

American Shipping in Congress.

The Maine and Pennsylvania men who so vigorously oppose the movement to grant American registry to ships owned by American citizens, no matter where they are built, are striking for too much. They insist upon the total exclusion of foreign built ships of all kinds, and on this, if the two houses ever vote on it, will be beaten; not only because they claim a close monopoly, which has become repugnant to the general sense of justice, but also because a good many men who would like to see ocean subsidies granted have discovered that the house will vote no such aid without at the same time giving free registry to all ships owned by American citizens.

Ocean subsidies, under the present registry laws, are, as everybody now well understands, not grants for the encouragement of commerce, open to all citizens alike who choose to perform the service, but simply gifts to one or two steamship builders, who, having a monopoly under the law, put the subsidy into their pockets just as certainly as though their names were in the bill. Having a close monopoly, it is but natural that these Philadelphia men do not turn out as good ships as they would have to if an American citizen were allowed to buy a steamship where he pleases. The Philadelphia men argue that they can and do build as cheaply as any builder in Europe; in which case it would be supposed that American owners and buyers would not complain, because it is undoubtedly more convenient for a merchant to have his ship built here under his eyes than across the Atlantic. But the fact is that the American monopolist does not build as good and staunch a steamer. Having the market exclusively to himself, he is not compelled to do his best. Hence frequent complaints that where these home built steamers run on the same line and in competition with foreign lines, they are found to eat up a large share of the profits in repairs. San Francisco reports assert that one of the most celebrated and finest of the China line cost so much in money and time to repair, after her first voyage, as to place her at a very serious disadvantage as against the foreign built ships of other lines.

Those who demand free registry for ships owned by Americans do so, therefore, not because they want previously to buy their ships abroad, but because they would like to see American builders compelled by competition to build as good and solid ships as foreigners. Nobody doubts that American ship-builders can build as cheap and as staunch steamers as foreigners; the serious complaint is that they do not; but they skimp their work because they enjoy a monopoly under an antiquated law, and are able to say to an American who would like to build up a steamship line: "You must buy your steamers of us and take such vessels as we choose to sell you, or you shall not establish your enterprise at all."

Gov. Thayer has sent a message to Mrs. Chaplain Stubbs to the effect that Brown and Johnson need entertain no hope of further clemency than that granted in the reprieve; which is the same as to say they must die on the 14th day of March.

The Wealth of Oregon Minerals.

The Inland Empire of a recent date truthfully remarks that the outside world is in blissful ignorance of the importance of Oregon as a bullion-producing section. If you talk to a San Francisco operator about Oregon, he at once tells you all about it. "They raise pretty fair wheat, tolerable fine apples, and excellent salmon." But he ignores her mineral merits for obvious reasons. First, it would prevent San Francisco capital from being stolen and squandered in the "holes in the ground" of Arizona and Nevada; second, it would assist in building up here a rival of San Francisco; third, the mines of Oregon would be controlled by Oregon men and run in a style unknown to the Comstock; and the California street thieves, who have taken five dollars from the savings bank for every one taken from the mines, would have no say in the matter. Oregon has been bilked in Con. Virginia and Ophir pretty heavily for the past six years. Had the same amount of money been invested in Baker and Grant counties, that Portland people alone has squandered, Portland could have been ten million of dollars the better for it.

An old gentleman named Crandall, who lives at The Dalles, is one of the Argonauts of '49, who laid down the commandments to the sluicers and crevicers of the Long Tom era. Several years ago, while prospecting for gold in Baker county, came across a large body of metal which he mistook for silver. Accordingly, having got together several hundred pounds of the ore he roasted it. Out of the ashes he raked a ball of metal so hard that it took a knife to scratch it. This at once settled the question in his mind that it was not silver so he threw it away. To the best of our belief, it was either tin, nickel, or platinum. Of these three substances, tin requires the greatest heat to fuse it and platinum the least. The value of these three metals to the world of manufacturers, is not to be gainsayed. Crandall says he can find the spot again without difficulty, and we believe it will result in a valuable discovery if some one will go along with him.

A Prediction.

The San Francisco Call, of last Saturday, discussing the Chinese bill now pending in the United States says:

No bill has perhaps ever been before the United States senate which has such deep significance for California as that which has passed the house of representatives, relative to Chinese immigration should this bill become a law, we do not doubt that such a commencement will have been made on the settlement of the Chinese question as will save this state from serious troubles in the future. It is not possible, with continued influx of the Chinese that we can escape complications which will impair the value of property; for, say what we will, if the Chinese continue to arrive in numbers, it will not be long before they will be authorized to become voters. If the bill which has just passed the house does not also pass the senate, we predict that California, Oregon and Nevada will at the next election cast their votes for the democratic party, for confidence in the republican members of congress and a republican administration will be weakened to such an extent that the people here will expect no assistance against the Chinese plague from that quarter.

There seems to be a good deal too much talk about this and that steamer leaving San Francisco. THE ASTORIAN, gentlemen; has the only reliable statements—statements that it will do to bet on.

Edison Overcome.

From the *Osego (N. Y.) Palladium*, Jan. 15.

