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A RAILROAD TO ASTORIA.

THE probability of the forfeiture of the Astoria land grant is not very flattering, and until that grant is forfeited it is not in the limits of probability that a railroad will be built over the route in contest. There is some talk of building a road down the coast. The idea is a feasible one and may yet result in practical endeavor.

There are many who think that few the intervening miles between here and the point opposite Kalama could with profit be covered by rails that would put Astoria in railroad communication with the country. Certain it is that the arguments in favor of building the few miles of river bank road are most cogent.

The question is one that involves action on the part of the Northern Pacific R. R. Co., and the O. R. & N. Co. It is not to the interest of the O. R. & N. Co. to build a road to Astoria down the bank of the Columbia that would tie up their already languishing river fleet; rather would they make some concession and retard any more looking to such construction, for the day that sees that or similar road built closes for them a lucrative traffic.

It were manifestly to the interest of the Northern Pacific to build the road. Astoria is now a shipping point of no small proportions and the yearly growth of our city in this respect is abundantly proved by commercial statistics. The seaside travel alone would be a strong reason for means more satisfactory than the present. To the objection that the interests of the company at Tacoma would be injured, it is not necessary to cite the fact that the building of the road from the present terminus to Astoria would greatly increase the travel Soundward over that portion of the line now built between Portland and Kalama. That the O. R. & N. Co., and the Oregon Short Line will work together is manifest; that the N. P. R. R. will need another outlet is none the less so. The trade of Astoria will be the attraction that will ultimately bring that line to our doors.

In this regard comes the query: What is it worth to Astoria to hasten the "ultimate"? As a matter of business would it be well to offer substantial inducement, or "let nature take its course?"

"Does any other work grow so tiresome as writing?" asks Ida M. Harper in the Terre Haute *Mail*. "The article which must be furnished every day, or every week, becomes a veritable old man of the sea, forever clinging about your neck." Which proves, Ida, that you know very little about it. Writing, like any other work, should be performed for love or duty. If the first flavors it, happy is the laborer; if the latter only, proud should he be to be able to perform. We have come to the conclusion that these people who forever bemoan the state of life that gives them the same duty to perform, are lazy. Their stimulus to action, evidently, is variety, and whoever makes this the motive power of his doing confesses to lack of ballast. To the right-minded it is a grand triumph to be able to discharge each day's duty. What matters it to such that the tools of to-day are those that were used yesterday? But, after all, the Harper syllogism is error, for the major premise is untrue. The writer has not the same duty each day. Every morning opens to him new vistas. The world's topics are ever varying in form and color. Yesterday is forever dead in the light of to-day. This day is new, and the thought of this hour is its child. In truth, writing is a vocation in every essential the opposite of the treadmill. When it grows tiresome to him, the writer has ceased to be a lover of his art, and the sooner divorcement the better. There is no class of people, we are ready to admit, that so persistently complain of the so-called "everyday grind" as writers on the press. But it is also true that this same class has less belief in the genuineness of the complaint than any other people in the world. It is a case of tears shed to win the luxury of compassion.

THE tail is trying to wag the dog. The mugwumps of New York have sent an impudent address to President-elect Cleveland, telling him that if he doesn't consult them in the matter of appointments that they will go back on him.

IT is reported that the Chinese government has offered France 75,000,000 francs in settlement of the claims. France demands 1,250,000,000 francs.

THE *Oregon Democratic Journal* argues in favor of having a direct vote for president instead of the present system of electing electors who elect the president. The *Journal* is presumably Democratic, but in this arguing it goes directly "ferninst" the most cherished of all Democratic doctrines—the indestructible sovereignty of the states. It was to insure the equal right of all the states to a hearing that caused the framers of the constitution to create the method in use since the days of Washington. There are, 'tis true, arguments in favor of direct election, but the main objection to changing the system has always been that it would be un-Democratic and tending toward centralization. Were the president elected by the direct vote of the people, such a state as New York would have more to say in the matter than any half dozen commonwealths. It has been seen that that state can give 200,000 majority. That would swamp the majorities of this entire coast, and half the rest of the northern states. 'Twas to give each little commonwealth equal voice and proportional share in the matter that the present system was called into existence, and if our Dalles contemporary is what its name implies it will find some difficulty in reconciling its utterance with real Democratic doctrine.

