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Notice To Advertisers.

THE ASTORIAN guarantees to its advertisers the largest circulation of any newspaper published on the Columbia river.

Portland's fire department costs $160 a day.

Cleveland will be elected president tomorrow.

The rainfall in Astoria for November was 2.63 inches.

E. D. McKee is in the city looking after his firm's interests.

Capt. Lemon begins unloading the *Brittania* this morning.

The *Oregon* is advertised as being due from S. F. this morning.

Alf. D. Bowen has sold the Pacific *Journal* to Thurlow Sperry.

Armstrong ran behind his ticket nearly 10,000 in Washington territory.

Blaine had 982 majority in Oregon. How much did you bet he would have?

At B. B. Franklin's are some horns polished and mounted and for sale. Take a look at them.

The *Guy C. Goss* and *Carrie Winslow* are completing cargo. The *Norseman* has arrived out.

They say that Jake Kamm is a candidate for the position of boiler inspector, should Jim Lotan resign next March.

Anyone wanting a good milch cow or a gentle pony can be suited by inquiring of A. G. Allen, or R. G. Shaw, Fort Canby.

J. Strauss, who has lately returned from San Francisco, advertises that Santa Claus' headquarters are at the New York Novelty Store.

Carl Adler calls attention to his magnificent display of holiday goods, and invites every one to come and see what a splendid stock he has.

About half-past ten last night a sailor named William Johnson fell through the main hatch on the *Dorford* and broke his leg. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital.

Before county clerk Trenchard yesterday were Daniel Hogan and G. Toothaker, the question being a contested land claim. The case will probably take all to-day to finish.

Read our new advt's., and bear in mind that men who advertise deserve patronage. They help the local paper and help themselves; they attract customers and keep things alive.

Word comes that Capt. Sparks of the *Red Cross*, which sailed from here for Liverpool on the 31st of last July, jumped overboard while temporarily insane, on the sixteenth day out, and was drowned.

General Hazen, in his annual report to the secretary of war, states that it is his intention to assign an officer to duty at San Francisco for the purpose of organizing a special weather service for the Pacific coast.

There will be a dime sociable this evening at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Munson, under the auspices of the Parish Aid society of Grace church. The money raised at thess sociables is intended to defray the expenses of the Christmas tree for the Sunday school.

J. C. Trullinger will leave on a visit to the New Orleans Exposition on the next steamer, and calculates to be away about sixty days. During his absence T. A. Trullinger will attend to all his business. Telegrams or letters sent care of A. P. Allis & Co., New Orleans, La., will be promptly delivered.

Rose Eytinge brought out her new play of "Aunt Em'ly" at the New Marken theater in Portland last Friday. The *Oregonian* discussing the play is of the opinion that "with more rehearsal, fine stage setting, and a complete rewriting of the play, with a new plot, 'Aunt Em'ly' would become popular."

THE ASTORIAN learns from a source of undoubted authority that it is not expected that active operations upon improving the mouth of the Columbia will be begun before next March. The principal cause of delay is the settling of the right of the U. S. to the only available wharfage site near Ft. Stevens.

Coasting captains, and owners and others who have had business at San Pedro, Cal., complain bitterly of their treatment there. One vessel's bill for water recently was nearly $200, and the masters state that there is every probability that the air they breathe there will soon be charged for. It is the dearest place on the coast, and they promise to give it a wide berth hereafter.

Messrs. Griffen & Reid yesterday bought the stock, fixtures and good will of the City Book Store, from Messrs. Newbury & Stevens, and take charge to-day. Mr. Griffen has been a resident of this city for nearly two years, and is well and favorably known in business circles. Mr. Reid is from Alleghany City, Penn., and comes well recommended by some of the most responsible business men of that city. They are both young men of ability and will doubtless succeed.

It is stated that the most experienced mail agents of Oregon think soon of resigning, with the object of entering the service of Wells Fargo & Co. Since the express company won the suit against the Northern Pacific it is proposed to greatly augment the service between Portland and St. Paul. This will render necessary the putting on of more express messengers. Now that there is a change of administration a certain sense of insecurity prevails among all the attaches of the postoffice, and also with the route agents.

