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THE NEWS.

—Dean Stanley is again coming to America.

—Owners of rich mines in the Brodie district of California are tripped. The surveys were wrong, and a partner of Levi (P. J. Meux) has gobbled them all "by the rules of the court."

—A member of congress from New York has introduced a bill for the relief of those ship owners who were compelled to pay a fine for employing aliens on vessels, and to which the attention of the government was called through the San Francisco custom house a few months ago.

—Yesterday morning one of the new consolidation engines, with a train of 20 narrow gauge freight cars, would leave Jersey city for the west over the Erie railway tracks. This will be the first narrow gauge train ever run on that road westward. While the gauge was being reduced to the standard, the management pushed the construction of the entire new equipment so that when the last rail was laid changing the gauge new locomotives and cars were ready for use.

VOLUME EIGHT.

With the Happy New greeting THE ASTORIAN comes before its readers on time this morning and begins a new volume. We need say but little with respect to this now standard journal. We have not quite so much "lightning" in our columns as that "monopoly of the dispatches," the Oregonian, but perhaps we can claim for the paper as much, if not a little more vim respecting the principle of fairness, upon topics of a general nature calculated to build up the material interests of the country.

THE ASTORIAN is honestly devoted to the welfare of its readers, having no sectional jealousies, and is a journal for the entire country. There were good reasons for establishing the journal in 1873, and the field is just as appropriate now, and the success of the enterprise thus far is proof of the appreciation with which it has been received by its patrons wherever dispersed over the great and growing country known as the Pacific Northwest. We shall continue the future as we have the past. Strictly the life of an Independent paper.

What this country needs, more than anything else, is an independent, out-spoken press. Of the many thousand papers throughout the country, nearly all have been started for some special purpose—to advocate some particular object in ethics, politics or political economy. There are plenty of partisan papers, plenty of religious papers, plenty of art papers, medical papers, and scientific papers; but very few independent papers, that will give a plain, impartial statement upon any subject. In the advocacy of some special hobby, the object is not so much to elicit truth and establish justice, as to secure the success of the hobby. Men go a good deal upon the principle recommended by the old gentleman to his son: "Now, John, you are going out into the world to seek your fortune. I have nothing to give you but some advice, and that is—get rich; honestly if you can, but—get rich!" Partisan and sectarian papers act on the same principle. Their party or

their sect must succeed, honestly if they can, but they must succeed. If misrepresentation, falsehood, slanderous attacks, and all the other machinery of partisan and sectarian warfare become necessary, they are brought into constant use. THE ASTORIAN has none of these incentives to prostitute its high callings. It labors for the success of the right and truth in whatever party they are found. Its object is the good of all the people, the prosperity, welfare, and honor of the whole country, and at all times, whether its laws happen to be administered by republicans or democrats. This is the proud position which we have assumed and propose to occupy. We shall labor for the success of those principles which will build up the country. We have no axes to grind, no clique to support, no personal ends to accomplish, but to furnish a reliable, readable, desirable, wide awake newspaper—to uphold the right and condemn the wrong.

To Boil a Ham.

ASTORIA, Oregon, Dec. 23, 1878. EDITOR ASTORIAN:

As some will want to know the best way to serve cold ham in Astoria now soon, I offer to give publicity to my way of doing it: Boiled hams are much nicer to let them stand in the water in which they are boiled until cold; the outside does not then turn black and dry up as it does when taken from the water to cool, consequently there is less waste in preparing them for the table. But always remember to remove the lid of the kettle, so the steam may escape. This should be done after boiling anything of the kind.

—A gentleman in the agricultural department relates the failure of a great national effort on the part of General Le Duc to suppress the grasshoppers. It seems that he accidentally heard that rooks would eat them, so he decided to start a national rookery. He drew on the contingent fund for \$11,000, and on England for 100 rooks. Before he got them through the New York custom house all but eight had died from the ocean voyage and custom house regulations. These reached Washington alive, and were put in a rookery. A few days since, through some mistake in giving them an airing one chilly day, they all died but one. He still lives, but the expectation of having the grasshoppers devoured next season is no longer entertained by the commissioner.

—The struggle now going on in Glasgow between the Clyde shipbuilders and workmen may cause the removal of the iron ship building trade from the Clyde to the Delaware.

