

# The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1884  
ASTORIA AND THE ASTORS.

It will be one hundred years to-morrow since the founder of Astoria arrived in America. His descendants will celebrate the centennial of their plebeian ancestor's arrival by a ball in New York city to-morrow evening which is intended to eclipse in social splendor the magnificent banquet given by Vanderbilt in December, an affair which cost the host \$200,000, and set every tongue going.

John Jacob Astor was born in Waldorf, near Heidelberg, Germany, and in boyhood was cast out by his step-mother and strayed to London. At the age of twenty-two he resolved to join his brother in New York, and investing his money in half a dozen flutes, embarked in November, 1783, and on January 21, 1784, arrived in Hampton Roads. After a brief residence in New York, where he learned the profits of the fur trade, he revisited London, established an agency, and in 1785 returned to New York. For twenty years Astor made annual visits to Montreal, gradually enlarging his facilities for the purchase of furs till in 1805 he was a competitor of the Northwestern and Hudson Bay Companies.

In 1807 his attention was directed to the desirability of forming a company to monopolize the as yet untouched Pacific Coast, and after great deliberation it was decided that the new company make its headquarters "at the mouth of the Oregon or Columbia river."

On the 23d of June, 1810, Astor, Alexander McKay, Duncan M'Dougal and Donald McKenzie formed "The Pacific Fur Company." On September 8th the *Touquin* put to sea with the expedition on board, and on March 22, 1811, arrived off the Columbia. On April 12, 1811, the new settlement was founded, and named "Astoria" in honor of the projector of the enterprise. The subsequent history of the project has been told in every civilized tongue. The name of our city alone remains to indicate the connection with it of New York's first millionaire. The place was at no time a source of profit to the old man, and his descendants have nothing in common with the city which bears his name.

The century of American history affords no greater contrast than the German youth, ill-clad and unknown, his whole wealth a package of flutes, and his millionaire descendants who to-morrow will eclipse in splendor the other millionaire whose father sold clams on Staten Island.

### A QUEER BILL.

Of the extraordinary crop of new pension bills one of the strangest is that of Mr. Struble. It gives to the widow of each deceased soldier of the Union army, from the date of his decease, whether he died in the service or since his discharge therefrom, a pension of \$10 per month, to be paid from the date of death while she remains unmarried.

Under the wording of this queer proposition, a soldier who never had a scratch in battle or was ill an hour in the service, by the saving merit of his death, long after the war was over, would confer upon his widow an income of \$120 a year out of the public treasury. He himself may never have had a pension, nor have ever been entitled to one; but the mere fact of his decease is to qualify his widow to receive what he had no right to obtain for himself. There would be an enormous amount of arrears also to pay to widows, through dating the time when the pension accrues back to the soldier's death.

Mr. Struble's bill, as it stands, might apparently make it of decided pecuniary advantage hereafter to many Union soldiers, especially if they would proceed, in a spirit of accommodation, to properly carry its provisions into effect, after marriage, by dying.

The profoundest minds have discovered that the right side is the strong one, and that the only enduring foundation is the truth; but there has always been a disposition on the part of the more unthoughtful to accord an undue admiration to those jugglers who in every sphere of life depend upon illusion rather than upon actual performance. The brilliant sophist who obscures the truth, the sharp attorney who trips up an honest witness, the unscrupulous politician who manufactures false majorities, the diplomat who moves by indirection and duplicity, are all applauded by the superficial vulgar, and have all their followers and their imitators. But when we look over the history of the world, and closely consider the sequel of those gigantic frauds which have consumed the ambition of the most intellectual and the most successful scoundrels, we find that they have not stood the test of time. And when again we inquire who have really led the advance of the human race in philosophy, in science, in art, in practical business, we find that they were men who sought the truth and followed it; that they prevailed not by chicanery or puffery, but by adding actual values to the world's store of learning and wealth.

A vessel of special and ingenious design is being prepared for Stanley's use in Africa. It will be propelled by a stern paddle wheel, and the hull will be arranged in such a manner that it can be readily subdivided into a number of sections, each being floatable and provided with fittings for receiving four large wheels. These wheels can be attached to each section while afloat so that it can be drawn out of the water for transportation overland without difficulty. Each of the subdivisions of the hull forms, when fitted with the wheels, a complete wagon of itself, capable of carrying the machinery of the steamer, merchandise, stores, etc. It is to be completed by the end of this year, and will be tested afloat under steam on the Thames.

