

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

1. Be brief. This is the age of telegraphs and stenography. 2. Be pointed. Don't write all around a subject without hitting it. 3. State facts, but don't stop to moralize. It's a drowsy subject. Let the reader do his own dreaming. 4. Eschew preface. Plunge at once into your subject, like a swimmer into cold water. 5. If you have written a sentence that you think particularly fine, draw your pen through it. A pet child is always the worst in the family. 6. Condense. Make sure that you really have an idea, and then record it in the shortest possible terms. We want thoughts in their quintessence. 7. When your article is completed, strike out nine-tenths of the adjectives. 8. Therefore, it is for our subscribers to say whether we shall or shall not do more good than at present. 9. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary, are considered as wishing to continue their subscription. 10. If subscribers wish their papers discontinued, publishers may continue to send them until charges are paid. 11. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their papers from the office or the place where they are sent, they are held responsible until they settle their bills, and give due notice to discontinue. 12. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publishers they are held responsible. Notice should always be given of removal. 13. The courts have decided that refusing to take a paper from the office, or removing, and leaving it uncalled for, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud. 14. The postmaster who neglects to give the legal notice of the neglect of a person to take from the office the newspapers addressed to him, is liable to the publisher for the subscription price. 15. Advertisements intended for insertion in THE WEEKLY ASTORIAN, should be handed in on Thursday afternoon, to insure their insertion the following Saturday. 16. An advertisement tells its own story. It makes no mistakes, as a solicitor might do, and states exactly what the merchant wants to say, neither more nor less. Advertisements are honest and faithful servants. 17. 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?"

Special Holiday Notice!

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, and 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.

Three Schooners for Sale.

TWO schooners, with center boards, 12 tons each, and one without center board, five tons, all fully equipped and in good order, will be sold cheap for cash. Apply to WATSON BROS., Astoria, Oregon.

CASH STORE!

T. BAILEY Have just received a new invoice of Groceries, Queensware, Lamps and Fixtures, Which I offer at a bargain for CASH. FLOUR AND FEED. Corner of main and Squemoque sts., ASTORIA, - OREGON.

FRESH LOT OF CITRONS, RAISINS, CURRANTS, FANCY CANDIES, ALSO: Almonds, Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, CHESTNUTS, FILBERTS, PECANS, BUTTERNUTS, &c., &c.. DON'T YOU DO IT! Don't pay large prices for inferior goods when you can buy the best at Lowest Prices!! Call and be convinced that GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, Crockery and Wooden Ware Are sold at BOTTOM PRICES by J. STRAUSS, South side of Chenamus street, ASTORIA, - OREGON.

BUSINESS CARDS.

