

# The Daily Astorian.

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## A New Railroad.

The Times prints the prospectus of a Continental railroad company, which proposes constructing a double track air line road from New York to Chicago and Omaha by consolidation of five companies organized under the laws of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Its promoters aim to furnish a great thoroughfare for transportation of freight at least cost with greater ease and expedition than any other line. The present trunk lines, it is argued, were originally built for local purposes on circuitous routes chosen to avoid expense or reach business centers. The new road will have uniform grades, and its carrying capacity will be three-fold that of any present line. The schedule proposed is 15 cents per bushel for grain from Chicago, 18 cents from St. Louis and 24 cents from Council Bluffs. The tariff on grain from Chicago, during the past year has been but 20 cents per bushel. The management will begin with eighty trains per day each way from Chicago and New York, which they expect after the first six months to increase to 100 trains daily each way. The estimated cost of the Continental railway, including stations, ground, equipping, machine shops and all property, and necessary appliances to put the road in first class running order, is \$100,000,000. Prominent capitalists of Europe and America have already pledged the amount required to begin operations.

The Times says that work will be commenced within a few weeks, and that contracts have actually been made for grading and the construction of bridges between here and Chicago. The line crosses 51 railroads between New York and Council Bluffs, and will shorten the distance of 45 of these roads over 100 miles. At Council Bluffs the road will connect with the Missouri river and with the Pacific railway. Although the primary idea is a freight highway, it is nevertheless proposed to furnish rapid passenger transit, and bring New York and Chicago within 20 hours of each other.

## Our Dying Commerce.

Detroit Free Press.  
Twenty-four years ago our exports in American ships were double what they are to-day. During the last five years Britain has built 1,800,000 tons of iron ships. Since 1856 we have built in that time 100,000 tons, British tonnage in our port has increased 7,000,000 tons. In 1860 foreigners had thirty-three per cent. of our commerce; in 1880 they have eighty-two per cent. We pay \$100,000,000 every year to foreign ship owners for transportation, all of which cash goes out of this country. Every year we have fewer ships, and the foreigner takes an increased percentage of our traffic. We are now sitting up nights with our dying commerce. How long will it be before we are called to attend the wake?

Angus M. Smith, one of Sir John Franklin's companions in the Arctic regions, lives in Cleveland, Ohio. Smith says that he left England in the Terror, the companion ship of the Erebus, and managed to reach the Devil's Thumb. The vessel landed broadside against the ice banks and was thrown entirely out of the water. His party remained in that region for two years. He finally returned to England and wanted to go with Franklin on his last trip, but his wife persuaded him to give up the notion.

Archbishop Alemany notifies San Francisco Catholics that subscriptions will be collected for the erection of a new cathedral.

## Lead in Drinking Water.

One of those rare accidents, a fatal case of poisoning by lead in drinking water, is reported from Granville, New York. A house occupied by a Dr. Nelson was supplied with water from a cistern, which collected the rain from roofs and gutters painted, it would appear, with lead. The suction-pipe to the cistern was also lead, and two or three feet of this was constantly immersed. Both Dr. Nelson and his wife were attacked, the former dying in a few days, while the wife is reported to be in a critical condition. It would be very desirable to have a further investigation into the case made by experts. That lead paint should have been used on the roofs seems very improbable. To say nothing of its cost, which would be much greater than that of the common mineral roof paints, its appearance would prevent its employment in any but extraordinary cases. Vermilion is used for brightening a mineral paint for roofs, but lead, unless indeed, in the form of red lead, or minium, would injure rather than improve the color. The pipe in the cistern would corrode and dissolve slowly in rain water, but hardly with such rapidity as to cause sudden and fatal illness, unless this were the closing form of a long process of gradual poisoning. Whatever may be the truth of the matter, the case may serve to remind us of the importance, where rain-water from roofs is to be used, of guarding against all possible sources of contamination. Lead suction-pipes are too often used where enameled iron would be cheaper and better, and cisterns are left not only dirty inside, but so imperfectly covered that extraneous matters, animals, and insects, easily get in and add their decomposing bodies to the general impurity.

## The Starry Heavens in 1881.

New York Star.  
All star gazers will have plenty of phenomena in the heavens to occupy their attention for the next twelve months. The sky will not present such a brilliant pageant again this century. There will be a remarkable series of conjunctions, and double and triple conjunctions. The most interesting of these is the great twenty-year conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in April. This conjunction is one of the strongholds of the astrologers. As it occurs in the sign Taurus, which they say rules Turkey and Ireland, they feel safe, on account of recent occurrences, in predicting very momentous effects in those countries from the conjunction. There will also be conjunctions of Jupiter and Mars, Venus and Jupiter, Saturn and Venus, and the far-away giants, Uranus and Neptune will play a part in this remarkable planetary levee. Venus will reach her greatest brightness in the spring, and will be so brilliant as to be visible at noonday. Her delicate crescent will be a favorite object in the amateur astronomer's telescope. Saturn will open still wider its wonderful rings, and will be one of the chief attractions of the evening sky for several months. Jupiter will not lose much of his present brilliancy before he becomes a morning star in April. Mars will begin to brighten in the latter part of the year, and then his snowy poles and shadowy continents will again become the admiration of those who gaze through telescopes. In short, there will be no end of attractions in the starry heavens, and all the prognostications of the soothsayers will not be able to darken the sky of 1881.

During the month of December 9,097,265 pieces were coined at the United States mint in Philadelphia, their total value being \$6,889,975 70. Of these pieces there were 276,140 eagles, 687,640 half eagles, 1,000 three-dollar pieces, and 690,255 silver dollars.

Last week 154 tons of ore was turned out at the Oswego iron furnace. This is the largest output for any week since the furnace was built.

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At Knappa, Jan. 28th, to the wife of R. L. Jeffery, a daughter. Oregonian please copy.

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4. Piano solo, "Aber" - W. Galt  
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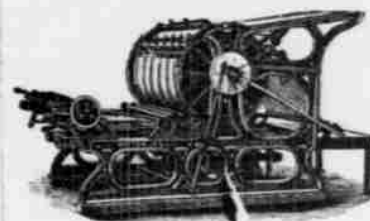
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