

Yaquina bay is full of herring.

—Special council meeting to-night.

—Capt. A. J. Watson has bought the *Ouz*.

—The Portland police made 500 arrests in April.

—Dr. York will lecture here next Saturday and Sunday.

—The *State* is due this morning with the usual large passenger list.

—Tobacco and cigar dealers were busy yesterday certifying to their rates.

—Four hundred thousand railroad ties will be sent on Rogue river this season.

—W. L. McCabe is among the passengers on the incoming steamer this morning.

—Attention is directed to the adv. of B. B. Franklin who has a large stock of wall paper.

—Rev. T. W. Walters and family leave this morning for Colfax, W. T., where Mr. W. has accepted a pastorate.

—Geo. T. Myers gives notice of interest to fishermen in another column.

—The new tug now being built at North Bend is on the model of the *Fearless*, and will be used on Gray's harbor.

—The *Standard* is greatly enlarged and improved and doesn't seem at all inflated over it. Success to the enterprise.

—Capt. W. A. Elderkin has resumed command as chief commissary of subsistence of the department of the Columbia, vice Capt. S. T. Cushing who goes to Washington.

—R. C. Templeman of New York, the timber expert, who has been making an examination of the timber lands between this city and Astoria is stopping at the St. Charles. —*N. Cos.*

—Next Saturday evening our citizens will have the pleasure of seeing Leo's Ideal Pleasure Party, at Occidental hall. Reserved seats at Straus's New York Novelty store. See adv.

—Never in the history of Astoria has there been such activity in the matter of building as this season presents. New streets, new houses, improvements of all kinds greet the eye in every direction.

—The *Statesman* discourages the idea of building a railroad from Astoria to that city. It might interfere with some little game at the Capital, but the road will be built all the same.

—D. H. Gatchell and others, of the Coquille Packing company, have chartered the *Ouz* to take their passengers and freight to the Coquille. The vessel will start to-day or tomorrow.

—A fire in East Portland yesterday morning burned a block corner L and Water streets, "illuminating the river front for two miles up and down, and colored the eastern sky from horizon to zenith."

—D. E. Bushnell D. D., of San Jose, Cal., will deliver a lecture in the Baptist church of this city on Friday evening, May 4, for the benefit of the Baptist Sunday school. Subject "Roughing it in the Ministry."

—Isaac Brandt, of Des Moines, Iowa, W. E. Dean, of St. Paul, Minn., and John Kelly, of Lane Co., are the commissioners appointed to examine the last twenty-five miles of the N. P. R. R. They leave for the front this week.

—There will be a sociable at the house of Mrs. Dr. Trenchard this evening under the auspices of the Ladies Guild of Grace church. All the members and friends of the church are earnestly invited to be present.

—From the Port Townsend *Argus* we learn that the Wyman's are playing at that place. It speaks of them as being "first-class artists." We have a little remembrance in our desk of these "artists" that is for sale at a heavy discount.

—The fleet that is about due comprises the *Glenberic* from Liverpool, the *Ryonic*, loaded with tin plate from the same port; the *Tiana*, *Western Belle*, and *C. S. Hulbert*, from New York. The last named vessel is out six months to-day.

—The work of removing the old buildings preparatory to the erection of a substantial edifice on the southwest corner of Main and Chenamus street continues. The New York Novelty store will temporarily remove to the building next door to N. Loeb's clothing store.

—Willie Warren will ride his bicycle at the skating rink to-morrow evening.

—Hot Cakes and Coffee at Frank Fabre's to-day.

Board of Pilot Commissioners.

The semi-annual meeting of the board of pilot commissioners for Oregon, was held at the Occident hotel yesterday. Present J. A. Brown, president, N. Ingersoll, J. H. D. Gray and R. H. Buddy, Sec'y.

The board visited Astoria and crossed out over the bar, and returning visited Point Canby. Pilot schooner J. C. Cousins was at sea and several of her pilots being found on shore; her service being in our estimation insufficiently carried out, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, Columbia river bar pilots holding branches from this board having absented themselves from sailing schooner, contrary to Oregon pilot laws, section 21, therefore be it resolved that such absentees be notified by the secretary that unless they go on board their schooner and exercise their calling from on board her that their branches will be revoked at once.

The application of H. A. Snow was temporarily referred.

Application of H. A. Richardson was considered and the secretary instructed to inform him that at any time he appears before the board at their office in Portland, he will be examined as to his qualifications for a Columbia river bar pilot.

Moved and seconded that the board adjourn. R. H. BUDDY, Sec'y.

—Orders have been received from Washington discontinuing all telegraph weather reports between the different signal service stations located on the Pacific coast, on and after May 1st, so that from now on we will have to take the weather as it comes.

—Young McMahon, who shot and killed his father about a week ago on Wegner creek, in Jackson county, and who gave bail in the sum of \$500 for his appearance before the next grand jury to answer to the crime of parricide, has left his home, and it is the general supposition that he does not intend to return.

