

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1883.
DECLINE OF THE AMERICAN SAILOR.

Some statistics lately furnished from Washington serve to show what was already known from general observation, that the American sailor, so prominent of old in history and in fiction, is now almost extinct. There are not many American ships, to be sure, but even upon these not one in five of the seamen is American born. Nearly the same thing is true of the navy as of American merchant marine, and it plainly is not the decline of American shipping alone that is driving our countrymen from the sea. The reason of all this is not far to seek. The decline of American shipping has something to do with it, of course. There are fewer opportunities and fewer inducements to a seafaring life than in the days when the skipper had an interest in his ship and the cabin-boy looked forward to being a skipper. But even the idea of commanding a vessel has not the same attraction to an American youth as it had a generation or two back. Then the sea was the one alternative to the farm. He turned from the dull drudgery of the field and barn-yard to the supposed romance of a sailor's life, which held out an alluring promise that was sufficient to man our ships with hardy American sailors.

But times and the whole current of American life have changed. The boy is no longer restricted to this one choice, but finds a multitude of more tempting pursuits open to him, in which he can make money faster and at less hazard than upon the sea, if with less romance. When he breaks away from the farm it is not to go to sea, but to go to town, and instead of looking forward to the command of a ship he aspires to be superintendent of a factory or partner in a dry goods house. In the New England fishing towns, for example, where formerly all the young men went to sea as a matter of course, they now go into the mills, and the fishing crews are made up of foreigners. At other New England ports, like Salem, the docks are deserted, but immense shoe factories give employment to the children of the old sailors.

It is not that the modern American youth is less daring or less ambitious than his fathers, but that his circumstances are different and his ambition, therefore, takes a different direction. Life is less simple than it was and the desires of youth less readily satisfied. Perhaps the old way was better; certainly it was different; but this is not to be complained of. The American sailor that we read about is as much a thing of the past as the clipper ship whose masts he climbed. He remains a picturesque figure in history and is still more a picturesque figure in romance, but that is all.

A FITTLE IDEA.

There is no loom in Mr. Blaine's letter proposing that the revenue from whiskey received by the general government be distributed among the states. The proposition is unconstitutional and unjust. Mr. Blaine has not been in the habit of damaging himself by letter, and it is strange he should have been led to do so now.

Under this arrangement the state of Maine would receive a large amount of money because of a kind of traffic in other states which it will not permit within its borders. It was proposed by Gerrit Smith just before the late war that the North should help pay the expense of liberating the slaves—that it should raise money to half the amount of the value of the slaves and give it to the slaveholders; but all New England cried out against the proposition, and the extra virtuous declared that it would be equivalent to a purchase of human flesh and blood. Maine, as represented by Mr. Blaine, would be very glad to receive the proposed divvy, as would other localities; but the plan to secure it is far more absurd than was Mr. Smith's plan to get rid of slavery.

The presidential aspirants may be expected to do a deal of tinkering within the next few months. Butler, for instance, wants, like Blaine, to use the liquor question for his own benefit, and would have the states regulate the liquor income and distribute it each according to its own judgment. But a great deal of legislation, national and state, will be necessary before any plan of this kind can be adopted; and meanwhile the presidential election will have come and gone, and the tinkers will have lost all interest in the matter.

OREGON BILLS.

In the Senate last Tuesday, Senator Slater introduced a bill for the relief of the state, providing that she be paid \$257,109, her quota direct tax levied under the act of August 5, 1861; also a bill for the relief of citizens of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, who served in the Nez Perce war, providing that soldiers get \$3 per diem, and that the injured or disabled receive a pension; also, a bill fixing the prices of lands in Bitter Root valley, Montana, within the limit of the Union Pacific grant at \$1.20 per acre; also a bill requiring the commissioner of the land office to state the account between the United

States and Oregon for 5 per cent of the minimum price of public lands now included in the borders of all Indian reservations in the state, and directing the secretary of the treasury to pay also an old bill, conferring upon the orphaned settlers in the territory of Oregon, prior to the year 1855, who did not obtain land rights to pre-emption, an equivalent amount by which their parents would have been entitled.

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

The report of Postmaster General Gresham states that the revenues of the department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1883, amounted to \$45,008,692. The disbursements for the year, not including credits to the Pacific railroads, and including \$466,243 paid on account of liabilities for previous years, amounted to \$43,282,944. The receipts exceeded those for the previous year by \$3,632,282, or 8.5 per cent, being a ratio of increase of 3 per cent less than the average ratio of increase for the three preceding years. This, the postmaster general says, may be accounted for in part, if not wholly, by the fact that the public were induced to limit their purchases of three-cent postage stamps and stamped envelopes in anticipation of the change of letter postage to two cents, fixed to take effect on the 1st of October last.

The receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, are estimated at \$47,104,978.31, and the expenditures at \$50,062,189.60, leaving a deficiency to be supplied out of the general treasury of \$2,957,211.29.

NEW TO-DAY.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

Thursday, December 20, 1883.
At 1 P. M., on the Premises.

I WILL SELL TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS without reserve, for cash, 954 acres of land known as the P. Gearhart Farm, on Clatsop Plains.

Also, 30 cows, 47 head young cattle, 1 horse and wagon, and other farming implements. Title guaranteed.

