

Our Visit to the Rock. In answer to many questions, chiefly as to whether we landed upon Tillamook rock, on our visit last Tuesday, we say: Yes; we went upon the rock, and all over the rock; into, through, and upon the light house; climbed the derricks, surveyed the site, and all that—in our imagination. The boys are nicely quartered there. Besides Mr. Geo. M. Rowe and his four assistants, Mr. Holt is there with eleven workmen, making in all sixteen persons on the rock. The light house building is a splendid stone structure, and all the works to be seen are a marvel—the result of a science and a skill acquired only by the student and the engineer. The rock stands two miles or more from the mainland, in from ninety to one hundred and fifty feet depth of water almost perpendicular walls. To get upon the rock from the deck of the Astoria was about as easy as to jump off a log. A cage, made of strong wood and iron bound, slung from each of its four corners and swung by a huge crane, lifts the cage from the rock and then the donkey engine on the steamer pulls it on board, from mid air. Two men can conveniently sit in the cage, and it is strong enough to carry all that can be placed in it, and several tons besides. When you are seated in the cage and the word is given: All right, go ahead; up you go! Sixty, seventy, seventy-five feet, into the air—dangling at the end of a rope. The immense derrick cranes swings in, and you are upon terra firma. It is much pleasanter on the rock than it is on the steamer—the steamer rocks but the rock is firm. You will be surprised, greatly surprised; to see the work which has been accomplished there, and when you come away you will feel thankful that you have visited the rock in person. It is a feat equal to going to the top of the Washington monument, and superior to that of ascending the dome at the National capital. You will also feel thankful that you got away safe; and unless you have business to call you back, will not care about going again. At least that is what we have been informed by those who have been there. We could always profit by the experience of others. That is why we did not go upon the rock in person. The reader will understand that we only went there "in our imagination," and this sketch of the boys, their comfortable quarters, the work done, etc., is written from occasional notes made from the deck of the Astoria while we were waiting and fishing for groupers in ninety feet of water. Capt. Flavel has been upon the rock once, Mr. A. J. Megler has also been there, and we respectfully refer to them for corroborating circumstances concerning our experiences, and the facts herein related.

Miss M. M. Gillet of Wisconsin, has been appointed notary public for the district of Columbia, the first instance where a woman has received such appointment from the president.

The supreme lodge A. O. U. W., now in session at Detroit, have granted the petition for separate jurisdiction of the grand lodge of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, the separation to date from June 1, 1881.

Work on the new Duluth and Winnipeg railroad will begin in a week. Boston capitalists have subscribed \$5,000,000 to build it. The country through which it will run is very rich, and in winter is cold enough to freeze the brass knobs off the door locks.

The Oregon Improvement company have fixed the prices of their lands in eastern Washington at five, seven, and ten dollars per acre. Considering the enhancement of value by reason of the early construction of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company's road through the heart of this body of lands the prices are very reasonable. The prices of land already settled upon does not come under this head, but are set according to the merits of each case.

Crops in Kentucky this year will be poor indeed. The cyclone damaged very much property and crops in Texas. Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage utters a scathing review of the New Testament, which he says will make hosts of infidels. The Canadian jury in the Victoria steamer disaster blame everybody connected with the steamer, and end the matter by urging the government to be more stringent.

All over Russia and New Jersey the people are rising up and driving the Jews out of their houses, and out of the circus and all prominent places of amusement. This looks tough to those who are not used to such things; but where the Jews missed it was in not being born Indians, and living on the frontier, and killing off all the ranchers that they could lay their eyes on, instead of going to work and minding their own business and making money. Some people have no respect for people who mind their own business.

NEW TO-DAY. June 15th, 1881, in New Tacoma, by the Rev. Jno. A. Baughlin, Mr. P. B. Searle and Miss A. B. Pennwell, both of New Tacoma.

NET FOUND.—Between 150 and 200 fathoms or not found in the vicinity of the beach. 24 meshes deep, 21 meshes long on lead line and 25 meshes old on cork line. The owner can have same by proving property and paying charges.

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FOUND.—On the 1st day of June, 1881, about 75 fathoms of net with buoy, in good condition. For further particulars apply to Editor ASTORIAN.

LOST.—In Bakers bay, on the evening of June 12th, about 150 or 160 fathoms of net, 24 meshes deep, 21 meshes long, 25 meshes on lead line, and 25 meshes old on cork line. The owner can have same by proving property and paying charges.

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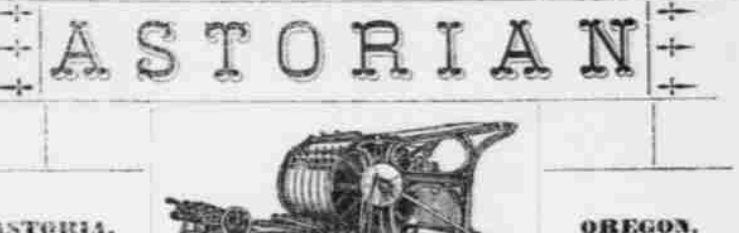
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