"To stop advertising means the dullest kind of business, and it is surprising in these days to find men when solicited for ads., to make the excuse that 'trade is so dull.' But it is a fact when merchants are busy and their clerks are run to death, unable to wait on customers, and working over hours to straighten up stock, is the very season when the advertising solicitor is most certain to obtain an order for almost any medium, be it good, bad or indifferent. The true time to advertise is when trade flags, and the most successful merchant is he who keeps his card in the press every day in the year, no matter whether business is good or bad. It is as necessary for his name and business to be in the columns of the press as to have it painted on a sign over his door."

Don't pay 50 cents elsewhere when you can get the best dinner in town at JEFF'S for 25 cents.

"PRIMAGE" AND "WHARFAGE."

There was a time when on every freight bill of the steamship company was a certain charge for "primage." Whenever anyone grumbled about it he was confidentially informed that "that goes to the captain," and with that he had to be content. There was another little cinch called "wharfage" that was explained on the necessity of "keeping the wharf in repair," "custom," ordinary usage, etc."

THE ASTORIAN has repeatedly spoken of the unjust and unequal tax on Astoria merchants on the part of the O. R. & N. Co., and in no way is this injustice more strikingly exemplified than in this matter of "primage" and "wharfage," which is a direct gouge. If a business man in Astoria tried to swindle one of his brother merchants in such an egregious manner it would be told all over town before night, greatly to his discredit. We have a bill before us for a little lot of paper shipped from San Francisco on the *Oregon*, on which the charge is $5.70, freight. That's all right; it's enough, goodness knows, but the paper was brought promptly and safely from San Francisco here, and it is only fair to pay well for good service. But there is a little item at the bottom. It says "wharfage, 28 cents." Now does Captain Pohlmann get that 28 cents? If he does, let it pass; we shall feel gratified to be allowed to donate 28 cents to the support of that accomplished navigator. But it is our private opinion that he does not. It is our positive knowledge that the wages of the entire outfit is so much or so little per month and of all the primage or secondage in the coffers of the O. R. & N. they never get a cent. Then comes this matter of wharfage. It Captain Hustler or Captain Flavel allows a shipper to land his goods at his wharf, it is but right that they should charge something for the privilege, but if either of these gentlemen had a line of steamers running between here and San Francisco and had a wharf for their own vessel's use exclusively, we would consider them extraordinarily mean to charge us 37 cents "wharfage" which in addition to the other cinch of 28 cents we find on the bill before us, making a total of 65 cents, which is a direct gouge on the part of a corporation, that, though it has lowered the wages of its employes still demands as high a rate on freights and fares to and from Astoria as it does to and from Portland. "Oh, well, 65 cents isn't much: what are you kicking about?" No, it isn't much, but go down to the wharf and see the hundreds of tons of freight for Astoria; note that every bunch of that freight means a separate way bill and of course a chance to get so many distinct and separate gouges of "wharfage" and "primage," and figure up the total. You will find that while Astoria is paying well for all the freight she receives over the lines of the O. R. & N., she is taxed unjustly thousands of dollars a year, on that outrageous gouge of primage and wharfage. They do it just because—they can do it.

Purely as a matter of policy; purely as a matter of financial shrewdness, the O. R. & N. Co. would make more out of Astoria in the long run by treating us a little less after the fashion of so many lemons.

Sooner or later there will be a chance to get out of this opprobrious tax; and it will be hailed with joy by hundreds of men in this city who are heartily tired of paying for what they don't get, and what does no one any good—except the O. R. & N. Co.

The *Sunday Welcome* prints a letter from ex-Senator John H. Mitchell, in which that gentleman "positively declines" to be a candidate for the U. S. senate before the Oregon legislature next month.

The *Gov. Newell* met with quite an accident over on Gray's Harbor Tuesday. Our informant says that she struck a snag, on the Chehalis river, just above Cosmopolis, which penetrated through the lower works and up into the ladies' cabin, and badly demoralizing the wheel. Her machinery was uninjured.—*Pacific Journal.*

Necessity is indeed the mother of invention, judging from the modes of the Oregon tramp. A large number of this class of men infest the railroad depots in East Portland and when the train arrives strike the passengers for two-bits, generally pleading hunger and cold, and promising not to invest it in a gin-mill. Frequently to keep his vow, or with an idea of economy, he purchases his money's worth of pure unadulterated alcohol and mixes it with Willamette river water, forming a palatable, though cheap apology for corn juice. It is strong enough, however, to wash down twenty-four years' accumulation of cobwebs.—*News.*

