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CLATSOP COUNTY AND ASTORIA

Our Commerce, Manufactures and Industries.

Salmon, Lumber and Commercial Statistics

Municipal Requirements and Suggestions Re garding the General Good

When the future history of Astoria is written '84 will not be pointed out as a remarkably brilliant year. In the open ing days of the year came the dethrone ment of Villard. At once followed a revulsion of affairs that overturned all calculations and carried dulness whereever it was felt. During '82 and '83 the colored future had been promising

many throughout the northwest. When the tide turned and the money be an to flow out of the country in a retiment stream, began the cry of "hard times," which we have heard continually during the twelve months that ended last night.

The only consolation afforded Asto rialns is that they were not as badly off as their neighbors. They didn't lose their heads and engage in visionary schemes, but made the most of existing prosperity and were more sorry than surprised when they saw the black clouds of disaster and depression gathering in the east. Elsewhere, those who at the most only lost a part of what Villard had helped them to make were loud in his denunciation. He had tried to vex Astoria, but we only laughed at him; when he fell and his sehemes evaporated, Astoria felt the loss least of any community in the entire northwest.

But we have been compelled to share in the general duiness. It could hardly be otherwise, when railroad disburse ments cease, and all possible revenue are sent to railroad offices in the east. Our progress has been slow, but that there has been steady advance is manifest. Astoxia is conservative. There is no feverish boom, with a corresponding ague chill of reaction, but every month of every year finds our city larger and richer and more populous, though no one has made much money this last year, and, a good many who have been in even legitimate business have lost some. Still on the whole we have gone on; new houses have been built, streets have been opened, new works of different kinds projected and considerable advance made in the matter of muni-

THE SALMON DUSINESS.

In '81 may be summarized as a losing game for everyone that played at it. It is our leading industry, the backbone of our prosperity, and when it fulls, it our prosperity, and when it fails, it affects Astoria and the lower Columbia country more than a hundred Villards in their rise and fall possibly could. It was had enough on the canners in '83, though some of them managed to squeeze through with a slight balance on the right side of the ledger, but last season was a deadener on a good many. At the start and throughout the entire season the market was demoralized and season the market was demoralized and when the usual July run came in in bigger numbers than ever before, the usual result followed—and the pack was swelled to an aggregate almost equal-ing the famous figures of the preceding

The best figures obtainable give the pack for %1 at 624,000 cases. On the first of the year there was estimated to be about 35,000 cases on the river. Between January 1st and April 1st 13,281 cases were shipped to San Francisco and the east, leaving a residue of between 21,000 and 22,000 cases on the river at the beginning of the season. During the season, or rather from April During the season, or rather from April 1st to December 31st there was shipped from the Columbia river, salmon as

	1505.
Aberdeen Pkg Co2	7,552
Angle-American Pkg Co1	2,000
Angio-American Pkg Co	3,958
Badollet & Co	2,622
Booth, A & Co	2.244
Columbia Canning Co2	1,321
Cook, J W & V	0.186
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Devlin, John A & Co	4.775
Elmore, Samuel1	2.994
Eureka Pkg Co2	1.205
Fishermen's Pkg Co1	3.801
Hangood & Co	7,421
Hanthorn & Co	5,312
Hume, Geo. W	4,897
Hume, Wta 2	5,921
IXi. Pkg Co	1,490
Knappton Pkg Co2	2,639
Myers, Geo T & Co	2.985
Megler J G & Co	2,239
Northshore Pkg Co1	9,200
Occident Pkg Co	6,396
Ocean Canning Co1	0,244
Pillar Rock Pkg Co1	4,955
Pacific Union Pkg Co	5,500
Boint Adams Pkg Co	2,140
Seaside	25
Scandinavian Pkg Co	3,973
Thomes & Knowles1	
Union Pkg Co	9,935
West Coast Pkg Co1	2,630
Williams, Jas & Co	9,961
White Sar Pkg Co1	2,583
Warren, F M & Co	15,0002
Washington Pkg Co	11,138
Unmarked cases1	650
"Hera" Pkg Co	650
Maskalline Pag Co	600

Of the above amount 293,457 cases went to England, as follows: MAY. Eskdale-Cutting, 3,000; Scandinavian,

2.300; J. C. Megler, 1,000; Wm. Hume, 5.00; J. W. & V. Cook, 1,500. Angio American, 1,000. Fotel, 9,500.

