

In spite of the recent disastrous and disheartening results in Arctic explorations a project is on foot to send Chief Engineer Melville on a new search for the north pole, in charge of an expedition to be equipped by private enterprise in New York. However much public opinion may deprecate attempts to reach the pole, such is the fascination of the hidden Arctic mysteries that till they are penetrated to the farthest corner and disputed scientific questions settled, bold spirits will not be wanting to go nor pursues to open for their support. It has taken centuries of time and cost thousands of lives to find out the way of approaching the pole, but the most necessary knowledge seems to have been learned, and will go a great way to help all future explorers. The trouble with most Arctic expeditions has been that they were controlled by officials who knew but little of the subject and that the actual explorers were hampered by instructions or murdered by incompetence at headquarters. If there must be Arctic explorations, the projected expedition should accomplish great results. Melville has the advantage of four previous voyages, the last with the ill-fated Jeannette, and to an experience of Arctic life and privations probably greater than that of any other living man is added a scientific training, greatly developed by his studies of Arctic phenomena. He will, if he goes, undoubtedly find all his wishes as to equipment and assistance in going and returning fully carried out by his New York backers. This private capital will take a personal interest which a government official is not likely to feel, and no money nor pains will be spared to secure the scientific success of the expedition and the safe return of the explorers. The calamity to the Jeannette and the still greater miseries that befell Greeley will make all Arctic explorers very careful for a long time to come.

WHEAT RAISING IN INDIA.

This bugaboo of the East Indian ryot in competition as a wheat raiser with the sturdy farmer of the north-west has been heard of before, and not proved so terrible on close inspection. To begin with, East India wheat is not produced as cheaply as was supposed. Instead of being grown at a cost of only 18 or 21 cents, as is claimed by English authorities, the chief commissioner of the principal wheat-growing provinces states, officially, that it costs, in districts near the railroad, about 35 cents per bushel. In India the railroads have only recently entered the wheat belt, and the only exportations of wheat have been from strips immediately tributary. Every twenty miles of carriage by bullock cart adds 25 cents per bushel to the cost of wheat, and bullock carts are the only transportation in the interior. It will be seen that wheat raised only a few miles from a railroad could not be brought to market at a figure below the export price. The only remedy for that is to increase the railroads. India has now 10,000 miles of road, built by governmental aid. They have but touched the wheat-raising provinces, and it must be many years before they will cover them with such a network of lines as enables the American farmer to ship his wheat so easily and cheaply. Until those roads are built the export of East Indian wheat cannot reach such a figure as will make him in any serious sense a competitor with America in the English or any other European market. It is not impossible that he may in time become such a competitor, but it is imperative that first he must have cheaper transportation, and that by a vastly extended system of railroads, which must under the circumstances be of slow growth.

The new shuffle of the European cards in the Chinese game may bring out almost any combination, but the strangest of all would be two pair composed of France and Germany on one side, with England and Russia on the other. Some probability is given to the combination by the intense hostility felt in both France and Germany toward England, while the latter power seems disposed to join hands with the czar, who has nothing to lose in Egypt and much to gain in China. The conferences between German and French diplomats of high rank may not mean anything, but are exciting as much suspicion in Downing street as if they meant a good deal.

The medical authorities at Washington have concluded that neither yellow fever nor cholera is likely to visit us this year. This is good news for the present. But such has been the hold secured on Europe by the cholera that it is almost certain we shall see that unwelcome visitor here by next spring. Meantime there is time to prepare. Few American cities are in a sufficiently clean state to feel sure that they may escape an epidemic of greater or less force, but there is danger that in this case as in others less grave, what is everybody's business will be attended to by nobody.

It is no difficult matter at present to gather from the southern papers that they have not a very excited opinion of Mr. Benjamin F. Butler. The allusion to several little events in his history, not altogether unconnected with war times, are both numerous and pointed.

The New York Herald said after the nomination, that it was "the rowdy West" that wanted Blaine. Maine, which went Democratic in September 1880, goes 15,000 Republican in September 1884. The rowdies haven't all gone west, it seems.

BORN.
In Astoria, on September 11th, 1884, to the wife of Magnus C. Crosby, a son.
In Astoria, September 7th, 1884, to the wife of Capt. E. P. Parker, a daughter.

NEW TO-DAY.
Chamber of Commerce.
THE MEMBERS OF THE ASTORIA Chamber of Commerce are requested to meet at their rooms this evening at half-past seven o'clock to discuss matters of importance with Congressional representatives, Hon. M. C. George.
By order of the president,
E. C. HOLDEN, Secretary.

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Sheriff's Sale.
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF FORECLOSURE and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop, in favor of Geo. W. Hunt, plaintiff, and against the First Adams Fencing Company, defendant, for the sum of \$17,262.50-100.
I am instructed by W. G. Ross, Sheriff of Clatsop County, to sell at public auction at the Court House door, in said County, on the 26th day of September, at 2 o'clock P. M. of said day.
The west 100 feet of Bk 1, in Adair's Astoria, together with the Tide Lands and Wharfing privileges, Buildings and improvements thereon, Fixed Machinery and Fixtures, together with all Buildings, Improvements, Tenements, Hereditaments and Appurtenances thereto belonging.
Sale, Positive. Terms, Cash.
B. S. WORSLEY, Auctioneer, for the Sheriff of Clatsop County.

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Dividend Notice.
STOCKHOLDERS OF THE O. F. L. & B. Association can have their dividends paid to them by calling at the office of the undersigned, at the Occident Hotel.
A. J. MEGLER, Secretary.
Astoria, August 25, 1884.

