### The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

.....DECEMBER 20 1884 THE FIRST STEAM PRINTING PRESS.

Ar this time of the year and month, seventy years ego, the first newspaper in the world was printed by

That this nowspaper should have been the London Times is the most natural thing imaginable, since we are accustomed to think of that journal as having led the world for many years, until one of our own papers took the word out of its mouth, as we may say. It sounds like a fabulous statement, in the light of its immense circulation of to-day, and that the Times should have had an issue of only about four thousand copies: but more than that number would have been impossible with the restricted means and methods of hand presses, as by the time any increased number of sheets could be struck of in the old slow way the news would be no longer news, but would be common report.

The second John W lter, the father of the second proprietor of that pame, was much dissatisfied with the old process, its slow laboriousness, it- diminutive results in comparison with what might be, and its far too small returns; for b- was a man of eneryy and forecast, and Le saw what w.re the possibilities in regard to circulating the news, and saw also. upon the receipt of increased profits. the opportunities of increasing the amount of news, with agents everywhere collecting it. Giving the subject a great deal of thought, and convinced that the plan was feasible he had allowed Thomas Martyn, one of his compositors, and various oth ers as well, the use of his money freely to work out their ideas or models of a self-acting printing press But whether their ingenuity failed or their courage-for the pressmen were violently opposed to such a novelty, and determined that their handiwork should be superseded by no ma hinery, even if obliged to resort to violence, as men at similar work have always done-nothing came of their endeavors, carnest although they were. At last a Saxon by the name of Konig, with his assistant, Bauer, enlisted Mr. Walter's attention, and in order that they might prosecute the business successfuly he afforded them use of premises adjoining the Times printing office, where they worked industriously for three months, privately perfecting their machine. It would have been impossible that they should use the Times offices, on account of the indignation of the workmen, who saw their livelihood about to be snatched away from them, although nothing was further from Mr. Walter's intention than this, sure as he was that the increased facilities of the new methods - if h s collaborators succeeded in bringing their great ideas to fruition-would make such a demand for news, and bring so mucl more news into the market, that there would be employment for more men is er t an for fewer. The same causes e dered it necessary to surroun I the experimental work with Is caution and secrecy.

One can well imagine what an ex citing night it must have been to Mr. Walter, that night before the pro-There was not merely the natural interest in an experiment, the natural turning point of his own fortunes, and perhaps of civilization as well. All the pressmen had threatened destruction to any and every one who interfered with them. But that night these same pressmen remained idle, having been instructed, in order simply to throw them off their suspicion, to suspend their work until some foreign news which was expected should arrive. It was very foreign news indeed-foreign to the hopes of the poor fellows -when it did arrive. It needed the resolution and daring that he possessed when, at six o'clock in the dark of the morning, Mr. Walter went into the old press-room with a completed sheet-the work of the new machine-in his hand and quietly told the men that if they used violence he had a force ready sufficient to quell any disturbance; that that was a copy of the morning paper printed by steam; that the trial of the machine had met with a success exceeding his hopes; that they must needs submit, since there was nothing else for them to d . But, he added with characteristic generosity, that if they were peaceable he should continue their wages till they could all And similar employment or till the expected enlargement of his own business should give them employment at his own hands again. Mr. Walter was right; there was nothing else but

acquiescence for the men, and in the immense and sudden increase of business they of course lost nothing by

Konig's machine placed the form, inked it, adjusted the paper, stamped the sheet, delivered it to the form for OFFERS AT PRIVATE SALE fresh use, all so quickly that it could work off eleven hundred sheets an bour. It was no less a revolution because no v it is replaced by one that works off eleven thousand sheets an hour, to speak loosely. That night makes one of the erochs in the advance of humanity, and is a season to which commemoration is owed both by those who contribute to the press and by those who enjoy the work it gives the public: for without it much of the world that is now in light would be in darkness, since it was the initial of those greater ideas in the matter which have made the work of the press almost as free as the universal air.

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DIED

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F. M. JOHNSON. Astoria, Or., Dec. 19th, 1884.

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by fore the m ethic By order of the President J. R. GILSTRAP, Secretar Astoria, Or gon, Dec. 12th, 1884.

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MR. MANY L. IN-NWEBER,
School Clerk Distract No. 2.

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1879 STEVEN.

Astoria, December 1, 1881.

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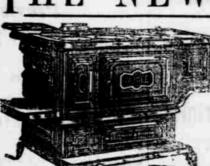
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