

The Daily Astorian.

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The Jeannette.

MEN who, by reason of their position should know, express the belief that the Jeannette has gone to the North Pole. Had her voyage been a failure, her crew would have returned in sledges to the points visited by the relief expeditions. The Jeannette was fitted for a five years' voyage, and is, in all probability, doing the work for which she was sent out.

She will in all probability work her way through the foids in the land round the North Pole, and may possibly reappear on the east side of Greenland and come down in Baffin's bay, thus achieving the greatest triumph that could await her. The openness of the season has been such that in fifty years the Jeannette could not have prosecuted her search under more favorable conditions. By next July she will be due, but not before. Until July no one who has at heart the interests of the expedition can expect her. After that her absence will become a serious consideration.

Last Monday's San Francisco Bulletin publishes editorially the report that the South Pacific Coast railroad has been purchased by the Central Pacific. It says: "We do not vouch for the correctness of the rumor, but it comes from two or three sources, one of which is rarely at fault."

It is a fact that the Central Pacific has recently purchased the Santa Cruz and Watsonville and Monterey and Salinas narrow gauge roads. The former has been already converted to a broad gauge and latter soon will be. It is understood that these purchases are for the purpose of heading off Jay Gould in his efforts to obtain a terminus at San Francisco. The graders on the California and Nevada railroad have advanced on the Oakland end several miles beyond that city. Another rumor which appears to have a basis of fact is that the Oregon and California road and Sacramento Valley railroad, the former under control of Villard and the latter controlled by the Central Pacific, will form a junction somewhere near the Oregon state line, forming a complete line from San Francisco to Portland, and thence to Puget Sound.

The value of the land grant of the Northern Pacific is greater than is supposed. Where it runs through a State the company has half the land—distributed in alternate sections—for twenty miles on each side of its track. Where it goes through a Territory it has half the forty miles on each side. It takes one half a belt forty miles wide through Wisconsin, forty miles wide through Minnesota, eighty miles wide through Dakota, eighty miles wide through Montana, eighty miles wide through Idaho, eighty miles wide through Washington along the Cascade branch, forty miles wide along the Portland branch in Washington, and twenty miles wide in Oregon along the last named branch.

The state election which took place in Ohio yesterday has attracted considerable attention. Garfield's majority in 1880 was 34,227. What effect recent events have had upon the prospect of Republican supremacy in the Buckeye state, is as yet problematical. The result of the Iowa election is a foregone conclusion, the only question being the figures of the Republican majority.

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SPEAKING of immigration the San Francisco Call says that the California Board of Immigration should try to answer the question "What can an emigrant to California do without any money at all?" The best thing he can do is to stay where he is, as far as the prospective point of immigration is concerned.

BUFFALO are very plentiful this season in the Judith basin, Montana, and hunters anticipate a rich harvest. If the animals be slaughtered in future as they were last year but a short time will elapse before the Yellowstone region will no longer be a home for buffalo.

ONE party of five railroad graders, working in Southern Utah, have killed since last spring 215 rattlesnakes. This statement is vouched for by the entire religious press of that territory.

A two million dollar fire in New York last Sunday night burned two men, one hundred horses, and a \$50,000 oil painting.

BAYARD, of Delaware, was elected president pro tem of the senate last Monday.

The Sacramento Record-Union, speaking of the extension of the California end of the road, says: Arrangements have been made for an immediate extension of the California and Oregon railroad from Redding to the state line. The line of the road, it is now thought, will be located by the way of the lava beds and Linkville, Oregon. Engineering parties are in the field, to be followed by forces of graders. The Oregon Central will build down and meet the extension of the California and Oregon at the state line.

Wilmington probably has the largest sturgeon fishing firm in the country. It employs some thirty or forty nets, all told, on the Delaware, ten of which are fished by the month. A schooner is kept busy in the ice trade, and a steamer accompanies the boats. While the men are fishing, the steamer moves from boat to boat, taking on the sturgeons as fast as caught, dressing them on the boat and taking the caviar from them. The seines in which the fish are caught are about 200 fathoms long, are 32 meshes deep, and are made of 32-cotton twine. The firm uses three tons of cotton twine a year. The season commences about April 1, and should close about July 1, so as to give the fish a chance to spawn. As it is the river is fished clear up to the freezing time. Speaking of caviar, mentioned above, it should be stated that it is the spawn of the fish, and is a favorite sauce, particularly with the Germans. It consists simply of the fish eggs, properly cured, and epicures regard it very highly. Many hundred kegs are shipped to Germany each year. The firm, after much trouble, is able to put up the caviare very nicely, with a patent preparation.

The annual meeting of the Clatsop county branch Bible society was held at the Congregational church last Saturday evening. The reports of the various officers and committees were received and filed. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. V. Milligan; Vice President, Chas. Stevens; Treasurer and depository, John Bryce; Secretary, F. B. Elberson; executive committee, E. C. Holden, E. S. Merrill, Dr. A. C. Kianey. This committee met on Sunday evening, at the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., and after receiving reports, etc., from Rev. P. C. Heltzer, and appointing local agents, adjourned to meet to-morrow evening, at the same time and place, when some unfinished business will be transacted.

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