

THE SECRETARY OF STATE recently transmitted to the house copies of all correspondence on file in the state department in relation to the arrest at Lodz, in Russian Poland, of Reinhardt Wagner, a citizen of the United States. The correspondence shows that the state department was notified of complaint made by Wagner against returning from the United States to his native country he had been arrested and his passports seized. The department took immediate steps to ascertain the truth of the complaint, and found that the governor of Petroken claimed that Wagner was a Russian subject, although having an American passport. Secretary Frelinghuysen, in a letter to Minister Hunt refers to the story that Wagner had been exiled, and says: "This government cannot believe that a government, which, like that of Russia, has lost no opportunity in cultivating and extending friendly relations, should have so far disregarded evidence of the right of protection of the government of the United States, which Reinhardt Wagner presented in his lawfully issued passport, and turned a deaf ear to the courteous interposition made through you in his behalf as to seize upon him and consign him to exile in Siberia. No government could be expected to look calmly on and behold the infliction upon one of its lawful citizens of such a punishment." Subsequently it was ascertained that Wagner had not been exiled, but by bribing the Russian police had escaped and returned to America. In the last letter of the correspondence Secretary Frelinghuysen calls the attention of Minister Hunt to a statement made by the governor of Petroken in a communication about Wagner, in which he says: "The American passport with which he was provided was taken away from him, as in his quality of a Russian subject he had not the right to have it." To this the Secretary objects, and says this government will never admit the claim of local or general officers of a foreign government to decide that a bona fide holder of an American passport has no right thereto. Such a paper is the highest evidence that the person to whom it was granted is a citizen of the United States, entitled by our own laws and the generally accepted laws of nations to the protection due at home and abroad to all citizens, whether native or naturalized, unless it can be shown by their own acts that they have voluntarily ceased to enjoy their rights to such protection. That is the question to be decided between the two governments, and to claim that subordinates of one of them have the right to determine it would show disrespect to foreign states, which it would combat." The secretary directs the presentation by Minister Hunt to the Russian government of a proposition for naturalization connection between the United States and Russia which shall distinctly enunciate and at the same time limit the claims of that government over those of original Russian allegiance naturalized here, who may return within Russian jurisdiction, and who, upon their departure, left unfulfilled military obligations to that government.

which already indicates its future importance. The people have the kindest feeling toward Astoria and anything that can be done to augment it will not be amiss.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT.
 TALKING ABOUT THE MISSISSIPPI river, the necessity for its improvement, and the great convention of representative men that met last week to direct the attention of congress to this matter, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat very justly says: "The feeling of prejudice has gained some excuse, no doubt, from the practice of associating the Mississippi with a hundred other rivers whenever an appropriation has been sought. There are other rivers in the country that ought to be improved, no doubt, but it is true, at the same time, that the really meritorious projects of this kind have suffered not a little by reason of being connected with schemes of a doubtful and indefensible sort. Congressmen have too frequently insisted upon loading down the river and harbor bill with appropriations calculated only to benefit particular localities, and members entirely willing to vote money for the improvement of the Mississippi and its navigable tributaries have thus been forced in many instances to take the negative side because they could not consent to indorse all the outlays proposed for obscure and useless purposes."

It is just this that works delay in the effort to get needed appropriations for important improvements, as in the case of the Columbia.

A CONFUSION OF TERMS.
 A RECENT eastern convention of "free thinkers" gives rise to considerable comment regarding what "free thinking" is. There seems to be a confusion of terms. Some of the speakers seem to have thought that free thinking was a discovery to the credit of which they were entitled. The fact is "free thinking" in one sense has always existed. That is if free thinking be defined as the right of the human mind to form its impressions in refusal to an attempt at mental coercion. This applies to the inalienable right of any one to do whatever thinking he pleases. Thought can no more be suppressed than will. But "free thinking" in the sense of thought wholly outside of environment and prejudice, there is no such thing in the world, nor has there ever been. Shelley's brilliant thought comes in: "Life, like a dome of many colored glass stains the white radiance of eternity." Thought has its laws as unchangeable as geometry, as fixed as the stars. Of what a man is, his thoughts are the unerring index. No two men or women in this world could possibly think alike, if they tried. The point of view is different with every observer.

THERE IS considerable discussion concerning Henry Watterson's bill in congress copyrighting press dispatches. What a man or set of men pay for, that they should have, and if news be made an object of costly purchase its buyers should have protection.

