

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

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The Mobile Register admits that the tariff issue, if introduced into the politics of the Southern States, will pretty surely split the whole vote.

An immense bonanza of copper and gold is reported to have been found one mile north of Padmore, in the Rocky Mountains, on the British side of the line.

Work on the Montreal ice palace began during the last week of December. Its size will be 100 by 150 feet, will contain 10,000 cakes of ice, and will cost \$3,000.

The public debt has been reduced during the last twelve years by nearly one hundred and ten millions, but it is the private arrangement that is troubling most of us.

No work having been done within the prescribed time, the Mexican government has forfeited the concessions made to Gen. Grant for a submarine cable connecting the two republics.

The chief names mentioned in connection with the presidency of the Northern Pacific are those of John Sherman, William Windom, ex-secretary of the treasury, and August Belmont.

Mrs. Patti states that there is no truth in the report that she discovered a Welsh miner on her estate with a rich baritone voice. It was probably a Welsh baron with a minor tone voice.

Dennis Kearney, the sand-lots gas bag, has risen to his level. He is now uplifting his voice to extol the merits of the tea and coffee which he is peddling from a booth at a seaside resort in San Francisco.

It is understood that, beyond keeping up the agitation in a quiet way, nothing will be done this session towards the admission of Dakota or Washington territories as states, for the reason that there is no chance of passing either in the Democratic house.

After finishing their review of the navy yards the Commissioners set forth at considerable length the reasons why they do not think best to recommend the sale of any of them, and urge the importance of preparation in time of peace for war.

Senator Reagan says the railroads are better organized in the way of having large and influential lobbies at Washington than at any previous time, but that eventually his bill regulating railroad traffic will become a law.

The present crisis in Spain nominally turns on universal suffrage, but spoils and stealing are said to be the real issues. Apprehensions of coming disturbances are general. King Alfonso's seat is again considered insecure.

There are over 520,000,000 acres of land in the south, of which 70,000,000 are in cultivation. In 1882 these cultivated lands produced crops valued at \$900,000,000, an increase of \$214,000,000 in value over the production of 1880.

The Texas Siftings sneeringly remarks that "if you want your grave dug in Memphis they make you pay cash in advance." There is nothing very wrong in that. Once allow a man to try on his grave and he will never come back to pay for it.

If we start with the condition of the human race at the earliest period of which history gives any account, and except the inventions of gunpowder and printing, nearly every discovery and invention affecting the material conditions of human life has been made within the last eighty years.

The War Cry, the official gazette of Gen. Booth's Salvation Army, is published in English, French, Swedish, and several other languages. They sent out last year 250,000,000 copies, and \$85,000 worth of musical instruments, uniforms and badges. The grand army comprises 630 corps, 130 of which are abroad.

The Union Pacific Road announces a cut in rates from points east of the Missouri river to Missouri river points. This makes their rates from far Eastern points correspond with the 25-cent rate of the Denver and Rio Grande from Missouri river points to Salt Lake, without cutting between the latter city and Omaha.

The Supreme Court has decided that the question of the right of a state to take the coupons of its bonds for taxes after issuing such bonds with the promise it would take them in payment of taxes, is a federal question, and has ordered the United States Circuit Court at Richmond to reinstate a case it had remanded to the state court of Virginia.

A drummer usually carries his own drum and beats it; but in some parts of Ireland at Land League processions the drummers refused to do duty without the assistance of carriers. The carrier put the big drum on his back and walked before the musician, who was less interested in keeping time than in staggering his assistant and straightening him out again.

A BILL which has been introduced into congress proposes to give a large pension to the only surviving grandchild of Thomas Jefferson. The claims of the descendant of the author of the Declaration of Independence may perhaps appeal as strongly as any would for a gratuity of this kind; but it is a serious matter to embark on a system of giving civil pensions to the offspring of public men, even in cases backed by such historic associations.

The primary committee who have in charge the matter of a world's fair in San Francisco have sent as a circular concerning that scheme. The idea is a good one and should be carried out. It would result in increased prominence and profit, would help the coast in every way, and would be of especial value to this portion of Oregon and Washington Territory. We of Astoria could make a splendid exhibit of our product. An Astorian won at the late London exhibition the only gold medal awarded to Oregon; doubtless several trophies as valuable await our manufacturers at the coming San Francisco Exposition.

There is at least one man in England, Mr. Labouchere, of the London Truth, who understands the Irish question. "Give to Ireland," he says, "all the rights possessed by each state of the American Union, and the Irish would ask for no more." The concession suggested would in a very short time end the long duel of the centuries that has been fought between the two countries; put a stop to dynamite conspiracies, political assassinations and the long train of lesser evils that afflict both peoples. Let us hope that parliament will have the wisdom this year to follow the statesmanlike policy which Mr. Labouchere, who has a seat in the commons, has so tersely outlined.

