoned by the governor. That liquor law appears to stand in the interest of jailors who want large board fees, and a sentence for intoxication is really a sentence for life, as the prisoner cannot be released except upon pardon by the governor.

Grave doubts have arisen as to the guilt of Joel Collins, recently killed as one of the robbers of the Union Pacific train. A law firm of Topeka will be retained by the father of Collins to investigate the matter. Enough has been learned to justify the statement that Collins could not have been present at the time. His having a large amount of money on his person at the time of his death is accounted for by the statement that he had just returned from the Black Hills where he had taken a drove of cattle, which he had sold, and was returning with the money, nearly \$20,000. His conduct when arrested is accounted for on the hypothesis that he supposed he had fallen into the hands of robbers.

Several editions of the ASTORIAN, (Daily, Weekly and Sunday), never insert advertisements known to be of an immoral or swindling character. We refuse many dollars offered for such advertisements every year, but always throw out advertisements suspected of being of this nature. Nevertheless we cannot hold ourselves responsible for the good faith of our advertisers, nor undertake to relieve readers from the need of exercising common prudence on their own behalf. They must judge for themselves whether the goods advertised can in the nature of things be furnished for the price asked. They will find it a good rule to be careful about extraordinary bargains, and they can always find safety in doubtful cases by paying for goods only upon their delivery.

The British corvette Iris, now being fitted out at Plymouth, is the first steel-plated man-of-war ever built.

M. Blondin, the hero of Niagara, after a long tour in Australia, New Zealand, &c., has appeared in England again.

Miss Emily Faithful has started a penny local newspaper in London, which is meeting with encouraging success.

BORN.

In Astoria, Oct. 27, 1877, to the wife of John Douglas, engineer of Rescue Co. No. 2, a daughter, -8 pounds.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

REMOVAL. OHL has removed his Tailor shop to the old man Flavel's old Concomly street, between 5th and 6th, opposite Astoria Landing.

For Tillamook.

STEAMER. Will leave for Tillamook about NOVEMBER 2, 1877. Received at Kinney's cannery at 8 o'clock. Passage \$3.00. Apply to AUG. C. KINNEY, Astoria.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE. The partnership heretofore existing between L. P. Richmond and Magnus C. Crosby, is dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by Magnus C. Crosby, who is authorized to settle all claims against or to receive all amounts due the above named firm. LOUIS P. RICHMAN, MAGNUS C. CROSBY, Astoria, Oregon, Oct. 27, 1877.

INFORMATION WANTED. NOTICE is hereby given that on the 21st day of November, A. D. 1876, a leather valise containing a watch was sent from Astoria to Oysterville, W. T., addressed to JOHN MAGAN, South Bend.

There are any such person at that place at present, and parties being unable to learn any particulars of his whereabouts. Any person able to furnish information regarding him, will please send the same to the undersigned. His value contains an ARMY DISCHARGE, DATED AUG. 12, 1872. Which stated that he was a man 27 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, light complexion, blue eyes, brown hair and that he was a sergeant in company M 5th regiment of cavalry. JOHN R. GOULTER, Oysterville, W. T. Oct. 25, 1877. 121-1m

Oregon Steamship Company.

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

Freight and Passage at Reduced Rates.

A 1 Steamship Geo. W. Elder, Commandr. Will leave W. T. & L. Co's dock Astoria for above port on SUNDAY, October 25 1877. At 6 o'clock, A. M. For Freight or Passage, apply at the office of the W. T. & L. Co's company. C. P. UPSHUR, Agent.

Pacific Coast Steamship Co.

For San Francisco Direct, STEAMSHIP ORIZABA, Master JOHNSON.

Will Leave Astoria for San Francisco, on SUNDAY, October 28. At 6 o'clock A. M. For freight or passage apply to J. G. HUSTLER, Agent Astoria.

NOTICE.

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed by Ordinance No. 224 and 225 to assess the benefits and damages caused by the widening of Concomly and Chenamus streets, do hereby give public notice, that we shall proceed to view said proposed widening and to assess said damages and benefits on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1877; and that we shall meet at the office of the City Attorney at two o'clock in the forenoon of said day, when and where all parties interested will appear and attend. JOHN HOBSON, C. A. MCGUIRE, ALMARIN MONTGOMERY, Astoria, Oct. 12, 1877. 111-1d

The Board stands adjourned to meet at the same place on Wednesday, the 31st day of October, 1877, at ten o'clock A. M. JOHN HOBSON, C. A. MCGUIRE, A. MONTGOMERY, Astoria, Oct. 24, 1877.

PICKED UP.

A row boat near the Delmonico Restaurant, which the owner can have by proving property and paying charges. JOE BARBOUR.

