

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 1884. A MATTER OF THE STOMACH.

JAMES R. DAVIS, inspector of teas for the port of New York, in a recent interesting interview, stated that within a month then just passed, he had been compelled to reject 2,000 packages of tea from Japan and China, 200 from Canada and 4,000 from London. The occasion of this rejection of imports was the spurious character of the goods. It appears that no article is so easily adulterated as tea, and the reason of this will be apparent after a moment's reflection. A very little of genuine tea-leaf, adroitly mixed with a major part of imitation tea, will compose an article that will readily deceive all except experts. The indication is of two classes—exhausted leaves, the strength being spuriously restored by use of dangerous chemicals; and foreign leaves, treated to resemble the genuine. The mass of the adulteration is of the first class named. The rejected tea is reshipped to the port from which it came, under the set of March, 1883, to prevent the importation of spurious teas. Under this law tea importers are required to give bonds with sureties satisfactory to the collectors of ports, to export all spurious tea to some foreign territory, within six months after the examination is made. If the export is not so made, the goods are destroyed by order of the collector. This law is a beneficial one in all respects; but last spring a supplemental bill passed the United States senate that is much desired by collectors. Unfortunately the house of representatives failed to take it up, that body being too much engrossed with scheming for the presidential campaign to take notice of this important matter. The bill must be passed at the next session, and every congressman in the Union should be pledged to that end, since the matter directly affects seven out of ten of all the people of the republic. The new bill strengthens the present law, cures some defects, and provides perfect remedies for tea imposition. It appears that our importers have been accustomed to send the rejected teas over the borders into Canada, that being the nearest and most easily reached foreign territory. But the Canadian government has recently followed the example of the United States, and now refuses to receive the adulterated merchandise. The vast amount of tea consumed in this country being taken into consideration, the effect upon the public health of chemically prepared imitations, and all other frauds on the genuine article, may easily be imagined. During the month of June the report showed that over 6,000 packages of tea doctored by deleterious drugs and vile coloring mixtures and processes were rejected at the port of New York alone. If the next congress shall pass the law referred to, which all agree is needed, and has, indeed, no opposition, and it is enforced rigidly, it will be but a very brief time when the poisonous compounds will cease to arrive here. The foreign growers and exporters will very soon discover that the Yankee nation, which once dumped obnoxious tea for political reasons into Boston harbor, will not submit to having "its cup" drawn from the drug shops of the world, and as a consequence the sending in of such vile stuff will cease. If this result can be attained in the tea trade, it is very naturally suggested to the mind that by law, and faithful inspection, the food of the people in other respects can be protected. It is not done now. Fully one-third of all the cheap groceries sold are adulterations. They begin in sugars, run through potted sauces, enter the realm of spices, invade the coffee sold in ready prepared papers, affect baking powders, soda and like articles, and render dangerous to health syrups, broken grains, meal, butter, liquid supplies, and so on through a long and startling array of goods that are doctored. In view of the vast amount of food adulteration, and the gross and daring character of most of it, it is simply marvelous that the health of the people is as good as it is. If it is true, as the science congresses are constantly asserting, that we are becoming a nation of dyspeptics, it is unquestionably due in no small measure to the vile stuff we send into the stomach in the guise of ordinary food. The very people most injured are the last whose miseries we ascertain—the poor, who are driven to buy the cheapest grades of food supplies. These, if no other considerations move legislators, are entitled to the protection of the state from the assaults made by unscrupulous makers and dealers in food.

MONSIEUR D. CONWAY reminds the world—which is generally lost sight of—that the Mahometans are Christians. He says the Mahometan's entire faith in the present, as well as his hopes for the future, are based upon Christ. Mahomet, the prophet, is little more to them than what Wesley is to the Wesleyans—the founder of their faith. Tax city of New York recently sold \$1,180,000 3-per-cent bonds, ten to twenty years to run, at a slight premium. Good credit.

A WONDERFUL SUBSTANCE.

