

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1881. J. F. HALLORAN, Editor.

An Eastern Taunt.

THE New York Maritime Register of the 7th inst., is to hand with several articles marked in purple ink; one we published two days ago; the other, entitled "Charges upon shipping at Columbia river, Oregon," is rather long to reproduce. It is based on a misconception and misstatement of facts. The argument takes for a premise, the letter recently written from this place by certain English shipmasters who felt aggrieved that their business was not transacted faster. From that letter the article goes on to say that "these are accusations that cannot be answered, because they are based upon facts." It is a matter of regret that any delay should occur, but, while the bar is in the condition it is, it is a question how it can be helped. There are fourteen vessels ready for sea lying here now that if once over the bar could proceed on their way; but 'tis folly to prate about "facilities." The Columbia has been here since Monday last and hasn't been able to go over the bar, though as far as "facilities" are concerned she is about as well equipped as a vessel can be; she is provided with a competent pilot, and is of comparatively light draught; and yet because sailing vessels drawing more water than she does are not taken out, comes a howl about "facilities." When little 7x9 papers up the country blow about the "bar monopoly" a contemptuous silence is the best answer, but the New York Maritime Register, is a powerful journal and its utterances deserve notice. It goes to every prominent port in the world and the article we are discussing is unfair and illogical. That there are serious drawbacks to the Columbia commerce it would be idle to deny; they are drawbacks and hindrances that exist whether they were discussed or not. The prominent difficulty is the bar itself. Till the general government, recognizing the importance, the absolute necessity of the measure, clears away the obstruction at the mouth of our river these objections will exist. But the unstudied utterances of discontented parties should not be made the basis of a wholesale charge against the existing order of rates and charges on the Columbia river. This, however, is more Portland's affair than Astoria's. The letter alluded to was a growl at that place and men whose names are signed to that letter told us that as far as this place was concerned it was in their opinion impossible for the vessels to be got out any faster than they were.

The Modern Aladdin.

The modern Aladdin was born in a New England village; was early taught the lessons of thrift, went to the district school and learned to trade knives and marbles; was noted as a boy for cuteness, and as a growing youth for being sharp at a bargain. He joined the village debating society, clerked in the village store, and when twenty-one went into business for himself. He traded and amassed wealth and at thirty was sent to represent his constituents in the Legislature. While there he lost no opportunity of being useful to himself, and when he came back he was pointed out to admiring urchins as a rising man. From there he branched out into larger channels, got a share in a vessel, and a controlling interest in a bank, went across the sea, saw the museums of London, the palaces of Paris, the saloons of Vienna, the mosques of Constantinople and the walls of Damascus. But vainly blew the south wind, vainly shone the stars and vainly the violets on the fresh, green

turf gave out their fragrance. There was nothing in all that for him. He came back and increased his store; he brought back a Mrs. Aladdin with him. He grew stout and loved an easy chair, where he could lean back after dinner and look at Mrs. Aladdin through the blue cloud of his cigar. He went regularly to church on Sunday; by this time his head was shiny with the sermons that had hit it and glanced off; he clasped his hands in prayer, and forgot to open them when the contribution box was passed around. By and by old Aladdin died. The south wind, for whose breath he was never grateful, blew over his grave; the violets, whose delicate perfume he never noted, exhaled their sweet odor above his head, and the stars, that he had never seen, shed a soft light upon his tomb that no lamp above a king's sarcophagus could equal, and as you and all of us sip our morning coffee, we say: "So! Old Aladdin is dead! And, by the way, how much did he leave?"

JUDSON KILPATRICK, who died at Santiago, Chile, on the 4th inst., in his first year of South American consulate life, made the acquaintance of Henry Meiggs, the colossal contractor. Meiggs became bankrupt while awaiting the closing of a bargain to partly grid-iron Peru with railroad tracks, and he asked Kilpatrick to scrape together every dollar he could get and lend it to him. Against the advice of his family Kilpatrick sent him \$1,700 which he had in bank, and borrowed \$100 to live upon until he drew his salary next time. Meiggs went to Peru, and a month later Kilpatrick received a letter stating that the contracts were signed, and including this postscript: "Please find inclosed check for \$5,000." Meiggs offered Gen. Kilpatrick \$25,000 a year to take charge of the men employed in the contractor's scheme. Another American accepted the offer while Kilpatrick hesitated, and Kilpatrick ever afterward said that his hesitancy was the greatest mistake of his life. The man who undertook the duty is now a millionaire.

The Leipzig printers have just celebrated the four hundredth anniversary of the introduction of printing into that place. It was in 1481 that Andreas Kreiser, a professor of theology set up the first printing press in Leipzig. He made a present of it to a monastery, on condition that the monks would pray for his soul. Now Leipzig has eighty-two printing establishments, with 451 steam presses, and 971 hand presses, giving employment to 12,000 people.

DAVID DAVIS, acting Vice-President of the United States, has to sign two sets of vouchers for his salary. Five thousand dollars, his salary as senator, is paid him by the secretary of the senate; for the other three thousand dollars he must go direct to the treasury.

A good deal is being said at present about convict labor. There are two views to take of the subject, the sentimental and the practical; and the practical view is the correct one. Make the criminal work.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

Sheriff's Notice. THE STATE, COUNTY, AND STATE School Taxes for the year 1881, are now due and can be paid at my office at the Court House. A. M. TWOMBLY, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

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School Tax District No. 9--Upper Astoria. SCHOOL TAXES FOR THIS DISTRICT are now due and payable at the office of the undersigned. WM. B. ADAIR, Clerk of District No. 9, Astoria, Dec. 5, 1881. d-1m

Notice of Copartnership. WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY give notice that we have formed a copartnership under the firm name of Leinenweber & Co., to transact the business of tailoring, in Astoria, Oregon. C. LEINENWEBER, A. A. COHEN, d-30d Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 6, 1881.

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Notice. THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between C. E. JACKINS and John A. Montgomery under the firm name of Jackins & Montgomery, has been dissolved by mutual consent. John A. Montgomery will collect and settle all accounts of said firm. CHAS. E. JACKINS, JNO. A. MONTGOMERY, Astoria, Ore., Dec. 9, 1881. d-30d

Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fishermen Packing Company will be held at their office at Upper Westmoreland street, on the 28th day of December, 1881, at 9 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as may come before the meeting. By order of the President, BENJ. YOUNG, Sec. d-3d

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School Tax Notice. TO THE TAX PAYERS OF SCHOOL District No. 1, Clatsop county, Oregon: You are hereby notified that the assessment roll for the school tax in district No. 1 for the year 1881, is completed and will be in my hands at my office at Brown & Co's dock for the next sixty days from date hereof. Pay your taxes in time and save costs. J. G. HUSTLER, Clerk of School District No. 1, Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 16, 1881. d-11

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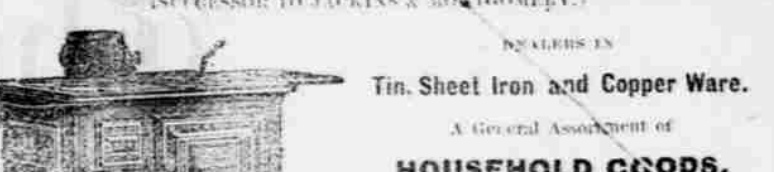
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