

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1883 METROPOLITAN JOURNALISM.

A late issue of John Swinton's Paper has an article in which there is something said regarding daily journalism in the great cities of this country which has much truth and point. He says that one looks in vain over the daily papers of New York city, upon which so many presumably intelligent men are employed, for any information regarding the actual social movements of the times. These papers, he says, "give us chronicles of crime, records of sports and amusements displays of Wall street debauchery, the deeds of political gamblers of both parties, news of the slingers and the police, 'society' twaddle, army and navy intelligence, sketches of accidents and incidents, Washington gossip, snuff-boxes without end and daily boluses of stilted 'editorial.' Look in them for the real things of the times in New York—the struggle for life, the battle of industry and of the community with corporate or moneyed power, the invasions of public right, the alarming changes that are being wrought in society, the monstrous death-rate of the city, and the spread of all sorts of abominations that were once unknown here. Look for the warnings they ought to give, the things they ought to tell, the 'editorials' they ought to write in the interest of their readers. Where is the sound of the trumpet? Where the sound of the watchmen on the walls of the press? The worst feature of the whole business is that the obnoxious and dangerous things of the times have reached their present threatening growth under that which the press is in the habit of calling its 'watchful eye.' Worse, still, if possible, they have reached that growth with the assistance of the chief daily papers of the city."

Many long-lunged evangelists of the quill who want to make straight the way of the Lord, echo these denunciations, forgetful of the fact that the demand creates the supply and that the journals give just what their readers crave. This is true of all cities whether there be five hundred readers or five hundred thousand. No discrimination is allowed by that most merciless of critical patrons, the reading public. Take the telegraphic report which the Oregonian of this state at great expense daily lays before its readers. Does anyone suppose that that hotbed of rape, suicide, arson, incest, defilement, murder, and crime of every kind and degree represents the daily life of the American nation? Certainly not. Nor is it any more just to suppose that the proprietors of that paper want such a muck of stuff, daily dumped at their end of the telegraph wire. They have no option in the matter; they simply supply the demand of their readers that they shall breakfast on crime, dine on sensation and sup on horror. John Swinton is a clever man, but his cleverness lies more in abstract than in concrete channels. He wants to begin at the wrong end. A newspaper is the product, the outgrowth, and the exponent of the place it is published in. The fact that the Gotham journals don't publish what Swinton thinks they should is the best proof that the public don't want to know it. If any one of the New York dailies thought it could sell 10,000 extra copies, it would invade the most sacred precincts of privacy and print the result of the invasion with most startling and seductive display.

The most important state matter now demanding the attention of congress is the improvement of the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river. It is a work that requires considerable expenditure. The necessity is universally conceded. The board of visiting engineers in their report set forth what is believed to be the only adequate means of improvement—the building of a mole from Point Adams in a northwesterly direction. Dredging, or scratching is of no avail and has been abundantly proved. Our congressional delegation owe it to themselves, to the state they represent, and the commercial interests of the commonwealth to make this matter one of special showing on their part. The completion of the Northern Pacific railroad makes the improvement of the bar more than ever an imperative necessity.

The British Fair-Trade Association has again brought up the matter of imposing an import duty on all American wheat entering Great Britain. It is within the limits of possibility that their arguments may prevail. The farmers of the Northwest are already paying a high duty on English bound wheat in the high rates imposed on Oregon freights by reason of the Columbia river bar. They are heavily handicapped in the competition, and look to the United States for aid.

EVERY exchange that comes to our table, unless avowedly a monopoly organ, complains of the extortions of those whose position makes it possible and whose principles make it common. A free river is the best remedy. To have a free river it is in reason to begin at the junction of the river and the sea. A united effort on the part of those who voice the people's wishes will greatly aid in this result. It is for those who do not bow in allegiance to a one-man power to unite in showing the need of improved river navigation and press upon the attention of congress the absolute necessity of improving the Columbia river bar. Delay accomplishes nothing; lack of unity defeats any tangible result. With the coming congress lies the power; to the press of the state is rightly delegated the work of showing the urgent need of an appropriation commensurate in amount with the importance of the interests involved.

