

Astoria Coals.

Prior to the opening of the Mount Diablo coal mines it is said Mr. Cornwall consulted one of the most prominent geologists of California in regard to the deposit. He was told most emphatically that there was no coal there. But whether it was or was not coal, Mr. Cornwall determined to mine it as long as it would pay, and thus a mine was then opened which has continued to be the best paying mine on the Pacific coast.

The geologist after all was right, in one sense. There have not yet been found any true coal measures on the California, Oregon or Washington coast, such as they have in England and Pennsylvania. Yet an abundance of lignite has been found here which sells as well as the imported coal, and for some purposes answers better.

The coals of the Nehalem, which will be tapped by the Astoria and Winnemucca railroad, we are assured are much better than any other coals of this period yet discovered on this coast. They will be better for steam than either Seattle, Payallup or Coos bay, and better than either also for household purposes. They contain very little sulphur and will not clinker in the furnace.

Astoria can well afford to give a good subsidy to any railroad company that will bring us those coals, but she cannot hope to get it in the next decade, without helping the Astoria and Winnemucca railroad to bring them along.

The Bones of Voltaire.

New York Sun.

Mr. Stewart's remains can hardly have a more checkered career than those of a very different celebrity --Voltaire. When he died at Paris in May, 1778, the church there refused sepulcher to its arch enemy, and his body was interred at Scellieres, in Champagne. During the revolution the national assembly decreed that Voltaire's remains should be brought to Paris, and they were accordingly deposited in the Pantheon with great pomp in 1791. Thither, too, presently came the body of Rousseau. On a dark night in May, 1814, when the Bourbons were enjoying their own again, some of the faithful, indignant that the bones of such enemies to religion should rest in consecrated ground, threw them pell mell into a sack and carried them to a point in the suburbs near Bercy, where there was a large vacant lot belonging to the city. Here a hole had been already dug, and the contents of the sack were shaken into it and covered with quicklime. The hole was then filled in and the conspirators tramped down the earth. Voltaire's heart had been saved by a friend, in whose family it remained until 1864. On its being offered to the government Napoleon III decided that it should be placed with the body. On consulting the Archbishop of Paris, that functionary suggested the expediency of verifying the actual presence of Voltaire's remains. An investigation followed and the truth came out. The heart was then placed in the national library, and a portion of the brains appropriated by the surgeons at the autopsy was publicly sold. Its present whereabouts is unknown.

—According to the decision of the board of trade at Liverpool in the case of the ship Kate Kellock, wrecked on the voyage from San Francisco to Liverpool, a captain, who in time of imminent peril to his ship and all on board, retires to his cabin, and there remains engaged in offering up prayer for the preservation of the vessel, leaving to his subordinate officers the task of battling with the elements, and rescuing her by their skill from destruction, is not sufficiently in default to require any action to be taken with his certificate, though, somewhat inconsistently, they declare him to be totally unfit for the duties of a master.

A PLEASURE TRIP.

A Visit to Klaskanine Farm, and an Exploration Beyond.

ANOTHER INTERESTING LETTER FROM UNCLE DAVID NEWSOME.

[Written for THE ASTORIAN.]

I must ask the forbearance of your readers for again inflicting upon them another letter, but soon Uncle David Newsome will be up in Webfoot; and will cease, perhaps, to inflict upon them his scribbings. Yesterday forenoon, in company with my old friends, Hon. W. H. Gray, and his estimable wife, we went on board the little steamer Magnet, Captain Munson, and passed down the Columbia and rounded Smiths point, and entered Youngs bay. This is a beautiful sheet of water, three miles wide and five miles long; into which enter Youngs river and Lewis and Clarke. Here is fine navigation for small crafts, and it is used also for quarantine. There is a main channel in it of considerable depth at low tide. On the south side is quite a large district of tide land, heavy grass, rich soil and charming to view. It rises to moderately rolling lands beyond. On the left, or north-east side of this bay, the lands are rolling, rich, well watered; and abounds in spruce, hemlock, soft maple, alder, and under growth of alder, salmon berry, vine maple and tall ferns. At the upper end of the bay our boat entered Youngs river, which is nearly a mile wide and gradually narrows down to a fourth of a mile wide. The country on the southwest is mostly tide grass land, rich and beautiful. On the northeast and to the left, in ascending, the country presents the same appearance of the former on that side. Proceeding forward we enter the little Klaskanine river from the hills on the left, and it resembles a deep canyon, and is overhung with spruce and hemlock, and thick under foliage. This little river is meandered for two miles up from its mouth. Just above the meandering is situated the commodious wharf of my worthy friend, Mr. Gray, where we disembarked from our pleasant little ride of fifteen miles from Astoria. The whole distance is but sparsely settled. The scenery is grand beyond conception.

