

**The Daily Astorian.**  
 ASTORIA OREGON:  
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 J. F. HALLORAN, Editor.

**Where the Charm Lies.**  
 The Polaris charges Bob Ingersoll with plagiarism. He undoubtedly is a plagiarist, but then, there is very little originality of thought left us in these days. The smart fellows that lived away back in the old days have said nearly all that could be said and now folks can only work over the heap and dress up a thought in language common to all men. The great charm, however, of Ingersoll's productions is the studied grace of diction that the irreverent colonel adopts. Notice the article on our outside page this morning; it scans like blank verse; he uses little bits of words, short, terse, incisive Saxon; monosyllables so placed that there is a sort of rhythmic swing to it, just as in poetry. That, we think, is the great reason that Ingersoll's sayings are so universally read. He revamped a good many skeptical utterances and clothed them in the cadence of poetic diction, studiously discarding long words. Dickens, Scott, and many great writers have done the same and owe much of their popularity to it. Whole pages of Dickens' writings will scan in perfect iambic. Take his "Old Curiosity Shop," or his "History of England," and the greater part of many of the finest chapters can be turned into blank verse without changing a word. In his description of the Battle of Hastings—"Through all the wild October day the clash and din resounded in the air. The Normans rallied and the day was lost." That is pure poetry as far as rhythm can make it. So with Ingersoll in that we republish this morning: "I know how vain it is to gild a grief with words, and yet I wish to take from every grave its fear." As long as a man can write such graceful English as that he will have readers, whatever the theme. The language flows so smoothly that it charms the ear. A pretty thought is like a pretty woman; it looks best when it is best dressed; and however commonplace the theme, if the idea be clothed in the garb of graceful language it will be welcome and attractive.


**Doing Very Well.**  
 PORTLAND real estate seems to be too high for the prosperity of the place. Manufacturers are unable to get sites for buildings at reasonable rates and hence are obliged to turn away to other localities. Here at Astoria we are not seized with a railroad boom, although, it is true, that we are cursed with a railroad land grant never intended to be built. Manufacturers can find here eligible sites for their factories at reasonable rates. Our city is growing probably as fast as Portland in proportion to its size, but we are not making any great fuss about it. During the present winter three new canneries are being built inside of the city limits, while nearly all the others are increasing their capacity. The lumber business has greatly increased; an iron foundry has been started. Boats of all kinds are now building here, from the size of a fishing boat to a thousand-ton barge or a forty thousand-dollar coasting steamer. Buildings are going up in every part of the city, but we need, and badly need more dwelling houses. Our hotels too, should be enlarged to accommodate the summer visitors.  
 During the present year the building of brick stores and dwellings will be inaugurated. On the lot opposite our office the first will be erected, to cost \$25,000. Another is talked of on the same street. There is also considerable talk of a large flouring mill, and a new saw mill. Taking it altogether we do not fear but that we will hold our place as the second city of the northwest. We are doing well enough.

**Columbia River B. R.**  
 MR. EDITOR: ASTORIA, Feb. 7th, '82.  
 SIR:—It is the report around among the pilots that lately a vessel drawing about 19 feet struck on the bottom going out of the Columbia river; first she dipped onto one end and then struck the other; that several have touched going out, including one of the passenger steamships. Of course all the parties directly cognizant of the facts try to conceal these things from the public, and neither is it the interest of any person to proclaim them aloud; but when they become frequent and the remedy the alternative, deepen the bar, sink the ships or send them elsewhere, it then becomes a duty to sound the note of warning and let the people of Oregon choose with their eyes open which medicine they will take. It has been recently said that masters of ships have resigned their positions rather than sail to the Columbia river. If this be a fact, it shows a great fear and dread of the place.  
 Some late soundings show that the channels at the mouth of the river are disappearing and the entrance becoming one wide flat of shoal water, and if something is not done soon (as one pilot expresses it) Villard will have to do the carrying trade with flat bottom iron tanks.  
 OBSERVER.

The people of Texas are just finding out a very unwelcome fact that, we believe, is somewhat of an anomaly with a state, if not with an individual. About ten years ago the Lone Star State started to give away millions upon millions of acres of its public land to its dear friends and benefactors—the railroads. The registrar of the land office comes to the front now and shows that the state has given away all the public land she has, and more too; and as matters stand, it will be very awkward for somebody. Let us sincerely hope the railroad men will not be seriously inconvenienced thereby.  
 It is only within the last two hundred and fifty years that women appeared upon the stage, at all, and now the tendency seems to be for actresses to not only monopolize the female impersonations, but also encroach upon the male, as it is getting quite common for actresses to take male parts in comedy, tragedy and opera.  
 The effort to reduce domestic postage does not meet with much favor in Congress. Nor should it. Those who point to the penny postage of England and the revenue arising therefrom, ignore the fact that the great distances that letters must be carried in this country, render it impossible to do it for less money than at present.

RELIABLE advices from the East say that the cold has been intense. At Newport, R. I., schools were closed, it being impossible to keep them warm. A schooner came in with six tons of ice that had casually accumulated on her decks from spray that froze as it fell.  
 THE Canadian government strongly objects to having Canadian emigration agents in England send settlers to Canada by way of the United States, as a great many remain with Uncle Sam. It is a compliment from an unexpected source.  
 Congress will be asked this session to legislate additional protection for the Texas frontier. Several of the Lone Star State's most distinguished sons are now engaged upon statistics demonstrating its necessity.  
 The churches have taken in hand the Mormon question. A simultaneous religious crusade has been commenced in the chief cities of the East, the avowed object being the rousing of public opinion on the subject.  
 THIRTEEN lines of steamers run from Europe to the one port of Buenos Ayres. This is thirteen times as many as the United States sends to all South America.

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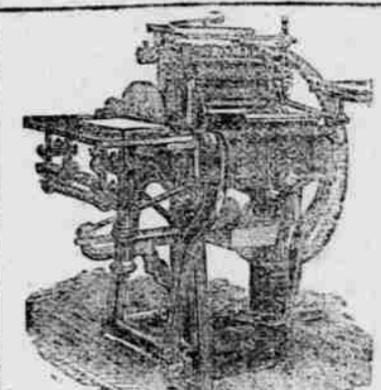
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