

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1883
FROM A FORMER RAILROAD PRESIDENT.

The following letter to the chamber of commerce of this city from the former president of the Oregon Central Railroad company, will be read with interest by all. Mr. Gaston in the years 1868, 1869 and 1870 was an indefatigable worker to further the interests he represented. It was his influence that largely induced congress to make the land grant that now, thirteen years after, the people of this and adjoining counties seek to have revert to its rightful owners.

In signing the petition for the forfeiture of the grant, Mr. Gaston writes as follows:

GASTON, Or., Dec. 4, 1883.
I was president of the Oregon Central Railroad company at the time congress made the grant referred to in the above petition, and presented the matter before committees of the senate and house of representatives. And while the lands were then needed to secure the construction of the road, the circumstances of this country have been so changed since that the grant is, in the hands of its present owners, an obstruction to the construction of a railroad to Astoria and the development of the country. For, if the grant was forfeited, the country would be at once rapidly settled up, and other railroad companies would build a narrow gauge railroad, if not a more expensive line.

(Signed) JOSEPH GASTON.

In the above Mr. Gaston strikes at the gist of the matter where he says, "if the grant was forfeited the country would be at once rapidly settled up." In this he reiterates what THE ASTORIAN has stated and repeatedly demonstrated, viz: the necessity of the removal of the grant to encourage immigration by dispelling the cloud that rests upon the title. To make Astoria the city it should be, to rid ourselves of the necessity of importing what we want from California, to create a class of permanent suppliers producers and purchasers, to build up a great and prosperous city at the mouth of the Columbia, something more than territory is needed. We have a grand scope of country to the south and east; unequalled in richness of soil, multiplicity of resources, and contiguity to an ever widening market, but of the thousands that have during the past twelve months entered the Columbia gateway in search of homes in this new northwest, how many have remained? not one in ten thousand. Not because we lack the elements that go to make a home, but because we could not demonstrate it. No man cares to labor unless with reasonable assurance that his toil shall be rewarded with success, and if a vague and shadowy title covers, like the tentacles of an octopus the fairest portions of Clatsop and Columbia counties, who can blame the sturdy and the stalwart, the sinewy founders of new homes to press eastward from our shores, in search of that heritage denied to them at its entrance!

We commend Mr. Gaston's letter to the consideration of our readers, and shall take fitting measures to give it wide circulation. It is written with consideration of the subject, knowledge of its workings, and in the interests of his fellow dwellers in this state.

The *Inter-Ocean* of Nov. 25 said: "Fifty years ago to-day the first Chicago newspaper was issued. One hundred and forty-seven copies were worked off, the editor being also printer and publisher, all combined. Mr. John Calhoun was then the embodiment of the art of printing in all its ramifications, so far as this town was concerned. To-day there are more than 2,000 compositors in the city whose entire time is devoted to composition. That one newspaper, the *Democrat*, has developed by a natural process of evolution into 275 regular publications, dailies, weeklies, and all."

The *Oregonian* justly favors congressional aid to all Oregon coast harbors, but omits a very important part of the argument, viz: that success in these matters requires concentration, that a scaled list of appropriations divided along an entire coast line does no locality great material good, that the Columbia river bar is the most important item in the matter, that we must be just before we can be generous, and that a due regard for the interests of the entire state demands sufficient appropriation from congress to render bar work effectual.

The postmaster general in his annual report estimates that the revenues of the department during the next fiscal year will be equal to the expenditures; so that the post office is self-sustaining, even on the reduced scale of postage. This is a splendid exhibit of the business of the country, for the post office is one of the most accurate commercial barometers.

Of all who fought under the stars and bars twenty years ago, but three have not been restored to the rights of citizenship; those three are Jeff Davis, Robert Toombs and Capt. Ben Robinson of the First Virginia Dragoons.

OUR ENERGETIC REPRESENTATIVE.

