

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1883. PRESENT CONDITIONS.

"Times are dull" is at present a common remark. They have been duller and doubtless will be livelier. The enforced period of dullness usual at this time of year is particularly apparent this fall and winter by contrast. The bustle consequent upon the rapid completion of the Northern Pacific railroad has subsided. The railroad is finished, and the company, instead of disbursing are collecting; in many instances there is considerable reduction of the working force. In nearly every point along the line there are fewer men working than there were three months ago. In some places work is suspended altogether. This fact, coupled with the withdrawal of considerable capital consequent upon the sudden shrinkage in railroad securities some weeks ago, is the chief cause of the general tightness as regards money matters. In Astoria the prevalent dullness is a matter of contrast. As compared with other points in the northwest our city is by no means dull; as compared with business a short time ago in this city, the present month shows a decrease. Astoria occupies in many respects a peculiar position. It is the point of entry and departure for all the travel between San Francisco and the Columbia; the population is largely transient and the industry of salmon fishing, permanent in one sense and temporary in the other, augments this feature. The style of doing business is different from the interior, and is far more satisfactory. With us the cash system or one of monthly settlements, prevails, and this is one of the best evidences of the city's prosperity. Long credits are unsatisfactory, and in the end disastrous. A little difficulty at times in making prompt settlements occasions temporary inconvenience and makes it appear as though times were indeed a little dull, but a comparison with Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, and other places results extremely favorable to our own city.

Further comparison would show as favorable. The price of real estate is a good index of any city's permanence and prosperity. While the number of transfers is not so large as in the summer months, yet the prices asked and received show no diminution in value. The value of Astoria real estate has yearly enhanced, and as the city grows, must, of necessity, continue. On the Sound property is reported to be depreciated in value, though, perhaps, to institute comparison there would be hardly just, as the figures at which real estate has been held in that and other sections for the last twelve months have been confessedly too high. Passing from the discussion of the present conditions it may be said that public action during the next twelve months will have much to do with shaping the future destiny of our city. Time was when Astoria was looked upon too much in the light of a temporary abiding place, a good place to tarry for a season and make money, but not suitable for permanent residence. That feeling has passed away with the passing of the era that produced it. It has come to be known and understood that few places in the northwest possess more attractions to the man who is desirous of acquiring an honest competence by honest means, and in the general acceptance of the term "amount to something."

Twenty years ago, says the Chicago News, Henry Villard, who was a reporter in desperate circumstances, applied to John Swinton for employment. John asked him for a specimen of his work and Henry wrote a report of a fire in the Bowery. Swinton threw it in the waste basket, gave Villard \$1 to buy his supper and a bed for the night and advised him to hire himself out as a porter to one of the commission houses in Ann street. Some weeks ago, when Swinton started his new morning daily, Villard was one of the first subscribers, sending the subscription price and a note to Mr. Swinton, and in the latter he sarcastically remarked that he had always felt under obligations to Mr. Swinton for giving him advice which he did not follow. Then Swinton wrote a sarcastic editorial about Villard alluding to him as the golden spike that had once been a bare-footed German boy. It is not known what Villard will now do in retaliation, but if he is anxious to pose as a public benefactor he will deed over to Swinton a quarter section of prairie land in the northwest corner of Dakota, where the great American socialist can spend his declining years safe from the world and the world safe from him.

In London, on the 1st, O'Donnell, on trial for the murder of Carey, was convicted and sentenced to be hanged. The prisoner maintained the utmost composure during the trial, but at the close as the officers advanced to lead him away he extended his hand aloft and shouted "Three cheers for Old Ireland! Good bye, United States! To hell with the British crown! It's a plot made up by the crown!"