JJNn. Hain-Bedellet & Co. 3.800: Scanding v.sn, 1,500; Traimins & Co., 2,250! Cut-ting, 1,002. Total, 8,640.

Chus. Colemonth—Joseph Hume, 4,000; Chomes & Knowles, 5,500; G. T. Myers, A.O.; J. W. & V. Cook, 1,000; Jas. Wil-lanes, 2,171; Fishermen's, 1,000; S. El-vare, 1,230; Wm. Hume, 750. Total,

21 .- Abergaticith Castle .- J C Megler, 7.30c Aberneen Co. No. 3no A Devin, 1.30c Aberneen Co. No. 3no A Devin, 1.30c Astorno, 2,30c booth & Co. 1,00c; 3 W & V Cook, 5.0.4; Angio-American, 2,30c; Geo T Myers, 1,000, Badollet & Co. 1,00c; C Themires & Co. 750; Total, 22,000. JULY.

12—Jessie Jamison.—Astoria, 5,500; Wm. Hume, 6,316; Badollet & Co., 1,500; J. O. Hanthorn, 1,000; C. Timmins & Co., 2,500; Jno. A. Devlin, 2,000; Geo. T. Myers, 1,000; A. Booth, 1,-500; F. M. Warren, 1,000; Cutting, 200. Total, 22,516.

15-Woodlark-J. O. Hanthorn, 1,250; Jos. Hume, 3,108; Thomes and Enowles, 2,500; G. W. Hume, 650; Pt. Adams, 1,250; Aberdeen, 1,600; West Coast, 1,500; Scandinavian. 3,000; Fisherman's, 2,500; Jas. Williams, 2,000; G. T. Myers, 2,000; Sam Elmore, 2,000; Union Ppeific, 3,000; Co-lumbia, 1,000; Badollet d'Co., 5,000; J. W; and V. Cook, 2,500; L. X. L., 1,250; Total, 36,108.

AUGUST.

-City of Delhi, -Thomes & Knowle

SEPTEMBER. Belle of Oregon. Geo. T. Myers,
 3,000; C. Timmins, 2,500; Badollet & Co.
 7,500; J. W. & V. Cook, 2,000; Jos. Hume, 1,780; Fisherman's, 4,500; S. Elmore, 1,000; Coleman, 2,000; Union, 1,000; Pt. Adams, 4,50; West Coast, 1,000; I. X. L. 1,900; Columbia, 4,000. Total, 33,730.

22.—Kirkwood: J. G. Megler, 6,000 cases; J. W. & V. Cook, 3,500; Pt. Ad-ams, 5,050; West Coast, 4,500; I X L, 3,750; Aberdeen, 6,000; G. W. Hume, 2,-125; Occident, 3,000; Thomes & Knowles 2,000; Geo. T. Myers, 1,000; Pacific Un-ion, 2,500; Juo. A. Devlin, 4,850; Eureka, 2,000; A. Astoris Sin, Columbia, 2,500; S. 2,000: Astoria 800: Columbia, 2,500; S. Elmore, 101; Jas. Williams, 628; Anglo-American, 2,500: Total, 52,804. OCTORES.

Grisedale: G. W. Hume, 625
 cases: Abordeen, 2,500; West Coast, 750;
 I. X. L. 1,250; J. W. & V. Cook, 2,686.
 Point Adams, 1,500; Taptal, 9,311.

This with the 29,000 cases shipped to New York per the Wm. H. Starbuck makes 323,116 cases that crossed the bar for ports other than San Francisco. On the San Francisco steamers went 101,571 cases. The remaining 171,734 of the 800.721, went overland, via the Northern Pacific Railroad. For the first time in the history of salmon packing on the columbia river a direct means of reach coronnal river a discentinears of reaching eastern markets was opened up and the percentage of shipments that way last season indicates the importance of the new outlet. The above would indicate that there is to the neighborhood of 27,000 cases still on the river, which is believed to be an outside forces.

