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Around the City.

The Columbia is due to-morrow. Divine services in all the city churches to-day.

The Oregon Pioneer excursionists are dropping back. The City of Salem comes down to-day in place of the Fleetwood.

The Queen arrived down yesterday afternoon and leaves out this morning. J. M. Shively returned on the Queen yesterday from an extended eastern trip.

The Montebello Queen, being the place of the fleet while the latter is being repaired.

It is suggested that Astoria needs a branch society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

The clouds hung low yesterday, and the greater portion of the day a drizzling rain was falling.

Charley Brown is in the city. He reports back hunting at Tillamook. Whether he returns next week.

At the Presbyterian Church the pastor will deliver a discourse on "Life and Work of Martin Luther," at 11 a. m.

Goehe says in this life one must be an avul or hammer. In the blacksmithy of life some act the part of a bellows.

Logging camps in this vicinity are closing down generally. The past season has been, on the whole, a successful one.

There will be a meeting of the Astoria Musical society at the Congregational church at 7:30 o'clock to-morrow evening.

There will be a divine service on board the ship Helicon, lying at Kinney's dock at 4 p. m. Rev. J. M. McCormack officiating.

Rev. H. Schieff of the German Reformed church will hold divine service in the Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Messrs. Ward and McGarron yesterday paid the fine imposed upon them in the case of Friday and were released from custody.

Rev. R. S. MacLafferty, at the Baptist Church, commences a second series of lectures to-night. First subject—"Temperance."

The steamer Sisu brought up an assorted cargo yesterday. The second cargo, barrels, pork and ropes and rigging from the wrecked Catalina.

Now that the long winter evenings are coming, would it not be in order for some one or two of our churches to get up a course of lectures such as we had two years ago?

One of the hands on a two masted wood saw, who has been at a Washington Territory camp meeting quit work some time ago. He says "no man can serve two masters."

The Isle of Angles cleared for Queenstown yesterday, with 41,115 lbs. wheat, worth \$41,337. The freight on the cargo she carries across the ocean 74,293 lbs. wheat, worth \$73,280.

Street work is about closed for the season. There has been more done in the matter of street improvements in Astoria during the last six months than for any corresponding period in the history of the city.

There is a joke afloat concerning a prominent resident of the second ward who spent a half a day last week trying to get his stove pipe in proper shape, and being unsuccessful, sequestered himself from society by going to bed—presumably to get warm.

Goon Pauses.—The sale at the sight of the Astoria box factory by E. C. Holden at upper town yesterday brought fair prices. The property, a water frontage of 200 feet, comprising lots 5 and 6, and the east fifty feet of lot 7, block 1, Astoria, was bought by Mrs. McGregor for \$4,750. The machinery was sold for \$1,119. It is reported that the mill will be rebuilt.

Can't stand it.—Of all the awards announced by the International Fisheries Exhibition not one was given to a resident of the Pacific coast.—Chronicle.

Our Astoria men packers can't stand it. Wm. Hume, the pioneer at Eagle Cliff got a gold medal. J. G. Megler & Co., of Brookfield, a silver medal, and others along the river also substantial recognition of merit from their trans-Atlantic cousins.

PHIL GALL.—Besser has paralyzed the Portlandites with an exhibition of colossal check. Last Friday evening a committee of investigation met to inquire into the charges preferred against Mayor Chapman, and the famous "contract" was produced. Under the pretense of recognizing the signature, one of the conchologists handed the document to Besser, who coolly pocketed the paper and walked off.

How to Get Cash.—Hon. M. C. George yesterday received a dispatch from S. F. Baird, government fish commissioner at Washington, as follows: "A car-load of carp on the way to Portland. There will be quite a surplus for new applicants. Anyone wishing to obtain carp for stocking ponds may make application to George H. Moore, Portland, Oregon." Mr. Moore is supposed to be the man who is in charge of the carp, and will get letters addressed to this city.—Oregonian, 10.

Kerosene.—It is a simple matter to test kerosene oil. The point of danger is called the flashing point, which is the degree of temperature at which it is evaporized and explodes. The lowest safe point is 100 degrees; 120 degrees is low enough for domestic use. To make the test, pour a small quantity of kerosene in a small saucer or tin vessel and float it in a basin of water heated to 100 degrees. Apply a lighted match an inch or so above the oil and if it takes fire it is dangerous. Have a thermometer in the water and note the temperature as it falls and the lowest point of flashing is easily ascertained, or the water may be gradually heated by adding boiling water from 80 degrees up and the flashing point found.