YESTERDAY'S New York Times published a long list of opinions from leading men of New York state on their political preference for Republican president. There is no decided current, but the drift is in favor of Edmunds, Arthur, Sherman and Blaine. Democratic sentiment is growing for Flower if Tilden fails. The Times says editorially that among Republicans Arthur cannot be said to be anything like a favorite, and this is evidently true of every man named. There is a strong undercurrent of confidence and approval for Edmunds. The first choice of the Democrats seems to be for Tilden, though with a vague sense of hopelessness.

We acknowledge the receipt from the Hydrographic Office of a chart of the North Atlantic, showing the position of the floating wrecks discovered and reported during the month of December. The floating wrecks are depicted in red ink. One half-submerged craft is cruising in the neighborhood of the Azores. Another is floating around Hatteras. A third is making for the Bay of Fundy, and a fourth appears just off Long Branch where the last sea serpent was seen. Other unfortunate vessels are scattered here and there over the surface of the ocean. The chart looks like a bird's-eye view of the United States navy.

A NEW YORK dispatch says it is probable that the offices of the Oregon companies will be removed to Boston, and the Northern Pacific may lease the Oregon Railway and Navigation lines.

### NEW TO-DAY.

Notice.  
THE FUNERAL OF JO IN HUME IS postponed to Monday, Jan 21st, 1884. The body will be conveyed to Portland for interment, on the steamer *Fleetwood*, leaving her dock at the usual hour. Friends and acquaintances desiring to accompany the body will be accommodated.

### OCCIDENTAL HALL.

SUNDAY EVENING, JAN. 20, '84.  
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SPECIAL REQUEST.  
MISS BOYD will produce for the first time the Dramatic.  
**ARTICLE 47**  
This Great Play was played over 3000 Consecutive Nights in London.  
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### Ladies' Auction Sale.

Thursday, January 24, 2 P. M.  
At Holden's Auction Rooms.  
I have been instructed to announce an Auction Sale of a valuable stock of  
**First-class Fashionable MILLINERY GOODS.**  
The Goods will arrive here on Monday, after which further description and particulars will be announced.  
C. H. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

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E. A. NOYES, Agent, Jan 20-3m

### Stockholders' Meeting.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Fox Packing Company will be held at the company's office in Astoria, January 25th, 1884.  
By order of the Board of Directors,  
W. F. MCGREGOR, Secretary.

### Notice.

OFFICE OF THE OREGON RAILWAY and Navigation Co., Astoria, Oregon.  
All parties interested in the salvage of goods picked up from the Steamer *Queen of the Pacific*, in September last, are hereby notified that settlement will be made on or about Feb. 15th, at this office. No claims will be paid without surrender of the receipts given by this company. The amounts to be paid will be 50 per cent. of the net proceeds, as per bill of sale.  
L. A. NOYES, Agent.

### Notice.

PARTIES HAVING BILLS AGAINST School District No. 1 are requested to hand the same to the undersigned at once.  
By order of the Board,  
J. O. BOZORTH, Clerk.

### NOTICE TO PILOTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL whom it may concern that there will be a meeting of the Washington Territory Board of Pilot Commissioners for Columbia River and Bar, held at Duwamish, W. T., on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M.  
Done by order of the Board,  
C. A. REED, Secretary, 4H-111  
December 25th, 1883.  
The above meeting is postponed to Saturday, the 29th inst., at the same time and place.

### FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET.

AT MRS. GEO. HILLER'S, NEXT DOOR to Weson Hotel.

### Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the British America Packing Company, Sitka, will be held at the residence of G. Holmes, in Upper Astoria, January 20th, 1884.  
By order of the board of directors,  
G. EST HOLMES, President.

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Patients admitted at all hours, day or night. No physician has exclusive right, every patient is free to and has the privilege of employing any physician he prefers.  
United States Marine Seamen who pay Hospital Dues, are entitled to Free care and attendance at this Hospital during sickness. Permits must be obtained for United States Marines at the Custom House.  
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Wilmington & Co., San Francisco.  
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### Executors' Notice.

THE COUNTY COURT OF CLATSOP County, Oregon, having appointed the undersigned executors of the last will and testament of Truman P. Powers, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present the same with the proper vouchers, at the office of G. Leinenweber, Upper Astoria, within six months from this date.  
G. LEINENWEBER,  
Wm. WADHAMS,  
Astoria, December 14, 1883.

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