

The Timber-land Law.

Secretary Schurz is of the opinion that the acts passed at the last session of congress, with reference to timber lands in Colorado, Nevada and territories, and for the sale of similar lands in California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington territory, are calculated to hasten the destruction of forests in the states and territories named, rather than to support them, as the supporters of the respective acts declared their purpose to be at the time of their passage.

Superior Dexterity of American Mechanics.

Not only does the universal Yankee nation beat the world in the multiplicity of its machinery, but in the manual dexterity of its mechanics. A noted Swiss watch manufacturer says that the American can work over three times as fast as the average European workman.

Hard Times.

People complain of hard times, of financial depression, of the difficulty of meeting individual and national indebtedness. Do they stop to think of the prime cause of this financial depression—of the great waste of money and time in

the maintenance of the monster evil. In this country alone there is wasted annually on liquors the sum of \$735,000,000, not to mention the idleness, the opportunities wasted, the homes made desolate, and the souls blighted with the terrible curse.

WHAT WE LIKE.—To hear a man try to borrow his neighbors paper. And the neighbor have courage enough to reply: "I would as soon 'one you my tooth brush," to have a party imagine that he can do as much business without advertising as he can with it; to look at the blank astonishment that settles down on that man's face when, after trying a month, he finds that it cannot be done; to see a man refuse to take his local paper and all the timespense on his neighbor for the use of his; to hear a man complain when we ask him to subscribe for his home paper, that he takes more papers now than he can read, and then go around and borrow his neighbor's or loaf about him until he gets the news from it; to see a man run down his home paper as not worth taking, and every now and then beg the editor for a favor in the editorial line; to see a man refuse to advertise in a home paper, and then try and get a share of trade that the paper is instrumental in bringing to his door; to see a man who is able to pay for his local paper, always manage to be around in time to read it at the expense of a friend not worth the tenth part of what he himself is, it looks so economical, thrifty, and progressive, you know.

"I am doing a good enough business without advertising." No doubt you are doing well enough for your present needs, but do you forget the times, the exciting elections, the times of war or pestilence, or any of those many causes which create a dull tedium of business? These must be calculated for and discounted if you would bridge them over. One must make more than he needs, to make a fortune, and advertising is a powerful auxiliary in money-making.

ASTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT. C. J. TRENCHARD, Chief Engineer. FRED J. FERCHEN, 1st Asst Engineer. H. STOOP, 2d Asst Engineer.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—Regular meeting fourth Friday in each month. OFFICERS.—Jas. W. Welch, President; Ed. D. Curtis, Secretary; J. W. Gearhart, Treasurer.

DELEGATES.—Jas. W. Welch, P. Wilhelm, L. W. Poole, Astoria Engine Co. No. 1. J. W. Gearhart, A. W. Berry, I. M. Severn, Alert Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1. J. H. D. Gray, L. D. Coffman, S. B. Smith, Rescue Engine Co. No. 2.

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BORN. In Astoria, Jan. 4th, 1879, to the wife of Capt. J. H. D. Gray, a son.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Rue Chung, Kie Too, Paug Toe and Lun Sam, under the firm name and style of Quang Wing Co., pawnbrokers, Astoria, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be carried on by Lung Wing Co., who will pay all debts of the late firm.

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