

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: D. C. IRELAND, Editor. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1879

Narrow Gauge Railways.

The Weston Leader has information that the extension of a branch railroad from Whitman station to Grand Ronde valley, via Weston and Pendleton, has been determined upon. An item of moment is the grade by this route. With rare exceptions, the road between Weston and Whitman is a beautiful prairie level, scarcely disturbed by undulations. The cost of grading would closely approach the minimum. The soil through which it would extend, is characterized by the marked productiveness of the valley, bunchgrass growing in great luxuriance. This would just so much earlier place that great idle tract in the hands of the agriculturists. No one circumstance would tend to display the resources and develop the native wealth of that magnificent country more than would ready facilities of ingress, and adequate means of transport. Short lines of narrow gauge railways, as feeders to that great artery of commerce, the Columbia river, is what that country needs in preference to any long line of eastern extension built at the expense of the people by holding in its grasp the public domain, preventing its settlement. We hope to hear that the information received by the Leader is authentic.

THE ASTORIAN cannot concede that one point has been effectually sustained by the opponents of narrow gauge railways. The narrow gauge movement has continued in spite of all opposition, and the theory last year took the exceedingly practical form of nearly one thousand miles of track laid, on fifty different roads—all but one of them of three feet gauge, the exception being three feet six inches. Nearly one-third of the total mileage and nearly one-third of the roads named are narrow gauge—about the same proportion that was reported in the same connection last year. Of the thirty-six states and territories enumerated in a recent article in the Railway Age, twenty-four show new narrow gauge mileage, while the whole number of such roads in progress or projected is almost past reckoning. All this shows that the narrow gauge is firmly established as a part of the railway system of the country, and this should induce its enemies to be less demonstrative, and unreasonable, in their opposition to it, and its enthusiastic friends to be more moderate in their claims for it and to substitute the knowledge gained by experience for theory and speculation. If Astoria cannot enjoy the facility, we shall readily cherish the unbiased hope that other localities evincing the disposition to do so, may succeed beyond their own most sanguine expectations. Some people living in a region of country adapted to this system consider too early that it is not necessary for them to do anything, as the road will be built anyhow. It takes cash to build even a narrow gauge railway, and our advice to the people of eastern Oregon and Washington is to help each enterprise by every possible means—and we would apply a bit of this advice to Astoria people as well.

—Mr. Irving, the actor, renders it, "The dog will have his bay," instead of "his day," to the great dismay of Shakespearean scholars.

Justice Nil in a Cause.

In conversation with a party of gentlemen in our office yesterday, one of them remarked that District Attorney Caples "was too smart for the lawyers on the opposite side" to allow them to get a new trial for the Portland murderers, Brown and Johnson. The remark was intended as a compliment to Mr. Caples, but without wishing to disparage any member of the profession of attorneys-at-law, it occurred to us that this was an evidence that the times have changed. There have been, in times past, attorneys who made the justice of their cause a consideration in accepting an employment, and who refused to undertake the defense of a guilty criminal, but that class appears to be about extinct. The moral stamina of a bar who can "congratulate" one of its members upon rescuing a guilty scoundrel from just punishment is to some men below par; for it is at variance with the principles which should lie at the foundation of all legal process—right and justice. The only achievements upon which any lawyer can justly pride or congratulate himself are those in which virtue unjustly accused is vindicated, or vice brought to justice. When the bar, as now too generally is the case, does not scruple to lend its brightest genius to getting a guilty villain clear of the just punishment of his crimes, it cannot well complain if it loses public respect. In fact, it ought to expect nothing else. There may be cause for "congratulation" in such an achievement as that of procuring a new trial for convicted assassins, but we cannot see it.

The Moonshiners.

The New York Herald gives a graphic account of a community in some portion of the Atlantic states, who are believers in the moon. They go upon journeys by the moon, plant and reap crops by the moon, inaugurate new enterprises by the moon, etc., all through the devious windings of a life-time. The paper fails to inform us whether they anticipate a happy passage across the river of death, should they die in the dark of the moon, but in almost every vocation of life they yield to the superstition. There has been always a powerful superstition that the moon exerted a great influence upon the affairs of mankind, but this idea has prevailed chiefly among those who did not understand the utter impossibility that the moon could exert any such influences. Formerly the stars were supposed to assist the moon in these interferences with mankind and their labors, and to be able to 'read the stars' was equivalent to the possession of prophetic powers. Now the stars have lost their reputation, and the moon is in a fair way to lose what little is left of it. Formerly crazy people were 'moonstruck,' but now when we see a lunatic (derived from luna, the moon, and really meaning moonstruck) we do not blame the moon for it. The moon has now fallen so low as to be supposed by some to influence only the twining beans on the pole, the planting of seeds, the wasting of fat pork in the pan, unless it was killed under a growing moon, and the making of soft soap. To a reasonable person this seems a small business for the moon to be engaged in, or a very unlikely thing that the moon can exert such influence. If any difference occurs it will be from other causes, such as soil, weather, etc. Observant people have come to the conclusion of late years that it is absolutely certain that the moon's influence on our atmosphere is so every small that it cannot even affect the weather.

—Grand Duke Nicholas, son of Grand Duke Constantine, has been exiled to Orenburg for communicating with the Berlin National Zeitung in regard to the Berlin strategic railway. This is a severe, but perhaps just retribution, and should be a lesson to prattling officials in high places.

—The Oregonian only employs one Chinaman, hence it thinks itself in a position to be "independent" on the Chinese passenger act. What a fine thing to be placed in so pleasant predicament. It does not make any difference to the Oregonian whether there be forty or forty million Chinese on this coast. Exalted view.

