

The Daily Astorian.

Vol. XVI.

Astoria, Oregon, Saturday Morning, November 26, 1881.

No. 48.

MERE FORMS OF LAW.

One of the officials of Justice alley was the other day called upon by an old gray-headed farmer and his wife, together with a neighbor, and outside the door they bitched an old half blind horse whose cash value was reckoned at \$25.

"You see," explained the old farmer, "nabur Jones wants to buy the old hoss out there, but he wants a bill o' sale signed by wife and I. We want you to draw up one for us."

The justice reached down one of the printed blanks, filled it out, and then said:

"Now you listen while I read this over and see if it is all right. All ready, now?"

"Know all men by these presents. That—"

"Presents! Why, I'm not going to present him with the hoss!" interrupted the farmer.

"And we don't want any presents from him!" added the wife.

"That's all right—only a legal form," exclaimed his honor. "Listen."

"County Wayne—first part—consideration—sum of \$25—grant—bargain and sell—party—second part—his executors, administrators—"

"I haven't got any executors or administrators!" interrupted neighbor Jones.

"No; all he's got is a wife and two girls!" added the owner of the horse.

"All form—all mere form," explained the justice, and he went on:

"And assigns forever—covenant and agree—defend the same—heirs, executors and administrators—"

"William, I shall never sign no such paper!" suddenly exclaimed the wife, as she rose up.

"Nor I, either," stoutly replied the husband. "Why, I'd shake in my boots every time I met a constable!"

"It is all mere form according to law," explained his honor. "All bills of sale read this way."

"Looks to me as if it were sort o' tangled up," said neighbor Jones. "The old hoss is blind in one eye, and how can they warrant him?"

"And what has this hoss sale to do with his heirs and covenants?" inquired the old man.

"I won't sign—I won't have anything to do with it!" exclaimed the wife, as she walked around.

"We've always kept clear of the law, and we hain't going to get into no scrape and lose our farm now—not if we know it!"

The more the Justice tried to explain, the bigger the words looked, and the trio finally walked out. While they were unbitching the horse, along came a house painter, and when he had heard their story he picked up a piece of paper in the alley, pulled out the stub of a pencil and wrote:

"We hereby sell this horse to John Jones for \$25, cash down. We raised him from a colt, and his name is Andrew Jackson."

The paper was signed, passed over with the horse, and as the farmer received the money he said:

"That's all there is to it, law or no law, and it didn't take two minutes to do it. Why, I'd take Andrew Jackson back home and knock him in the head afore I'd put my name to that paper binding us to keep on covenanting and agreeing and assigning and administering a whole life-time on one old hoss."

Arctic Voyage.

The late voyage of Capt. Adams, the adventurous Dundee whaler, is the most remarkable on

record. In June of last year he entered Lancaster sound and became separated from the whaling fleet, pushed up Prince Regents inlet, but was driven out by the ice. Crossing Lancaster sound, visited Beechy island, carries his vessel to the head of Wellington channel, and thence back into Barstrait. He then boldly ventured into Peel sound and penetrated within a short distance of the place where John Franklin's ships, the *Erabus* and *Terror*, were abandoned. Had he not been on a whaling voyage, and not of discovery, he says he could have gone on to Dease and Simpson's straits and made the Northwest passage, which never yet been accomplished. Returning from Peel sound he again tried Prince Regents inlet, and this time successfully, advancing to the entrance of Fury and Hecla straits. Then, as the brief open season was ended, he sailed for home, with a full cargo of oil. Capt. Adams says he believes the Northwest passage can be made by way of Peel sound, and by no other, and that if Franklin's vessels had been steamers he would have made it in 1848. He hopes to live long enough to go back into Lancaster sound and report himself at Honolulu. In the course of his voyage in the Arctic seas he had on board a very intelligent Esquimaux from the north-western coast of the Melville peninsula, who said that when he was a boy and traveling with his father, he met three men, being the survivors of a party of seventeen who had traveled from two English ships far to the west. They were very much worn and frostbitten. One was a great captain and was looked up to by the others. He died and was buried by them, and they cried very much. The other two lived in his father's hut for some time, but they also died. All three were buried in their clothes, with all they possessed, according to the custom of the Esquimaux. Capt. Adams believes that these three were Crozier and companions, the last survivors of the crew of Sir John Franklin.

Gen. Sherman's Report.

This year Gen. Sherman in his annual army report adds thereto some recommendations of his own.