Wagon and Carriage Shop.

Squamocqua street, between Washington and Folk streets. ASTORIA, OREGON. HENRY GALLOU, Proprietor. Repairing promptly attended to none, but the best material used. All work warranted. Blacksmithing and ship work promptly attended to. D. K. WARREN, C. A. MCGUIRE.

Astoria Market!

Corner of Chenamus and Cass streets, ASTORIA, OREGON. WARREN & MCGUIRE, Proprietors, (Successors to Hobson & Warren.) Wholesale and Retail Dealers in all kinds of Fresh and Cured Meats! A full line of Family Groceries, CANNED FRUIT, VEGETABLES, ETC. Butter, Eggs, Cheese, etc. constantly on hand. Ships supplied at the lowest rates.

OREGON BAKERY,

Holladay's Wharf, Main Street, Astoria, Ogn. BREAD, CAKES, PIES, PASTRY, CRACKERS, ETC. WILL BE SERVED TO PATRONS of the Oregon Bakery of which C. Binder deceased, was proprietor, the same as usual, by Mrs. CHARLES BINDER. First Class Baker employed, and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. All orders, large or small, promptly filled on short notice. Patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. MRS. CHAS. BINDER.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BUY NONE BUT THE NEW IMPROVED

FLORENCE SEWING MACHINE, THE BEST in the WORLD

For sale at the City Book Store.

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.

GREAT REDUCTION

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.

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.

WILSON & FISHER

DEALERS IN HAY, FEED, GROCERIES, AND HARDWARE.

Wharfage and Warehouse Storage. Corner Chenamus and Hamilton Streets, ASTORIA, OREGON.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

JUST ARRIVED: 40,000 BRICK; 100 WINDOWS; AND 200 DOORS;

WHICH WILL BE SOLD AS LOW AS ANY HOUSE IN OREGON. BAIN & FERGUSON, Astoria, Oregon.

ARNDT & FERCHEN,

BLACKSMITHS AND MACHINISTS Foot of Washington Street, near Kinney's Fishery, ASTORIA, OREGON. HAVING SECURED AN ENGINE AND Lathe, and the best of workmanship, we are now prepared to do ALL KINDS OF CANNERY WORK, ENGINE AND STEAMBOAT WORK OF ANY DESCRIPTION. Horse-shoeing, repairing, and all kinds of blacksmithing promptly attended to at reasonable rates.

E. S. MERRILL & CO.,

Blacksmiths and Machinists. Capt. ROGERS' OLD STAND Near Express Office, ASTORIA, OREGON. All work in our line, heavy or light, done with neatness and dispatch. HORSESHOEING, WAGON, AND Farm Work a Specialty.

HAVING SECURED THE SERVICES OF Mr. S. A. Glines of Ky., an experienced Farrier of 25 years in the business, and well known to Astoria horsemen, we are prepared to do shoeing in a manner to cure lameness or prevent it in horses entrusted to our care. All work warranted and at reasonable rates.

AUCTION SALES.

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 C. S. WRIGHT, WARREN & MCGUIRE, Box J. G. A. BOWLEY, A. VAN HISEN, A. W. BEAUFORT, E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneers.

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.

R. H. CARDWELL, G. H. PERKINS, Parker 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 \$2.00 per day. Steamers and sail boats leave the wharves and slips near the Hotel, daily for Fort Stevens, Fort Canby, Skamoon, Fort Klaskan, Sea Side, Ocean Beach, Knappaon, Chimook, 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.

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 satisfaction. Board and Lodging per Day, \$1.00 Single Meal, 25c. MRS. M. E. TURNER, Proprietress.

OCCIDENT HOTEL,

A. J. MESLER, 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.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS!

SERVED IN EVERY STYLE AT SCHMEERS CONFECTIONERY AND REFRESHMENT SOLOON.

All kinds of French, German and American Candies constantly on hand, wholesale and retail at the lowest cash price. ALSO— Wedding cakes made to order on short notice. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited.

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.

PRINTING— EQUAL TO THE BEST, AND Cheap as the Cheapest, at THE ASTORIAN OFFICE.

"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.

NEW GOODS. NEW GOODS.

Prices Lower Than Ever. GEORGE W. CORNART,

Is constantly receiving the finest assortment OF BLANK BOOKS, STATIONERY, OFFICE FIXTURES AND NOTIONS.

ALL THE LATEST PUBLICATIONS OF SHEET MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Agent for Sherman & Hyde's Pianos and Organs sold on installments.

ALSO FINE IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC CIGARS AND TOBACCO,

CONSTANTLY ON HAND. North side of Chenamus street, between Cass and Main - - - ASTORIA, OREGON.