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Our Southern Neighbors.

On another page will be found some reference to Tillamook county—a section of country with which Astoria should have the most intimate commercial relations. At present about all that is known of Tillamook with us is that they make excellent butter down there, and that there are plenty of clams. The facts are there is a great and growing trade, and one that should be looked after by our Astoria merchants. Tillamook has a fine area of soil that is sure to attract its share of the present great north-west immigration. Astoria is the natural market and headquarters for the country from Yaquina to the Sound. Every day men from Tillamook go "over the mountains" by way of Yamhill to Portland, and even past Astoria to Portland to buy goods. This trade by a little effort could be monopolized by Astoria. Tillamook folks are just like other folks; they'll buy in the best market for themselves, but all things being equal they would prefer to trade with Astoria. This is a matter in which Astoria should take the lead. It is worthy of attention.

Pointers.

Fifty million people in the United States to-day drink no more whisky than 25,000,000 did 30 years ago.

There are 117,000 miles of railroad in this conntry, representing a capital of $6,314,000,000, and the earnings last year were over $725,000,000.

Chemical analysis proves that while most baking powders are injurious, the really worst case of baking powder is putting dynamite into the stove to dry.

The area of Russia in Europe is nearly thirty times that of the state of New York, and the Russian army has to defend an empire of eight million square miles.

Rev. Mr. Prout, editor of a Virginia City (M. T.) religious paper, says: "Editing this paper is like trying to swing a very large cat in a very small garret without hurting the garret."

Samuel J Connor, of St. Michaels, Talbot county, Md., was recently fined $100 for selling "corn beer," which "looks like whisky, smells like whisky, and tasted like whisky, but was not whisky."

The two coats of paint on the great bridge at New York weigh 10,000 pounds, but the whole weight of steel in the air is 14,680 tons, and the load it is expected always to be carrying is 3,100 tons more, making 17,780 tons.

"It is said that the greatest dread of a gambler is that he will be paralyzed." and one of the times when he is "paralyzed" is whe he bets $1,000 on four kings and an ace and the other fellow throws down four aces and a king.

The *Examiner* says that Blaine is not as entirely out of politics as his enemies wish he was; that there are Republicans who will give heavy odds that he will have more than half the delegates in the next National convention of his party.

The bureau of statistics has issued an estimate of the probable exports for the fiscal year, placing the amount at from $660,000,000 to $675,000,000 in excess of last year's value, which was $750,000,000. This would indicate the largest exports ever known except in 1880-81.

The sum of $5,000, which might profitably be multiplied ten times, has been offered by M. Paul to the French Academy of Medicine, to found a prize for the discovery of a cure for diphtheria. The competition is to be open to the world, and not confined to the medical fraternity.

It is stated that the superintendent of the Pittsburg public schools advocates the daily reading of newspapers by the pupils. In a recent convention of Pennsylvania teachers that gentleman opposed the use of any and all spelling books, contending that a word standing by itself was dead, while in a sentence it had life.

Every true Confucian, says the *North China Herald*, is an agnostic. He believes only in the seen; the unseen he regards as unknown and unknowable. As an agnostic the Confucianist is tolerant of other creeds. He goes even farther, and will admit that for the ignorant multitude, and especially for women, an apparatus of gods and demons is necessary. He does not care, therefore, to proclaim his skepticism, still less to actively propagate it. His creed is only for the wise; the masses are better as they are. He will subscribe to the temples and take part in idolatrous ceremonies. To the common people Confucian agnosticism has never been very satisfactory. But the agnostic philosophy has not been without its influence on the masses. There is but little religious fervor, and scarcely any deep faith. The people will ridicule their own gods, laugh at their own worship, and freely criticise all the creeds. Speak to any Chinese, no matter what his rank, about the future life, and his reply is almost certain to be, "Who knows anything about it?" and is likely enough to add, "Eating and drinking are realities," implying that all else is doubtful.

BORN.

In Astoria, on the 10th inst., to the wife of A. M. Johnson, a girl.

MARRIED.

In Fort Canby, W. T., June 11, 1883, by Rev. Winfield Scott, D. D., Chaplain U. S. A., Mr. Gust Sandy and Miss Margaretta Harthman.

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