A WASHINGTON special of the 12th says: Representative George of Oregon introduced a big bundle of bills and memorials in the house yesterday, among them many heretofore introduced by Dolph and Slater in the senate. Among George's memorials were the following: From the legislature of Oregon for harbor of refuge at Port Orford; for an appropriation for a lighthouse at the mouth of the Umpqua river; asking aid for a railroad from Roseburg to Coos bay; asking for an increase of rates for government surveys; asking for an appropriation for improvement of the Coquille river; asking a forfeiture of the land grant to the Oregon Central railway; asking aid for repairs of the military road from Crescent City to The Dalles; asking pay and pensions for Oregon volunteers who served in the Rogue river war; asking for the payment of a balance on the territory of Oregon, expended in the Rogue river war, and for a grant of lands to soldiers of that and succeeding Indian wars; a memorial from the Astoria chamber of commerce asking for a forfeiture of the Oregon Central railroad land grant; a petition from citizens of Oregon asking an appropriation for the improvement of Coquille river, and from citizens of Oregon asking for improvement of the Umpqua river. George also introduced a score of relief bills.

The gorgeous sunsets that have been seen all over the United States impel astronomers to the belief that the earth is passing through the tail of a comet. Returns from foreign nations come in slowly.

CARLELE is the tenth Speaker of the House that Kentucky has furnished. Enthusiastic Southern Democrats think he will make a capital candidate for the presidency. So he will—to be beaten.

The *Standard* has discovered that the New York *Sun* is not a Democratic newspaper, and pathetically intimates that Democracy is not responsible for that paper's utterances.

The *Standard* wants to know who will be the next U. S. Senator from Nevada. His name is Thomas Wren, he is a lawyer, he lives in Eureka, and has a sack.

The Republican National Committee has decided to hold the next presidential nominating convention at Chicago, on the 3d of June, 1884.

NEW TO-DAY

Stop That Horse!

From Slipping. USE THE PATENT SHOE. George McLane HAS JUST RECEIVED A PATENT Horse-shoe from the Patent Office, for the purpose of preventing all classes of horses from slipping on plank, or stone roads. Horse-shoes with this shoe WILL NOT SLIP. A trial will convince anyone. I keep Two First-class Shoes in my shop. TRY THE NEW SHOE. For Corns and Contracted Hoof cure a specialty. No satisfaction no pay. GEO. McLANE.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

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

I WILL SELL TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS without reserve, for cash, 364 acres of land known as the P. Gearhart Farm, on Clatsop Plains. Also, 30 cows, 17 head young cattle, 1 horse 1 wagon, and other farming implements. Title guaranteed. J. W. GEARHART, E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer. Astoria, Dec. 16, 1883. w-11-6-4f

FOR SALE.

LOTS TO SUIT. FROM 5 ACRES TO 1/40 acre tract in S. W. corner of Class, Stevens' D. C. Title perfect. For particulars inquire at office of N. D. Raymond, City Hall; or on the premises of O. D. Young, Astoria, Nov. 3d, 1883.

Delinquent City Taxes.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, the undersigned, Chief of Police, have been furnished with a warrant from the City Council requiring me to collect the taxes assessed for the year 1883, and now delinquent upon the list and make return of the same within sixty days. All parties so indebted will therefore please take notice and govern themselves accordingly. C. W. LOUGHERY, Chief of Police. Astoria, Oregon, October 25th, 1883.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET

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 E. 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. I. W. CASE, Assignee. Astoria, Ogn., Nov. 26, 1883. d-4w

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 the new firm name of Goon Wing Co. Duck Fong will pay all the debts of Lung Wing Co. GOON WING CO. By LAM FAT, LAM DUCK Manager.

Notice to Stockholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pacific Union P. & 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, Secy. J. A. CARLSON, Pres't. Astoria Nov. 30, 1883.

GREAT REDUCTION

MILLINERY

MRS. A. MALCOLM'S.

TO CLOSE OUT WINTER STOCK I WILL sell for the next 30 days all goods at a reduction of 20 to 40 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 50c, formerly 75c. Lace Collars and Fichus, now 25c to \$1.50, formerly 50c to \$2. Ladies' and Children's Linen Collars, now 25c, formerly 50c. Infants' Wool Socks and Boots at a reduction of 50 per cent.