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During the year there was considerable dissatisfaction and some litigation able dissatisfiaction and some companies between some of the canning companies and their agents. The matter of agencies is one of the things that is an open sore in the salmon business on the Cosore in the salmon business on the Co-lumbia river. When both the packet and the seller want to get all that is in the business, rival interests are sure to The best solution of the problem the establishment of a salmon exrange right here where the article that sow commands a world-wide sale is put ap. "This is impracticable," say a good many. It will come to this some day. that the camerymen of the Columbia river will get tired of seeing others get the cream of the profits. When they do get thoroughly tired or that, and can make up their minds to hold together they will find that it is not as "imprac-ticable" as parties interesting interested. ticable" as parties adversely interested would try to make appear. Were the salmon business a fluctuating tempor-ary enterprise, the idea of a salmon exhange might be deemed futile but here is no industry on the coast that has so large a proportionate capital in-vested, that is more permanently estabdistributed that is more permanents, lished or more susceptible of surer returns: if properly managed it would appear that the establishment of an expear that the establishment of a expear that the establishment of an expear that the establishmen hange, a head quarters where business could be transacted and money kept at some would be to the interests of all soncerned in the welfare of Astoria.

The cooperative system is another feature in the canning business on this iver that is as yet an unsolved problem. The cooperative companies have the strength of the game, but they lack ohesion, and are hence liable to be ab non as sorbed by corporate capital. The great trouble with the cooperative companies is their inability to distinguish between their true and apparent interests; they do not look at the matter in a community light. A. is a member of a cooperative canning company. He has a boat and net; he fishes for the company in which he is a stockholder with the understanding that he is to get paid for the fish he catches. Here is where his interests clash. As a fisherman—a laborer—a furnisher of raw material—it is to his interest to get as much as possible for his fish; the more be gets, the better profits result from his day, work—his as a result from his day's work; but as a manufacturer—a corporate member—a producer of marketable goods, it is also his interest to get the raw material as cheaply as possible, in order that his profit on the canned article may be re-munerative. Here the cooperative fish erman comes into competition with himself. So far he appears to have de-cided by his actions that there is more money in catching fish than in selling

the manufactured product.

In 82 there were nineteen Astoria canneries, packing 341,600 cases and paying \$614,520 to fishermen for raw material; in 83 there were twenty-four

storia dies not comprise all that will found embolied in statistics farther i, but a very large percentage of it is od d at our wharves on vessels who right precluded their loading fully sewh re in the Columbia. The proacts of the Columbia basin whether of e fie d, forest or mine naturally seek teria's future prominence. "A free river" should be the cry of every dweller on its banks. This has been the shib-boleth of THE ASTORIAN and as in other matters this paper will continue to champion the effort to make grain afloat at Astoria worth just as much as grain affoat at San Francisco.

Statistics show how steady our com-merce increases. In 1880, 63 vessels, carrying cargoes valued at \$4,181,352, cleared from Astoria. In 1881, 126 vessels carrying cargoes worth \$7,414,516, crossed Columbia bar. In 1882, 136 vessels sels cleared from Astoria, foreign bound, the aggregate value of their car-goes being \$10.873,007. In 1883 there

3	tics for the year ending last nigh	statis- t:
	OUTWARD BOUND (FOREIGN IN	(44.)
2	JANUARY, 84.	
	Wheat, 360,675 bus	\$357,276
	Flour, 85,295 bbls	422,666
	Total 10 cargoes	\$789,942
	FEBRUARY.	
ł	Wheat, 314,113 bus	\$313,932
١	Flour, 49,609 bbls	221,697
٠	Salmon, 401 cs.	2,005
	Lumber, 600 M	7,000
į	Total, 9 cargors	\$541,664
3	APRIL	
ı	Flour, 32,493 bbls	\$150,714
3	Flour, 32,493 bbls	201,546
4	Total, 5 cargoes	\$355,260
1	NAY.	4000,200
1		900 144
;	Wheat, 110,527 bus	.895,294
1	JUNE	
		\$214,350
1	Wheat, 150,661 bus	136,218
J	Salmon, 53,866 es	270,918
1	Total Torons	
1		\$621,465
d	JULY.	54005
ı	Wheat, 65.945 bus	\$ 50,850
٤I	Commence of the Commence of th	206,515
ij	Total, 5 cargoes	\$250,865
y	AUGUST.	
1	Salmon, 95,620 es	\$475,040
ì	Wheat, 7,900 bus Flour, 5,002 bbls	7,110
1	Lumber, 371 M	25,160 5,150
1		0,100
1		\$512,490
1	SEPTEMBER.	
ı	Salmon, 86 634 cs	\$433,120
1	Wheat, 77,829 bus	58,892
1	Lumber, 500 M	5,340
ı	Total, 4 cargoes	\$497,352
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4	Tabasa Tabasa Salahan	\$442,883
3	Figur, 1,986 bbls	5,960
1	Salmon, 39,317 es	165.418
1	Lumber, 838 M	7,600
1	Total, 15 cargoes	\$621,851
1	NOVEMBER.	2.000,0000
1	Change Colors Colors and Colors a	\$877,227
1	21 cargoes.	*********
1	DECEMBER.	
1	Wheat, 701,807 bus	9458,524
1	Flour, 25,953 bbls	9458,528 96,400 17,964
11	Lumber, 1,843,466 ft	17,964