J. W. ROBB, C. W. FULTON, ROBB & FULTON, Attorneys-at-Law, Collecting and Real Estate Agents. Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, Dr. Welch's new building, Squemoque street, Astoria. F. D. WINTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in City Hall Building, ASTORIA, OREGON. DR. W. D. BAKER. (Late Surgeon U. S. Army.) Office—Corner Chenamus and Main sts., over White House store, Brown's building. DR. I. M. SEVERN. Graduate University of Pennsylvania. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. EXAMINING SURGEON OF PENSIONS. Office—Larsen's building. Office Hours.—8 A. M. to 10 A. M. and 6 P. M. to 8 P. M. At night can be found at Turpin House, ASTORIA, OREGON. DR. F. CRANG, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, ASTORIA, OREGON. Office—Room no. 7 over C. L. Parker's store, Opposite Dement's drug store. J. H. D. GRAY, Wholesale and retail dealer in OYSTERS, by the SACK, Hay, Oats, Straw, Wood, Etc. General storage and Wharfage on reasonable terms. WILLIAM EDGAR, Corner Main and Chenamus Streets, ASTORIA, - OREGON. DEALER IN CIGARS AND TOBACCO, AND THE GENUINE WOSTENHOLM and other English Cutlery. STATIONERY! FAIRCHILD'S GOLD PENS! Genuine Meershaum Pipes, etc. A fine stock of Watches and Jewelry, Muzzle and Breech Loading Shot Guns, Revolvers, Parlor Rifles, and Ammunition. OTTO DUFNER, WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER. HAS REMOVED TO Main street, Parker's building, ASTORIA, - OREGON. J. STEWART, Stone and Marble Cutter, ASTORIA, - OREGON. All kinds of building work, and monumental work attended to promptly and to order. Satisfaction guaranteed. DR. J. W. OLIVER, HOMEOPATHIST, Having permanently located in Astoria, tenders his services to the citizens of this place. OFFICE.—For the present at his residence in Col. Taylor's house, Cedar street. HUGH STOOP, CARPENTER AND JOINER, AND GENERAL JOBBER ASTORIA, OREGON. Houses built to order, and satisfaction guaranteed. Shop on Squemoque street, next door to the Episcopal church. R. F. DENNISON, F. J. TAYLOR, DENNISON & TAYLOR, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, ASTORIA, OREGON. Office—Up stairs in Parker's building, corner Chenamus and Benton streets. B. B. FRANKLIN, UNDERTAKER AND CABINET MAKER. Squemoque street, next door to Astorian building, Astoria, Oregon. All work done in a skillful manner on short notice and at reasonable prices. Undertaker's furniture—goods always on hand. HOUSE TO LET.—A nice residence, new, containing six rooms, will be ready for a tenant any time on short notice. For particulars inquire at THIS OFFICE. GEORGE ROSS' Billiard Room. The only Billiard Room in the city where no liquors are sold. NEW TABLE JUST PUT UP. GEORGE has a cosy place and keeps on hand the best brand of Cigars. Also, soda, candy, nuts, etc. Opposite Atlanta Chop House, 95-11

A LARGE VARIETY AND ALL SIZES OF Lamp Chimneys The Diamond and Champion CROSS CUT SAWS, AXES AND HATCHETS. -AT- Lowest Prices.

COMMERCIAL AND SHIPPING.

The Only Straight Line to ILWACO. THE RELIABLE STEAM-TUG RIP VAN WINKLE, Master AL HARRIS. Will leave Astoria EVERY FRIDAY FORENOON. For Ilwaco direct, avoiding rough water and detention at the forts. Is in first-class order and, until further notice, is ready for business in the line of towing, carrying passengers, or jobbing, anywhere on the rivers, from Astoria to Portland, the Forts, or points on the bay. Apply on board. For Skipanon, Klaskanine, Cowlitz River, etc. THE FINE SIDE-WHEEL Steamer ONEATTA, Master A. C. FISHER. Will leave Fisher's wharf for Skipanon daily at 8 o'clock A. M. (Sundays excepted.) On Saturdays will make regular trips to Klaskanine and back. Occasional trips will also be made to Cowlitz river. For further particulars see Capt. on board. Astoria to Forts Stevens, Canby, Ilwaco, Oysterville and Olympia. Ilwaco Steam Navigation Co. Until further notice the Ilwaco Steam Navigation Co's steamer GENERAL CANBY, WHITCOMB, MASTER Will leave Astoria on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, at 9 A. M., Fridays at 6 1-4 A. M., and 1 P. M. Fort Stevens, Fort Canby, and Ilwaco Mondays for Forts Stevens and Canby. Connecting with L. A. Loomis' stages for Oysterville and Olympia, on Wednesday's and Saturday's. SUMMER RATES: Fare to Fort Stevens..... 50cts " Canby and Ilwaco..... \$1 00 For Tickets, Towing or Charter apply either at the office of the Company, (Gray's) wharf, foot of Benton street, or to the Captain on board. By order of L. A. LOOMIS, President. J. H. D. GRAY, Agent, Astoria, Oregon. J. G. FAIRFOWL & SON, STEVEDORES AND RIGGERS Portland and Astoria, Oregon. Refer by permission to—Rogers, Meyers & Co., Allen & Lewis, Corbitt & Macleay, Portland, Oregon. BROWN & McCABE, STEVEDORES AND RIGGERS, Portland and Astoria, Oregon. On all business entrusted to our care, satisfaction guaranteed.