Of these the foremost is a plea for an increase of the army. The maximum number of enlisted men allowed by law is 25,000, exclusive of the Indian scouts and the signal corps, which would bring it to 25,800. The actual strength at present is about 23,600. Gen. Sherman proposes to make the maximum 30,440. This, however, is only the latest of several numbers he has suggested in annual reports. His principal ground for urging an increase is that there are 3,781 non-combatants among the enlisted men, and that hence, in speaking of the army as 25,000 strong, a wrong impression is given. But, on the other hand, reckoning about 2,700 commissioned officers and the scouts and signalmen in the so-called army of 25,000, we really get one of about 28,500. In the force which Gen. Sherman calls non-combatant, are included 300 Indian scouts. If these are not combatant, taking the battle record of the last few years, it is difficult to say what three hundred men are General Sherman would hardly like to exchange these auxiliaries for a regiment of six hundred white soldiers. Another body of 1,251 men, styled non-combatant, includes recruits and station, recruiting parties, and musicians. Other large bodies include hospital stewards, ordnance sergeants, and

commissionary sergeants. There is really no reason to suppose that Congress, in fixing the present maximum of the army, was ignorant of the fact that it would be impossible to bring 25,000 men into actual field service, since no army maximum means a maximum of muskets. But even Gen. Sherman's reckoning gives a possibility of 21,219 combatants, exclusive of the commissioned officers and the Indian scouts.

When Congress further reads in the General's report that "no serious Indian or other war has occurred, but great progress has been made in collecting and locating Indians, hitherto hostile, on their proper reservations;" that Sitting Bull and his adherents are now held at Fort Randall "as prisoners of war"—though they certainly did not come in as such; that the Utes are safely lodged in Utah; and that "the guilty Apaches are now held as prisoners for trial," it is not likely to see anything in the military situation to call for more fighting men.

Sayings of Eminent Men.

I have found more benefit from an inch ad. in the columns of the local paper than from all the adulation that is offered at the shrine of imperial power. — *Napoleon Bonaparte.*

A well-written and well-displayed advertisement, kept constantly before the public eye, will bring more trade to a merchant than a million hand bills. — *Last Words of Henry IV. of France.*

When Charles the First was about to lay his head on the block, he sighed, and murmured: "This comes of not advertising in the local paper." — *English History.*

A gentleman of much intelligence and trustworthiness, who has just arrived from Panama, gives a very gloomy account of the state of things at Lesseps' canal. The death rate is alarming, especially among foreigners. Of 200 Frenchmen sent out within the last five weeks, and who arrived ruddy and vigorous, eighty-five had died when he left, and nearly all the others were in hospital. The Gallic immigrants all take brandy and absinthe to excess, under the mistaken impression that it will enable them to withstand the climate, while it has precisely the opposite effect, and hastens the coming of their certain doom. Americans will not be tempted by any wages to remain. The only workmen who can withstand the horrors of the heat and rains are the West Indian negroes and those around Carthage. Of course, these men will not work like English and French navvies, and command, nevertheless, their own price. The consequence is that work estimated to cost three cents a foot has cost \$1.25. If under these circumstances M. de Lesseps can accomplish his task, he will justly win a conspicuous renown. — *New York Sun.*

"Have you been to the seashore, Clara darling?" The speaker was a pretty-dimpled brunette, whose eyes were of that peculiar kind that can gleam with merriment, sparkle with anger, or look with melting tenderness on those whom their possessor loves. The person whom she addressed was a tall, stately blonde, who wore her own back hair. "No," responded Clara, a mournful cadence in her tones; "I have not been away this summer, but I have saved enough money by doing my own washing to buy the boss seal-skin saque on this block, and don't you forget it." Such is the power of woman's love.

Notice.

All who have been vaccinated by me and the vaccination not taken will please call again. I now have reliable virus. A. G. KISSNEY.

Notice.

All persons indebted to the late firm of Trenchard & Uphur will please call at my office and settle accounts immediately. J. Q. A. BOWLEY.

Choice Valley Fruit.

Capt. J. H. D. Gray has just received a choice lot of pears and apples, fresh from the orchards of Polk and Marion counties, which will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

Sherman Bros. Express.

Will receive orders at the stage of L. W. Case for upper Astoria or any other part of the city. Leave your orders on the stage and they will be promptly attended to.

By Universal Accord.