—Gov. Neil, of Idaho Territory, offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest and delivery of T. F. Cottner, who shot and killed V. W. Coffin on the 18th day of April, near Dry Buck in Boise county of that territory. In addition to this \$1000 is offered for his arrest and delivery dead or alive to the sheriff of Ada county.

—In view of the reduction of tax on tobacco, which went into effect yesterday, a circular has been issued by the treasury department requiring that inventories of stock on which rebates are to be claimed shall be made on that date. The tax on tobacco will be 8 cents instead of 16 cents per pound; cigars \$3 per \$100, instead of \$6.

—In the police court yesterday, Sydney Thirkle and F. DeLosa, charged with resisting an officer were each fined \$100. They furnished bonds and gave notice of appeal.

—Mrs. Nichols was fined \$20 for disorderly conduct. The case of A. H. Spayth on the charge of soliciting custom as a hotel runner without a license, was dismissed.

—Mrs. Lydia E. Bowlby died at her residence in Forest Grove last Friday in the seventy-third year of her age. Deceased was an old and respected resident of Washington county, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. Her son, Hon. J. Q. A. Bowlby, of this city arrived home yesterday from the family residence whether he had been to attend the last sad rites that marked the close of a long and useful life.

—The pronunciation of Mr. Villard's name is now a question which agitates the northwest. The *Olympia Transcript* says that he "told the students of Oregon University that he pronounced his name 'Villar' minus the 'd.'" Well that's all right. It is one of the proudest prerogatives and most inalienable rights of an American citizen to spell and pronounce his patronymic as best suits his own individual pleasure. He whom we call Villard would by any other name be as potent to build the road from Astoria to Forest Grove.

—The good people of Umatilla are shearing their sheep. When one sits quietly down in some sunny corner and gets to thinking it is borne in upon him that our state is an empire of wonderful resources. Her rivers yield the finest salmon; her fertile valleys, the choicest wheat; her inexhaustible forests, the finest lumber; her mines yield coal and iron, two of the world's great factors, in addition to gold, silver and nickel; and her people, all of whom we are collectively which, constitute as prosperous a commonwealth as is to be found in the Union. THE WEEKLY ASTORIAN, will, in the meantime, be sent to any address in the United States, post paid, for two dollars a year, in advance.

—Delicious Ice Cream at Frank Fabre's.

—I. J. Arnold will leave for San Francisco on next Sunday's steamer. He will while in the city execute any order in his line entrusted to him.

—J. W. Bottom has purchased the stock formerly owned by H. P. Chadbourne, and has a good assortment of oil cloth on hand.

—Sattins, all shades, at 50 cents, at Sheriff O'Neil's Bankrupt Store.

Common Sense.

It is a well-established principle says an exchange, that the people make the place, not its facilities for business. It is true that an energetic and prosperous people may be kept back for a lack of natural advantages, but this is not often the case. A thousand towns are kept in check by the greed and lack of public spirit of the people, where one is kept down by the location. Push and energy overcome all obstacles. Greed and want of energy will kill the most promising locality. So a village is to be just what its citizens make it. If its land owners hold its lots so high that manufacturers are kept out, this will act as a weight to keep it down. If the citizens prefer to patronize the merchants and mechanics of other places, that helps to keep the place down. What is wanted is for the people to be united as far as public good is concerned. Patronize each other as far as possible, any new enterprise, especially manufactures. Give a warm greeting to any new settler, and give aid so far as may be in everything that shall tend to the public good. If this policy is pursued a village will rapidly grow and become a thrifty and prosperous town. If, on the contrary, the people refuse aid to every enterprise unless they are to get a big slice of the profit, look upon every new arrival as a pig-on to be plucked, and patronize their neighbors only when they cannot do as well or better some where else, a place will then grow slowly, if at all; its natural advantages will go to waste, and count as nothing in the question of prosperity.

REVOLUTION!

A complete Revolution has been inaugurated in the Prices of Goods since the advent of

Sheriff O'Neil's Bankrupt Store.

We sell goods at their Real Value. We charge no fancy prices such as the people of Astoria have had imposed upon them before our arrival.

Demoralized the Merchants.

We feel confident that we have

BENEFITTED THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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Better than Our Utmost Expectations.

New Shapes and Styles in MILLINERY
Bargains in DRESS GOODS, FANCY GOODS,

Domestic, Gents' and Boys' Clothing, and Furnishing Goods, Cloaks, Dresses, and Dolmans, at

Sheriff O'Neil's Bankrupt Store, ISAACS & SUMMERFIELD.

Corner Concomly and Main Streets, ASTORIA, OREGON

Sport in Walla Walla.