Total foreign for '85, 95 car \$5,716,730 The bulk of the wheat went to Queens own for orders; some cargoes cleared for Liverpool, Antwerp, Glou-cester, Bristol, Plymouth, Tynedock Newcastle and Hull. The bulk of the salmon went to Liverpool and London the bulk of flour to Liverpool; the lum-ber mostly to Panama and Montevideo. one cargo, in the Starbuck, going to New York, being the initial lumber shipment from the Columbia to that port. Abso-lute accuracy requires that the cargo of the Starbuck which was valued at \$123,-583, and which comprised 29,649 cs. sal-mon, and 360 M lumber, be taken from the above total he above total

The above shows that foreign exports from the Columbia river for 84 aggregated 95 cargoes, which comprised

Wheat, 3,799,183 bus, worth \$2,941,187

46,654

Total, 16 cargoes,

Salmon, 353,786 cs. Flour, 249,648 bbls. Lumber, 4,153 M

the above total.

The fashion of loading partly at Portland and finishing at Astoria, still obtains to the loss of the producer, and the detriment of Columbia commerce.

The handling and rebandling of grain is a source of profit to a class who of course, decry any attempt to bring about a more rational state of affairs, wherein a vessel could be loaded here to her full capacity and subjected to less expense, delay and risk than under the present antiquited avester. The the present antiquated system. The fact that the disbursements of a vessel loading wholly at Astoria is consider-ably less than those of a vessel of equal tonnage that goes to Portland for a part of her cargo is one that has been re-peatedly demonstrated in these columns and needs but passing allusion as citation in argument for the position we maintain—that the best interests of the producer would be best served by load-ing the grain of the Columbia basin at

Astoria.

The history of the bar at the mouth of the manufactured product.

In '82 there were nineteen Astoria cameries, packing 341,500 cases and paying \$614,520 to fishermen for raw material; in '83 there were twenty-four Astoria cameries, packing 410,000 cases, and paying to fishermen \$1,000,200; in '84 twenty-four cameries west of Tongue Point put up 475,200 cases of the 624,000 of the entire pack paying for the raw material \$855,250.

Of the future of the business but little can be said with certainty. It is evident that there has been too much competition of a ruinous nature. Natural business rivalry is well enough and no legitimate business can be injured in that way but when competition gets to that point that if a canner makes a contract he cannot be sure that the purchase will stand by it because B will, offer him goods so much cheaper that

to the advised date are provided and accepting the lower price. The matter of reclam t ion deserves unplifying in this connection but The Astonian's ventilation of this gage has gone so far to break the pructice up that further remarks concerning the abuse of a business principle will be deferred till necessity may require.

THE COMMENCE OF ASTONIA.

Properly speaking, the commerce of Astonia dies not comprise all that will be found only a light for the deferred but not the less attisfactor, consideration.

consideration. Apart from our foreign commerce, the past twelve in eaths has seen considerthe growth in our bed trule. steamer fleet that connects as with points tributary is constantly growing. On them depends a large part of our prosperity. The days of steambatting on the Columbia are passing away, but the steam traffic from Astoria to constant the steamer points in which is the formal constant. and river points is yet in its infancy.