A gentleman at Salem writes the following concerning Mr. Nesmith, which will be sad news to his many friends, and which, says the *Welcome*, contradicts most of the statements heretofore published: "Hon. J. W. Nesmith, who is still at the asylum, is in no way improved in health, but gradually fails. The physicians in charge give his family no reason to hope for his recovery. He appears, at intervals, upon some subjects, quite rational, but is at times violent so that a constant watch and restraint over him are absolutely necessary. His disease is congestion of the brain, which may at any time terminate fatally. He retains a lively interest in his old friends, which is, however, transient; often showing in his replies to those who are about him, his quick wit and repartee for which he was noted while in health.

Lost.

Between THE ASTORIAN office and the residence of W. W. Parker, a gold bar lace pin. The finder will be rewarded on leaving it at this office.

The M. E. Church Fair.

Remember the Entertainment and Fair given by the ladies of the M. E. church at Occidental Hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, December 3rd and 4th. The ladies in charge have spared no pains in making the entertainment a success. The programme will be something new and novel, for which will be charged for admission the small sum of 25 cents. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

Don't forget the Baby Show on Thursday evening. Ladies who have no baby will please borrow one and try and get that nice present given by Mr. Adler to the handsomest baby, or the cake given by Mr. Elberson to the best behaved. All children under three years of age admitted to compete.

Dr. A. Veser, German physician has permanently located here and can be found for the present at the Germania hotel, corner Squemoqua and West 3rd streets.

Mrs. Bryce would respectfully announce to the ladies of Astoria that she is prepared to do dressmaking in all its branches at her rooms on Cass St., opposite Odd Fellows building.

UPPER ASTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Summary for the Month ending Nov. 28th, 1884.

Number registered, 85. Average number belonging 77.1. Average daily attendance, 72.6. Average daily absence, 4.5. Present number belonging, 77. Number cases tardiness, 36.

Neither absent nor tardy:

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Alma-Holmes	Bennie Bell
Getta Olsen	Henry Leinenweber
Emma Nelson	Alfred Bell
Edna Pike	Bohnart Knutsen
Lizzie Scott	Frank Leinenweber
Emma Jane Bell	May Leinenweber
Willie Bohnart	Willie Young
Harry Young	Wiley Childs.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Lizzie Kopp	Oliver Bell
Lucilla Duncan	John Bell
Nellie Enberg	Alfred Leinenweber
Kate Taylor	Willie Gallagher
Maggie Olvis	George Taylor
Annie Ferry	Kale Knutsen
Rosie Bohnart	Clark Bell
Lulu Taylor	Phillip Taylor
Edith Wilson	Milio Cotardi

Amelia Ferry

Perfect in department:

Emma L. Bell	Lizzie Scott
Edna Pike	May Leinenweber
Nora Holmes	Emma Nelson
Alfred Leinenweber	Charles Walkley
Kail Knutsen	Lizzie Kopp
Addie Walkley	Sadie Childs
Nellie Enberg	Minnie Amundsen
Annie Amundsen	Agnes Childs

C. C. BROWER, Principal.
MRS. E. M. DAVIS, Primary.

Public School Report, District No. 18.

Names of pupils receiving 100 in deportment for the month ending Nov. 30, 1884. Grace Carruthers, Minnie Warren, Mary Dealy, Martha Kyle, Josie Dealy, Zoe Carruthers, Carrie Miller, Richard Carruthers.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy.

FIRST GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Grace Carruthers	Myra Stevens
Ethel Merryman	Minnie Sovey
Dixie Bain	Minnie Warren
Lennie Bain	Alice Wood
Cordie Robb	Agnes McCann
Ellen McCann	Mary McCann
Maggie Burke	Nellie Levings
Zoe Carruthers	Lottie Levings.
Herman Collier	Gussie Gray.
Jacob Ferrill	Mark Warren
Harry Gray	Wm. Grant

Nelson Johansen

SECOND GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Eva Warren	Harry Burke
Ella Belcher	George Welch
Belle Douglas	Walter Douglas
Mary Feely	John Feely
Nellie Morrison	Willie Levings
Emma Sabo	Wm McCann
Wesley White	Frank McCann
John Burke	George Stevens
Richard Carruthers	Alban Burns
Thos Foster	Nace Grant

