

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1882. J. F. HILLOCK, Editor.

Our Railroad Land Grant.

A FEW days since a correspondent at Westport complained to us in a letter that a settler in that vicinity had been arrested and placed under bonds for trial; his offense was that he had cut timber from the public lands of the United States. These lands were not surveyed at the time, and for that reason the party who cut the timber, although an actual settler, was not able to show good title to the lands. Our correspondent goes on and states that the settlers of that neighborhood have petitioned for several years to have the lands surveyed. They are right; the land should have been surveyed long ago. By an act of congress of May 4, 1870, granting lands to the Oregon Central Railroad company, it will be seen that the second section of the act provides, "That the commissioner of the general land office shall cause the lands along the line of said railroad to be surveyed with all convenient speed." Twelve years have passed since the approval of this act and yet the lands are not surveyed.

The guilt or innocence of the parties under arrest will be established in court. With that we have nothing to do. The timber lands between this place and Forest Grove have become valuable and Uncle Sam must expect that there will be many, high and low, who will try to take them, or the timber from them, without paying for them. If, for instance, a railroad company, to whom these lands or one-half of them should be given in consideration of building a railroad to Astoria, should undertake to sell these lands with the privilege of cutting the timber therefrom, such a company would be just as guilty of a misdemeanor as our farmer correspondent at Westport. The case of the railroad company would not be bettered on account of its million of acres, while the Westport farmer has but 100 acres. In fact, we believe the railroad people would be made to suffer in proportion to the amount of lands at stake.

We are thus particular in going into a case—supposable of course—because we believe that very many have supposed the Astoria railroad grant to be a present grant to the railroad company, and therefore was the property of the railroad company whether any railroad was built along the line or not. There may be, too, those who are innocent purchasers of timber belonging yet to the United States, who may be doing no wrong against the United States in cutting these timbers knowingly, but are yet exposing themselves to the rebuke of the law.

We therefore publish the syllabus of a decision given by Judge Deady in the U. S. district court on June 27th, 1882, in a similar case, that of the United States vs. William Childers:

"Grant to the N. P. R. R. Co. By the act of July 2d, 1864, (13 Stat. 365) the odd numbered section along the line of the N. P. R. R. Co. for 40 miles on either side of the line in the territories and 20 miles in the states is set apart and devoted to the construction of the road of said corporation. But said grant is not a present grant of said lands to said corporation, but only in effect, an agreement or provision that the same shall be conveyed to it absolutely when, and as fast as any 25 miles of said road is constructed and accepted by the United States, and in the meantime the legal title to the unearned and unpatented sections is in the United States who may therefore maintain legal proceedings against any one that unlawfully cuts timber thereon." This is the abstract which we publish for the benefit of all concerned.

cerned. We hope we shall never have to chronicle our supposable case as a real case, and that a rich and benevolent corporation was shielded from prosecution for a misdemeanor for which a poor settler or innocent purchaser was made to suffer.

'Tis with surprise we read in the Seattle Chronicle "that there are easier, cheaper and more speedy means of transportation from Seattle to the Chehalis country than from any other supply point." Our surprise is increased when we reflect that the writer is, necessarily, a reader of the current news of the day. His misstatement of facts cannot arise from ignorance, and must therefore be due to wilful misrepresentation of the case. The Ilwaco Steam Navigation company's vessels, which run daily, take freight and passengers to the Chehalis country, and so admirably is their arrangement that they make the through time to Olympia in sixty hours. This company has opened up the Chehalis country, has placed it in communication with the outside world, and is working up a fine trade with that magnificent section of our sister territory. The result is that no point of importance is in quicker communication with that country than is Astoria, and, of course, to Astoria, will evidently accrue the benefit. Our Seattle contemporary should correct the error of its statement.

THE Nicaragua canal bill has passed congress, after undergoing some very great modifications at the hands of the committee which has been secretly manipulating it. There is no guarantee of interest by the government, on seventy-five millions of bonds, as asked for. There is not much prospect that the proposed canal will be built, there being no subsidy in sight. Lessops will have his work through, we imagine, long before the American company does anything except talk. The controlling influences at Washington are opposed to any canal at all, and encouragement was given to American schemes merely to get a backing to talk up the Monroe doctrine and try to scare the Frenchman from the work he had proposed. In spite of the terrible opposition, we are likely to have speedy communication with the Atlantic seaboard, for which we will be indebted to the energy of the French company.

EVENTS in Egypt seem converging to one certain outcome—the establishment of English rule over the Nile. Arabi Pasha has been reinforced by 60,000 Bedouins, the French and German governments declare their desire to see "neutrality" observed; the Turkish Sultan confesses his inability to do anything, and, as a matter of "self-defense," England will do with Egypt as she has done with India,—make it a British dependency. The possible blockade of the Suez canal affords grounds for remonstrance on the part of other European powers, but 'tis not the policy of England to pay much heed to the interests of other nations. The whole business is magnified by distance, and sounds to an American reader much larger than it really is.

THE Pennsylvania working people who have always been accustomed to march in political procession every year, carrying protection banners, are tired of it. The protection talked of was not for them, but for the capital of their employers. They have been kept at the verge of starvation under the plea of protection to American labor; they have seen the whole world ransacked for paupers to bring to this country to keep down their pay; they feel the selfishness and hypocrisy of the pleadings which have led them to endorse their own enslavement, and they are done with it. The Republican leaders lost a fine opportunity to make a good record when they evaded action on the tariff question.

