

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1883

Half Truth—Half Lie.

By chartering deep sea-going vessels to carry rails and other material to Tacoma, for \$2.50 per ton less than the same could be sent to Portland, the Northern Pacific practically demonstrated that Puget Sound is the favorite and consequently the cheapest route.—Walla Walla Union.

ALL newspapers have a standard of justice, and it is common to all acknowledge error when corrected. The Union when it made that statement some time ago was shown its error by THE ASTORIAN, and since then it has maintained silence on a subject of which it is obviously forgetful. The pitiful plea of ignorance will not avail the Union for it has been informed as to the facts in the case. At the time to which it refers, the N. P. R. R. Co., had some large vessels lying at Tacoma, where they had discharged railroad iron, and were obliged to take such rates as they could get. They were given no opportunity of naming a rate in the Columbia.

The assumption that ships entering the Columbia must go to Portland is another crooked part of the Union's argument; this, too, has been answered in THE ASTORIAN. It is sufficient to say that the captain of the last vessel to sail from here for U. K., said it cost him \$2,000 less in entire charges to load AT ASTORIA than at any other Pacific coast port that he had ever been, and that all his port charges would not exceed \$3,000.

It is not necessary to make exclusive mention of Portland in arguments concerning Columbia commerce. Will the Union for once exercise its conscience, just to keep it from getting rusty, and acknowledge its injustice in suppressing facts and coloring statements to the disadvantage of the seaport of Oregon?

THE N. Y. Times says: The Presidential insect is buzzing again under the hat of Hon. Stephen S. Field, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, who has already blown one gentle blast out of his trumpet. No one would blow it for him. For months he has been forced to hear praises of McDonald, the old ticket, Holman, and other Democrats of more or less eminence, but never has the name of Field fallen upon his longing ear. From his lofty and secluded station on the Supreme bench, he has scanned the country from ocean to ocean, and from the lakes to the Gulf for some signs of popular demand for Field, but no sign has gladdened his eye. "Can it be," he has cried, "that they have forgotten me? I must remind them that I still live and still long to move from Capitol Hill to the White House. I will write a letter to a friend." Judge Field remembers that nearly all the sixty-five votes cast for him at Cincinnati came from the south, and therefore he tells his intelligent friend how he longs to do something for that part of the country. The tone of his letter leads one to suppose that he regards the north and south as still warring against each other, and in sore need of a peacemaker. It is a melancholy spectacle—a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, who has had this high judicial office for twenty years, throwing aside his robe and bargaining for the favors of politicians.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., known as the Magic City, has had a growth not less remarkable than that of some of the famous western towns. In 1873 it was a ragged village of 2,500 inhabitants. In that year it was nearly depopulated by a cholera epidemic. An era of railroad building set in in the state, and the intersection of two lines there brought Birmingham's population up to 4,000 in 1880. A census just completed gives the city in 1883, 11,348 inhabitants. The assessed value of property has increased in three years from \$3,000,000 to \$8,300,000. The growth of the town is due to the development of the iron mines in the vicinity.

A STEAMBOAT made almost entirely of paper is about to be launched on the Ohio river. It is twenty feet long and can carry several tons. The sheathing is of solid paper three-eighths of an inch thick.

A WASHINGTON dispatch of the 13th says: The commissioner of the general land office said to-day, in reply to inquiries with regard to timber land frauds discovered in California. "I have had knowledge of these operations for some time, and have had agents out there making an investigation. In consequence of reports received from them I have suspended action upon all timber land cases in California, Oregon and Washington territory. Persons interested are not getting any patents, and they will not get any until I am satisfied as to the honesty of their entries." In explanation of the nature of their illegal operations Commissioner McFarland said: "Congress, by special act, provided for the sale to individuals of separate tracts of timber land in California, Oregon and Washington Territory. In the procurement by one person of a large number of such tracts through cooperation with others, who purchased them only to transfer them to him, is a clear violation of the spirit of the law."

THE commissioner of the general land office has prepared a statement showing the number of original homesteads entered in the several states and territories since the passage of the homestead act, May 20, 1862, to June 20, 1883. The grand total of homesteads taken in this time is 608,632, of which 13,299 were in Oregon. The greatest number of homesteads were entered in Kansas, while the next largest were entered in Dakota, next in Minnesota. The smallest number was entered in Indiana. The first three homesteads were entered in Illinois in 1862. In 1878 46 homesteads were entered in the same state. The number of homesteads entered in Dakota gradually and rapidly increased from 75 in 1863 to 2,201 during the fiscal year ended June, 1883, the largest number of homesteads entered by any state or territory. During the last fiscal year 1589 homesteads were entered in Oregon.