—The city of Elizabeth in New Jersey has about 28,000 inhabitants. The rate of taxation this year is \$3 65. The total debt is not quite six millions; but a considerable part of it has become due, and there is no money with which to pay the demands. Now a rate of taxation as high as this would be ruinous in any city. There are millions of money now in New York which can be had on call at a rate of interest not greater than the taxation of Elizabeth city. About four millions of improvement bonds were issued by the authorities at the rate of \$1,500,000 a year.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PURSE FOUND.—In Metropolitan Hall. Owner can have the same on application to C. H. Stockton, by proving property.

NOTICE.—All persons are hereby notified not to pay R. P. Wickham any tax due the city, he having been suspended from the office of Superintendent of streets of the city of Astoria, and not authorized to collect taxes. J. H. D. GRAY, Acting Mayor.

MYSTERIOUS MYSTERY.—Disappeared from my cattle, on the 18th inst., a two year old heifer, mostly red. Any one giving information concerning the whereabouts of the same, will be liberally rewarded by JOHN WILLIAMSON, Sen., Near the cemetery. Astoria, Oregon, Feb. 20, 1879.

D. R. J. W. OLIVER, HOMEOPATHIST. OFFICE.—In Shuster's Daguerrean building. Entrance—Second door above that of the DAILY ASTORIAN, Cass Street. Residence on Jefferson streets, corner of Main.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the city of Astoria propose passing an ordinance providing for the widening of all side walks hereafter constructed on each side of Water street, in Shively's Astoria, between the west end of said street and West-sixth street, and unless a remonstrance signed by persons owning two-thirds of the property along the line of said street be filed with the Auditor and Clerk, within ten days from the date hereof, the Common Council will pass an ordinance providing for the widening of the side walks on the above mentioned street. By order of the Common Council. R. H. CARDWELL, Auditor and Clerk. Astoria, Feb. 19, 1879.

NEW TAILORING SHOP. (In A. W. Cone's Building.) WATER STREET.....ASTORIA, OREGON. THOMAS CURRY, (Late of Tacoma).

BEGS LEAVE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC that he is now prepared to make all kinds of clothing to order, or to renovate or repair clothing. Having had an experience of 25 years, I defy competition in the art of making old clothes look like new. My system is known only to myself, by which I can lengthen pantaloons without pleating, etc. For particulars see small cards. THOMAS CURRY, Tailor, steam-scourer and Repairer.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the legal voters of school district No. 1, Clatsop county, Oregon, will be held at the school house, on Main street, in Astoria, on Monday, March 3, 1879 at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing one Director for three years; one Clerk for one year, and to levy a tax to support a school in said district for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting. By order of Board of Directors. J. G. HUSTLER, Clerk. 40-19d

NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express for San Francisco Will hereafter Close Every Saturday Evening, AT 7 O'CLOCK. A. VAN DUSEN, Agent.

Fishermen's Meeting. PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION passed at a meeting of Columbia river fishermen, held in this city on Monday evening last, a meeting will be held in Astoria on TUESDAY, MARCH 4th, AT LIBERTY HALL. To make arrangements to oppose the license law passed at the last legislature, and all fishermen on the river are cordially invited to be present. By order of the meeting. J. G. ROBESON, B. A. SEABORG, Committee. Astoria, Oregon, Feb. 12, 1879.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I. W. CASE. IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE, A FULL ASSORTMENT WHICH WILL BE SOLD AT THE LOWEST RATES FOR CASH. Corner Chenamus and Cass streets.

ASTORIA - - - OREGON. A COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF Fresh Garden Seeds, BOTH OREGON AND CALIFORNIA JUST RECEIVED. I. W. CASE, Corner Chenamus and Cass Streets, ASTORIA, OREGON.

BUSINESS CARDS. 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.

O. F. BELL. A. MEACHEN. BELL & MEACHEN, Attorneys at Law and Notaries Public. Commissioner of Deeds for California and Washington Territory. Astoria, Oregon. OFFICE—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, Squemoqua street, Astoria.

F. D. WINTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in City Hall Building. ASTORIA, OREGON.

DR. R. 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.

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

CHAS. A. MAY, DEALER IN Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Nuts, Candies, Yankee Notions, Toys. Finest brands of CIGARS AND TOBACCO. Chenamus street, - - - ASTORIA.

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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. COMMISSION AGENT and AUCTIONEER. Rents and Accounts Collected, and returns promptly made. Regular sales day, SATURDAYS at 2 P. M. N. B. Parties having real estate, furniture or any other goods to dispose of either at auction or private sale should notify me soon as convenient before the day of sale. No storage charged on goods sold at Auction. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

Furniture for Sale. AT AN EARLY DATE THE FURNITURE of the late George Duncan of this city will be sold at auction. This furniture is nearly as good as new, and consists of Parlor, Dining-Room, -AND- Bed-Room Sets. For particulars, until further notice, address J. W. Duncan, care of R. D. Humo & Co., 221 Front street, San Francisco.

A RARE CHANCE. I WILL SELL ANY OR ALL OF THE following described property, viz: 160 Acres, Sec. 27, T. 8, N. of R. 9 west, southeast quarter. Also, in Olneys Astoria Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, in Block 100; Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, in Block 160; Lots 2 and 4, in Block 120; and Lot 5, in Block 132; North half of Block 8, - 2 1-2 acres. DAVID INGALLS, Astoria, Oregon, Dec 1878. 85-6m

MISCELLANEOUS. 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.

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