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DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 O'CLOCK.

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Saturday, Sept. 13, at 2 P. M.

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I AM INSTRUCTED TO OFFER AT Public Auction, to the highest bidder, for Cash on delivery of deed,
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Perustettuna vastapaata Piipa Morisseen Kesa majan, nurkassa C A N ja kuudennen kadun, Adairin Astoriassa,
Loitit 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 ja 8 san,
Yhteensa koko Toimie 62, kaikki piiritettyä walmiksi ylia otettaila omalaukkuilla.
Et parempaa tilaisuutta löydy yia Astoriassa yka tyssille aukkaille, koko Toimie ei wadi kuin hyvin wahanen luottusta ja sitia on kanna nakoala Merella ja joelle. Loitit owat 75 jalkaa yhdelle ja 150 jalkaa toiselle kantulle, koko Toimie jalka kahta kymmentä jalkaa jalka katu, autaan joka Loitille kahden puolen edustusta.
Ediksi astalle jollia on vaha waroja rydaan Loitit joutuina katta jia 75 jalkaa katuista jaa waditaan, wiaa loitit waditaan byyvia luottuun ehtailiin ois byyvia hantokaiten satelajan attaa waria etia hantokaiten katta Toimie an tamaan tostin ja kadun wailia jota nyti satu karryt ajaa. Sitä katumossa palikan edustusta nyky- eluistimaksi homma palikaksi jonku vuoden kuluuta Astoriassa.
Kirjat anostaan Lallililla takauksilla. Baha palikalla.
E. C. HOLDEN, Huutokappopostoi.

Cass Street Assessment.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment made by Ordinance No. 660 of the City of Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, and which ordinance passed the Common Council of said city on the 26th day of August, 1884, and was approved on the 27th day of August, 1884, for the improvement of Cass street in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 657, of the City of Astoria, and which Ordinance passed the Common Council on the 12th day of August, 1884, and was approved on the 13th day of August, 1884, on each of the following described Lots fronting on said portion of said street is now payable at the office of the City Treasurer in U. S. gold and silver coin, and unless paid within five days of the final publication of this notice, viz: Thursday, September 17th, 1884, the Common Council will issue warrants for the collection thereof. The Assessment is as follows:
Clatsop Mill Company, Lot No. 1 Block No. 117. Cost \$289.00.
Clatsop Mill Company Lot No. 2, Block No. 117. Cost \$209.00.
Clatsop Mill Company Lot No. 3 Block No. 117. Cost \$212.50.
J. A. Devlin, Lot No. 1 Block No. 136. Cost \$209.
J. A. Devlin, Lot No. 2 Block No. 136. Cost \$209.00.
Clatsop Mill Company, Lot No. 3 Block No. 136. Cost \$204.50.
By order of the Common Council.
Attest: T. S. JEWETT, Auditor and Clerk.
Astoria, August 28th, 1884.

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Cushing's Court Street Assessment.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment made by ordinance No. 655 of the City of Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, and which ordinance passed the Common Council on the 26th day of August, 1884, and was approved on the 27th day of August, 1884, for the improvement of Cushing's Court street in the city of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively, from the west side of West Ninth street to the west end of said Cushing's Court street in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 657, of the City of Astoria, and which Ordinance passed the Common Council on the 12th day of August, 1884, and was approved on the 13th day of August, 1884, on each of the following described Lots fronting on said portion of said street is now payable at the office of the City Treasurer in U. S. gold and silver coin, and unless paid within five days of the final publication of this notice, viz: Thursday, September 17th, 1884, the Common Council will issue warrants for the collection thereof. The Assessment is as follows:
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Clatsop Mill Company Lot No. 2, Block No. 117. Cost \$209.00.
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By order of the Common Council.
Attest: T. S. JEWETT, Auditor and Clerk.
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OLNEY STREET ASSESSMENT.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment made by ordinance No. 664, of the City of Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, and which Ordinance passed the Common Council on the 26th day of August, 1884, and was approved on the 27th day of August, 1884, for the improvement of Olney street in the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure and extended by Cyrus Olney, from the north side of Chenamus street to the south side of Court street, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 650, and which Ordinance passed the Common Council on the 22nd day of July, 1884, on each of the following described Lots fronting on said portion of said street, is now payable at the office of the City Treasurer in U. S. gold and silver coin, and unless paid within five days of the final publication of this notice, viz: Thursday, September 13, 1884, the Common Council will issue warrants for the collection thereof. The Assessment is as follows:
Wm. Hume, Lot 1, Block No. 57. Cost \$47.00.
Wm. Hume, Lot No. 8, Block No. 57. Cost \$47.00.
J. W. Hume, Lot No. 7, Block No. 58. Cost \$47.00.
R. Carruthers, Lot No. 8, Block No. 58. Cost \$47.00.
G. W. Warren heirs, Lot No. 7, Block No. 6. Cost \$47.00.
G. W. Warren heirs, Lot No. 8, Block No. 6. Cost \$47.00.
R. Barth, Lot No. 1, Block No. 62. Cost \$47.00.
A. C. Kinney, Lot No. 8, Block 62. Cost \$47.00.
Clatsop Mill Company, Lot No. 1, Block No. 66. Cost \$47.00.
Clatsop Mill Company, Lot No. 8, Block No. 66. Cost \$47.00.
A. J. Megler, Lot No. 7, Block No. 64. Cost \$47.00.
George McLean, Lot No. 8, Block No. 64. Cost \$47.00.
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