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Nannie Belcher	George Merryman
Dollie Levings	Bernard McCann
Lisa Lnokkanen	John Mitchell.
Hallie Raymond	Evans Morgan
Minnie Shively	James Morrison
Leona Welch	Merton Welch
Vesta Coffenberry	Eugene Wilhams
Oliver Bottom	Herman Luokkonen
Willie Gratke	Ingbert Dahleu
Eddie Hansen	Albert Laighton
Adrian Merryman	Francis Oberg.

M. F. LAWRENCE, Principal.
EMMA CONNELLY, Primary.

OREGON'S SHORT LINE.

Now that the Oregon Short Line is completed and regular trains will soon be running, there is a rumor afloat to the effect that before spring there will be a terrible cutting of rates between the two great transcontinental lines. At present there is a pool on rates to Chicago, but that can easily be broken, and railroad men know just how to do it. Say, for instance, the passenger rate to Chicago is $50. That rate is kept up according to the agreement of the pool, but there is nothing to prevent the roads carrying passengers, say two or three hundred miles beyond Chicago for $30, if they feel so disposed. Then passengers can get off at Chicago, if they choose, or at any other point this side or the other side. When the Short Line begins to run regular trains, and the work for traffic starts, there is no doubt in the world but this scheme will be resorted to, and that will end in but one thing: the breaking up of the pool, and a slaughter in rates that will be a vast benefit to Oregon. While it might not be proper to wish any railroad line a hard time in making money by transporting goods from and to Webfoot, we cannot but join the people in hoping that the great battle will now open without delay.—*Mercury.*

A Startling Discovery.

Physicans are often startled by remarkable discoveries. The fact that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and all Throat and Lung diseases is daily curing patients that they have given up to die, is startling them to realize their sense of duty, and examine into the merits of this wonderful discovery; resulting in hundreds of our best Physicians using it in their practice Trial Bottles free at W. E. Dement & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size $1.00.

For a Neat Fitting Boot

Or Shoe, go to P. J. Goodmans, on Chenamus street, next door to I. W. Case. All goods of the best make and guaranteed quality. A full stock; new goods constantly arriving. Custom work.

Fresh Eastern and Shealwater Bay Oysters

Constantly on hand, cooked to any style at Frank Fabre's.

Fishermen Attention!

Before buying twine examine the Dunbar, McMaster & Co.'s extra strong Irish Flax Thread, No. 40, 12 ply. Jas. O. Hanthorn, of this city, is the sole agent for the Pacific coast.

Cushing Relief Corps.

HEADQUARTERS CUSHING RELIEF CORPS No. 3, DEPT. of OR. G. A. R.
ASTORIA, Nov. 28, 1884.

Cushing Relief Corps No. 3, will hold an adjourned meeting at the headquarters at half-past one o'clock Tuesday afternoon, December 2nd. Every member is requested to be present as important business will be transacted.

By order MRS. C. E. ROSS.
Secretary.

Have You Seen

Those fine Wall Papers at M. Olsen & Co.'s? The finest and largest stock in the city. Call and examine the new and fashionable styles. They cost no more than the old-fashioned wall paper and are really elegant for parlor, office or room.

FOREIGN SALMON NOTES.

LONDON, November, 1884.

No improvement in the demand for salmon can be reported, and, without sales being pressed, prices are most difficult to uphold, so that where purchasers insist upon it they can generally succeed in having their own way as to the terms that are to be specified in their next invoice.—*The Grocer.*

There is an absence of any disposition on the part of buyers to operate, while holders of salmon here are ready to sell at prices in buyers' favor; but at this season not much business is to be expected.—*The Grocers' Gazette.*

LIVERPOOL, November, 1884.