From the vile-smelling drugs of the petroleum still is evolved the snowy, pure wax called ozokerite. This comely, impressionable article, with all its smooth, soft beauty, defies agents which can destroy the precious metals and eat up steel as water dissolves sugar. Sulphuric and other potent acids have no more effect on ozokerite than spring water. It is alike impervious to acids and to moisture. Its advent seems to have been a special dispensation in this age of electricity. Every overhead electric light cable, or underground conduit, or slender wire, cunningly wrapped in cotton thread—all these owe their fitness for conducting the subtle fluid to the presence of this wax. And in still more familiar forms let us outline the utility of this substance. Every gushing school girl who sinks her white teeth into chewing gum chews the paraffine wax. Every caramell she eats contains this wax and is wrapped in paper saturated with the same substance. The gloss seen upon hundreds of varieties of confectionery is due to the presence of this ingredient of petroleum, used to give the article a certain consistency, as the laundress uses starch. So that a product taken from the dirtiest, worst-smelling of tars finds its way to the millionaire's mansion, an honored servant. It aids to make possible the electric radiance that floods his rooms; or, in the form of wax candles, sheds a softer lustre over the scene. It polishes the floor for the feet of his guests and it melts in their mouths in the costliest candies. Paraffine wax is in large demand for many purposes. The demand for candles as yet heads the list. Then come the needs of the paper consumers. In 1877 a single firm in New York handled fourteen thousand reams of waxed paper. This year their trade will be three hundred and fifty thousand reams. Not only for wrapping candy is this paper invaluable, but fine cutlery, hardware, etc., encased in waxed paper is safe from the encroachment of rust or dampness. Fish and butter and a score of other articles are also thus wrapped, and there seems literally no end to the uses found for the paper saturated with this pure hydro-carbon. In the chemist's laboratory it is invaluable as a coating for articles exposed to all manner of powerful solvents; brewers find it a capital thing for coating the interior of barrels, and the maker of wax flowers simulates nature in sheets of paraffine. And yet, until Drake drilled his oil well in 1859, the existence in this country of this boon to civilization was unsuspected, and it lay in the depths of Pennsylvania rocks, where thousands, possibly millions, of years ago it was stored by the hand of an all-wise Creator.

THERE is one point in Mr. Cleveland's letter which has the ring of the true metal about it. It gives promise of a fairer presidential election than has ever taken place in this country. It is the passage wherein he champions a "free and uncorrupted suffrage." Let the news be spread all over the country among Mr. Cleveland's supporters that no man is to be coerced or corrupted. Let it be the watchword in the South that every citizen is entitled to his vote. If it should lead to the colored people of Mississippi, Alabama and South Carolina being allowed to deposit their ballots and to have them counted, it might give those states to Blaine or Butler; but it would bring undying glory to Mr. Cleveland. The fear that it may not be so has been a torment to Mr. Beecher, Mr. Schurz and Mr. Curtis, who have long called themselves the blackman's friends. Now that Mr. Cleveland has shown his tender regard for the colored population, we hope to hear of it bearing fruit.

THE rage against bold Ben Butler is rising in the party papers. The Cleveland organs are livid with passion, and the Blaine organs are in a state of suppressed emotion. Ben is developing great magnetism. His talks to the working people are having marked effect. The more he is railed at the stronger he grows. While the other candidates are closed in by the Chinese wall of custom after having delivered themselves of their letters, Butler is abroad, preaching, exhorting, chatting, pleasing, conciliating—as if he had a hundred tongues. He talks home to working-men. If the Republican party upholds American industry, so does he; if Cleveland bids high for labor votes in spite of his vetoes of labor bills, Butler bids for support as an employer of labor and points boldly to his record. He is a worker, and work tells.