ANALYSE CATHARTIC PILLS are the best of all purgatives for family use. They are the product of long, laborious, and successful chemical investigation, and their extensive use by physicians in their practice, and by the general public, proves them the best and most effective purgative pills that medical science can devise. In intrinsic value and curative powers no other Pills can be compared to them, and every person knowing their virtues, will employ them, when needed. They keep the system in perfect order, and maintain in healthy action the whole machinery of the body. Mild, searching and effective, they are especially adapted to the needs of the digestive apparatus, arrangements of which they prevent and cure, if timely taken. They are the best and safest physic to employ for children and weak constitutions, where a mild and effectual cathartic is required. FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS.

Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!!

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; it cures the teething, and it is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold—everywhere. 25 cents a bottle.

Peruvian Bitters.

The Count Cincelion was the Spanish Viceroy in Peru in 1620. The Countess, his wife, was prostrated by an intermittent fever, from which she was freed by the use of the native remedy, the Peruvian bark, or, as it was called in the language of the country, "Quinquina." Grateful for her recovery, on her return to Europe, in 1622, she introduced the remedy in Spain, where it was known under various names, until Linnaeus called it Cinchona, in honor of the lady who had brought them to the world. We guarantee that our Peruvian Bitters are of the best quality, and of the best known quality. A trial will satisfy you that this is the best bitter in the world. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and we willingly abide this test. For sale by all druggists, grocers and liquor dealers. Order it.

Never go sleeping without consulting the advertising columns of THE ASTORIAN. They will tell you where the best bargains are to be had, and just what merchants are alive and doing business.

Have Wistar's balsam of wild cherry always at hand. It cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, whooping cough, croup, influenza, consumption, and all throat and lung complaints. 50 cents and \$1 a bottle.



HOSTETTER'S
CELEBRATED
BITTERS
Diminished Vigor

Is reimbursed in great measure, to those troubled with weak kidneys, by a judicious use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which invigorates and stimulates without exciting the urinary organs, in conjunction with its influence upon them, it corrects acidity, improves appetite, and is in every way conducive to health and nerve repose. Another marked quality is its control over fever and ague, and its power of preventing it. For sale by all druggists and dealers generally.

Furnished Rooms to Let

At Mrs. Munson's lodging house.

Eastern Oysters.

Another fine lot of Eastern Oysters just received at Rosscoe's, per steamer Oregon, Decidant block.

Notice.

Just received per steamer Columbia, a fine lot of eastern oysters, which will be served up in first class style at Rosscoe's, Decidant block.

Notice to the Ladies.

Swatches, curls and frizzes made from combines or cut hair. Call on or address Wm. U'HEENARY, Decidant hair dressing saloon, Astoria, Oregon.

Orient Bathing Rooms.

The finest bathing rooms in the city; everything first class. Hot and cold baths from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M., opposite Holden's auction store. FRED. SHERMAN, Proprietor.

Take Notice.

On after this date an additional 10 cents per cord will be charged on all orders for sawed wood not accompanied by the cash, at Gray's wood yard. July 14, 1881.

Notice.

I wish all parties indebted to me to make immediate payment, as I want the money. A list of indebtedness will be found at J. W. Gearhart's; that gentleman is authorized to collect all bills due. Prompt attention will save costs. FRED. SHERMAN, Late of City Market.

The Weekly Astorian

Is a mammoth sheet, nearly double the size of the Daily. It is just the paper for the fireside, containing in addition to all the current news, choice miscellany, agricultural matter, market reports, etc. It is furnished to single subscribers at \$2.00 per year in advance.

Buy the Weekly.

THE WEEKLY ASTORIAN for this week is full of just such information and news of the country as your friends in the east want to see. It has very few advertisements, and is chock to the muzzle of information that no family can successfully ignore along without. Two dollars will buy the whole year for a year, \$1.50 for six months, or ten cents per copy.

Williamsport Property.

Great bargains are now offered in the city of Williamsport for any persons wishing to locate from one lot to five acres. It is well adapted for gardens, dairy ranches or pleasant homes; well elevated, situated one mile south of Astoria on Youngs bay, with a good graded road to the place. For further information call at my residence near the cemetery. JOHN WILLIAMSON.

To Live Men.

THE ASTORIAN has now reached a circulation which places it at the head of the list of Oregon dailies, and insures to advertisers thereof more benefit for the amount paid than may be secured elsewhere. To those who wish to reach the largest number of readers at the smallest expense, we offer the columns of an attractive daily, the success of which from the very start, has been far beyond the expectations of the most sanguine.

THE WEEKLY ASTORIAN IS AN

independent newspaper, devoted wholly and solely to the commercial and material interests of Oregon, and will be sent on trial six months to any address in the United States on receipt of \$1.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CENTRAL MARKET.

