B. C. IRELAND

TUESDAY .. .. Nov. 20, 1877

If we were abundantly supplied with coin we should not ask patrons to remit, but one of the very hardest things to do in this world, is to ran a printing office on "promises." Our busi-ness is all in small amounts, and it is about as casy to pay one time as another, hence we trust that our patrons will freely respond to our calls for the sums due us en account,

## Railroad Talk.

Astorians like other Americans, are a people with short memories, and in a country where event succeeds event with great rapidity, it is not wonderful that the lessons of the past have less force than the hopes of the fu--ture. But we trust that the memory of past efforts to secure a railroad will anot grow dim and that its lessons will not be forgotten. We shall do our share to keep these things in remembrance even though it may seem to be giving "line upon line, and precept upon precept." There is need of this iteration in the face of all obstacles Within four years Astorians have seen coffins. The site of the discovery pal church, Astoria. the tidal station at this post removed, the marine hospital removed, and have listened to threats of abolishing our customs district by consolidation with Portland and the removal of the office of inspector of the 13th light-house -district. This latter has been accom- standing this long period, the coffins, plished, the former is expected. We as well as their contained bones, were have listened to good stories as to in a perfect state of preservation; artiwhat the railroad company propose to cles of clothing were even found still do for us. We have laid back inert, clinging to some of the bones. Prof. patiently waiting for each expected Virchow found, upon investigation, event, and have seen each come along that the coffins were covered on both in its turn and do all that was prom- sides with a thick layer of tar, the ised, except to build the railroad and wood itself appearing to be young oak. reduce the customs district to a port A silicious crust was likewise found on of delivery. We shall not be surprist the inner side of the coffins. The ed to hear of the latter any day-now wood was so hard that the axes and we want to see if the railroad compa- saws were broken in the attempt to ny are in earnest. There can be no cut it. The nails were very much manner of harm to result from Asto- rusted, but still sound in the interior. rians respectfully asking Congress to fix it so that, -in reviving this grant of land that has been permitted to lapse to the government-we can be assured that the company asking it may be acting in good faith. We con- church. Friends of the family are invited to fess that our faith in promises is not so strong as it was last year, or the year before.

With respect to remarks heard upon as subject about the city the past few combined, we concur in the view that we this subject about the city the past few days, we concur in the view that we are just as likely to be beaten out of a railroad under the bill introduced by Senator Mitchell, as we were by the old bill of seven years ago. We do not wish to be construed into impugning the motives of Senator Mitchell, far from it. We believe that he is one of the few men of prominence in this nation to whom people may look for reliable acts. But the provisions of his bill, if correctly reported, give Astorians no positive assurances. If the present company proceed with the work, and build fifty miles in the direction of Astoria from Forest Grove, they have tapped the Nehalem valley, and drained all the best of the entire region of ninety miles, thereby making it tributary to Portland, with forty miles of the worst possible part of the road to build, and unless another company will come to our rescue, and years and three months from the passage of the act, what relief have we? It would be no hardship to the company that proposes to build this road to begin the work of construction at Astoria as well as at Forest Grove. Without a proviso of this kind we have a right to question the good faith of any company that may propose to take hold of it. If such company objects to such proviso, we shall claim that our lack of faith is well founded, and we shall then continue our gropings in search of some other company which will begin at Astoria. We do not feel | Jack, the Giant Killer .......Commodore Nutt like treating this subject in the light that some do, that is to say: We are not inclined to regard this grant as Arthur English, Embassador ..... Ella Kirtland to any one individual. It was originally intended to assist an enterprise for the benefit of this entire state. Not Gertrade, Arthur's affianced ..... Sarah Beiten for Astoria particularly, nor for Port- Dora, Jennie's mother ....... Major Houghton land, but for Oregon. It has been managed so as to injure Astoria just as

much as possible, and to benefit Port-

land in the same ratio. If the road had been built, according to the terms and conditions of the original bill, Oregon Steamship Oregon would be saving half a million dollars by it, annually. A few sharpers in Portland would not have made so much annually into about that sum. We want to the road constructed, and the only way to accomplish that object would be to begin at Astoria, instead of transporting the iron and rolling stock, and nearly every article that is used in the construction, up to Portland 120 miles by water, thence over the line constructed to Forest Grove, THURSDAY, November 22, 1877 and so on, mile after mile, until the same material again reaches this point.

-During the last ten years nearly a million of acres in Great Britain, formerly under grain crops, have been converted into pasture, meat having become so paying an article to raise, but in the last board of trade report it is remarked that this conversion of arable lands into pastures has received a check as a result of the large importation of American meat.

-During the excavation of a canal in Berlin the workmen struck upon twelve perfectly preserved coffins, which lay apparently, in four graves, corresponds with the cemetery that existed there even as late as 1620 in connection with the poor house and pestilent hospital. The corpses must, in consequences, have been in the earth for at least 260 years. Notwith-

## DIED.

At sea on the passage from Honolulu, Nov. 6, 1877 on board thebark Sierra Nevada, Capt. Wm. H. Koerner, aged 33 years. The funeral will take place to-day, Tuesday, Nov. 20th, at the Congregational attend.

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JOHN HOBSON. C. A. MeGUIRE, ALMARIN MONTGOMERY.

Astoria, Oct. 12, 1877. The Board stands adjourned to meet at the same place on Wednesda, the 31st day of October, 1877, at ten o'clock a. m JOHN HOBSON, C. A. McGUIRE, A. MONIGOMERY.

Astoria, Oct. 24, 1877. The Board Stands adjourned to meet at the same place on Wednesday, the 7th day of November, 1877, at ten o'clock a. m. JOHN HOBSON, C. A. MeGUIRE, A. MONTGOMERY,

Astoria, Oct. 31, 1877. The Board stands adjourned to meet at the sune place on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1877, at ASTCR'A

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COL. JOHN ADAIR.

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