I. J. ARVOLD, Proprietor of the Leading Boot and Shoe Store!



Makes announcement that his large stock of goods is offered for sale for the next two weeks

AT COST!

This is to make room for a large stock for the Holidays. Men's Heavy Boots. Men's Fine Boots. Ladies' and Children's Shoes IN EVERY VARIETY.

BANKING AND INSURANCE.

I. W. CASE, BROKER, BANKER AND INSURANCE AGENT

ASTORIA, OREGON OFFICE HOURS: FROM 9 O'CLOCK A. M. UNTIL 3 O'CLOCK P. M. \$67,000,000 CAPITAL. LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE. NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE OF LONDON AND EDINBURGH. OLD CONNECTICUT OF HARTFORD, AND COMMERCIAL OF CALIFORNIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES. Representing a capital of \$67,000,000. A. VAN DUSEN, Agent.

Hardware and Ship Chandlery

A. VAN DUSEN & CO. DEALERS IN Hardware and Ship Chandlery, Pure Oil, Bright Varnish, Binnacle Oil, Cotton Canvas, Hemp Sail Twine, Cotton Sail Twine, Lard Oil, Wrought Iron Spikes, Galvanized Cut Nails.

Agricultural Implements.

Sewing Machines, Paints and Oils, Groceries, etc. WONG SAM GEE, HONG FANG, SUN SING CO. HAVE OPENED A CHINESE STORE ON Chenamus street opposite the Astoria Bakery, where they will keep on hand Tea, Sugar, Rice, Chinese Prescriptions, AND FRUITS and VEGETABLES. Astoria, December 1st, 1883.

PLUMBING,

Gas and Steam Fitting DONE BY RUDDOCK & WHEELER, AT fair rates. Also a complete stock of goods in our line. Estimates given and work guaranteed. Cass street, in rear of T O O F building, next to Gas Co's office.

NOTICE

To Cannermen and Fishermen. J. P. LEATHERS, formerly over J. A. Amat & Berchen's machine shop has leased the shop on Concomly street, one block west of Hanson Bros' mill, and after the 15th of Dec. will be prepared to build first-class boats at reasonable rates. Give us a call before going elsewhere.

Desirable Property

FOR SALE. FIFTY MINUTES DRIVE FROM SAN Jose, Cal., on the Los Gatos Road. A new 5-room dwelling house; between 5 and 6 acres of choice fruit land. Dwelling built for saloon and store. The property will be sold at a bargain, as I have too much other business to attend to it. Terms—\$1,500—half cash; balance on time with easy payments. Apply to E. YOUNG, 446-111 Astoria, Oregon.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. NEW YEAR CARDS.

I HAVE FOUND IT!! ONE PRICE ONLY!

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.



We do not propose to inveigle the public either by false representations or such pernicious clap-net as the purporting 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.

BIRTHDAY CARDS. WEDDING CARDS.

You Are Sure to be Suited AT THE

Leading Furniture House OF ASTORIA. CHAS. HEILBORN.



FOR THE Hall, Office, Library, Parlor, Chamber and DINING ROOM, in WALNUT, CHERRY, ASH, AND MAPLE.

We are without a doubt showing the Largest and Most Complete line of CHAMBER SUITS in this city, unequalled in Design, Workmanship and Finish.

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We Carry an IMMENSE STOCK OF CARPETS of All Designs and Colors in Body, Roxbury, and Tapestry Brussels, Three Plys, Extra Supers and Ingrains.

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THE Billiard Parlors and Club Rooms

Are not excelled by any north of San Francisco. Nothing but the best dispensed, and every convenience for the comfort of guests.

Imported Wines, Liquors and Cigars.

The Most Complete Establishment in Astoria. AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE O. R. & N. DOCK.

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Fine Goods at Reduced Prices

Ladies desirous of procuring Goods unequalled in Style and Finish will take pleasure in examining our Stock of

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HAVE JUST RECEIVED A MAMMOTH STOCK OF BOOKS. The young and old, rich and poor can all be accommodated. Agents for the Kranich & Bach and Mandfeldt & Notni Pianos and Western Cottage Organs.

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