"A disgraceful affair occurred on Main street Saturday afternoon, which provoked much comment and demonstrated that this town could be easily run by drunken ruffians were it not for the efforts of two or three determined citizens. Saturday Hank Vaughn and several of his herdsmen came into the city from the reservation with a sack of \$20 gold pieces, amounting to \$9,000, which they were slinging around among the various saloons with a prodigious hand. By 6 o'clock the party was in a state of reckless inebriety, and with swearing, shouting and running horses through the streets, soon attracted a crowd and blocked the street. Officer Ames endeavored to keep the party within bounds with admonition to be quiet, but one of the men, who afterwards gave his name as McElraith, applied a vile epithet to the officer, and defied him to do his worst. Mr. Ames attempted to make the arrest but was hindered in every way by the "cow-boys," who caught hold of McElraith and kept him in the saddle in spite of the efforts of Ames to unseat him. Mayor McAuliff came to the rescue of the fearless officer, who was persevering in defiance of the threats of Vaughn and his gang, and finally the arrest was made, and Vaughn deposited money for the appearance of his tough young protegee. Before Justice Whitman the trial was held, orally in the evening, and McElraith fined \$10 and costs for disturbing the peace and dignity of the city. This in the opinion of all is inadequate to the grave offense. Vaughn also should have been arrested for disturbing the peace, and both should have come up on the charge of resisting an officer in the discharge of his duty. There must be no half-way policy with regard to such characters if the good name of Walla Walla is to be taken into consideration. Strangers who were present at the fracas express themselves surprised that such proceedings should be allowed, and all were loud in their praise of the conduct of Officer Ames and Mayor McAuliff." —*Walla Walla Paper.*

Steamer Days.

Following is a resume of sailing dates for ocean steamers for May steamers leaving Astoria and San Francisco every three days:

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| FROM ASTORIA | TO SAN FRANCISCO |
| May 1 | At 10 A. M. |
| Oregon | Thursday 3 |
| Columbia | Wednesday 5 |
| Queen | Saturday 12 |
| Oregon | Tuesday 19 |
| Columbia | Monday 26 |
| Queen | Friday 2 |
| Oregon | Thursday 9 |
| Columbia | Wednesday 16 |
| Queen | Saturday 23 |
| Oregon | Friday 30 |
| Columbia | Thursday 6 |
| Queen | Wednesday 13 |

Fine Boots and Shoes

Of the best make and guaranteed quality at P. J. Goodman's. Nothing sold but what can be recommended as being a good article. Ladies' and children's shoes a specialty. New goods constantly arriving.

If You Want to see

Something really fine, call at the establishment of Ed. D. Curtis & Co., and see those beautiful Center and Corner Pieces for ceilings. They are the finest goods of the kind ever brought to Astoria. Parties contemplating house improvement will be pleased to see them. A full line of wall paper, rugs and carpets.

—Langtry plaid 75 cents, at Sheriff O'Neil's Bankrupt Store.

—Fayal hats for 25 cents, at Sheriff O'Neil's Bankrupt Store.

—The finest selection of jewelry ever seen in Astoria is now on exhibition at GUSTAV HANSEN'S. If you contemplate a purchase you will find styles and prices to suit you at the Leading Jewelry House of Astoria.

—The following Operas just received at Carl Adler's Music Store:
Olivette, Madame Favart, Claude Duval, Iolanthe, Manola, La Mascotte, Patience, Pirates of Penzance, Merry War, Barber de Seville, Day and Night, Boacchio, Parsifal, Lucia de Lammermoor.

Also a large assortment of latest Instrumental Music and Songs and Dances.

—The finest pan roast in the city. Where, oh where? At Frank Fabre's.

—Trimmed hats for \$1, at Sheriff O'Neil's Bankrupt Store.

—Go to the O. K. Lodging House corner West 9th and Water streets.

THE IXL

The Leading Dry Goods and Clothing House of Astoria.

LACE CURTAINS,

I have just received a large consignment of Lace Curtains, and Curtain Materials, in the newest designs, and would invite an inspection from intending purchasers, confident that for rarity and Low Prices NO SUCH VALUE HAS EVER BEEN OFFERED IN ASTORIA.

Silks and Dress Goods,

We are showing on our Centre Counters a collection of the most elaborate and richest Goods ever shown in this City.

AT REMARKABLE LOW PRICES.

All Silk Rhadames, Drap D'Almas
All Silk Foulards, Wool Surrahs,
All Silk Ottomans, Satin Soileils,
Etc., Etc.

CLOAKS,

We are now showing the Largest and most Elegant Line of Ladies' Cloaks and Wraps ever brought to this City.

Black Dolmans, Trimmed with Lace, Fringe, and Gimp.
Black Silk Dolmans, Lined and Trimmed with Guipure Lace and Gimp.
Fine Brocaded Satin Dolmans, Handsomely Trimmed with Chenille Fringe.
Walking Jackets, Mantles, Ulsters and Dusters.
Shetland Shawls, Evening Shawls, Wool Shawls, All Sizes and Colors.

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We are showing, without doubt, the largest, and most complete stock of Mens', Youths', and Boys' Clothing ever brought to Astoria AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES.

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REMOVAL! REMOVAL! GREAT SLAUGHTER OF GOODS!

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And in order to save the breakage and damage in moving goods we will sell our entire stock Consisting of Baby Carriages, Bird Cages, Jewelry, and Silver Ware, Clocks, Watches.

San Francisco Wholesale Prices For the Balance of this Month only.

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