A Juicy Beefsteak cooked to perfection is what you can get at Frank Fabre's.

Corsets and Underwear. All the latest makes and styles of corsets and ladies underwear at Prael Bros' Empire store.

Notice to the Ladies. Switches made from combings or cut hair; new switches made to order from the best imported hair, in any shade desired. Old switches repaired. All work warranted. Rates reasonable. Call or address: UNLASHART & SCHNEIDER, Occident hair dressing saloon, Astoria, Oregon.

At the Empire Store. You will find the finest laces and embroideries, of richest quality.

They All Read It.

During the progress of a murder trial in the circuit court at the January term in this city, considerable difficulty was occasioned in the matter of getting a jury. One hundred and one men were summoned from different parts of the county, and as each one was asked the question, "Have you heard or read any account of this matter?" the general reply was "Yes; I read the report in THE ASTORIAN at the time." District Attorney McBride is our authority for the statement that out of 101 men he asked 98 said that they read THE ASTORIAN. This shows that the people of Clatsop county are a reading people! It also shows that they support their home paper. From the way subscriptions have been coming in since the first of the month we are inclined to believe that everyone is determined to have THE ASTORIAN if procurable. Well, let these now read who never read before, and those who always read now read the more.

To our merchants whose names in our advertising columns are conspicuous by their absence, THE ASTORIAN respectfully suggests that an advertisement is of value to them in proportion to the amount of readers a newspaper possesses. We intend to keep on improving our paper just as fast as we can. THE ASTORIAN now reaches three times the number of readers it did when we took charge a little over two years ago.

Scarcity of Good Help.

"Do you know where I can get a good place to board?" "Board? You? I thought you were just settled. What would you do with your home?" "Rent it, furniture and all. I can't get help." "An old story, the secret of broken homes with a hostess for kitchen and dining-room, a domestic in his tastes, and she, like hundreds of other women in the city, is compelled to seek a home in the unpromising precincts of a private boarding-house because she is in poor health and good help cannot be found. There are plenty of "ladies wanting employment," but very few women wanting work. Good Chinamen are unquestionably harder to secure than good girls. A short time ago I was amazed at the price demanded by a hostess for kitchen and dining-room, work only. Little by little I had acceded to his demands that his duties be curtailed, until in disgust I said to him, "Styph all time no washes clothes, no washes dishes, no cook, no sweep, no make beds, no work, how much?" After a moment's meditation, he answered me, "Four dollars a week, one week." If Mr. Villard had added a pound of servant girls to his excursion train, then we would have pronounced "It's a cinch," in the New York Herald.

Manacle Grips.

A brother who does a good deal of traveling and likes to "get acquainted with his goods" says there are six kinds of Manacle grips and that he has felt them all. He humorously classifies them in this way:—

First.—The penitentiary shake, where the parties move their locked hands right and left, illustrating the jewel of the Senatorial Union.

Second.—The map-handshake, where the motion simulates the emblem of the Junior Warden. Now if a Mason who is accustomed to No. 1 grapples with a Mason who has been used to No. 2, there will be trouble sure.

Third.—The tourniquet shake, where you squeeze the right hand until the sound of cracking follows, that denotes a weakness in the ossification of your opponent.

Fourth.—The melancholy shake, which is a penning, tranquil motion, suggesting liver complaint and dyspepsia.

Fifth.—The effeminate shake, which only reaches to the fingers, sometimes only to the forefinger, and makes you think of your maiden aunt. There is also the avial shake, the grip-royal, the malicious shake, etc.

Sixth.—The corial shake, which is a hearty agitation of hands accompanied by kindly greetings and a certain thrill, affecting most pleasantly all the nerves, alleviating the heart.

Alaska Curioities.

At the office of the Astoria Packing company is a collection of goods which is of interest in illustrating the character of the country and its aborigines. Some fine skins claim attention, notably those of the sea otter. Mr. Kinney has some of these which are worth \$50 apiece, and are as fine specimens of that valuable fur as are procurable. The red and silver gray fox skins are also of value. Wolfskins, mink, mountain sheep and white rabbits also yield their fleeces to swell the pile of costly furs. Some idea of the possible traffic may be had from the statement that over \$100,000 worth of skins annually pass through the one station of Chilkat.