QUEBEC specials say: Lake Mistassinni is undoubtedly larger than lake Superior, but its dimensions are not even known to Hudson bay agents and Indians. The only thing certainly known about it is that it is an expansion of Rupert's river, just as our great western lakes are expansions of the St. Lawrence. The Hudson Bay company have had an agency there upwards of 100 years, but kept it secret that a lake of such dimensions existed. Trade is carried on at the post of the Hudson Bay company by giving Indians provisions and outfits in exchange for skins and furs.

TEMPERANCE is a splendid thing, but it needs practicing. "Be temperate in all things" wrote the apostle. A man may eat too much, or drink too much, or work too much, or talk too much or keep still too much. The prohibitionists were very intemperate in the late campaign; if the biggest toper in the country were to be half so intemperate as the prohibitionists were during the fourth day of this present month, he would need till the day of judgment to sober up. For downright intemperance the prohibitionists rival Maud S.

THERE is some talk in Pennsylvania of electing Blaine to the United States Senate from that state. Now if Conkling should be returned to the senate from New York, "the American House of Lords" would oft be the scene of considerable political interest for six years.

THIRTY-FIVE thousand dollars is said to have been St. John's price in the recent campaign. He hasn'nt collected it all yet.

BORN.

On Nov, 24th. to the wife of John Enberg, a son—weight ten pounds.

MARRIED.

At the house of Andrew Shuring, Ernst Libke to Anna Bringman—all of this city.

NEW TO-DAY.

Notice to The Public.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I WAS sick for four months and that Dr. Jim cured me. I am now in perfect health, and it is to his skill that I am indebted for my recovery.

FRANK NOHLBERG.

Chung Shing Yen Notice.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT LAM Yoke has settled all his indebtedness to the Chung Shing Yen company, engaged in gardening on Smith's Point, and he is relieved from all further liability to said company, having paid to it the sum of six hundred dollars.

CHUNG SHING YEN CO.
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Party at Knappa.
The Steamer "Lillian"
Will leave Wyatt & Thompson's Dock, on
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FOR KNAPPA.
This is a fine opportunity for those who wish to have a pleasant time Thursday evening and return the next morning.
Gents' Tickets, round trip - $1 00
Ladies Free.

FINE BRONZE
TURKEYS,
YOUNG, FAT AND TENDER,
FOR THANKSGIVING,
At WYATT & THOMPSON'S.

TURKEYS! TURKEYS!
Get Your Thanksgiving Turkey
AT
The Star Market
OPPOSITE OCCIDENT HOTEL.

Assignee's Sale.

The undersigned Assignee of the Estate of
J. E. THOMAS,
Will Sell at Private Sale, Commencing on
Monday, the 24th Nov.
ALL THE STOCK OF
Drugs, Toilet and Fancy Articles, Medicines, Etc.
BELONGING TO THE ESTATE.
ALL ARTICLES AT COST PRICE.
Special Inducement to the Trade.
F. P. HICKS,
ASSIGNEE.

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JOSEPH COOK,
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AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Wednesday and T ursday Even'gs.
November 26 and 27.
SUBJECTS:
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"Seven Modern Wonders of the World."
Single Tickets - - $1 00
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CITY BOOK STORE,
Have just received a mammoth stock of Books. The young and old, rich and poor can all be accommodated.
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Orders for all kinds of Music or Instruments will be promptly filled.

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SUCCESSORS TO
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IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE AND
RETAIL DEALERS IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE
Corner Chenamus and Cass streets.
ASTORIA - - - OREGON

For Rent.
THE PREMISES FORMERLY OCCUPIED by Mrs. Wallman as a boarding house and saloon on the corner of West-6th and Cedar streets, are for rent. For particulars apply to
JOHN HAHN.