ANOTHER vessel has been wrecked at the entrance to Puget sound. This time it is at Borilla Point, opposite Cape Flattery. The unfortunate vessel was the bark *Lizzie Marshall*, and is a total loss.

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 Notice.
 THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Olympic Gymnasium held in the Alert Hook and Ladder Co's room, in Astoria, Oregon, Tuesday, February 26th, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of increasing the capital stock of the corporation and considering other important business.
 C. W. FULTON, Secretary.
 S. T. MCKEAN, Secretary.
 For Sale.
 ONE GOOD MILCH COW FOUR YEARS old. Inquire of
 DE JAY TUTTLE.

Special Auction Sale
SCOW "ANNIE,"
 On Friday, Feb. 29, 11 A. M.
 I am instructed by the owner, Mr. John Glazer, to sell to the highest bidder, at PUBLIC AUCTION,
 The scow "ANNIE," 18 tons measurement and 40 tons carrying capacity, as she now lies above Devlin's Cannery, together with a new suit of sails, consisting of mainsail, foresail, and jib, two anchors, oars, rowlocks and lines. Scow and whole outfit to be sold in one lot.
 Terms, Cash, or, if desired by purchaser, one third cash, balance in 5 and 9 months, at 10 per cent per annum interest, on approved endorsed notes.
 E. C. HOLDEN,
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FOR SALE.
 IN LOTS TO SUIT, FROM 5 ACRES TO 40 acre tract in S. W. corner of Chas. 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.
 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.
 Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 24th, 1884.

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FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET.
AT MES. GEO. HILLER'S, NEXT DOOR TO Weston Hotel.
Dissolution of Partnership.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE firm of Warren & Thompson is dissolved by mutual consent, and all parties indebted to the said firm will please make immediate settlement, and all parties having claims against the firm of Warren & Thompson will please present the same to H. C. Thompson, at the old stand, for payment.
 WARREN AND THOMPSON,
 Astoria, February 1st, 1884.

Executors' Notice.
 THE COUNTY COURT OF CLATSOP County, Oregon, having appointed the undersigned executor 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 proper vouchers, at the office of C. Leinenweber, Upper Astoria, within six months from this date.
 C. LEINENWEBER,
 Wm. WADHAMS,
 Astoria, December 14, 1883.
Notice to the Public.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will not be responsible for any debts contracted in my name without a written order from me.
 N. JOHANSEN,
 Astoria, January 24th, 1884.

Notice.
 THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF "Friends of Progress" are requested to meet at Liberty Hall on Wednesday evening, the 27th February, 1884, at 7 o'clock P. M., that being the regular semi-annual meeting of the society, for the election of officers.
 Wm. L. MEYER,
 Acting Secretary,
 January 6th, 1884.

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 A LARGE, FINESTORY ROOM ADJOINING my place of business; also part of the entire upper floors if desired. For further particulars inquire of
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 FIVE HUNDRED CEDARS DRY HEMLock Wood, which I will deliver at the homes of customers for \$4 a cord. Draying or all kinds done at reasonable rates.
 R. E. MARION.
TAX NOTICE.
 RESIDENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 are hereby notified that the taxes for the year 1883 in said district are now due and payable at the office of Badollet & Co., Upper Astoria.
 J. E. HIGGINS,
 Acting School Clerk,
 Astoria, February 6, 1884.
School Notice.
 THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE legal voters of School District No. 18, Clatsop county, Oregon, will be held at the new school building in said district, on Monday March 3, 1884, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing one director to serve for three years, and one clerk to serve for one year.
 By order of the Directors,
 J. O. BOZORTH,
 School District No. 18, Clatsop County, Or.
 February 20, 1884. dtd
Notice.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed the assignee of L. J. Arnold, and all persons having claims against said L. J. Arnold are notified to present the same duly verified to me at my office in Astoria, Oregon, within three months from this date, January 30th, 1884.
 C. H. PAGE,
 Assignee of L. J. Arnold,
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To Lease.
 I OFFER FOR RENT MY FINE RESIDENTIAL property in Upper Astoria. This is a rare opportunity for a business man.
 N. JOHANSEN.

Notice to the Public.
 HAVING SOLD MY ENTIRE INTEREST in the Market and Grocery business to J. B. 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.
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