On Wednesday last the following associated press dispatch was printed in the *Palladium*:

New York, Jan. 15.—The Metropolitan elevated railway is packing its rails with sand, tar and cotton, to lessen the noise, having paid Mrs. Walton, the inventor, \$10,000 for the invention. She is a boarding house keeper in this city. And thereby depend a tale. Mr. Harry S. Davis, a native of this city, but now engaged in business in New York, boards with Mrs. Walton. On a lazy summer day last season Mrs. Walton asked him if he didn't want to make a speculation, and proceeded to unfold a plan for deadening the noise of the elevated railroad. She related that when a little girl her father's house was situated in the same block with a blacksmith shop, which became so great a nuisance that upon application of the residents in that locality he was ordered to remove his shop. Her father went to the blacksmith and told him that he could fix him so he needn't move. Thereupon he placed the anvil in a box filled with sand and other material, the blacksmith closed up his doors, the noise ceased and it was a couple of weeks before the neighborhood knew that the smith had not moved out.

She then disclosed to Mr. Davis a plan for enclosing the guard rail of the elevated roads in a box filled with sand, tar and cotton. Mr. Davis procured a caveat, showed the invention to the Metropolitan elevated railroad company and they applied it to a couple of blocks of their track. A short time later the company represented that they had previously discovered the same method, and it was found that they had filed a caveat subsequent to Mr. Davis. He thereupon filed a notice of interference. Subsequently an arrangement was reached whereby the company covenanted to adopt the patent, protect it from litigation, pay \$1,000 down, another \$1,000 when it should be applied to a mile of their track, and another when it should be applied on the entire line, and Mrs. Walton to have half the income from its application to other roads. Mr. Davis, we understand, is entitled to half of the moneys derived from the introduction of the Metropolitan and half of Mrs. Walton's interest in the royalty, or a quarter of the royalty. The invention is said to work like a charm, and will probably be in demand for all elevated roads. Edison experimented for some time to devise a way to stop this kind of noise but gave it up.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The very best quality of wines, liquors and cigars at wholesale or retail.

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BELL & MEACHEN,
Attorneys at Law and Notaries Public.
Commissioner of Deeds for California and Washington Territory.
Astoria, Oregon.
OFFICE—Corner of Squemoque and Cass streets, up stairs, over E. S. Larsen's store.

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. 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.

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.

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WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER.
HAS REMOVED TO
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All kinds of building work, and monumental work attended to promptly and to order. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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Saddles leathered, and leather for sale.

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Houses built to order, and satisfaction guaranteed. Shop on Squemoque street, next door to the Episcopal church.

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Hay, Oats, Straw, Wood, Etc.
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WOODWORKING MACHINERY
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CIRCULARS SENT FREE TO ALL.

Ordinance No. 311.
AN ORDINANCE to provide for special counsel for the city in the matter of the last will of Cyrus Olney, deceased.

WHEREAS, It is asserted that Cyrus Olney, late of Astoria deceased, left a will under which it is claimed the city has large pecuniary interests, and it is asserted on the other hand that said supposed will is invalid and that no rights accrued to the city thereunder, and it is desirable to have more certain advice about the matter.
Now the city of Astoria does ordain as follows:
Sec. 1. That J. H. D. Gray, John Hanna and C. W. Shively are hereby constituted and appointed agents for the city and are authorized and empowered and directed on behalf of the city and in its name, to employ and enter into written contract with E. D. Shattuck, attorney-at-law, to investigate the facts and the law relative to the will of the late Cyrus Olney, and to the rights and interests of the city of Astoria thereunder, and to furnish his written opinion thereon, at an expense to the city of not exceeding two hundred dollars and further to retain him in any litigation that may arise concerning the claims of the city under said will at a further fee for conducting an action or suit to final decision on appeal not exceeding \$150 one hundred and fifty dollars, certain, and such reasonable contingent fee as may be agreed upon.
Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the mayor.
Passed the Council, Jan. 29, 1879.
Attest: R. H. CARDWELL,
Auditor and Clerk.
Approved, Jan. 30, 1879.
J. H. D. GRAY, Acting Mayor.

AUCTION SALES.

E. C. HOLDEN,
Notary Public for the State of Oregon.
Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer.
Agent for the FIREMEN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY of San Francisco.
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Rents and Accounts Collected, and returns promptly made.
Regular sales day,
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N. B. Parties having real estate, furniture or any other goods to dispose of either at auction or private sale should notify me at soon as convenient before the day of sale. No storage charged on goods sold at Auction.
E. C. HOLDEN,
Auctioneer.

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WORSLEY'S
Dancing Academy.
Page's building next door to E. S. Larsen.

GENTS CLASS—On Monday and Thursday evenings, at 7:30.
LADIES CLASS—On Monday and Thursday afternoons, at 2:30.
BOYS CLASS—On Tuesday and Friday evenings, at 7:30.
MISSES CLASS—Wednesday and Saturday at 4 P. M.
Wednesday evening for the entire school. None admitted except scholars.
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TERMS—Ladies and gents class per Month.....\$5.00
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Astoria, July 15, 1878.

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The table will be supplied at all times with the best the market affords.

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Fresh Eastern and Shoalwater bay oysters served in every style.

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