In two weeks Congress meets. To Congress the people of the Northwest look for aid in improving the Columbia river bar. The present system of freights is an onerous tax on the Oregon and Washington producer. Freights run from ten to twelve shillings higher here than in San Francisco; there should be no difference between San Francisco and the Columbia. The \$2.50 or \$3.00 a ton extra paid to take wheat from the Columbia exactly represents the tax that the northwest producers pay in the effort to make Portland a sea port. How long this shall continue depends primarily upon our national legislature.

It would seem that after all there is a good deal of economy in the wearing of a crown or a royal diadem, or something of that sort, instead of the common, ordinary, every-day head-gear that we usually appear in. For instance, the czar of Russia wears a crown that was made for some of his ancient kinfolk six hundred years ago. Of course, the first cost of those things is considerable, for diamonds come high, but then when one takes into consideration how long a good, well-made crown will last, it certainly looks as though it were cheaper to buy one, especially if it could be purchased at a bargain.

A SAN FRANCISCO special says the feeling engendered among the merchants there by the withdrawal of the Northern Pacific from the California trade assumes a ludicrous turn. A prominent firm that, prior to the final pool, championed the interests of that road, displays in a conspicuous place a boulder in the shape of an enormous egg, bearing the inscription "Northern Pacific pill; to be swallowed by Californians. Sample of Muir gull." The statement that a circular was addressed to the merchants asking them to contract with the Northern Pacific is denied.

BORN.
In Astoria, Nov. 16th, to the wife of T. H. Colbert, a son.

DIED.
In Astoria, at the residence of E. C. Holden, Frank G. Stringham, aged 33 years, late of Webster, Dakota Territory. Funeral from Masonic Hall this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Minneapolis, Minn. papers please copy.

NEW TO-DAY.
A. F. and A. M.
FUNERAL NOTICE.

ALL SOJOURNING MASTER MASONS in this city are requested to assemble at the meeting of Temple Lodge No. 7, at Masonic Hall, at 1:30 P. M. THIS DAY, to attend the funeral of our late sojourning brother, Frank G. Stringham, late of King Hill Lodge, No. 31, under jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of Minnesota. By order E. C. HOLDEN, Secretary.

Stockholders' Meeting.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Masonic Land and Building Association will be held at the office of Capt. Geo. Flavel, in Astoria, Oregon, on Wednesday, Dec. 19th, 1883, at the hour of 7 P. M. for the purpose of electing five directors and transacting such other business as may legally come before the meeting. J. W. GEARHART, Secretary.

To Rent.
HOUSE OF FIVE ROOMS, FURNISHED for sale. Apply at Astoria Office.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET.
By the Night, Day, Week or Month, WITH OR WITHOUT BOARD.

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KNOWN AS THE P. GEARHART FARM together with thirty cows, seventeen head of young cattle, one horse, one wagon and other farming implements.

Notice of Dissolution.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE partnership heretofore existing between Rudolph Barth and Michael Meyer has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Barth will continue the business in his own name and on his own account and will pay all debts and collect all accounts and notes due the firm.

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Clothing made at reasonable prices, and satisfaction guaranteed.

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MONDAY, November 19th.
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TUESDAY, November 20th.
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LOUISE TRIAL!
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SELECT MASQUERADE BALL.
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Fifth Annual Masquerade Ball.
Thursday Evening, Nov. 29th, 1883.

At the Skating Rink.
HONORARY COMMITTEE: Hon. Wm. Chance, Hon. A. J. Meager, Hon. John Hahn, Hon. J. W. Hume.

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INVITATION COMMITTEE: F. L. Parker, N. Clinton, J. Hepburn, A. A. Cleveland.

Prices of Admission.
Ladies Masters, 50
Gent Masters, 25
Ladies Spectators, 25
Gent Spectators, 10

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Representing a capital of \$67,000,000.

MEETING NOTICE.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF the stockholders of the Pythian Land and Building Association will be held in Pythian Castle, on Wednesday, December 19th, 1883, at the hour of 7 P. M.

REMOVAL.
The Astoria Passenger Line

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NOTICE.
ALL PERSONS HOLDING CLAIMS against the Astoria Box and Lumber Co. of Astoria, Oreg., are requested to present them to the President, T. F. Meade, in Astoria, and all persons indebted to the Co. will make immediate settlement.

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