

Three million southern adults cannot read and write. They vote 'solid.'

The Supreme Court of California has decided that grand jurors cannot be compelled to reveal how they voted.

The steamer Carlisle B. Patterson, built for the U. S. Coast Survey service on this coast, was launched at Williamsburg, N. Y., January 15th. She is a staunch vessel of 719 tons displacement.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY has 131 insane persons. This is exclusive of her candidates for office. (Attention is directed to the above campaign joke. This size, warranted not to rip in the seams, three for a dollar; caveat filed.)

One of the present popular contentions in Norway is for a merchant marine flag which shall be distinct from the 'union' flag, which now aids in confusing Norway with Sweden in the minds of foreigners. The Norwegians are very sensitive to any blunders regarding their identity, and especially resent the idea that their language is the same as Swedish.

The statement is made "upon high authority," that President Arthur is doing absolutely nothing to secure a renomination. He is said to have looked the situation over very carefully, and while he would be very much pleased to be renominated, he holds that it would be very impolitic and undignified on his part to make any great effort in his own behalf.

The American sovereign's symbol of power is the ballot. If he sells it for coin, he is worse than a dog. If he is wheedled out of it, he is a weakling, a fit subject for an idiot asylum. If he is frightened out of it he is to be pitied. If he is driven from the ballot box by the shot-gun, his property, family, and very life, put in peril, he is a dethroned monarch. The perpetrators of such persecution and outrage are traitors in arms against a sovereign.

FRED DOUGLASS was once a Maryland slave. He fled from the darkness of bondage into the sunlight of freedom, and in the anti-slavery struggle of the thirty years which closed with the Emancipation Proclamation of Abraham Lincoln won a more than national reputation. He was the friend of Daniel O'Connell. An English anti-slavery Dutchess more than a generation ago took his arm on one of the most fashionable streets of London sending a thrill of horror through the ranks of the British aristocracy. Until a few years ago the old Maryland statutes were in force against him as a runaway slave. In his honored old age he has found a white wife, and the statutes of Maryland, in force in the capital of the country as a part of its common law, again rise up condemning her, not him, to pay a fine of five thousand pounds of tobacco. And yet this is the nineteenth century! Mrs. Douglass should pay the tobacco fine and let our civilized law-makers smoke it.

REGARDING the Oregon and Transcontinental company, the Boston Transcript publishes a paragraph to the effect that as soon as it could be conveniently done the affairs of the company would be wound up, and the assets distributed pro rata to the stockholders. This has been denied, but the denials are from persons less likely to be informed on the subject than the Transcript would be. The paragraph stated that the information it received was from persons having large interests in the properties, and there is good ground for saying that it knew what it was talking about. At the same time rumors were in circulation here that the Oregon Navigation company was to be leased to the Northern Pacific company. These also were denied, as usual. Nevertheless, it is the natural course to pursue under the circumstances. The Oregon Transcontinental company would seem to have died for all useful purposes—killed by Wall street speculation. Its main ostensible object was to secure to the Northern Pacific control of the Oregon Navigation company. If the Oregon Transcontinental company be wound up and formally be put out of existence, a lease of the Navigation company to the Northern Pacific would be a simple and easy way of holding it.

MARRIED. In Astoria, Oregon, February 6, 1884, at the residence of the bride's parents, Walter L. Robb and Miss Kate Davidson, Rev. M. D. Wilson, officiating.

NEW TO-DAY. Oregon Paint and Varnish Works, Manufacturers of Paints, Varnish and Lacquer. Any shade mixed and ground to order. C. F. PEARSON & Co., Portland, Or., P.O. Box 148.

TAX NOTICE. RESIDENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 are hereby notified that the taxes for the year 1883 in said district are now due and payable at the office of Radcliff & Co., Upper Astoria. J. R. HIGGINS, Acting School Clerk, Astoria, February 6, 1884.

NEW TO-DAY

Street Superintendent's Notice. THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC IS called to the following extract from Ordinance No 204: SEC. 5.—No person shall throw into or deposit upon any public street, highway or grounds, or upon any private premises, or anywhere, except such places as may be designated by the Superintendent of Streets, any glass, metal, broken ware, dirt, rubbish, garbage, or filth, and no person shall carry upon any sidewalk, exposed so as to be offensive to pedestrians, any rubbish, garbage or filth. THOS. LOGAN, Street Supt. Astoria, Feb. 6, 1884.

Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed the assignee of J. J. Arvid, and all persons having claims against said J. J. Arvid are notified to present the same duly verified to me at my office in Astoria, Oregon, within three months from this date, January 31st, 1884. C. H. PAGE, Assignee of J. J. Arvid. d-5w

Notice. THIS IS TO INFORM ALL WHOM IT may concern that the business formerly known as Sun Shing Co., in the city of Astoria, Oregon, on Chenamus street opposite the Odd Fellows building, and owned by Hong Fong, and Hong Yiu, has been bought by Hong Fong who will assume all the liabilities of the Sun Shing Co., and will collect all debts due the same. Hong Fong will keep Chinese groceries, teas, fruits, etc. Astoria Jan. 24th, 1884.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET. AT MES. GEO. HILLER'S, NEXT DOOR to Wesson Hotel.

Notice. HAVING CLOSED OUT MY BUSINESS in Astoria all parties indebted to me are requested to make immediate settlement of the same at the office of D. L. Beck & Sons in this city. All parties having claims against me will present the same at the above office. GEO. W. HUME, Jan. 28, 1884.

D. L. BECK & SONS. (Successors to Geo. W. Hume.) DEALERS IN GROCERIES AND CANNED FRUITS, corner Skamouga and Olney streets, Astoria. On retiring from the above business, I take great pleasure in recommending my successors to my friends, and bespeak for Messrs. D. L. Beck & Sons, a liberal share of their patronage. G. W. HUME.

Notice. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE P. L. & R. Association of Astoria will be held in Liberty Hall on the evening of the 9th day of February, 1884, at 7 o'clock P. M. WM. L. MCKEAN, Secy.

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 C. Leinenweber, Upper Astoria, within six months from this date. C. LEINENWEBER, Wm. WADHAMS, Executors. Astoria, December 14, 1883.

Notice of Dissolution. I HAVE THIS DAY SOLD OUT MY HALF interest in the Astoria Sail Loft to C. J. Johnson, who, in connection with Mr. A. M. Johnson will carry on the business at the old stand. J. HESS, Mr. A. M. Johnson will collect all bills and settle all accounts of the late firm of J. Hess & Co. Astoria, Jan. 14th, 1884. per A. M. J.

HAY FOR SALE. THIRTY TONS OF THE BEST CALIFORNIA Oat Hay for sale. Enquire of E. A. QUINN, at O'Brien's Hotel.

Notice of Sale. CHEN SING LUNG & CO. HAVE SOLD their goods and business to Wong Fat of San Francisco, who will do business under the firm name of Wah Hing Jan. Wong Fat will not be responsible for any debts incurred by Chen Sing Lung & Co. All kinds of Chinese Goods for sale. WONG FAT, Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 24th, 1884.

BOAT BUILDING, R. M. LEATHERS Has reopened his boat shop, over Arndt & Ferchen's, foot of Lafayette street, and is prepared to turn out FIRST-CLASS BOATS. ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

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The A 1 Fast Sailing Schooner "GEN. BANNING," 136 tons register, will leave Astoria, on, or about FEBRUARY 13th, 1884, FOR Gray's Harbor. She will take freight at Portland, and on her return from Portland will leave Astoria. For further particulars apply to J. H. D. GRAY, Astoria, Oregon.

ASTORIA MUSICAL SOCIETY. THE ASTORIA MUSICAL SOCIETY will hereafter meet at the Library rooms in the Odd Fellows building. By order of the President. B. VAN DUSEN, Secretary.

Notice to the Public. HAVING SOLD MY ENTIRE INTEREST in the Market and Grocery business to J. R. Wyatt, of Portland, I take this method of expressing thanks for the uniform courtesy and liberal patronage of the citizens of Astoria for the past fourteen years, and I cheerfully recommend the firm of Wyatt & Thompson to the confidence and liberal patronage of the public, including especially the friends of the old firm. D. K. WARREN.

Dissolution of Partnership. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE firm of Warren & Thompson is dissolved by mutual consent, and all parties indebted to the late firm will please make immediate settlement, and all parties having claims against the firm of Warren & Thompson will please present the same to E. C. Thompson, at the old stand, for payment. WARREN AND THOMPSON, Astoria, February 1st, 1884.

Notice. THE BUSINESS FORMERLY DONE UNDER the firm sign Quong Man Wa & Co. has been changed and the business sign will hereafter be Quong Wing He. Wong Ing Gung acting as agent for Quong Wing He, will do all kinds of business for the store. Dealer in Fancy Goods Etc. Agent for Chinese Labor. 5-2w

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