NEW TO-DAY

Dissolution of Copartnership. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE copartnership heretofore existing between Wong Hing Way, Wong Yin Kim, Wong See Kim and Wong King Way, under the firm name of Quong Man Wah & Co., at Astoria, Oregon, was on the 15th day of July, 1882, dissolved by mutual consent. Wong Hing Way retiring from the firm. The business will be continued at the same place by the remaining partners, who possess all debts of the firm and are exclusively entitled to collect and receive all moneys due to the firm. WONG YIN KIM, WONG SEE KIM, WONG KING WAY.

FOUND. ABOUT 200 FATHOMS NEL LEADS marked J. & M., corks W. L. P. Co. Apply at—

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SUBURBAN LOTS. Homes For Fishermen.

On Saturday, August 5, at 2 P. M.

One hundred building lots at Astoria, Oregon, situated in the newly surveyed village of Astoria, on the northern part of Robert Shortess' Donation Land Claim, adjoining Upper Astoria, as laid out and recorded by J. K. Kelly, J. Bergman and A. W. Berry. Terms of payment at sale.

Annual Reunion Excursion Of the Astoria Branch Oregon Stags

The steamer Westport will leave Wilson & Fisher's dock at 7 A. M., August 6th, Eighteen-hundred-and-fifty-two, for Ilwaco where a Grand Banquet will be held, according to Sec. 2, Art. 2 of the Constitution and By-laws. No females will be permitted to take part in this excursion. All Stags will not fail to be on hand for a good time is guaranteed. Fare for round trip \$1. J. C. ROSS, F. E. TURNER, Secretary, President.

TO BUILDERS. PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 12 o'clock, noon, Tuesday, August 8th, for the construction of a two-story dwelling house on the lot north-west corner of Main and Jefferson streets. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of—

Ladies' Fair. THE LADIES OF ASTORIA WILL HOLD their annual Fair in aid of St. Mary's Hospital, at Liberty Hall, commencing Friday, the 28th inst., at 7 P. M., and continuing to Saturday, August the 30th, Sundays excepted.

NET FOUND. ON THE MORNING OF THE 28TH ABOUT 81 fathoms of net, no marks. Owner can apply to Mr. Frank Sweet, Bay View station, Clatsop, prove property and pay charges. J. J. STOKES.

NET LOST. ON THE NIGHT OF THE 24TH, BETWEEN SUNG Island and Tongue Point, about 150 fathoms, 40-mesh net, marked No. 40, 11 and 12 ply. Some corks marked W. L. P. Co. Give information to E. Ostrand, Jackson & Myers Station at Tongue Point. J. J. STOKES.

NET LOST. ON THE NIGHT OF THE 25TH, BETWEEN SUNG Island and Tongue Point, about 150 fathoms, 40-mesh net, marked No. 40, 11 and 12 ply. Some corks marked W. L. P. Co. Give information to E. Ostrand, Jackson & Myers Station at Tongue Point. J. J. STOKES.

NET LOST. ABOUT 125 FATHOMS 40 MESH DEEP, between Barney Point and Knappaud, on July 28th. No marks. The fishery is reported by bringing or notifying the owners at Booth's cannery. O. JOHNSON.

NET LOST. ABOUT 60 FATHOMS LONG, 45 MESHES deep. Buoys marked S. E. Owner can have same by proving property and paying charges. Apply at Booth's Cannery, or at the station at Sand Island. O. P. JOHANSEN.

NOTICE. WILLIAM WIGGINS HAS DEFRAUD- ed me and others in this city, by leaving us without notice and without paying what he owes us. All persons having business with him should be on their guard. L. J. ARVOLD.

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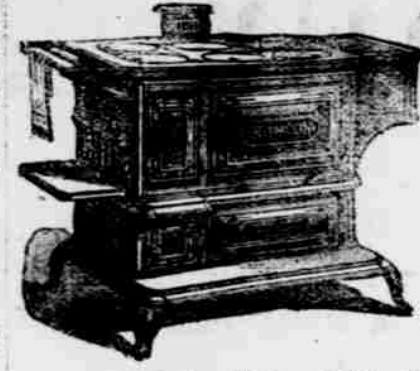
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Dissolution Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE partnership heretofore existing between Chas. Stevens and R. F. Stevens, of this city, under the firm name of Chas. Stevens & Son, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All outstanding liabilities are to be settled by the old firm, to whom all indebtedness should be paid. CHAS. STEVENS, R. F. STEVENS.

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Dairy Farm for Sale. I am instructed by Mr. G. W. Colquhoun, to offer for sale his highly-located farm.

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Finest Vegetable Garden on the Plains. And several bearing fruit trees. Ranch is protected by rising ground and timber between it and the ocean, from all heavy winds and storms.

House containing 7 Rooms. Store-room, talk-room, barn, stable, wagon shed, etc. This valuable farm is situated 1/2 miles south from Point Adams Light House, and if applied for soon will be sold at a very low figure. Mr. Colquhoun being old and desirous of retiring from labor. If not sold at private sale before the first of August, the whole property will be disposed of at Public Auction.

Title indisputable. For further particulars enquire of E. C. HOLDEN, Real Estate Agent.

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OF CLOTHING

AT BANKRUPT PRICES

By order of Creditors.

NOTICE. To save expense, we hereby notify all persons indebted to the California Store, that a speedy settlement is necessary. Action will be taken to collect same 30 days from date of this notice. By order of Creditors. Astoria, Oregon, July 25th, 1882.

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