Indian handiwork is also in abundance. Rude carvings, deftly-made, mosses, bead-trimmed and worn; baskets made of cunningly-woven grass, bottles covered with bright wicker work, fur money purses, quaintly formed bows and arrows, etc., are among the odds, which is a curious and valuable one.

Retrayed by a Balance. "I can't make my cash balance," reported the bookkeeper to the senior member of a five-year-old concern. "Which way is it?" "Overs." "How much?" "Forty-five dollars."

"Correct you are, my boy. You take five and give me forty; you see my life came in here this morning and I dumped what money I had in my pockets into the cash drawer. Then I turned the pockets inside out and told her I had a cent, that the money in the drawer was a part of a sum to pay a note and that you had gone out to borrow enough to make up the note. You take the five I say, and don't mention it."

Fine Dress Goods.

A splendid line of ladies dress goods is being displayed at the Empire store.

Hosiery, Hosiery, Hosiery!

The latest novelties in ladies and childrens hosiery at Prael Bros'.

B. F. Stevens & Co.

Are offering extra inducements to any one in need of a Piano, or Organ.

Fragrant Coffee

To cheer and comfort, at Frank Fabre's, at his old stand.

When You Come to Astoria

and want a nice pan roast, go to Frank Fabre's, at his old stand.

Frank Fabre's Hotel.

Frank Fabre has the finest accommodations for lodgers to be found in Astoria, over his restaurant in Kinsey's building. Everything is neat and clean and the beds are new, soft and comfortable. If you want good board and lodging go to Frank Fabre's.

Oysters, Oysters, Oysters.

at the Astoria Oyster depot; a stew, fry, pan roast, or raw at Frank Fabre's.

For a Neat Fitting Boot

Or Shoe, go to P. J. Goodmans, on Chenamus street, next door to L. W. Case. All goods of the best make and guaranteed quality. A full stock; new goods constantly arriving. Custom work.

Guard and protect your health.

make use of that true and efficient tonic medicine, Brown's Iron Bitters.

SOME BIG THREE-MASTERS.

Bigger Than Many Square-Rigged Vessels.

On the Atlantic side big schooners with three masts are becoming the fashion. Except for round-the-world voyages the schooner as now built is the most economical vessel afloat. She costs less to build, because there are no yards to make and rig. The masts cost less. A smaller crew can handle her with equal safety. When a ship is going about from one trade to another, the wind-swinging masts and sheets and bracing around the yards and getting everything snug again, it is a job that is performed when the vessel is called, so that the rigging has a chance at the sport. Besides, the ship when in stays often loses her head-way and drifts astern part of the time. But when a schooner is beating to windward the helm is put down by the man at the wheel. She comes up with her canvas shaking fore and aft. A man shifts the topmast tack and the boom swings over, the main boom on with his hands in his pockets. Two men only are on deck. She never loses headway for an instant, but gains several lengths to windward every three miles. Once around she will run from one to two points nearer to the wind than the ship.

The schooner rig is an American invention. Capt. Andrew Robinson, of Gloucester, Mass., built the first one in 1713. It had two masts. It was a rig that came to stay. As the coasting trade increased, the large schooners were a necessity, and rigging them with loftier spars and greater spreads of canvas. They all had two masts only. About 1850 or 1856 they began to build the great mainmast with too heavy a sail for the small crew of a schooner. The schooner spread too much canvas for a gale of wind even when close reefed. So they put three masts into the schooner, making three sails out of the canvas formerly used for two.

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A SUN THAT NEVER SETS.

The poet is impressed with the fact that just when the day is closing in Astoria, the day is dawning in Maine.

How stirs my heart to think this land Bound in long day time's yellow zone, Maine and Alaska hand in hand, The self same hour beholds in one A rising and a setting sun!

It brings my fancy to the knee And kindles up my soul to see Him play upon meridian lines, That string the globe as harp are strung; To watch each fiber as it shines, And hear, distinctly as it rings, The music of the Union bug. From this celestial instrument.

Perhaps an angel choir has lost Some israfel of rarest powers To help the harper of the Lord, And grandly sing, word after word, This land is mine, its yours, is ours.

Week of Prayer.

For young men and Young Men's