THE Times-Democrat of New Orleans publishes interviews with Governors of many southern states upon the prosperity and advancement of their respective commonwealths, from which it appears that Alabama's cotton mills paid 15 per cent. dividends last year, her iron mills are wonderfully productive, and her tax rate has been reduced; that Georgia is adding 150,000 spindles to its cotton mills each year; that Mississippi is rapidly adding to its mileage of railroads; that Tennessee is making great strides since the state debt settlement; that Florida is reclaiming vast tracts of wild lands and filling up with settlers; that Louisiana's crops last year were the biggest ever gathered there; and that Texas has 37,000,000 acres of land to convert into a school fund, so that every child within her borders, white and black, can be educated without cost to the people.

THE secretary of the interior, in a decision just rendered, holds that pre-emption settlement initiated and filed in good faith is a bar to a timber entry under the verdict of June 3, 1878, for the disposal of timber lands in certain states and in Washington territory. He holds that where a settler alleges that he has filled his declaration of intention to become a citizen, and fails for the time to secure record evidence of the fact, such evidence when procured may be filed at any time before a general disposition of the land, and when filed is conclusive as to his qualifications as a pre-emptor with respect to citizenship.

WITH the last issue of the N. Y. Sun, comes a fac simile of that journal's first number, bearing date Sept. 3, 1833. It is a little sheet about one-fourth the size of THE DAILY ASTORIAN, and is in striking contrast to its sturdy successor of to-day. The New York of that day contained a quarter of a million of inhabitants.

ST. PAUL, Minn., now claims, on the basis of its new directory, a population of 88,378. In 1838 the total population counted but 3 souls, and in 1850 it was but 840.

OUR foreign trade is next to that of Great Britain. It might be larger were it not for the fact that London is the clearing house of the commercial world.

A LATE Panama report says that over ten thousand workmen are employed on the Isthmus canal, most of whom are from Jamaica. All but two contractors have begun operations, and there is a prospect of completing the cut in five years.

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In Astoria, Sept. 12, to the wife of A. V. Allen, a son.

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E. C. HOLDSBY, Secretary.

FOR TILLAMOOK.

THE

Str. GEN. MILES

Leaves Astoria for Tillamook, on

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19, 1883.

At 6 o'clock A. M.

Returning, will leave Garibaldi at 1 P. M.

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Water Street Assessment.

NOTICE is hereby given that the assessment made by ordinance No. 548 of the City of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, and which ordinance passed the Common Council of said city on the 28th day of August, 1883, and was approved on the 1st day of September, 1883, for the proposed improvement of Water street, in the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John M. Shabron from the West side of West 6th street to the West end of said Water street in the manner provided by ordinance No. 534 of the City of Astoria, and which ordinance passed the Common Council on the 24th day of July, 1883, and was approved on the 28th day of July, 1883, on each of the following described lots fronting on said portion of said street is now payable at the office of the City Treasurer in U. S. gold and silver coin, and unless paid within five days from the expiration of this notice, viz: Friday, September 21, 1883, the Common Council will issue warrants for the collection thereof. The assessment is as follows:

Name of Owner of Lot.	Assessment.
James Taylor	50 5 180 88
W P Kinner	4 1 78 28
A C Kinner	4 1 63 38
Mrs F W Wood	4 1 74 28
H B Parker and W W Parker	1 114 00
James W Welch and J H Welch	6 8 29 00
James W Welch and D H Welch	5 50 00
J W White	3 29 00
J W White	2 29 00
J W White	1 29 00
Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., payee	34 6 9 29 00
Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., payee	30 4 38 00
Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., payee	50 3 36 00
Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., payee	2 29 00
Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., payee	1 29 00
A C Kinner	35 3 126 70
A C Kinner	30 72 00
A C Kinner	1 107 00
James Taylor	5 135 6 00
L K G Smith	4 113 91
Mrs L W Wood	113 91
Mrs S F Wood	2 113 91
James W Welch, Mrs S F Wood, John W Welch, D H Welch and Mrs M I Herren	1 113 91
W W Parker and George W Parker	6 134 40 00
J W White	4 74 69
J W White	3 74 69
J W White	2 74 69
J W White	1 74 69
Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., payee	6 153 74 69
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CITY OF ASTORIA.

Crossing of Water and West 9th Streets. \$ 19 00

Crossing of Water and West 7th Streets. 200 00

By order of the Common Council,

T. S. JEWETT,

Auditor and Clerk.

Astoria, September 4th, 1883.

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