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**WHAT OTHER NEWSPAPERS SAY.**  
 The Spirit of the Northwest Press.  
 The free trade Democrat is a very hard party to please; for years and years, he has been grieving over the high price, caused by tariff, but suddenly his Hip Van Winkle sleep has been broken and he finds that prices are actually lower than before notwithstanding the tariff.—*Yankee Reporter.*  
 Population is what we want, provided it is of the right material. There is a lucrative opening in this state for active, energetic people, and hard work coupled with economy will give a family a home in a few years, while in other states, possibly with the same energy displayed only a bare living can be made.—*Albany Herald.*  
 The people must sit down on the monopolies or go under. Take your choice.—*Oregon Vindicator.*  
 If certain parties appear more cordial than usual and greet you with an uncommon broad smile, and a shake of the hand that makes you cry for mercy, why just set it down that he is willing to serve his country beginning on July 1st next, in different capacities. This unwonted pleasantness is human nature, and we are glad that we have county elections to make it crop out.—*Albany Democrat.*  
 In our opinion a committee of five should be appointed from among the leading citizens—three from Astoria and two from Forest Grove—to grasp the situation fairly and squarely, and to leave no stone unturned until the land grant is forfeited, as the corporation has no right or claim upon it whatever. Let us strike now, while the iron is hot, and much good can be accomplished.—*Washington Enterprise.*  
 There is no better or more reliable indication, at once of the assured prosperity of a city and of the firm confidence of its citizens in its steady progress, than the exhibition of an open, hearty and liberal readiness on the part of its leading men, to expend money and donate land for object of public improvement or ornament. Where citizens are found endowed with this kind of public spirit, and actuated by an enlightened regard to the conditions on which the prosperity of the community hinges, there need be no fears entertained that opposition, however plausible, bitter and well organized, will ever succeed in staying the onward march of the place towards assured prominence over rivals less fortunate in their inhabitants.—*Seattle Herald.*  
 Private enterprise is one of the prime conditions of national prosperity and progress. The more men are encouraged to work and save, to build up homes for themselves, and surround their families with comforts, to engage in manufactures and commerce, and mining and other activities, to risk money and health, and even life, in works calculated to increase public wealth and comfort, and give employment to mechanics, and diffuse art and refinement, the better for the country and everybody in it.—*Portland Standard.*  
 The early settlers of the several towns on Puget Sound have been, and in some places are still their own worst enemies. They lived cheaply for many years; their wants have been few and easily supplied, and now that the star of enterprise has wended its way to the northwestern shore of this vast continent too many are inclined to look on the newcomers as interlopers, and instead of offering inducements for family location, hold their property at such high rates that the man in moderate circumstances is driven away rather than encouraged.—*Port of Entry Times.*  
 There seems to have been quite a fall lately in real estate values at Seattle. All those prominent residents who are speculators should rejoice over such a condition of affairs. The city has obtained too firm a hold on business interests to be permanently checked in her progress, and the unnatural, fevered condition which has preceded this stage could not have been much longer maintained without permanent injury to the place.—*Olympia Standard.*  
 Whatever the final verdict may be as to Mr. Villard's capacity to manage the various transportation interests lately under his charge, there can be no question that as a "mixer" he was eminently successful. There are said to be some places where it is a lucky child who knows his own father, surely, for the last two or three years he was a lucky employee among some of the Portland offices who knew which of half a dozen corporations he was working for.—*Tacoma Ledger.*  
 What is the use of every little one-hour paper in the country trying to nominate a president? Early in the leafy days of June, when fragrant flowers bloom forth in loveliness, the magpies will meet at Chicago and the political machine will grind out some obscure candidate like Hayes or Arthur for the people to walk up to the rack and vote for. Such men as Blaine, Edmunds, Logan, and other brainy men will be snowed under fifteen feet. Our present system of selecting a president is a queer concern, very unsatisfactory and uncertain.—*Watson Herald.*  
 Strange, isn't it? Every time a presidential election comes on a lot of "independent" newspapers start up all over the country. They mostly turn out to be Democratic papers in disguise. But there is one paper that has another name, would smell as sweet, and why not a Democratic paper do as effective work while masquerading? It's a good deal like concealing a blue mass pill in a lot of raspberry jam. The effect is the same.—*Port Townsend Argus.*  
 What valid reason can Mr. George give in regard to the Oregon Central Railroad Company's title to the millions of acres of land granted for the construction of a railroad from Forest Grove to Astoria? Can he say that the company has not had sufficient time? Can he say that the O. & C. and other companies desire to block Astoria's branch route? Can he deny that they have refused to permit the building of the road when it was shown that the land grant would pay for it?—*Mercury.*  
**BOTH WERE LOADED.**  
 Kerosene fire!  
 Kitchen maid gone higher!  
 Who next will aspire?  
 Boy owned a gun!  
 Pulled the trigger for fun!  
 Joined the maid ere day was done!

