

The Daily Astorian.
 ASTORIA, OREGON:
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The World's Fair.
 It is known that there is a proposition before the people of New York to hold a world's fair in that city in 1883. For some reason, the commercial, financial and social metropolis does not respond to the proposition with a degree of cordiality which gives assurance of success. New York does not subscribe to the stock, nor show any disposition to make any other sacrifices to carry out the project. A very serious difference of opinion has arisen between General Grant and other friends of the fair, as to the site of the fair building. The General wants to use a portion of Central park, but the press and the public object. A leading journal says, with some emphasis, that the public will never consent to have their beautiful and costly park destroyed, even for so desirable a consideration as a monster display of the arts and industries of all nations. Two objections are urged to the use of the park: first, that a magnificent pleasure-ground would thereby be converted into a vast building lot, and second, that the park roads and walks would necessarily be used as thoroughfares. The park would thus be reduced to the rank of a public square and its roads to public streets. General Grant has recently reiterated the opinion that the fair would be a failure if held at Inwood, or any other distant place. The reply is, that the park is worth more to New York than the fair, as one is permanent and the other temporary. The fair is simply another form of business, while the park comes within the range of health-seeking and recreating. It is probable that when the opinion is expressed that the fair will be a failure if the site is not at Central park, it means only a less brilliant success.

Victor Hugo.

To the world at large, Victor Hugo is better known for his literary works than his political opinions. He will never be forgotten by those who have read them. As a litterateur, he stood in the foremost rank. In the prime of his authorship his name was a household word. Few of his contemporaries had the ability to divide with him the honors of poet, dramatist and novelist. He was an ardent lover of France, and an implacable foe to every form of despotism. Such a man, it can well be imagined, was no favorite with Louis Napoleon. He was a deputy when the *coup d'etat* of December 2, 1851, took place, and was among those who asserted the rights of the assembly and endeavored to preserve the constitution. For this he was proscribed and fled an exile to the island of Jersey, where, while continuing his literary pursuits, he published several satires against the emperor. Hugo returned to Paris after the establishment of the republic, where he has since resided, sharing the esteem and affection of all classes of people. This was evinced on the 27th ult., the occasion of his seventy-ninth birthday, when it is stated that a multitude of persons, moved as by a common impulse, surrounded his dwelling to pay him their respects, and afterward paraded the streets, shouting praises to his name. This was such a spontaneous outburst of feeling as Napoleon never enjoyed. It sprang from the heart, and went to the heart of the veteran patriot who had shown himself willing to sacrifice everything for his country.

All subscribers to THE ASTORIAN are very respectfully invited to act as agents for the paper. We know that there must be many people who would take the paper "at sight," if asked by some friend to do so. We need your assistance, and will cheerfully pay for it. We will send the paper one full year to any six persons you may name for the sum of \$10.00. Thus you can act as agent for us and make a profit for yourself.

State of the Public Debt.
 The total amount of the national debt on the 1st of March, 1881, was stated by the treasury department at \$2,097,810,590. Of this amount the total interest-bearing debt, exclusive of railway subsidy bonds, was \$1,674,935,000. The following are the subdivisions of this interest-bearing debt, with the yearly accruing interest on each class:

Principal.	Yearly Int.
6 per cents.....	\$202,200,000
5 per cents.....	149,250,000
4 per cents.....	298,500,000
3 per cents.....	179,250,000
2 per cents.....	149,250,000
1 per cent.....	149,250,000
Total yearly interest.....	\$778,450,000

In addition to the above there are \$14,000,000 funded at 3 per cent. to the credit of naval pensions, and \$782,750 refunding certificates. These two items make the grand total of interest-bearing debt \$1,674,935,000, and the yearly interest account \$76,845,937. On March 1, 1879, the interest charge was \$94,403,645. The decrease since then in yearly interest on the debt is \$17,557,707. This decrease is due to two causes: payment of a debt and refunding at a lower rate of interest than the old bonds called for. The non-interest part of the debt is made upon these items:

Matured debt.....	\$6,208,725
Greenbacks.....	36,741,111
Certificates of deposit.....	7,965,000
Fugitive notes.....	11,230,000
Gold and silver certificates.....	34,825,140
Total.....	\$97,970,000

On the 1st inst. there was \$233,208,176 in the treasury. The decrease of the debt for last month was \$11,843,155; and for the eight months ending February 29, 1881, the amount credited to payment of debt was \$62,215,882. The department reckons on further payments during the last four months of the present fiscal year, ending June 30, 1881, to the amount of \$37,000,000. If this estimate holds good, there will have been paid of the public debt \$99,215,882 from July 1st, 1880, to June 30, 1881. Had the refunding bill not been vetoed by President Hayes, it would have caused a reduction of nearly \$10,000,000 a year in the interest account. A refunding at three and one-half per cent of the \$670,000,000 of old 5s and 6s, which we may anticipate as a part of the work of the next session of congress, will cause a reduction of about \$8,000,000 a year in the interest payments. With the existing amount of revenue over expenditures maintained, and the average interest on the debt reduced to a figure as low as four per cent, the whole of it will disappear about the time of the taking of the next national census.

Danger of a Free Press.

A little Oil city boy, whose father gave him a printing press the other day, has already discovered the dangers and pitfalls which surround the path of the printer. He set up and printed a little gilt-edged card with the warning phrase, "Paint! look out!" By some means this card became fastened to his sister's hat, and just above her left ear, where he who ran could read, and when she went down street there was a grin extended clear from Pearl avenue to the Exchange; and that night the boy traded off his printing press for a yellow dog and a pop-gun.

Boarding Prisoners.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the undersigned at the office of the Auditor and Clerk of the city of Astoria, until Friday, March 25th, 1881, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the boarding of all prisoners that may be confined in the city jail for one year from April 1st, 1881. Bids must state the price per month. Each bid must also be accompanied with a guarantee signed by two responsible tax payers to the effect that if the contract be awarded to such bidder, that he will within forty-eight hours after notice of such award enter into contract therefor with good and sufficient sureties for his faithful performance. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

NEW TO-DAY.
Notice to Cannermen.
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 5. Song, "Oude Again"..... Sullivn
 Miss Sylvia Gerrish.
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 3. Violoncello Solo, "Nectarine"..... Davidoff
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Notice.
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Notice.
 TAXPAYERS OF CLATSOP COUNTY will take notice that this is the last call for taxes due Clatsop county for the year 1880, and additional costs will be added after first of April, 1881. A. M. TWOMBLY, Sheriff and Tax Collector, 66-2nd St.

Notice.
 JOHN BENTON, FORMERLY of Liverpool is requested to communicate with the undersigned, JAMES LAIDLAW, 67-11th St. British Vice Consul, Portland, Oreg.

City Assessor's Notice.
 CITY TAXPAYERS ARE REQUESTED to fill out their blanks and hand them in as soon as possible. Also, to be particular if any indebtedness is claimed, to state on the return the amount, and give the name or names of the party or parties to whom the same is due, as the law requires. E. C. HOLDEN, City Assessor, 62-2nd St.

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-courts 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, 62-63rd St.

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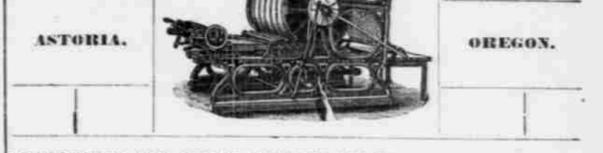
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