There is a line of fertile and as yet almost untouched country from Yaquina to the Quilleute of which Astoria is the natural trade center and with which it is essential that we have the most cordial relations. While our opportunities are boundless and our situation un-equated, neither opportunities nor situ-ations will insure the best results without considerable prolonged effort.

THE LUMBERING BUSINESS Oregon lumber is famous the world over, and as its merits become better known and more thoroughly under-stood it ranks high in value. Since the cleared 383 vessels with cargoes valued at \$14,031,467. During the twelve first settlement of the country there months that ended last night went have been sawmills at various points across the bar 403 vessels foreign and along the river, but the market has been first settlement of the country there have been sawmills at various points 4.—City of Delhi, —Thomes & Knowies, 5,000; Cutting Packing Co. 3,000; Wm. Hume, 7,500; Hapgood & Co., 3,000; Columbia Canning Co., 1,500; Fishermen's Pk g Co., 1,500; Jas. Williams, 1,500; Geo., T. Myers, 1,500; Address Co., 1,745; I X L. 1,250; Pt. Adams, 1,250; West Const. 1,250; G. W. Hume, 625; Joa. Hume, 7,700; Astoria Pk'g Co., 2,000; A. Booth & Co., 3,000; Columbia Canning Co., 1,500; Fishermen's Pk'g Co., 2,000; J. O. Hanthorn & Co., 8,250; Cecan Canning Co., 1,500; Cutting Packing Co., 2,000; J. O. Hanthorn & Co., 8,250; Cecan Canning Co., 5,000; Hapgood & Co. 2,000; Fisherman's, 1,250; Jas. Williams, 1,500; Cecan Co., 1,500; Cutting Packing Co., 2,000; J. O. Hanthorn & Co., 8,250; Cecan Co., 1,500; Jas. Williams, 1,500; Cutting Packing Co., 2,000; J. C. Hanthorn & Co., 8,250; Cecan Co., 1,500; Jas. Williams, 1,500; Cutting Packing Co., 2,000; J. C. Hanthorn & Co., 8,250; Cecan Co., 1,500; Jas. Williams, 1,500; Fisherman's, 1,500; Cutting Robert Co., 1,500; Cutting Packing Co., 2,000; J. C. Hanthorn & Co., 8,250; Cecan Co., 1,500; Jas. Williams, 1,500; Fisherman's, 1,500; Cutting Robert Co., 1,500; Cutting Robert Co., 1,500; Jas. Williams, 1,500; Fisherman's, 1,500; Cutting Robert Co., 1,500; Cutting Robert Co., 1,500; Lating Robert Co., 1,500; Cutting Robert ahead to supply the demand made by the rapid building going on at home, the Knappton mills across the river supplying most of the export lumber from the river, but in the future our home mills will figure in the lumber shipments from the Columbia.

Date,	Name of Vessel.	Feet
Jan 15 B	kt. Portland	560
" 18 S	cli. Trustee	330
Feb. 25/8	ch Trustee	1955
March 1 B	kt, Me ancthon	365
" 11 15	kt. Portland	203
April 12 8	ch Trustee	350
" 14 8	ch. J. C. Ford	335
** 16 B	kt. Melancthon	365
May31 B	kt. Melancthon	365
June 4 S	ch, Sailor Boy	400
" 25 B	kt. Tam O'Shanter	625
July 5 B	kt. Webloot	420
" 15 8	ch. D. S. Williams	350
" 20 B	kt. Melancthon	365
" 30 B	kt. Portland	NGQ 1
Aug _ 22 8	ch. Rebecca	240 *
407141	kt, Tam O'Shanter	625
Sept 8 8	ch. D. S. Williams	370 '
** 14 B	kt. Portland	569 ·
Oct16 S	ch. Trustee	350
24 B	kt. Tam O'Shanter	0.25
Nov 7 B	kt. Portland	
" 21 8	ch. Argonant	249
" 30 B	kt. Tam O'Shanter	025
IS	teamer Beda, 5 trips, av	-
	erage 345 m	1725

The above was shipped to California ports, principally San Francisco.