**HERE, THERE AND ELSEWHERE.**  
 Fourteen Oregon counties have railroad communication.  
 Both National conventions will probably be held at Chicago.  
 The name and fame of J. L. Sullivan packed the New Market theater at Portland to see the champion.  
 C. P. Collins was hanged in Nevada City, Cal., last Friday, for the murder of W. F. Cunningham, in September, 1878.  
 It is reported that John Muir has a three years' contract as manager of the Oregon Improvement Company, at an annual salary of \$1,000.  
 In the Coeur d'Alene mining district flour has advanced to \$5 per barrel, peat-meal to \$11 per hundred; eggs 50 cents a piece, butter \$2.50 per pound, and meals \$2.50 cash.  
 The Journal reports that the U. S. light house engineers are building a brush barrier to prevent the sands from encroaching on the light house property at Point Adams.  
 A colony located near Glendale, are vegetarians, who never eat meat or fish of any kind, religiously believing that it is wrong to kill any animal and then feed on its flesh.  
 The belief is gaining ground in Pacific county that the "indemnity grant" which has rested like an incubus on that county for so many years, will be declared void during the present session of congress.  
 Writing to the Boise City Statesman, a correspondent at Malheur river says: A party of railroad surveyors commenced about New Year's at the Ontario side track, and are now running a survey up the Malheur river. At present they are about forty miles from the starting point. They will not tell anyone who they are, who are their employers, or for what point they are bound.  
 Foreman Robinson of the Knappa county, informs the correspondent of the Pacific Journal that the cannery men intended having things a little tighter about this season, as the fishermen had had their long enough. He says most of the canneries won't pay more than 50 cents, but as his pack has been already contracted for, he will pay 60 cents to his own boats and 75 cents to outside boats.  
 Last Friday 111 meals were served at the Walla Walla soup-house. In the morning forty-six meals were given away without tickets, the superintendent of the establishment asking the men to carry in two loads of wood which were lying in the street, and that would pay for their meal. Of the forty-six who availed themselves of the free meals, only four would so far demean themselves as to pack wood. The superintendent thinks he has a very hard crowd with which to deal.  
 The New York Star claims the honor of being the first to forecast a most persistent of eastern newspapers in demanding forfeiture of unearned public lands voted railroad corporations, and dares a Republican senate to put itself on record against the vote of the house on Thursday, regarding the Texas Pacific grant. It calls on the house to complete the work and declare a forfeiture of the following lands: 1,062,000 acres granted to the Oregon branch of the Central Pacific, 1,074,000 to the Oregon Central, 37,490,000 to the Northern Pacific, and 28,000,000 to the Atlantic and Pacific. The Star says: "The fact that the Oregon branch of the Central Pacific has already secured patents upon 1,062,314 acres more than it is entitled to is one of the mysteries which only past and present Republican directors of the land office at Washington can intelligently explain."  
 During this week the committee on public lands will bring in a bill for the grants of the California and Oregon, the Oregon and California, the Oregon Central, the Northern Pacific, and perhaps one or two other roads. On three of those the committee has already decided to report. A few days ago a vote was taken in committee, and the general principle was declared that congress has the power to forfeit all railway grants not earned in the time prescribed by the law. It is understood this was made for the benefit of the senate committee, a majority of whose members are known to no doubt that congress has no power to perfect grants where roads have been built in good faith. If the senate committee entertains this opinion the house bills will probably all be beaten. A reaction from the monopoly standpoint in the house has already set in, and several senators have said to rush so big a thing as the Texas Pacific bill through without debate was positively indecent, and not calculated to make the senate respect the action of the house.

