

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1881. D. C. IRELAND, Editor.

The first through train via the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroad left Kansas city for San Francisco March 16th.

In the Carver-Scott match at the end of shooting at London on the night of the 18th inst., the score stood: Carver, 7,801; Scott, 7,793.

Indians made a raid on a wagon train near Puerto D'Chocolat, New Mexico, on the 17th, and killed thirty men and burned their wagons. Further particulars are not obtainable at present.

W. H. Vanderbilt sails for Europe April 14th, and James H. Keene is going abroad during the latter part of the same month. This is considered as an indication that the market will not feel the influence of their support for some time.

The World says: General Grant when asked about a report that he had resigned the presidency of the world's fair commission said: I have not sent in my resignation yet. Is it true that you intend to? was asked. General Grant said: I think there should be a gentleman at the head of the commission who can give it ample time and attention. I shall soon leave the country to be absent for an indefinite period, and this fact and suggestion I shall lay before the commission before next Monday, so that they may act accordingly. This is all I can say at present.

Late advices from Japan state that the relations between that country and China are strained, the latter retaliating for Japan's course in the Formosa and Loo Choo affairs, when China was in difficulty with Russia. It is believed in Yokohama, that China made a secret treaty with Russia, directly concerning Japan. The second, or Tseng Tseng treaty, has also its secret agreement or compact relating to that country. Terms of settlement with Russia are given out with much ostentation, but well informed people regard those terms as materially qualified by subsidiary compacts, the terms of which are not now even hinted at. The attitude of Russia and the large fleet maintained by that power in Chinese and Japanese waters, are matters of increasing suspicion and anxiety. The hostile bearing of China will tax the resources of Japan to the utmost in defensive preparations, at a time when the financial difficulties of the nation are overwhelming and the entire specie reserve in the treasury is not more than 12,000,000 yen.

Singular Coincidences.

It is seldom that a given number can be found to repeat itself in so singular and significant a manner as in the following case, as discovered by the San Francisco Examiner: "On the 19th of October Geo. A. Wheeler strangled his sister-in-law, Adella J. Tillson, under circumstances unparalleled in the annals of crime on this coast. On the 19th day of November he was indicted by the grand jury. On the 19th day of December he was arraigned for his crime. On the 19th of January he was convicted of murder in the first degree, and on the 19th day of February he was sentenced to be hanged on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, by the neck until he was dead." Evidently 19 is an unfortunate and unlucky number with Wheeler.

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Instinct of Insects and Birds.

Thomas Rowditch in Troy Times. Let us examine the marvelous instinct of the solitary wasp in providing for the worm that will issue from her egg after her own death. She brings grubs—food that, as a wasp, she never tasted—and deposits them over the egg, ready for the larva she will never see. The life history of every insect exhibits instincts of this perplexing description. Look at the instinctive character of bees in their provisions for the future. Witness the caterpillar, how at the proper time it selects a suitable situation and spins for itself a silken cocoon. Marvelous instincts are met, with outside of the insect world; every little bird is its own skillful acconcheur. We once observed the self-delivery of the chicken. The prison wall is not burst in pieces by struggles. By a regular series of strokes the shell is cut in two—chipped around in a perfect circle some distance from the large end. The bird has a special instrument for this work—a hard, sharp horn on the top of the upper mandible, which, being required for no other purpose, disappears in a few days. Obviously, each individual bird no more acquires the art of breaking its way out than it furnishes itself with the little pick-hammer used in the operation; and it is quite clear the bird could have never escaped from the egg without the instinct. How were eggs hatched before the birds had acquired the instinct to sit upon them? A fowl which never willingly shared a crumb with a companion will now starve herself to feed her chickens, which she calls by a language she never before used—may have never heard—but which they are born to understand.

Detroit Plumbers.

A plumber fell from the fourth floor to the cellar through an elevator shaft in Detroit, the other day, and was uninjured. Plumbers sometimes die of broken hearts in midsummer, when the buttercups and daisies are blooming in the meadows, when the little song-birds are twittering in the trees, and when the water-pipes are working to a charm throughout the city. But they neither die nor can they be killed by any ordinary means in the winter time. A fall of four stories through an elevator shaft simply acts upon the plumber as a tonic.

What pleasure it is to pay ones debts! In the first place, it removes that uneasiness which a person feels from dependence and obligation. It affords pleasure to the creditor, and therefore gratifies our social affection. It promotes that future confidence which is so interesting to an honest mind. It opens a prospect of being readily supplied with what you want on future occasions. It leaves a consciousness of our virtue; and it is a measure we know to be right, both in point of justice and sound economy. Finally, it is the main support of simple reputation. Pay us, that we may pay others.

Some say that it is no use for them to advertise, that they have been in the place in business all their lives, and everybody knows them. Such people seem to forget to take in consideration that our country is increasing in population nearly 40 per cent. every ten years, and no matter how old the place may be, there are constant changes taking place; some move to other parts, and strangers fill their places. In this age of the world, unless the name of a business firm is kept constantly before the public, some new firm may start up, and, by liberal advertising, in a very short time take the place of the older ones, and the latter rust out, as it were, and be forgotten. No man ever lost money by judicious advertising.

Whenever you want to buy an article, purchase it from a store-keeper in town. You know them, they are identified with you in the interest of keeping up the city, which is an organization for mutual protection, and if you are cheated you know where to apply for redress. When you buy of an itinerant pedlar, whom you may never see again, if you are cheated you must pocket your own losses.

The time has long since passed when mechanical trades provided our sons with a living. Labor-saving machinery, patent tools and steam have robbed the trade of the future. It offered to our boys in the days of the indentured apprentice system. The idlers and do-nothings of our metropolitan cities are composed largely of tradesmen and professional men, and merchandising is a failure, if the number of bankrupt merchants who had to succumb to the pressure of the times can be taken as a criterion. What the country needs is producers, and the waste fields of unutilized land offer an opportunity to place the rising generation in the way of making homes for themselves and better times for posterity.

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Notice of Administratrix Appointment. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Lyman P. Hall, deceased, by the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to me duly verified within six months from this date. MARY ANN HALL, Administratrix of the estate of Lyman P. Hall, deceased. 66-43*

Notice. JOHN BENTON, FORMERLY of LIVERPOOL is requested to communicate with the undersigned. JAMES LAIDLAW, 65-41 British Vice Consul, Portland, Ogn.

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