

**The Daily Astorian.**  
 ASTORIA, OREGON:  
 TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1884  
 ARGUMENTS CONCERNING CREMATION.

The growing practice of cremation has received an impetus of late in the expressed wish of many eminent men previous to their decease, preferring that mode of disposing of their remains. The death of Dr. Samuel Gross, the leading physician of America, at Philadelphia, last week, is the latest case in point.

Dr. Gross' practical evidence of his preference for cremation is likely to have more weight than volumes of argument. "Science and logic are all on the side of 'urn-burial,' but sentiment and custom are all against it. Every one will admit its practical advantages, and yet most persons would shrink from disposing in this way of the bodies of those they love. If, therefore, cremation should ever come into general use, it can only be after we have grown accustomed to hear of it and read of it, and have come to look upon it as something else than merely the hobby of a few scientific or sentimental cranks. To this end an example so conspicuous as that of Dr. Gross must exert considerable influence.

With the increase of population, methods of sepulture become more and more important, especially in the neighborhood of cities. The quiet churchyard has become an ideal that is practically impossible of realization. The crowded public cemeteries are very far from filling this ideal, and even they are gradually being pushed away to such great distances that a city funeral has become not simply a grievous burden to the survivors, but often an occasion of unavoidable yet not less distressing offenses against reverence and good taste. We have no longer even the sense that we are laying the bodies of our loved ones where they will rest undisturbed, and the question must arise whether instead of committing a body to the ground we might not even more reverently commit it to the flames.

If this question can be entertained at all, the distance is not far to go to an answer in the affirmative. Such a result will come about very slowly, but it will come without much reference to scientific arguments. Many learned essays have been written to show the bad effects of cemeteries on the public health, the greater economy of urn-burial and all that, but these are things that nobody will or can dispute. It is not from any doubt of its practical advantage that cremation is looked on with disfavor. The objections are altogether of a different kind and such as can be overcome only by very different considerations from those which the scientific writers offer. They may not be objections that will stand the test of logic, but sentiment has its place and value in the world as well as science—some think its value even higher; and when the sentiment of the people shall cease to recoil from the thought of incineration, but not till then, urn-burial will find acceptance without much argument.

The shipping bill, which passed the United States senate last week, provides that all officers of American vessels shall be United States citizens, except that foreign-going vessels may fill with foreign vacancies happening abroad until the return to the home port. Tonnage dues are abolished as to American vessels, and as to the vessels of other nations which do not impose tonnage dues under the name of "light money," or otherwise on American vessels, but this provision is not to impair any treaty obligation. It is further provided that after July 1 next no consular fees named in the tariff of fees prescribed by the president shall be collected for services to American vessels or seamen, but that they shall be paid from the United States treasury, masters being required to furnish the collector at the port of first arrival with certificates of all such consular services. When a vessel is built in the United States for foreign account wholly or partly of foreign materials on which duties have been paid, the amount of duty, less 10 per cent., is to be allowed as drawback when the vessel is exported.

The Standard has been sued for libel—damages \$25,000—claimed to be occasioned by the publication of a report concerning a recent Portland fire, in which it was intimated that the friction of an insurance policy for the full amount had considerable to do with the fire. We sincerely hope that the firm will push the suit and get most gloriously beaten—all it seems to be an attempt to muzzle an honest expression concerning something that is getting to be altogether too frequent.

The San Diego, Cal. Union has completed the thirteenth volume of its daily edition. In a review of the last thirteen years it strikes the keynote of successful journalism by saying: "No newspaper, worthy of the name, will timidly trim its course for fear of offending prejudices, or arousing opposition."

THIRTY-SIX members of the Idaho legislature are Mormons. The only chance they get to talk is while they are indulging in law-making.

**THE THRIFTY HOUSE OF DUNCAN.**

UNITED STATES shipping commissioner Charles C. Duncan, of the port of New York, believes with all his heart in the good old orthodox doctrine that the world belongs to the saints and that the saints are the sons and daughters of the house of Duncan.

Mr. Duncan became shipping commissioner in 1873. He is allowed by law fees and emoluments to the amount of \$5000 a year and the right to appoint the necessary subordinates and clerks for the adequate performance of the duties of the position, who must be paid out of the receipts of the office, so that in no case is the office to become a charge on the treasury, while all surplus fees over and above paying the necessary expenses of transacting the business are required to be covered into the treasury. Mr. Duncan appointed his four sons and one other relative or friend deputies, besides other clerks, to perform necessary duties. The total emoluments of the office have ranged from \$22,000 to \$55,000 yearly. In every year but one the salaries and expenses have absorbed the whole amount, and in that exceptional year the treasury was richer only by the sum of \$128. The salaries of the younger members of the Duncan family have been so nicely adjusted each year that they have just absorbed the whole amount. They have ranged from \$4000 each downward to \$2200 or thereabouts, but most of the time have stood at about \$3900. If it was found necessary to economize anywhere to meet these salaries, clerks were discharged or their salaries reduced.