Leaving the wharf, we passed on a good road for half a mile, upon the land of this worthy family, and came to a broad and beautiful valley and on both sides of it two beautiful creeks issuing from the hills. This tract contains 490 acres. From the high lands one can see the beautiful meadows, wheat, oats, fruit trees, and large gardens on this farm. The proprietor turns his attention mainly to the production of timothy hay, soft fruits and the dairy business. He has thirty milch cows well sheltered in stalls in long sheds, and finds the dairy business to be profitable. The yield of hay per acre is three tons, worth on an average each year, about eleven dollars per ton at his wharf; and the butter at thirty cents per pound. He has good success in raising bees, which are very healthy here, and produce first quality of honey. He has about thirty stands of bees. I examined his meadows, seventy-five acres, and find the grass very rank, though run continuously for eight years. The hill lands on this tract are used for his cattle, horses, and a flock of superior south down sheep, which are healthy and fat. Sheds and buildings are in different enclosures for use. The dwelling house is neat and well arranged; and within are neat furniture, and a large assortment of excellent books, maps periodicals and newspapers. Olney post-office is here, Mrs. M. A. Gray, post mistress. Here then secluded from the tumoils of public life and its excitement, dwell this worthy family in peace and plenty. Four China boys, and two trusty white men carry on the farm in its different departments; while the wife of one of the white men on the farm assists Mrs. Gray in the household affairs. In my travels along through life I have never seen a more charming rural retreat than this is. Surrounded by every earthly comfort and ample wealth. This pioneer to Oregon in 1836, has witnessed the rise and progress of events here for 43 years past.

He is an eminent author, and a man of unblemished moral character. Numerous other valuable ranches can be made down the country from here to Astoria, along safe navigation to a superior market. One and a half miles beyond this beautiful farm the land is vacant. All along our route here the survey for the Astoria and Winnemucca railroad is close to our left, along the edge of the hills. This is said to be the Gaston or Holladay survey. From here to Nehalem valley, via Fish Hawk, is about ten miles through a rich country. The Nehalem coal mines are about twenty-five miles from Astoria. From all I can learn, this whole line of the present broad gauge railroad from Astoria to Cornelius or Forest Grove, is practical.

June 4th.—Mr. Gray and I, having a hard attack of railroad on the brain, mounted two trusty horses, and explored two routes for the present intended railroad, for about eight or nine miles. We traveled on the

county, state and pack roads, and had a pretty rough ride. Saw the heavy cedar, spruce, hemlock and large alder timber; exceedingly rich land, and stone quarries. The old survey for the railroad run past the rocky canyon and crosses the north fork of Klaskanine, in section 13, township 7, north range 9 west, where it bears off on a long curve to the south and passes along and over a ridge or backbone of land till it crosses the south fork of the Klaskanine near Fish Hawk. By bearing to the left the road would run straight and on better land and avoid the heavy timbered hill, and on a shorter route. I have seen the country now for twenty-three miles from Astoria towards Forest Grove on the probable route of this railroad soon to be built. And I am informed by Mr. Gray the balance of the route leading through Nehalem valley, is about the same as what we saw.

For the information of stock raisers, who might desire to settle in this region of our country, I will state that whenever these lands are cleared off, the white clover which is indigenous to the soil, comes up and soon forms a matted sward, which remains green all the year, affording excellent stock feed. Red clover also, and timothy succeeds here admirably well. The sugar beet grows to perfection here, as does all gardening.

Miraculous Escape.

A blue fishing boat was picked up in the bay yesterday abreast of Fort Stevens which was nearly full of water, and contained an Italian net tender lashed to her almost wholly insensible. This boat went to sea on the 3d, and was picked up about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The boat puller was drowned. The survivor of this disaster was taken to the post hospital by Major Throckmorton. We could not learn the name of the man who was drowned, nor the man saved. It is almost a miracle that the boat went to sea as she did, and came in after three days, with one man alive.

—We defy California or any other part of Oregon, to beat the quality of vegetables raised by Mr. John Wilhamson in this city. Samples of radishes received yesterday, which were grown in three weeks from the seed, is what we base this assertion upon. They cannot be beat anywhere.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the brides parents in Knappton, W. T., on Thursday, June 5th, by Rev. Octavius Parker, Capt. Geo. C. Flavel, of Astoria, and Miss C. Winona Callender. No cards.

DIED.

At Skamookawa, W. T., June 4, 1879, Mrs. Emeline Moe, aged 65 years.

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