General assortment of table stock constantly on hand, such as:

Canned Fruits and Jelly.

Bacon, Hams, Shoulders, Lard,

EGGS, BUTTER, CHEESE.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables,

FISH, POULTRY AND GAME

In the season.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

First of WINES AND LIQUORS.

All cheap on CASH. Goods sold on commission.

(opposite I. W. Case's store.) J. BOGMEIS.

D. K. WARREN.

T. W. EATON

Astoria Market!

COR. CHENAMUS AND HAMILTON STS.

WARREN & EATON, Proprietors.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Fresh and Cured Meats

A full line of

FAMILY GROCERIES, FLOUR, FEED

HAY, CANNED FRUIT, VEGETABLES, ETC.

Butter, Eggs, Cheese, etc. constantly on hand.

Ships supplied at the lowest rates.

MISCELLANEOUS.

S. ARNDT & FERCHEN,
ASTORIA - OREGON.

The Pioneer Machine Shop

BLACKSMITH

SHOP

AND

Boiler Shop

All kinds of

ENGINE, CANNERY,

AND

STEAMBOAT WORK

Promptly attended to.

A specialty made of repairing

CANNERY DIES,

FOOT OF LA FAYETTE STREET.

ASTORIA IRON WORKS.

BENTON STREET, NEAR PARKER HOUSE.

ASTORIA - OREGON.

GENERAL MACHINISTS AND

BOILER MAKERS.

LAND & MARINE ENGINES

Boiler Work, Steamboat Work

and Cannery Work a specialty.

A. D. WASS, President.

J. H. HOSTETTER, Secretary.

I. W. CASE, Treasurer.

JOHN FOX, Superintendent.

WILLIAM EDGAR,

Corner Main and Chenamus Streets,

ASTORIA - OREGON.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

The Celebrated

JOSEPH RODGERS & SONS

GENUINE ENGLISH CUTLERY

AND THE GENUINE WOSTENHOLM

and other English Cutlery.

STATIONERY!

FAIRCHILD'S GOLD PENS

Genuine Meershaum Pipes, etc.

A fine stock of

Watches and Jewelry, Muzzle and

Breech Loading Shot Guns and

Rifles, Revolvers, Pistols,

and Ammunition

MARINE

GLASSES.

ASSORTMENT OF FINE SPECTACLES AND EYE

GLASSES.

New Millinery Establishment

MRS. E. S. WARREN

Has a complete stock of

MILLINERY

at her establishment.

Corner Cass and Jefferson streets, Astoria,

Hats, Bonnets, Dress Trimmings,

Zephyrs, Ribbons, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO

National Brewery

Beer Depot.

MAX WAGNER, L. W. AGENT

ASTORIA, OREGON.

Is prepared now to deliver beer to his customers in the city with his own conveyance.

IT IS GUARANTEED THAT THIS

BEER WILL NEVER SOUR.

CAN BE KEPT FOR ANY

LENGTH OF TIME.

Prices per Barrel or Thirty

Gallons..... \$8.00

Less Quantities per Thirty

Gallons..... 9.00

One 5 Gallon Keg..... 1.50

Send in your orders.

MAX WAGNER, AT THE GREAT EASTERN,

I. W. CASE,

IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Corner Chenamus and Cass streets.

ASTORIA - OREGON

BUSINESS CARDS.

D. C. IRELAND,
Office in ASTORIAN building,
Room No. 2, up-stairs.

E. C. HOLDEN,
NOTARY PUBLIC,
AUCTIONEER, COMMISSION AND
SURANCE AGENT.

D. A. MCINTOSH,
MERCHANT TAILOR,
Occident Hotel Building,

ASTORIA - OREGON

P. T. BARLAV. T. H. BAUCE.

HATCH & BARGLAY,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

No. 10 California St., San Francisco, Cal.

DR. M. D. JENNINGS,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Graduate University of Virginia, 1866

Physician to Bay View hospital, Baltimore

City, 1867-70.

OFFICE—In Page & Allen's building, up

stairs, Astoria.

F. CRANG, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

Room No. 3, Astorian Building.

(UP STAIRS.)

RESIDENCE—Corner of Benton and Court

streets, Astoria, Oregon.

JAY TUTTLE, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

Office—Over the White House Store.

RESIDENCE—At Mrs. Munson's boarding

house, Chenamus street, Astoria, Oregon.

F. F. HICKS,

DENTIST,

ASTORIA - OREGON.

Rooms in Allen's building up stairs, corner

of Cass and Chenamus streets.

<