J. W. GEARHART, Auctioneer.
Astoria, Dec. 10, 1883.

Desirable Property FOR SALE.

FIFTY MINUTES DRIVE FROM SAN JOSE, CAL., on the Los Gatos Road. A new 4-room dwelling house; between 2 and 3 acres of choice fruit land. Dwelling built for sale and store.

The property will be sold at a bargain, as I have too much other business to attend to it. Terms—\$1,000—half cash; balance on time with easy payments. Apply to

Astoria, Oregon. J. E. YOUNG, 416-1st.

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. 25, 1883.

Notice to Stockholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pacific Coast Lumber 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. E. GILSTRAP, J. A. CARLSON, Secy. Treas.

Astoria Nov. 23, 1883.

FOR SALE.

LOTS TO SUIT, FROM 5 ACRES TO 40-acre tract in S. W. corner of Clatsop County, D. C. Title perfect. For particulars inquire at office of S. B. Raymond, City Hall; or on the premises of O. D. Young, Astoria, Nov. 30, 1883.

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A No. 1 COW, Fresh, 2nd, Price \$25.
Half Dozen select Cows—giving milk price \$50 per head.

One pair gelding Horses, 7 years old, "a running team," \$500, with harness.

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At Capt. Rogers old stand, corner of Cass and Court Streets.

Ship and Cannery work, Horseshoeing, Wagons made and repaired. Good work guaranteed.

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The Astoria Passenger Line

WILL AFTER THIS DATE HAVE ITS headquarters at its Stables next to B. B. Franklin's, two doors below THE ASTORIAN office. First-class Livery service. Carts with horse furnished, for one dollar per hour. Carriages on application.

The Astoria Passenger Line Hacks will leave for Upper Astoria from the stables. Horses taken to board.

MRS. T. O'BRIEN.

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By the Night, Day, Week or Month WITH OR WITHOUT BOARD.

With use of Parlor, Library and all the comforts of a home. Terms reasonable.

Apply to MRS. E. C. HOLDEN, Cor. Main and Jefferson Sts.

Adjourned Meeting.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Seaside Packing Company, next Saturday evening, the 15th inst., at 7:30 o'clock, at the office of F. J. Taylor, for the transaction of such business as may come before it.

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 my trust as assignee of T. Baily.

L. W. CASE, Assignee.

Astoria, Ogn., Nov. 26, 1883.

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 pawnbroker in the city of Astoria, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be carried on by new firm, name of Gison Wing Co. Duck Fong will pay all the debts of Lung Wing Co.

By LAM FAT, GOON WING CO. LAM DUCK Manager.

Real Estate Auction.

Eleven Lots in Olney's Astoria.

Thursday, Dec. 13, 11 A. M. at Holden's Auction Rooms.

INSTRUCTED BY MRS. E. C. FRENCH, Sister to the late Cyrus Olney, I will sell to the highest bidders, without reserve, for cash, the following valuable lots in the city of Astoria, viz:

Lot 5, block 22; Lot 15, block 53; Lot 8, block 92; Lot 8 and 9, block 117; Lot 4, block 118; Lot 5 and 6, block 121; Lot 4, block 141; Lot 11, block 162; and Lot 8, block 163. The title to all these lots is legally vested, without dispute, in Mrs. French, and she will give a special guaranty deed to same.

E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

GREAT REDUCTION

—IN—

MILLINERY

—AT—

MRS. A. MALCOLM'S.

TO CLOSE OUT WINTER STOCK I WILL sell for the next 30 days all goods at a reduction of 25 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.

Older 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 Neckties, now 25c to \$1.50, formerly 50c to \$2.

Ladies' and Children's Linen Collars, now 15 to 25c, formerly 25c to 35c.

Infants' Wool Socks and Boots at a reduction of 50 per cent.

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Sewing Machines,

Paints and Oils, Groceries, etc.

WONG SAM GEE, BONG FANG.

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HAVE OPENED A CHINESE STORE ON

A Commercial street opposite the Astoria Bakery, where they will keep on hand

Tea, Sugar, Rice, Chinese Provisions,

And FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Astoria, December 1st, 1883.

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DONE BY RUDDOCK & WHEELER AT

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To Cannermen and Fishermen.

J. P. LEATHERS, formerly over

at Armit & Feathers' machine shop has leased the shop on Concomly street, one block west of Hansen Bros' mill, and after the 10th of Dec. will be prepared to build first-class boats at reasonable rates. Give me a call before going elsewhere.

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NEW YEAR CARDS.

I HAVE FOUND IT !!

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The public are invited to call and examine our immense stock of Holiday Goods, consisting of

Albums, Scrap Books, Music Folios, Toilet Stands, Dressing Cases, Fans, Picture Frames, Oil Paintings, Chromos, Etc.

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Stationery ! Toys ! Jewellery ! Musical Instruments !

We do not propose to inveigle the public either by false representations or such pernicious clap-trap as the purported purchase of an Eastern Bankrupt stock at 25 cents on the dollar. All our dealings are legitimate and above board. In proof of what we say and claim, we would respectfully suggest to the public to examine and price the goods in "Other Stores" before coming to us, and thus satisfy themselves of the truth of our representations.

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