

THE NEWS.

We take some pride in the fact that the dispatches which we publish to-day show some considerable sign of an improvement. THE ASTORIAN is a very readable paper this morning. The report of the decision of the supreme court in the celebrated Polygamist suit from Utah, will be hailed with satisfaction everywhere. It is virtually the first nail that has yet been driven "home" in the doom of that accursed blot in the fair name of America. Let us hope that no rest will be given the saints until this relic of barbarism is thoroughly wiped out. The news generally will be found very interesting to-day.

The Astoria Railroad.

The agitation upon the subject of a railroad to connect the Wal-lamet valley, and that division of the state commonly denominated on the map as "Western Oregon," with the sea port of the state at Astoria, is having the effect of reviving the interest of the Oregon Central railroad, commonly called the West-side company, and we learn incidentally in a sort of semi-official way, that the Oregon Central people have not given up the idea of running the west-side road to Astoria. That is all right. We are glad to hear it. But there is this about the business; the time has arrived when it is necessary to do something! and whether it is narrow gauge or broad gauge, the company that steps to the front first will be more certain of success than to wait for coming events to cast their shadows before.

A High Example.

Bayard Taylor, who died a few days ago, while American minister to Berlin—a position only one degree lower in honor than that of the president—was a self-made man. He never attended a college, but commenced life as a printer boy, and in a printing office received the rudiments of that education which gave him high rank as a scholar and literary writer. He could speak, it was said, no less than seventeen languages, all of which he acquired by hard application to study. So prominent had he become among his countrymen, that he needed no recommendations for office. President Hayes appointed him minister to Berlin without solicitation on the part of Mr. Taylor or any of his friends. Looking to this high example, let no ambitious youth be discouraged by the surroundings of poverty. Intelligence, energy and perseverance will accomplish the most brilliant triumphs.

Consulting the Stars.

A London astrologer named Raphael has given the political opponents of General Grant much pleasure by predicting that his star will not be so bright in 1880. In Raphael's almanac for 1879 may be found the following:

The most important birth furnished us is that of ex-President Grant. Like the other rulers given in last year's almanac, he was born under the beams of Saturn and Uranus, it is very doubtful if he will be elected.

We doubt very much if the General will give the beams of Saturn and Uranus much consideration if the Republican National Convention should select him as the standard-bearer of the party for 1880.

The World's Doings.

Voluntaneous Telegrams Boiled Down to Mere Whispers of the Wires.

Work on the East river bridge will soon be suspended.

Blaine, looking to 1880, announces himself in favor of restricting chinese immigration.

The steamer Glamorgan, from China and Japan, via the Suez canal and Bermuda, has arrived safely at New York.

Half of the cargo of the steamship State of Louisiana has been saved. The passengers have all returned to Glasgow.

Sacramento, December 26th was the coldest which has yet been experienced. Ice formed 2 1/2 inches in thickness.

Several of the Philadelphia building and loan associations are in trouble through bad investments, and the depreciation of values.

The house committee on railroads will report a bill authorizing the construction of a narrow-gauge road from tide water to St. Louis and Chicago.

Boston is going into extensive improvements. A million dollars has been voted for sewerage, and a projected court house will cost another million.

Both houses of the Michigan legislature met on the 1st, and after the election of officers, the capitol building was dedicated. It cost \$1,505,000.

Early New Year morning a large flouring mill near Dubuque, was burned to the ground, probably from an explosion of gas in the patent flour apartment. Loss \$25,000.

Mayor Ely, of New York says: "I shall never again be a candidate for an elective office. I have had twenty years of hard work. Now I want something quiet, and gentlemanly."

The annual report of the Union Pacific railroad company shows that during 1878 there were 64,400 through emigrants for California over their road. In 1877 there were 47,300; in 1876, 52,300; and in 1875, 53,400.

An Illinois justice's jury found a verdict, but the jurors refused to make it known until their fees were paid. The cash was not forthcoming, and as there was no way to force them to disclose their secret, they were discharged.

Ex-Congressman Owen Jones started from his residence at Wynnewood to visit a neighbor, and was found before midnight frozen to death by the roadside. The deceased represented the fifth Pennsylvania district in the forty-fifty congress.

Merchants and ship owners of New York and other cities are signing a memorial to congress, complaining of the alleged methods of Pacific railroads and Pacific Mail Steamship company in forming an injurious monopoly in the carrying trade.

Returned raiders give thrilling accounts of their experience among the mountains of Fentress county, Tennessee, in hunting illicit distillers. While on the march they were overtaken by a violent snow storm, followed by rain and then freezing, making the mountain trails absolutely impassable. One man slid down a fifty-foot incline, stopping on the brink of a 150-foot chasm. It was finally decided to return and wait for milder weather.

—Rev. Mr. Talmage, of Brooklyn, New York, has marked out for himself a broad field of active labor. The plan he has adopted of visiting the dens of vice, in

order to become personally acquainted with what there transpires, has afforded him so much matter for his sermons that he announced his intention of extending his investigations for the attainment of information of a varied character, to Boston, Washington, Philadelphia and Chicago. His brother clergymen do not entirely approve of his new departure in pastoral visitation; the press is caustic in criticising it, while the police force of New York is down on Mr. Talmage to a man, for exposing their official delinquencies after they had shown him so much courtesy in accompanying him on his rounds.

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WILSON & FISHER DEALERS IN HARDWARE. LUBRICATING OILS, COAL OIL, PAINTS AND OILS. Round, Square and Sheet Patent Rubber Packing, etc. PROVISIONS, MILL FEED, GARDEN SEED, GRASS SEED. Which will be exchanged for country produce or sold at lowest prices. Corner Chenamus and Hamilton Streets ASTORIA, OREGON.

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Men and Boys Must be CLOTHED!

As well as to have toys for Christmas, Christmas is Over!

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Full and Complete Stock, Consisting in part of A FULL LINE OF CLOTHING FOR MEN AND BOYS.

Gents Furnishing Goods: ALSO: Large Stock of Family Groceries; Canned Fruits, Etc.;

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RECEPTION POCKETS; LADIES' DIARIES AND PURSES COMBINED; COMB AND BRUSH POCKETS; CUTLERY, JEWELRY, CHARMS, ETC., ETC.; LADIES' FANCY BOARD, ETC.; GOLD PENS AND PENCILS; PAINT PENCILS, GUTTA PERCHA GOODS; EXCELSIOR DIARIES, BLANK BOOKS, STATIONERY, ETC.

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This is a fine stock of MILLINERY GOODS, embracing every novelty in vogue in the Millinery line.

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DAVID INGALLS, Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 10, 1878.

BUSINESS CARDS.

O. F. BELL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Notary Public and Commissioner of Deeds for California and Washington Territory. Astoria, Oregon. OFFICE—Corner Squemoque and Cass streets, up stairs, over E. S. Larsen's store.

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 Deiment's drug store.

B. F. DENNISON, F. J. TAYLOR, DENNISON & TAYLOR, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, ASTORIA, OREGON. OFFICE—Up stairs in Parker's building, corner Chenamus and Benton streets.

OTTO DUFNER, WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER. HAS REMOVED TO Main street, Parker's building, ASTORIA, OREGON.

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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.

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STATIONERY! FAIRCHILD'S GOLD PENS! Genuine Meershaum Pipes, etc. A fine stock of Watches and Jewelry, Muzzle and Breech Loading Shot Guns, Revolvers, Pistols, Parlor Rifles, and Ammunition.

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A full line of Family Groceries, CANNED FRUIT, VEGETABLES, ETC. Butter, Eggs, Cheese, etc. constantly on hand. Ships supplied at the lowest rates.

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