The gods are not always good to the Duncan family, however. Judge Wallace, of the United States circuit court, to whom the salary accounts of the thrifty household were submitted for approval for the year 1882, has decided that Providence is altogether too kind to the house of Duncan. He has ordered the reduction of the total amount allowed for clerk hire to six thousand dollars, and required the senior Duncan to show cause why he should not be removed from office. It looks as though the thrifty Duncan family would be compelled to seek new fields in which to practice thrift. They should have been able during the eleven plenteous years which they have enjoyed, however, to have laid by enough for several rainy days.

WELL, Gen. Grant has got the experience, but who in the deuce has got the money!

MR. EVARTS thinks it is unwise to instruct delegates. It depends upon who the delegates are.

NO BANK will be safe until a woman is placed on every board of directors.

**BORN.**  
 In Crooked Creek, May 2d, to the wife of W. M. Bell, a son.

**NEW TO-DAY.**  
**Net Lost.**  
 ON THE NIGHT OF MAY FOURTEENTH, above Fort Stevens, in South channel, about 50 fathoms of net, 50 fathoms of Scotch 45-ply, 45-mesh deep, 9-inch mesh; 20 fathoms Irish, 18-ply, 45-mesh deep, 8-inch mesh, all in old line, Corbis brand, E. P. G. Finner will return to T. W. Francis, E. P. G.'s station, Skipanon.

**County Treasurer's Notice.**  
 THERE IS MONEY IN THE COUNTY Treasury to pay all county orders presented prior to July 1st, 1884. All such orders will cease to draw interest after this date.  
 CHAS. HEILBORN,  
 Treasurer Clatsop Co.  
 May 20th, 1884.

**Lost.**  
 ABOUT 250 FATHOMS, 45-MESH NET branded on the cork and lead, I. X. L. The finder will be liberally rewarded by calling at the I. X. L. Cannery.

**Picked Up.**  
 ON THE 12TH, NEAR DESDENOMA sands, about 140 fathoms 45-mesh net; corbis marked A. B. Ours apply to Wm. Curtis, Hawthorn & Co's boat, at Hwaco, prove property and pay charges.

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 For Justice of the Peace.

**For Tillamook.**  
 THE STEAMER  
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 With Freight and Passengers for Tillamook.

**For Gray's Harbor**  
 THE STEAMER  
**A. B. FIELD,**  
 Chartered by the  
 Astoria and Coast Transportation Co.  
 Will sail for GRAY'S HARBOR on  
**SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1884.**  
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**Rooms to Rent.**  
 ROOMS 9, 10, 12, AND 14, IN ODD Fellows Building, for rent. Inquire at Case's Bank, or of A. J. MEGLER, Occident Hotel.

**REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.**

FOR CONGRESS,  
 BINGER HERMAN, of Douglas Co.  
 FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT,  
 JUDGE L. FLINN, of Linn Co.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS,  
 D. P. THOMPSON, of Multnomah,  
 J. C. LEASURE, of Umatilla,  
 WARREN TRUITT, of Polk.

FOR JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
 F. J. TAYLOR, of Clatsop.

FOR PROS. ATTY., FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
 T. A. MCBRIDE, of Clackamas.

**Clatsop Co. Republican Ticket.**  
 FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE,  
 (From Clatsop and Tillamook Counties)  
 J. H. D. GRAY.  
 FOR SHERIFF,  
 GEO. P. WHEELER.  
 FOR COUNTY CLERK,  
 J. O. SPENCER.  
 FOR COUNTY TREASURER,  
 A. W. BERRY.  
 FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
 D. K. WARREN,  
 H. B. PARKER,  
 FOR ASSESSOR,  
 J. F. WARREN.  
 FOR SURVEYOR,  
 GELO F. PARKER.  
 FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT,  
 H. SLOOP.  
 FOR CORONER,  
 J. C. ROSS.  
**Astoria Precinct.**  
 FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,  
 N. C. GOODELL.  
 FOR CONSTABLE,  
 J. R. CHRISTIE.  
**Shively Precinct.**  
 FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,  
 J. W. WELCH.  
 FOR CONSTABLE,  
 O. NELSON.

**REGULAR Democratic Ticket**

FOR CONGRESS,  
 JOHN MYERS, of Clackamas.  
 JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT,  
 W. W. THAYER, of Multnomah.  
 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS,  
 L. B. ISON, of Baker,  
 W. D. FENTON, of Yamhill,  
 A. C. JONES, of Douglas.

FOR JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
 A. S. BENNETT, of Wasco.

FOR PROS. ATTY. FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT,  
 W. B. DILLARD.

**Clatsop County Democratic Ticket.**  
 FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE,  
 (From Clatsop and Tillamook.)  
 C. LEINENWEBER.  
 FOR SHERIFF,  
 W. G. ROSS.  
 FOR COUNTY CLERK,  
 C. J. TRENCHARD.  
 FOR TREASURER,  
 ISAAC BERGMAN.  
 FOR ASSESSOR,  
 C. W. SHIVELY.  
 FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
 JOHN HOBSON,  
 F. BARTHOLDES.  
 FOR SURVEYOR,  
 N. D. RAYMOND.  
 FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT,  
 J. E. HIGGINS.  
 FOR CORONER,  
 B. B. FRANKLIN.  
**Astoria Precinct.**  
 FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,  
 A. A. CLEVELAND.  
**Shively Precinct.**  
 FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,  
 THOS. DEALY.

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