WOOD WORKING MACHINERY IRON WORKING TOOLS STEAM ENGINES BERRY & PLACE, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. CIRCULARS SENT FREE TO ALL.

W. E. DEMENT, DRUGGIST. ASTORIA, - OREGON. Carries a full Assortment of Drugs, Patent Medicines, PAINTS, OIL AND GLASS. Prescriptions filled with care Day or Night. Manufacturer of Fishermen's Relief. A sure preventative of Chapped Hands, and cure for Fish Wounds. JUST RECEIVED BY G. W. PARKER, AT THE I. X. L. STORE! Corner Main and Concomly streets. GROCERIES, FLOUR, FEED, WOODEN ware, Coal Oils, Tobaccos, and Gents' Furnishing Goods, which will be sold at lowest market rates, and delivered promptly in any part of the city and upper Astoria, free of charge. The public are respectfully invited to call, or send in their orders. CHARCOAL! CHARCOAL! THE UNDERSIGNED, WELL KNOWN to the Columbia river cannerymen, wishes to say that he is now prepared to deliver promptly, to order within 14 days, charcoals of the best quality in quantities from 500 to 25,000 bushels at the lowest living rates, to any point on the river between Rainier and Astoria, PETER JOHN, Catalumet, W. T.

COMMERCIAL AND SHIPPING. Oregon Steamship Company. Portland to San Francisco. REDUCED RATES! Carrying United States Mails and Wells, Fargo & Co's Express. The Oregon Steamship Company will dispatch their new and elegant Al Iron Steamship GEO. W. ELDER, BOLLES, Commander. For the above port on THURSDAY, 12 M., JAN. 2, 1878, RATES OF PASSAGE: Upper Saloon..... \$8 00 Main Saloon..... 5 00 Steerage..... 2 00 Freight per ton..... 1 00 The Company are now prepared to sell First, Second and Third class tickets from Portland to all the principal cities in the United States, Toronto and Montreal Canada. For further particulars for passage and freight apply at the company's office, corner of F and Front streets, Portland, Oregon. GEO. W. WEIDLER, Agent. INDEPENDENT LINE! -BETWEEN- Portland and San Francisco. THE SPLENDID LOW pressure side wheel American steamship GREAT REPUBLIC, 3,882 Tons. JAMES CARROL, - - - COMMANDER. Will leave Pacific wharf for SAN FRANCISCO, TUESDAY, DEC. 17th, at 6 A. M. Rates of Passage and Freight: Steerage..... \$ 2 00 Cabin..... 5 00 Bridal Rooms..... 10 00 Freight at Lowest Rates. The Steerage on this ship is superior to the Cabins on most of the other coast ships, and her Cabin accommodations are unequalled by any other ship on the Pacific Ocean. OVERLAND TICKETS from San Francisco to all points in United States and Canada. For Freight or Passage apply to the office at Pacific Dock, foot of Salmon street. N. B. INGALLS Agent. Oregon Steamship Company Portland to San Francisco. REDUCED RATES! Carrying U. S. Mails and Wells, Fargo & Co's Express. The Oregon Steamship Company will dispatch their new and elegant Al Iron steamship OREGON, F. CONNOR, Commander. For the above port on SUNDAY, DEC. 22d, at 6 A. M. The company is now prepared to sell First, Second, and Third class tickets from Portland to all the principal cities in the United States, Toronto and Montreal, Canada. For further particulars, for passage and freight apply at the Company's office, corner of F and Front streets, Portland, Oregon. GEO. W. WEIDLER, Agent. PACIFIC COAST S. S. CO. Portland to San Francisco. REDUCED RATES. Carrying the U. S. Mails and Wells, Fargo & Co's Express. THE PACIFIC COAST Steamship Company will dispatch their fast and favorite low-pressure steamship IDAHO, E. ALEXANDER, COMMANDER For the above port SUNDAY 5 A. M. DEC. 29, 1878. RATES: Cabin Passage..... \$7 50 Steerage Passage..... 2 50 Freight per ton..... 1 50 THROUGH TICKETS sold to all the principal cities in the United States and Canada. For Passage and Freight, apply to J. McCRAKEN & CO., Agents, 60, 62 and 64 North Front street. For Port Townsend, Victoria, Nanaimo, Fort Wrangle and Sitka. Carrying U. S. Mails. THE STEAMSHIP CALIFORNIA, CHAS. THORN, Commander Will leave Flander's Wharf, foot of C street for the above ports. MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1878 At 5 o'clock A. M. For Freight or Passage apply to Ed. C. HUGHES, Purser. REDUCED PRICES. FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS MRS. H. A. Derby will sell her goods at Reduced Prices HATS FROM \$1 50 UPWARDS. -AND- Other Goods Proportionately Low! This is a fine stock of MILLINERY GOODS, embracing every novelty in vogue in the Millinery line. Also, a large stock of Corsets, Embroideries, Ties, Kid Gloves, Ruchings. And other goods too numerous to mention. MAIN STREET, Between Squemoque and Jefferson street.