WHY THE CLOCKS CHANGED. Professor of Astronomy J. K. Bees, of Columbia College, lectured before the Engineering Society of the School of Mines and invited guests recently on the subject of the proposed new time standards for the United States. He said that there was a common misapprehension in regard to clock time and sun, or actual time. Clocks do not keep pace with the sun, and there are only four times in the year—April 15th, June 14th, August 31st and December 24th—when the sun and the clocks agree. As an instance of the difference, on November 3d, the sun is at the meridian sixteen minutes and twenty seconds before the New York clock indicates noon. Local time is the keeping of accurate mean time at any given place, mean time being reckoned from a mean or second sun. Although the city hall clock and the clock on the Columbia college observatory both point to noon at the same time, there is a difference of eight seconds in the actual time of the two places. Some years ago the railroads in the United States had nearly 100 different standards of time, regulated by local times. Various plans were suggested for a more uniform system. Professor Dowd, of Saratoga, proposed four standards, taking Washington as a meridian. Then it was suggested that there should be a single standard for the whole country, but this was not found practicable. In Maine, for instance, by the single standard it would be 4 o'clock, when by the local time it ought to be six. In 1875 Professor Abbey suggested that the time be fixed for every fifteen degrees of longitude, beginning with the 75th meridian and extending to the 120th. This gives four standards of time, dividing the country into four belts of about 1,000 miles wide in this latitude. By this system the time in Maine, New York and Savannah would be the same, and in each of the other meridians or belts there would be a similar uniformity. It is this plan which has been adopted by the railroads and most of the cities of the country.

LIFE, even in Tennessee, has its attendant discomforts and annoyances. A local paper plaintively asks: "Isn't it about time for the authorities to sell the mule used to draw the town hearse and buy a horse? Twice lately he has balked and detained processions on bitter cold days for over an hour, and only last week he kicked in the front of the vehicle and seriously damaged the corpse. People are beginning to get enough of this sort of thing, and if the authorities don't take proper action a citizens' meeting will be called."

An "option" given in the time of Daniel, probably the oldest on record, has been found in a Babylonian brick, and gives the buyer, Bel-ah-iddin, and gives the privilege of taking possession of the home of Bel-rimman at any time within four years on payment of "11 manas 18 drachmas" of silver, and, with prudence worthy of Wall street, says a Chicago paper, Bel-ah-iddin gets a guarantee that Bel-rimman will contest no legal proceedings brought on the option. The gradual disuse of iron rails is shown by the fact that in the last few months this country has entirely ceased to import them from Great Britain, and that in the eight months ending in August there was a decrease in their exportation from England of 20 per cent. The steel rail exports, however, in the same length of time increased from 400,000 tons to 600,000 tons. This argues a better equipment for railroads, the sequence of which would seem to be fewer accidents.

[A Marion county man made a bet with a neighbor that he couldn't walk half a mile without looking to the right or left, and just as the man started on his walk set two dogs to fighting about half-way down the track and won his money as easily as could be. CONGRESS convened yesterday. In the House, Carlisle, of Kentucky, who had been nominated in a Democratic caucus two days before, was elected speaker. The Republicans gave Keifer the compliment of a renomination. SOJOURNER TRUTH, who died last week in Michigan, insisted to the last that she was 108 years old, and rather than have her feet bad about it everybody agreed to call it 108, though the records say 85. It is asserted that a locomotive will last thirty years if nothing happens to it. A poet will last that long, if nothing "happens to him."

DIED. In San Francisco, Dec. 1st, 1883, of heart disease, Miss Henrietta Banks, only daughter of Mrs. M. Banks, of Astoria, aged 24 years and 4 months. Portland papers please copy. NEW TO-DAY Meeting Notice. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FISHERMEN'S PACKING COMPANY will be held at the Company's office in Upper Astoria Or., on Saturday, Dec. 22nd, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. By order F. C. REED, President. FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET. AT MRS. GEO. HILLER'S, NEXT DOOR TO Weston Hotel.

NEW TO-DAY. GREAT REDUCTION. MILLINERY. MRS. A. MALCOLM'S.