The man who has entered suit in the United States courts against the sultan of Turkey deserves a testimonial from all the circus managers in the land. Of course the Padishah will answer the summons to appear, and as the case is likely to last for several months he will be accompanied by at least a thousand of his wives. Now, Turkey is poor, and the sultan, if he let himself out as an attraction, could soon pay off the Turkish national debt and carry back a handsome surplus in a golden horn. Where would the charms of Lily Langtry be if people could see a real emperor and his ten hundred better halves for a dollar? It might give Mormonism a boom, but that is the only harem likely to come of it.

TEXAS with its 175,000,000 acres of territory, it would naturally be inferred, would be about the last state to have an agitation of the land question, yet the journals of that state give evidence that the subject of land tenure is being seriously considered by the people. The trouble is chiefly in the coast counties and in Western Texas, where vast tracts are held by cattle and sheep speculators and non-resident purchasers. Thousands and tens of thousands of acres are in single holdings. The owners do nothing to build up and improve the country, and they prevent the growth of settlements by refusing to subdivide their lands. A writer in the Galveston News compares the situation there to that in Ireland, and demands legislative checks to the growing evil, but suggests no practical remedy.

WASHINGTON claims the honor of producing the only individual who ever got far ahead of General Butler. It was a woman, of course. She was imprisoned by him during the war, and suffered many hardships and indignities, among others being reduced to prison fare. One day he sent for her to come to his private office to interrogate her himself. As she entered he was busy writing, which he continued to do without speaking to her or noticing that she was standing. She looked around for a seat, found one, and also a tray with a luxurious luncheon for the general himself. Having nothing else to do, she quietly ate the luncheon up, and what she could not get away with otherwise she stuffed in her pockets. After a while General Butler wheeled around and said brusquely: "As you see, I have been deeply engaged." And so have I," sweetly responded the lady, pointing to the empty tray, where not a bone remained. History does not record the general's reply to the unterrified woman.

The glowing sunsets are still a subject of theory and speculation among the astronomers and the editors who imagine that they know everything in the heavens above and in the earth beneath. Learned essays have been written on volcanic dust, vapor in the air, meteoric visitations and a score of other obscure abstractions. The atmospheric phenomenon is as great a problem as the tariff, and the more that is said about it the less we know. Is it not possible that the brilliancy in the western skies is the forerunner of the great prosperity that 1884 holds in its hands for us as a nation? The fiery comet has always been supposed to exercise a mysterious influence over kingdoms as well as men. The republic is so large that it can be lighted up only by half a section of the heavens. It may be that the flaming, fiery banners of the Occident foreshadow the ultimate triumph of the great American porcine products of the west over the empire in Germany and the republic in France.

MAURICE WELSH, of Norwich, Conn., earns his living by manual labor, and is so willing to do so that he voluntarily gave up his pension of \$4 a month. He wrote to the pension agent that his wound, received in the war, had ceased to trouble him, and that he could not conscientiously receive any more help from the government. An agent was sent to find out whether Welsh was sane. He was.

NEW ENGLAND is menaced with a grave and unforeseen peril. It seems that during the year that has just ended the number of mackerel caught along the coasts of the home of the Pilgrims' descendants from Plymouth and Tipperary has fallen off by hundreds of thousands of barrels and that a fishball famine is threatened. What is to become of Boston with a short crop of beans, an insufficient pork supply and little or no fish? Fish, it is well known, is the great brain producer, next to pork and beans, at least in the "Hub." If the mackerel continue to give out in this alarming way the fate of "culchah" is sealed. The Matthew Arnolds of the future will lecture to empty benches and the Butlers will ride triumphant over angelic statesmen like Mr. Hoar. The future of New England may be decided by the size of the mackerel haul!

"BAH!" This is the answer Mr. Vanderbilt is reported to have given to the question whether he thought Mr. Villard would find friends to help him re-enter the race for fortune. "You don't find much of that kind of friendship nowadays," added the two hundred millionaire. No, we suppose not. It certainly is not to be found in the vicinity of the Vanderbilt palace on Fifth avenue. Mr. Villard, we trust, will find friends should he need them. He conceived and executed one of the great enterprises of the century, and if money has been lost in it he is, according to the printed stories of the disaster, the severest sufferer by the wreck. We are told that almost his entire fortune has been swept away, a fortune that if he were less scrupulous and conscientious he might have retained. Such sacrifices, however, make no impression on men like Mr. Vanderbilt. They are received with a cold, hard, metallic "Bah!"

MARRIED. In Astoria, on the 13th inst., by Rev. J. McCormac, Miss Ada C. Riddle to Oscar Church of Clatsop county.

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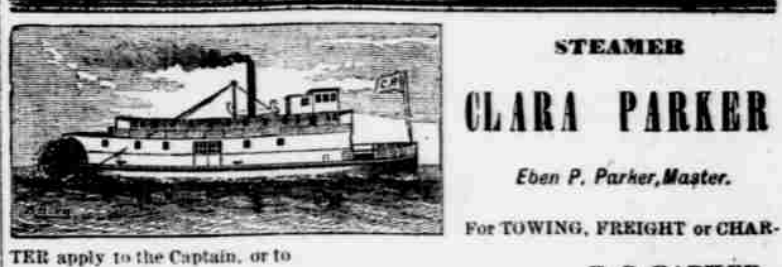
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