**HOTEL ARRIVALS.**  
**PARKER HOUSE.**  
 C. A. Heath, S. Bend, J. Kenny, Young's, B. G. Hartman, W. J. Harold, do  
 Crescent City, P. F. Tallert, Helena  
 E. Richardson, E. M. Grimes, Seaside  
 Montana, H. Sewell, do  
 A. D. Brown, Oyster Bay, D. Newberry, city  
 J. Forey, do O. M. Loughlin, Port  
 D. A. Rodway, do E. Master & wife, do  
**OCCIDENT.**  
 G. W. Gethals, Van S. S. Smith, Port  
 G. Campbell, Cath. J. F. Bylie, do  
 P. H. Morrison, city Mrs. Aken, do  
 C. Carnahan, Skippanon.  
 Governors of states, mayors of cities, prelates of the church, endorse and recommend St. Jacobs Oil, the great pain-reliever.  
 The Peruvian ayahu cured those who were suffering from dyspepsia, debility, liver complaint, indigestion, female complaints, etc. Many letters free to any address. Seth W. Lewis & Son, 904-10th.

**FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH!**  
**VALENTINES VALENTINES**  
 Comic Valentines!  
 Sentimental Valentines!  
 VALENTINES!  
 OF EVERY SIZE, SHAPE, QUALITY, STYLE OR PRICE.  
 AT  
**Carl Adler's Crystal Palace.**  
 THE LATEST STYLES IN WALL PAPER AT B. S. FRANKLIN'S, NEXT DOOR TO ASTORIAN OFFICE.  
**FRESH CANDY AT THE ASTORIA CANDY FACTORY**  
 NUTS, FOREIGN FRUITS, ETC.  
**ASTORIA LIQUOR STORE,**  
 AUG. DANIELSON, Proprietor.  
**W. E. DEMENT & CO. DRUGGISTS.**  
**EMILE TURIN,**  
**WILSON & FISHER'S.**

**ANNUAL SALE!**  
**Dry Goods and Clothing.**  
 FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS  
 I will offer my STOCK OF CLOTHING at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES in order to reduce previous to stock-taking February 1st.  
**OVERCOATS, OVERCOATS, OVERCOATS,**  
**AT COST**  
 For the Next 30 Days.  
**GENTS FINE DRESS SUITS, BUSINESS SUITS, WORKING SUITS.**  
**GENTS**  
 Furnishing Goods, Hats and Caps REDUCED.  
**IXL C. H. COOPER, IXL**  
 The Leading Dry Goods and Clothing House of Astoria.  
 For special Dry Goods Advertisement see Daily Independent.

**Around the City.**  
 Some little hatchets are being buried and others exhumed.  
 A good many people are burning coal in Astoria this winter.  
 The *Litan* is carrying boxes and boom sticks from Knappa.  
 The *A. B. Ford* is billed to sail for Tillamook next Friday.  
 N. Johansen offers his Upper Astoria store with fixtures for rent.  
 The *Indiana* cleared for Queenstown yesterday with \$77,000 worth of wheat.  
 The streets were gray with frozen sleet yesterday morning which melted off by noon.  
 A pleasant time is anticipated at the Congressional social at Mrs. Welch's this evening.  
 A much-needed job of street repairing is being done on Chenamus street in front of the postoffice.  
 Look out for counterfeit silver dollars! They are well executed, but the lion's head is not so distinct as in the genuine.  
 In the justice court yesterday Leonard Chance pleaded guilty to assault and battery on John Johnson and was fined \$12.  
 A Seattle editor declares that he wears the national colors in his person. He has a red nose, a white heart, and a blue spot under his eye.  
 Political clubs are organizing in various parts of the state. Astoria never was very partisan in this matter, and is just as well off.  
 The circus has already begun to chirp. The great and only aggregation known as the Nickel Plate, will start from Roseburg next month.  
 Alf. Bowen, the genial proprietor of the *Osterville Journal*, was in the sanctum yesterday. He says the Pacific county folk will have a railroad. Good.  
 Courtwright & Hawkins' minstrels are the next attraction. Wan Kildon, the champion wrestler, is with them. Mul. does the "plastic statue" business, whatever that is.  
 When the papers speak of the prize ring they mean the circle in which a prize fight is held, but you will have it that the real prize ring is the little golden band that signifies their engagement.  
 A philosophical contemporary tells us not to mind small things, but what are you going to do in the case of the fellow who runs his hand up over your vest front and takes the last cigar out of your upper watch-pocket?