TO CLOSE OUT WINTER STOCK I WILL sell for 30 days, all goods at a reduction of 20 to 50 per cent against former prices. Now is your opportunity. Ladies, to secure bargains. Look at the following Prices. Ladies' Fur Beaver Hats, now \$2.00, formerly \$2.50. Girls' Moscow Beavers, now 75 cents, formerly \$1.25. Boys' Caps, now 75c to \$1.25, formerly \$1 to \$1.50. Misses' Hoods, now \$1.75, formerly \$2.25. Infants' Hoods, now \$1, formerly \$1.50. Hosiery, now 25c, formerly 35c. Lace Collars and Fichus, now 25c to \$1.20, formerly 30c to \$2. Ladies' and Children's Linen Collars, now 15c to 25c, formerly 25c to 35c. Infants' Wool Sacques and Boots at a reduction of 40 per cent.

OCCIDENTAL HALL. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. December 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. ZAMLOCH. The Wonder Worker of the World. In his Own Original Marvels. 150. Elegant and Costly Presentation given at each Performance. In order to convince the public that our presents are the Finest Ever Given Away. In this State, Our Gifts will be on Exhibition Free at the Hall, DECEMBER 5, at 2 P. M. Admission, (including 3 Envelopes), 50c. Children, (including 1 Envelope), 25c. Reservations (including 4 Envelopes), 75c. Reserved Seats for sale at New York Novelty Store.

Foster's Exchange. GRAND OPENING THIS WEEK! Finest fitted up Billiard and Sample Rooms in the City. Everything first-class throughout. At the entrance to the O. R. & N. Dock. L. K. G. SMITH, Importer and wholesale dealer in Cigars and Tobaccos, Smokers' Articles, Playing Cards, Cutlery, Stationery, Etc. The largest and finest stock of MEER-SCHAUM and AMBER GOODS in the city. Particular attention paid to orders from the country. THOS. BRACKER, Manager. Chenamus Street, Astoria, Oregon.

BOAT BUILDING. R. M. LEATHERS. Has reopened his boat shop, over Arnold & Fischer's, foot of LaFayette street, and is prepared to turn out FIRST-CLASS BOATS. ALL WORK GUARANTEED. FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT. The splendid A 1 British Iron Ship. KILLOCHAN. Will be shortly on the berth for SALMON in lots to suit shippers. Freight and insurance apply to Messrs. BALFOUR, GUTHRIE & Co., Portland. Or to P. L. CHERRY, Astoria.

NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL whom it may concern, that the undersigned comprise the partnership firm of Sue Sine Lang & Co., doing business as importers and wholesale and retail dealers in Teas, Sugar, Rice, Chinese Provisions, etc., at the City of Astoria, Clatsop County, State of Oregon, and that no other person or persons have or own any interest whatever in said firm or the business thereof. WONG WAI. WONG MING SHUCK. Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 20th Nov. 1883.

ASSIGNEE OF T. BAILY. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will apply at the next term of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop, to be discharged from further trust as assignee of T. BAILY, Assignee. L. W. CASE, Assignee. Astoria, Ore., Nov. 26, 1883. d-4w

FOR SALE. IN LOTS TO SUIT, FROM 5 ACRES TO 40 acre tract in S. W. corner of Chas. Stevens & Co. This tract will be held at the office of N. D. Raymond, City Hall; or on the premises of O. D. Young. Astoria, Nov. 20, 1883. Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed the assignee of the firm of A. M. Johnson and Co., and all persons having claims against said firm are notified to present the same duly verified to me at my office in Astoria, Oregon, within three months from this date, October 17th, 1883. A. W. BERRY, Assignee. Notice of Dissolution. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE partnership heretofore existing between Duck Fong under the firm name and style of Lung Wing as partner in the city of Astoria, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be carried on by the new firm name of Goon Wing Co. Duck Fong will pay all the debts of Lung Wing Co. By LAM PAT, GOON WING CO. LAM DUCK Manager. STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Scandinavian Packing Co. will be held at the Company's Office, on Thursday Dec. 13, 1883, at 9 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. By order of the President. H. PLATH, Secretary. Astoria, Nov. 29, 1883. Notice to Stockholders. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pacific Union Pkg Co. will be held on Saturday Dec. 22, 1883, at their office in Astoria for the purpose of electing a board of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. J. R. GILSTRAP, J. A. CARLSON, Secy. Astoria Nov. 23, 1883.

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