CHAMBERS CYCLOPEDIA OF ENGLISH LITERATURE.—Brief biographies of all noted British or American authors, from earliest times to the present, with specimens from their writings, making a work not only thoroughly entertaining and useful to all intelligent readers, but nearly indispensable to people of culture. The newly revised and beautiful edition contains over 3,000 pages, and the entire work, in eight handy volumes, is furnished, free of express or mail charges, for \$2.00 in paper, \$3.00 in cloth, or \$4.00 in half morocco. The publishers sell only to subscribers direct, instead of giving dealers and agents the usual 50 or 60 per cent. discount to sell for them, which accounts for the remarkably low prices. Special inducements are offered to those sending early orders. Specimen pages with full particulars, sent on request by postal card by the publishers, the American Book Exchange, 35 Beekman street, New York.

—If you are suddenly asked, "who among merchants have made the largest fortunes in the shortest time in legitimate business," will not your reply naturally be, "judicious advertisers?"

—It is funny that when you ask a man to advertise he generally declines with the statement that nobody will see it. But if you advertise some little caper of his in the news column gratis, he gets indignant over the certainty that every one will see it.

Fishermen's Packing Company.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fishermen's Packing company was held pursuant to notice in THE ASTORIAN, at their office in upper Astoria Dec. 30th, 1878, when the company's business for the year of 1878 was examined by the stockholders, and election of directors for the ensuing year was proceeded with, with the following result: C. Timmons re-elected. Gust. Holmes re-elected. A. Young re-elected C. Lindgreen and John Enberg. Mr. Gallagher, who has served the company faithfully for two years as director, the last year as president, and seen the company safely through the struggles of trying times, and harbored the ship in a comfortable harbor, retires from his cares and duties, and takes with him the heartfelt thanks of his associates in office, as well as all the stockholders, for his faithful performance of his duties. The stockholders were all pleased with the result of last year's business, which proved to be far better than the outlook in the beginning of the year promised, and feeling justly under obligations to their directors and officers for such result, they proposed to give a free ball for their friends, at their mess-house, for which invitations will be circulated, on the 1st of January, 1879. May success always attend this company, composed as it is of honest and industrious workmen. DISINTERESTED.

—We see how life gets coined at our mint, so that the world somehow wears the stamp of the die cut into our hearts. We know how a piece of good fortune brightens the air: how some impending evil puts the edge of a spiritual eclipse upon the sun; how suddenly ill fortune in business will seem to make the very springs of beauty bankrupt; how the sickness of a dear friend turns nature pallid; how the death of one whom we love will convert all the trees to cypresses and the music of the universe becomes a requiem; but how can you expect your city to prosper if you do not patronize the local press? How can you succeed as a merchant, or a mechanic, and not advertise?

AROUND THE CITY.

LODGING HOUSE.—Persons requiring furnished or unfurnished rooms can be accommodated at reasonable rates at Mrs. Munson's Chenamus st., Astoria. ...Mr. J. Stewart, stone and marble cutter of Astoria will guarantee satisfaction to all ordering work of him, and will do a better job for less money than any outside workman. His work in the cemetery here should be sufficient recommendation. Before you let your contracts for work of this kind it would be well to call upon Mr. Stewart. ...Wood of all kinds, and a splendid lot of pitch wood, at Gray's wharf, for sale in lots to suit purchasers. ...Peter Runey is still in the market with all kinds of building materials in his line. Has just received 100,000 lath, 2,000 bushels of sand, and a large stock of first quality of brick at his warehouse foot of Benton street. ...Always ask for McCormick's Oil Clothing, which is the best in the market. All the leading merchants in Astoria keep it. Seamen and cannerymen are respectfully invited to inspect our stock and prices before ordering elsewhere. ...Fresh fruits and vegetables at Bailey's. ...Get your baskets filled for a little money at Bailey's. ...Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeers'. See advertisement. ...New invoice of those Medallion Ranges at Magnus C. Crosby's. ...Fresh oysters in every style and at all hours at the Pioneer restaurant. ...P. J. Goodman, on Main street, has just received the latest and most fashionable style of gent and ladies boots, shoes, etc. ...Shipmasters wishing to secure seamen can have their wants supplied by calling at the Chicago house, Main street. ...Mr. Peter Wilhelm has permanently fitted up a shipmaster's reading room in connection with the Gem saloon in Astoria. The latest shipping papers and homeward and outward bound shipping lists are kept on file. Telegraph office in the same building.

MARRIED.