Here, the Clatsop Mill Co, has shipped 3,000,000 feet of lumber in a little over three months, the mills having been but lately started, and will make a good

Date (Vessels Name.	Feet.	Bound
May 2 2	Bkt Tam O'Sha ter	[645 M	Californi
H 28 2	Sen Lillia Bonn	525	84
June told	Sch Lena "weasey	310 **	Nan Pedro
11/2	Bkt Levi Stephens	761 **	Californi
27.2	Sch Nora Harkins	225 "	34
	Bkt Kate Fleckinger		Pananas
Aug 20 1	Sob Alice	1210~	San Pedry
" 22 3	Lena Swea-es	346 **	- 44 H
Sept 19:2	Sch North Bend	1231	Oalifornia
1.65 (2) 16	Sch Dora Bluhm	429 11	San Fran
77 29 2	ririg Selena	400 **	California
- 1	Bk Navesink	302 **	M'tevidie
Oct 7 1	Sch Alice	1289	San Postro
1112	Bkt Levi Stephens	1561 11	California
* 11 2	Sch Jenne Nickerson.	225 **	
15.3	Lens Sweasey	211cm	San Pedre
+ 20.4	Bk E S Tusyer	1790 H	Panama
29.1	Ship W H Starbuck	720 **	New York
Nov 71	Sch Dora Blumm	4005.22	San Diego
	Sch Catherine Sudden		Разапа
	Sch Vesta	250 11	California
7 10 1	Bk Xenia		M'tevide.
	Sch Lena Sweasey		San Pedro

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irrigation unnecessary. In the western part of the county the soil is light and sandy, along the river it is clayey; faring of cattle, and the manufacture of butter and cheese is fast engaging the time and attention of a good many, more especially on Clatsop plains, the oldest settled part of the county. There's money in it, for butter and beef are just as good as twenty dollar gold pieces any day in the year. Our population is a cosmopolitan one. We are a regular board yard, containing everything from a 2x4 seantling to tongued and grooved flooring or heavy beams. Scandinavia furnishes a good proportion of our population, chiefly fishers; they make good citizens; they have come from liberty loving stock and are thrifty and economical; they believe in bers; Rescue Engine Co. No. 2. with 72 members; Rescue Engine Co. No. 2. with 73 members; Rescue Engine Co. No. 2. with 73 ty, handy honest, people; work hard and save money, and encourage their friends and kinfolks to leave the desolate shores where the only exports are lee and stone, and come here where we laugh at winter's efforts to be stern. Americans, English and Germans do

Astoria's fir built streets. It is the oldest permanent settlement in the present limits of Oregon and Washington Territory, occupying the site of the old Fort George, when where we now write was held as British soil. For many in competition with each other. The many in competition with each other. The many in competition with each other. The many in competition with each other. Fort George, when where we now write was held as British soil. For many years Astoria was an outpost, the farthest on the westward march of civilization, and here among us still dwell ploneers who tell of the days when boiled wheat and salt salmon were varied only by salt salmon and boiled wheat, and when the arrival of a vessel was a wonderful and memorable occurrence. Even as the least of any rence. See a second content of the second content o

members, and one of the finest libraries in the state; Council 995, A. L. of H., has sandy, along the river it is clayey; farther south it is better adapted to cereal cultivation. Root crops, cats, grass, hay and dairy products do well. It is preeminently a stock country and the Carps, a ladies' adjunct of the Post, new-leavement of the fattest and sweetest beef in the market. The raising of cattle, and the manufacture of butter and cheese is fast engaging the time and attention of a good many, is one of the finest libraries members, and one of the finest libraries in the state; Council 995, A. L. of H., has 60 members; Cushing Post No. 14, G. A. R., has 33 members; Cushing Relief Corps, a ladies' adjunct of the Post, new-leaves and a finely furnished reading room to which visitors and strangers are interesting to the latest and strangers are interesting to the latest and most propular so.