SHIP CHANDLERY. TRENCHARD & UPSHUR Successors to Capt. Geo. Flavel DEALERS IN Ship Chandlery PROVISIONS, IRON, STEEL, COAL, Builders' and General Hardware, NAILS, PAINTS, OILS &c. &c. At the Old Established Well known Stand GEORGE FLAVEL Chenamus Street, Astoria, Oregon. SIBSON, HAMILTON & HIGGINS. Ship Chandlers. Provision and General Commission Merchants, Cor. Concomly and Benton streets, ASTORIA, - OREGON. MISCELLANEOUS. NEW STOCK! HAVING JUST RECEIVED A new stock consisting of a splendid assortment of Dress Goods, Fancy Articles, -AND- Gents' FURNISHING GOODS, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, Queensware, Jewelry, Etc., Etc. We respectfully invite the public to call and inspect the same. We have also received a large stock of fine CIGARS AND TOBACCO Which we are offering at San Francisco wholesale prices. Very respectfully. A. VAN DUSEN & Co., Cor Cass & Jefferson sts., - ASTORIA, OGN. If You Want to Select a Suit of CLOTHING From the very best stock in the city call a A. VAN DUSEN & Co.'s. VAN DUSEN & CO., HAVE A SPLENDID STOCK OF JEWELRY, Consisting of a great variety of goods for both ladies and gentlemen. VAN DUSEN & Co., Are Agents in Astoria for the SINGER and the WHITE SEWING MACHINES. Large stock constantly on hand. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. Notice is hereby given that all persons are forbid trespassing upon, or in any way occupying any portion of the land or beach surrounding TONGUE POINT, or upon any part of the Henry Marlin land claim in Clatsop county, State of Oregon, without permission from the undersigned; and also from setting out fires upon said claim, whereby the standing timber may in any way be injured. VAN DUSEN & BROWN, Per A. VAN DUSEN. Astoria, Oct. 5, 1877.

A. L. Bancroft & Co., SAN FRANCISCO. MAKE A SPECIALTY OF DOING ALL kinds fine printing, such as SALMON LABELS, FRUIT LABELS, ETC. And Engraving and Printing by LITHOGRAPHY. Anything to order will be received by W. B. Bancroft, room 10 Occident Hotel, or after he leaves by D. C. Ireland, Astorian office. 1852. 1878. Hardwood Lumber. OAK, ASH, HICKORY, AND WHITEWOOD LUMBER. Carriage AND Wagon Material A SPECIALTY. Orders for lumber for boat or ship work promptly attended to. Address all orders E. J. NORTHRUP & CO., Cor. First and Main streets, Portland, Oreg. THERE WILL BE A BALL GIVEN AT MUSIC HALL ON SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 4, 1879.