Carpets! Carpets! Carpets!
We beg to call the attention of the public to our latest importation, direct from Eastern manufacturers, of the largest invoice of CARPETS ever offered for sale in this city, comprising all grades, from the
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In the Newest Tints and Shades,
To the lowest priced article in this line. We are determined to dispose of our stock of Carpets within the next four weeks, and to that end offer special inducements, precluding the possibility of **Being Undersold by any of our Competitors.**
—IN THE—
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We can show you the very BEST GOODS at BOTTOM FIGURES, and shall be pleased to receive a call for inspection whether you purchase or not.
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New Establishment!
NEW PRICES!!
FURNITURE, FURNISHING GOODS,
Carpets, Matting, Pictures, Mirrors,
PICTURE FRAMES MOULDINGS, ETC., ETC.
At Greatly Reduced Prices,
ASTORIA FURNITURE CO.,
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A Full Stock on Hand and Made Up to Order.
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Sashes, Doors, Windows, Mouldings, Etc.,
Of Best Material.
Bids Furnished Contractors, Carpenters and Builders.
All bills due and payable at the end of the month, unless otherwise agreed upon.
Wm. HOWE, Proprietor.

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Manufacturers and Dealers in
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ASTORIA. - - - Oregon.

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PROVISIONS
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MILL FEED
AGENTS FOR
Salem Flouring Mills,
Portland Roller Mills,
Capital Flour and
FAIRBANKS' SCALES.
ASTORIA, OREGON.

Street Grade Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria propose to establish the grade of that portion of Seventh street in the City of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure and extended by Cyrus Olney, as follows: At its intersection with Cass street, 100 feet; at its intersection with Genevieve street, 83 feet; at its intersection with Olney street, 80 feet; at its eastern end 89 feet above the base of grades.

And unless a remonstrance signed by the owners of two-thirds of the property fronting on said portion of said street be filed with the Auditor and Clerk within ten days of the final publication of this notice, viz: Tuesday, December 2, 1884, the Common Council will establish said grade.

By order of the Common Council.
Attest: T. S. JEWETT,
Auditor and Clerk.
Astoria, November 14, 1884.

$67,000,000 Capital!
Liverpool and London and Globe.
North British and Mercantile
Of London and Edinburgh.
Old Connecticut of Hartford,
AND
COMMERCIAL OF CALIFORNIA
Fire Insurance Companies,
Representing a Capital of $67,000 000.
B. VAN DUSEN, Agent.

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Royal Brand Flour
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OREGON MILLING COMPANY
Is of Superior Quality, and is Endorsed by all who use it.
THE HOUSEKEEPER'S FAVORITE
Of Superior Rising Quality.
Guaranteed to Give Satisfaction.
WYATT & THOMPSON
Sole Agents for Astoria.

Street Improvement Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria propose to order the improvement of that portion of East Seventh street in the City of Astoria as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively, between Hemlock and Pine streets by piling, capping and planking and grading and filling the same to the established grade, to a width of sixteen feet in the center thereof.

And unless a remonstrance signed by the owners of two-thirds of the property fronting on said portion of said street be filed with the Auditor and Clerk within ten days of the final publication of this notice, viz: Tuesday, December 2, 1884, the Common Council will order said improvements made.

By order of the Common Council.
Attest: T. S. JEWETT,
Auditor and Clerk.
Astoria, November 14, 1884.

Boat Building.
THE BEST
STOCK AND WORKMANSHIP
GUARANTEED.
Boats of Every Description Built.
Shop over Arndt & Ferchen's.
R. M. LEATHERS.

Notice to Pilots on The Columbia River and Bar.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A meeting of the W. T. Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Columbia River and Bar will be held at Ilwaco, W. T., Dec. 4th, 1884.

By order of the Chairman,
J. L. STOUT.
Attest: C. A. REED,
Secretary.

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Having secured the sole agency in this city for this famous brand. We guarantee to the purchaser perfect satisfaction in every respect, and the privilege of wearing a corset for three weeks on trial; if found deficient the purchase money will be refunded.
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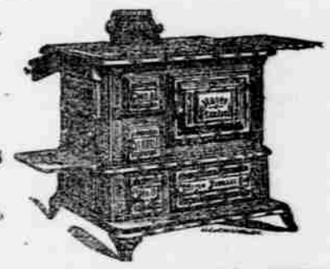
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ASTORIA, - - - OREGON.

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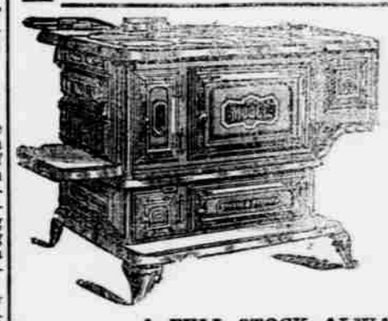
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