tion of our population, chiefly fishers; they make good citizens; they have come from liberty loving stock and are thrifty and economical; they believe in churches and education, in securing homes; in raising honest families and are of value to the community; Canada particularly the eastern portion, furnishes a large part of the loggers and lumbermen. They are a healthy, hearty, handy honest, people; work hard and it. The apparatus of the department occurrents they make good eitizens; they have been post of honor in the northwest. It is composed of three companies—Astoria Engine Co. No. 1. with 73 members; and Alert H. & L. Co. No. 1, with 46 members, a total of 191 men in the prime of life, whose only idea is to get to a fire with their apparatus in the promptest manner and once there to put it out as quick as skillful efforts can do it. The apparatus of the department consists of one second-class Amoskeag steam fire engine; one third-class Silsby

steam fire engine; one fourth-class hook and ladder truck; two five foot duy hose carts; two coal tenders; one large first-class hose carriage, 3,500 feet, rub-Americans, English and Germans do most of the business, and as to their efficiency in a business point of view it is but necessary to cite the fact that no eity in the northwest has better commercial standing than Astoria.

Occupies in many respects a unique siteation. Lying in 46 deg., 12 min. Nor. Lat., and 123 deg., 50 min., West Lon., it is the farthest west of any incorporated city in the United States. It is at the gateway of the greatest water course in America, the Columbia, which descending from its lofty Rocky Mountain source thousands of miles away cheaves through three ranges in its stately flow to the sea rising and falling with the breathings of the Pacific under Astoria's fir built streets, It is the oidest permanent settlement in the pres-

the O. R. & N. Co, was at all disposed to treat Astoria with due business courtesy that would be well enough as a matter of reciprocity, but that corporation simply looks upon Astoria as a good community to squeeze. The attention of the city council is called to the matter.

We also need roads; we want them worse than we do a railread. A road to Clatsop, a road to the Nehalem, a road to Knappa, would be worth all the ray road talk that we have had for ein years. The surest and quickest we to make it necessary and worth whave a railroad come her unation is not everythin business are what bring

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deal of that which exalts and embel-lishes civilized life, and were there roads leading from here to the seaside. Astoria would be the headquariers for the seaside travel of the northwest. Further remarks would transcend the limits of this article. The intent has been to give a candid, impartial state-ment of the condition of our city, our in-dustries, the county characteristies and our general position. The clock points to midnight, and wishing our readers A HAPPY NEW YEAR, W. close our la-bors for '84.

Special Sale.

THE FINE STOCK OF D. HART IS NOW.

offered at private saie at cost price. It comprises ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, clothing, etc. A good chance for a gains.

Assignee's Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT N undersigned has been appointed; ee of the estate of D. Hart, an instable and a state of the st ate, under of F. D. Winner at the office of F. D. Winner Astoria, Claisop county, Oregon.

ISAAC BERG.

Dec. 27th, 1884, Assignee's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THA NOTICE IS HEREBY OF an appointed undersigned has been appointed signee of the estate of Banger & Jana all persons having claims agains are hereby notified to present to duly certified to the undersigned, at fice, in Astoria, Oregon, within three from this date, Dec. 27th, 1884.

J. H. D. GRA

HAS RETURNED.

J. P. LEATHERS HAS RETURN and is ready to turn out some fine in mg boats for the river. Shop on the bea-between Kinney's and Elmore's caunerie; Furnished Rooms WITH OR WITHOUT BOAN

Notice of Application

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TH.

Undersigned will apply to the 6
Council, of the City of Astoria, at its regular meeting for a license to sell wait and spirituous liquors, in less quanties than one quart, for a period of a every in the building situated on 1.st Not wilcom. No. 64, in the city of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure.

THEODORE BROEMBER.

Astoria, Dec. 30, 1834.

NEITHER THE UNDERSIGNED CON-signees nor Capt, Curlett, of the British bark Wm. D. Seed, from Iquiqui, will be re-sponsible for any debts contracted by the the crew at this port, unless duly author-

MEYER, WILSON & CO. December 22nd, 1834.

For Rent. I WO FRONT ROOMS : SUITABLE FO

To The Public.

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MANY COMPLAINTS ARE BUING made by Chinamen and persons employing Chinese servants, about the practice of snow-balling Chinamen as they pass along the street; indeed, this practice has been indeliged in to such an extent that citizens find it difficult to get their servants to go on errands about town. I therefore hereby notify all persons whem it may exceen that by engaging in what kind of su they become guilty of assault and by and that hereafter when complain made before me against parties of them with that offence, I will issue w for their arrest, and if they are four they will be punished to the full of the law.

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