Little or no alteration can be reported in the market for tinned salmon. Buyers are awaiting the arrival of the first salmon ships with the new season's pack, which from all accounts, should turn out superior to the average of the past few years. Meanwhile, the attention of grocers has been occupied with dried fruits, and, as usual, the demand for salmon has consequently fallen off, and is not likely to revive until after Christmas, when the small stocks now held will have been cleared out of the retailers' hands. There is an ample supply in the hands of the merchants, who are anxiously waiting for a return of the former activity. The demand in the United States during the few weeks has quite revived, and several lots which would otherwise have been sent here have been taken up. On the spot here common qualities rule at from 17@18s, and good Columbia fish 20@22s.—*Corr. London Grocer.*

Since our last the first ships containing the 1884 salmon packing have arrived, viz; the *Estdale*, with 9,500 cases; the *Itata*, 8,640; the *Majestic*, 3,500; and the *Charles Cotesworth*, 14,108 cases; these all sailed about the same time, and the next ship will probably not be here before about five to six weeks. These arrivals upon a market already fully supplied have certainly not tendered to strengthen holders' hands. There is really no sound reason why prices should still recede, as stocks, though in fewer hands, are not as large as held at this period last season, and shipments will be less; therefore it will only be holders' timidity or want of means that can cause a lower range of prices, and though we do not foresee any advance imminent, yet we feel sure that later on higher prices will result.—*Correspondence London Grocers' Gazette.*

A Lawyer and His Name Is Abrams.

Ben Oppenheimer owed W. C. Drugan, the tailor, $5 cash and $55 for a suit of clothes, which the latter thought he was going to lose as the former had left the city bound for California. To save himself he sent F. Abrams, a lawyer, to Astoria to arrest Oppenheimer as an absconding debtor or get the amount of the indebtedness. Oppenheimer, on being approached by the Portland barrister, settled the bill promptly and paid all court costs. On his return from Astoria Abrams neglected to turn over the money collected to its owner, and also claimed a fee of $15 for his trouble. Drugan, determined not to be thrown from the frying pan into the fire and be again chiseled, on Saturday had Abrams arrested on a charge of larceny by bailee.—*Welcome.*

The Best.

Col. Houston Rucker, the well-known southern oil merchant, Richmond, Va., says, that in a terrible case of swelled and burning rheumatism in his right ankle, the application of St. Jacobs Oil, the great pain-cure, gave instantaneous relief and cured him.

Don Allen, who ranked as No. 9 of the life-crew at the cape, is supposed to have perished in the timber near Wilse prairie as he has been missing several days. He was last seen following the trail of a wounded deer. Don was well known to the traveling public and visitors to the cape as a St. Bernard of magnificent proportions and commanding presence. To the life-crew as well as his owner, C. B. Allen, he was especially endeared by years of friendship and faithful servitude, and all feel his loss keenly.—*Pacific Journal.*

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by W. E. Dement & Co.

BROAD GUAGE.

The Oregon Short Line

Will be open December 1st, and commence running trains on that date. Pullman and Emigrant sleepers will run through from Portland to southeast Missouri river points *without change*—The only line running them to these points.

Emigrant sleepers are hauled on first-class Express trains and no charge for berths. Distance: Portland to Kansas City, 470 miles the shortest; to St. Joseph and Leavenworth, 495 miles the shortest; to Omaha, 483 miles the shortest, and 29 hours the quickest time. 248 miles the shortest to St. Louis, 281 miles the shortest to New Orleans and many hours the quickest time. This line is hundreds of miles the shortest and days of time the quickest to all points in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Etc. Rates always as low as the lowest.

Tickets on sale at all principal offices. *Remember, no change of cars.* For information concerning rates, time tables, etc., call on or address

B. CAMBELL, Gen. Agt.
No. 1, Washington St.
Portland.

At Frank Fabre's.

Board for $22.50 a month. The best in the city. Dinner from 5 to 7.

CROW

Does not make any second-class Pictures at his New Gallery, No. 61¼, on the Roadway.

To Whom It May Concern.

All trunks, valises and baggage remaining in the Parker House after Dec. 4th, 1884 will be advertised and sold, as I have leased the premises.

H. B. PARKER.

Notice.

—Dinner at "JEFF'S CHOP HOUSE every day from 4:30 to 8 o'clock. The best 25-cent meal in town; soup, fish, seven kinds of meats, vegetables, pie, pudding, etc. Tea or coffee included. All who have tried him say Jeff is the BOSS."

—Roscoe Dixon's new eating house is now open. Everything has been fitted up in first-class style, and his well known reputation as a caterer assures all who like good things to eat, that at his place they can be accommodated.