In Astoria, Dec. 31, 1877, by Rev. O. Parker, Mr. O. S. Waud, of Westport, and Miss Nellie A. Murphy, of London, Middlesex, England.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A GIRL WANTED.—To do general house-work in a small family. Address: P. O. BOX 75. Astoria, Oregon. 1-1

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That housekeepers can do better by dealing with J. K. WIRT, on Main street, as he keeps the best of FRUITS, CANDIES, NUTS, LIQUORS AND CIGARS, SMOKED SALMON, BOLOGNE SAUSAGE, JERKED ELK MEAT, And also from Clatsop every other day FRESH BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE, CLAMS, DUCKS, CHICKENS, And everything that is needed in the cooking line at the lowest living prices. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere. J. K. WIRT.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED! ALL THE FISHERMEN, WORKINGMEN AND THEIR FRIENDS On the Columbia river, and tributaries, to save money, keep themselves dry and comfortable, and patronize home industry by ordering their SHIRTS, JUMPERS, AND OIL CLOTHING, FROM THE ASTORIA SHIRT AND OIL CLOTHING MANUFACTORY, CORNER OLNEY AND SQUEMOQUE STREETS. Which is fully prepared to supply them ALL with anything in the line of workmen's apparel, such as shirts, jumpers, and all work warranted. Our oil clothing will be found at all the principal stores and canneries in Astoria, and along the river. Be sure to get a suit for the coming fishing season, because it is undoubtedly the best.

NOTICE—CAUTION. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CAUTIONS everybody and gives notice that he will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any other person than himself, for or on his account, without his written order, after this date. Also that all moneys due the undersigned on current accounts must be settled and paid within ten days, otherwise they will be put in the hands of an attorney for collection. H. B. PARKER. Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 1, 1878. 1-2w\*

Special Holiday Notice!

—BY— E. S. LARSEN, Wholesale and Retail Grocer.

I will sell for CASH for the next two weeks any article in my line at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

This I propose to do in order to give everybody a chance to celebrate Christmas and New Year for very little money.

My stock of GROCERIES is complete Fresh and desirable, and not excelled by any house in the state for PRICES, QUALITY OR QUANTITY.

The largest and most complete stock of CROCKERY, GLASS, and YELLOW WARE, A choice assortment of CHINA TEA SETS, MOTTOE AND MUSTACHE CUPS.

REAL BOHEMIAN VASES, And a complete stock of PLATED WARE, Latest designs and best make in the country. JUST RECEIVED. EGG JUMBLES, COCONUT CAKE, PLAIN AND FANCY CANDIES

Also a great reduction in COFFEES AND SUGAR. Also, a great variety of WOOD AND WILLOW WARE.

All of which I will respectfully offer for your inspection and purchase. Yours truly E. S. LARSEN, Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 17, 1878.

JUST OPENED AT B. HAMBURGER'S

—A FINE STOCK OF— DRY GOODS! DRY GOODS!

—IN ALL ITS DEPARTMENTS— CLOTHING

THE FINEST ASSORTMENT TO BE FOUND IN THE CITY. FIFTEEN DOZEN HATS RECEIVED PER STEAMSHIP OREGON. ALL OF THE LATEST STYLES.

We have marked these goods down to the lowest mark and purchasers will do well to call on us before purchasing. An invoice of GOLD SILTED RUCHINGS, SOMETHING NEW.

B. HAMBURGER, MAIN STREET, ASTORIA, OREGON.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

I HAVE ON HAND THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF SUGAR TOYS, GUM PASTE TOYS, DOVE BASKETS, FANCY BASKETS, And other Christmas Toys of plain and Fancy CANDIES, CAKES, CRACKERS AND NUTS,

HEARTS, FIGURES, FLOWER BASKETS, CORNUCOPIAS, WAX CANDLES, Ornaments. Also, a fine lot with all kinds of FRESH ORANGES, LIMES AND COCOA NUTS.

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Net Cash received for Fire Premiums in 1877 \$353,511 04 Assets, Jan. 1, 1878 \$78,065 85

Liabilities: Losses unpaid \$3,638 37 Dividends 1,937 00 5,575 37 Surplus for Property Holders \$52,459 47 Losses paid in Oregon in six years \$114,516 72

I. W. CASE, Agent. Astoria, Oregon. 3-261f

AUCTION SALES.

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COMMISSION AGENT and AUCTIONEER. Rents and Accounts Collected, and returns promptly made.

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C. J. SMITH, (IN THE ASTORIAN BUILDING)

HAS JUST RECEIVED A LOT OF NEW goods, consisting of MEN'S AND BOYS CALF AND KIP BOOTS, Buckle and Congress Gaiters, Women, Misses and Children's

BUTTON BOOTS, Which will be sold at the very lowest prices.

Oysters! From date until after the Holiday's At Three Dollars per Sack of J. H. D. GRAY, Agent for the Oregon Wholesale Oyster Co.