**Wood Yard.**  
 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THE ASTORIA Wood Yard, Gray's Dock, foot of Benton street, will sell wood at the following prices: Dry wood, 4.00; Green Fir, 4.00; Green Fir, 4.00; Extra Maple, 5.00; and S. Limes, 6.00; and S. Limes, 6.00; and S. Limes, 6.00.  
**Notice of Dissolution.**  
 I HAVE THIS DAY SOLD OUT MY HALF INTEREST IN THE ASTORIA SAIL LIFT TO C. J. JOHNSON, who, in connection with Mr. A. M. JOHNSON will carry on the business at the old stand. Mr. Johnson will receive all bills and settle all accounts of the late firm of J. Hess & Co.  
**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.  
**Notice of Sale.**  
 CHEN SING LUNG & CO. HAVE SOLD their gin and business to Wong Fat of San Francisco, who will do business under the firm name of the Wing Fat. Wong Fat will not be responsible for any debt incurred by Chen Sing Lung & Co. All kinds of Chinese trade goods.  
**For Sale.**  
 FIVE HUNDRED CURDS DRY HEMLOCK WOOD, which I will deliver at the houses of customers for \$4 a cord. I am prepared to turn on all kinds of reasonable rates.  
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**REMoval.**  
 The Astoria Passenger Line  
 WILL AFTER THIS DATE HAVE ITS headquarters at its Stables next to B. S. Franklin's, two doors below THE ASTORIAN office. First-class livery service. Carriage with horse furnished, for one dollar per hour. Carriages on application.  
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**W. C. T. U.—The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet in the hall of the Y. M. C. A. to-day at 3 o'clock p. m. Members of the Union, and all ladies friendly to temperance work are invited to be present.**  
**MRS. W. W. PARKER,**  
 President W. C. T. U. for Astoria.  
**LUMBERMEN ASKING FOR PROTECTION.**  
 A late Washington dispatch says that Rosecrans has presented to the house a petition, signed by the principal lumber dealers on the Pacific coast, opposing any reduction in the duty on lumber. Petitioners state that if special industries of the east require and receive protection, the lumber industry has a right also to demand protection. They say if duty was abolished, competition in the lumber trade would come from British Columbia, and would be in the highest degree detrimental to them. Freight on lumber, they say, from British Columbia to points in California, are quite as low as from Puget sound, while the difference in freights from ports in Alaska would be so largely in favor of British Columbia lumber as to give the latter a monopoly in the trade if the duty is taken off. They also call attention to the fact that the lumber trade in British Columbia is carried on by Chinese coolie labor. The petition, before being presented, was signed by the entire congressional delegation from California.

**How They Fix It.**  
 "How is it that you and your husband never wrangle about which is to get up first and fix the fire?" asked one lady of her next door neighbor.  
 "Why?" was the reply, "we settle that every night before going to bed by a game of cards. If he beats me three out of five games I get up first, and when I beat him he gets up."

**Reducing the Boats.**  
 ASTORIA, FEB. 3, 1884.  
**EDITOR ASTORIAN:**  
 The proposition to reduce the number of fishing boats on the river still agitates the minds of our cannermen and I feel confident that a reduction will be made to the extent of either one-half, or possibly forty per cent of the number, taking last year's list of boats as a basis for calculation.  
 There were some of our cannermen, who at first, would not favor the proposed reduction from the fact of their having men and nets sufficient to run as many boats as last year, but the better reflection which they have given the matter, for the past two weeks, have made all confident of its prosperity, and now the proposition has the approval of all, except possibly one of our Astoria cannermen, and I doubt if they will desire to stand in the way of the other thirty-eight cannermen, who are confident of a saving of a dollar or more on each case packed.  
 A half million dollars, thus saved, distributed among our cannermen, would greatly relieve the present feeling of depression, and as the only requirement to accomplish it, is a concert of action, I feel sure it will be done.  
**CANNERYMAN.**  
 A competent woman wants a situation to do housework in a private family or hotel. Apply at this office.  
**For Sale.**  
 A one-half interest in a good, paying business, in this city. For particulars inquire at this office.  
**Blacksmith Wanted.**  
 A blacksmith capable of doing general work is wanted at Skippanon. Apply to E. M. Grimes, or C. A. Maguire, Skippanon.  
**Notice.**  
 Cushing Post No. 14 G. A. R. will meet for general inspection and muster, immediately after the arrival of the Portland steamer on Wednesday, February 6th, 1884.  
 A prompt attendance of all members is requested.  
 By order of Post Commander,  
 R. V. MONTEITH,  
 Officer of the Day.  
 The delicious Crescent Creamery Butter for sale at Wyatt & Thompson's.

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