It is stated that some eastern distillers are sending large quantities of whisky to Bremen and other places in Europe to be stored. This is done for economy. In Bremen it costs for storage five cents per barrel a month; in this country twice that amount. Insurance there is less than one-fifth what is demanded here, and it is said that it only costs twenty cents a gallon to send whisky to Europe, keep it two years, and return it to New York, while it would cost fifty cents a gallon to keep it in the United States. Full allowance is made in the European warehouses for shrinkage. THE French army has as many officers as there are privates in the United States army.

AMERICAN BOYS.

WHILE the American father is puzzled with what to do with his boys, the American manufacturer is compelled to go to Europe for skilled workmen—and this suggests that, coupled with other circumstances of an every day character, our American boys are unwilling to go through the drudgery of apprenticeship. Of course every one with common sense sees that we are making a great mistake in not preparing ourselves to fill the ranks of our own people, rather than be obliged to depend upon our too willing neighbors across the sea. One of the baneful results of the American boy growing up into idleness and wasting the formative period of his existence, is patent to all, and needs no elaboration by example. The young man who has been taught to use the hand and eye, who has acquired with fingers and tools, insures his own livelihood, and such a one has a great advantage over him who wants to earn his bread by taking office, keeping books, or selling wares. Does the skilled artisan harass anybody for work? The thought in the thinking bayonets of the Germans conquered at Sedan. The industrial training of the North was more than a match for the chivalry of the South. In Germany prince and peasant must learn a trade. In France, young men pay high for the privilege of learning some kinds of trades, besides giving their entire time for several years to their employers. In this country we are drifting away from the moorings on which industrial supremacy depends.

ENGLAND seems to think it odd that any other Power should feel the need of colonies. A great grab game is in progress in Africa, and other countries than England are taking a hand. First France grabbed at Northern Africa. Then Belgium, through its modest-looking but really ambitious International Association, followed in the Congo region. There, also, France sent its De Brazza. Now Germany puts forth its paw and claims a slice. It has more need of colonial outlets than any other great Power. For the past thirty five years a tide of German emigration has been flowing to the United States and doing no good to Germany. If some of this stream can be diverted to Africa and so kept under the Imperial flag, so much the better for the Kaiser and his Iron Man. Germany's last grab is next door to an old English grab, and let the Lords of the Treasury and the Foreign Office and the High and Mighty Colonial Secretary think it is a "blasted shame."

THE London Echo states that W. H. Vanderbilt told an intimate friend in England that he is worth \$194,000,000, and adds: "He can take life comparatively easy on an income of \$12,000,000 a year."

It is estimated that the United States will produce this season 485,000,000 bushels of wheat, or about nine bushels for each man, woman and child in the land. "BUTLER will spend a million dollars during the campaign." The idea of a "workingman's candidate spending a million dollars is decidedly unique. ONE of the newest campaign slanders is that Mr. Hendricks plays the accordion. This ought to be nailed at once.

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Dissolution Notice. THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT THE partnership heretofore existing between M. Furney and S. Davich in the Pacific market is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. M. Furney retiring from the business. Mr. S. Davich will collect all debts and pay all outstanding indebtedness. Astoria, August 31, 1884.

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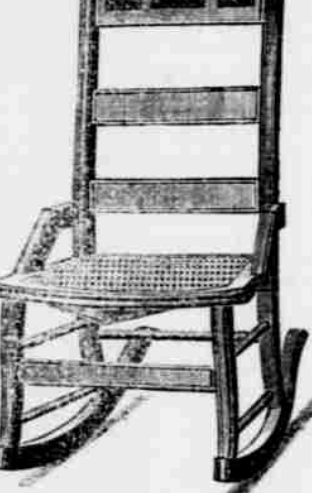
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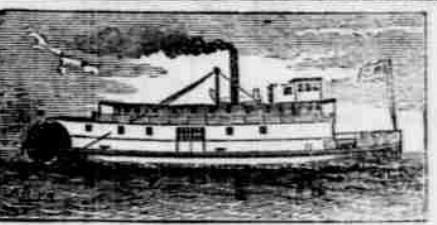
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