

NEXT Monday the state legislature meets. It appears to have considerable work blocked out for it. Of course there won't be much done the first week beyond getting ready to choose Senator Slater's successor.

There is one matter not generally discussed, that is, in our opinion, very important—the assignment law. At present, the debtor appoints the assignee. This should be changed. The court is the proper source from which the assignee should come.

Another needed bit of legislation is that which would provide for uniform taxation. The way it is now the several county governments make provision for the state tax.

The remedy lies in the appointment of a state board of equalization. There is a better way, but as the constitution now reads, a state equalization board seems the only way out of the middle.

The editor of the Port Townsend Daily Argus thinks that Port Townsend would do better to support one vigorous newspaper than to starve two to death. He also makes bold to say that if the people of Port Townsend would give his paper the money they send to Portland for papers with dispatches in them, that he would be able to get out a first-class paper with dispatches and publish a newspaper that would be a credit to the place.

When the Port Townsend editor is longer at the business, he will drop on this little fact—that it is always easier for men to pity a failure than to admire a success, and that in general, people don't believe in allowing anyone to be too successful. It reflects by contrast too forcibly.

For every dollar of American goods exported to the Sandwich Islands, says the Oregonian, we have remitted \$1.18 in duties on Hawaiian sugar and rice. Estimating our profit on the goods exported at 10 per cent and we have given away 118 cents for every 10 cents received, and this one-sided, jug-handle style of a bargain is termed "reciprocity."

The Wall Street News says: We understand that in spite of all that has been written the \$10,000,000 loan of the Oregon and Transcontinental company has not been taken by stockholders as reported. From the best information attainable we believe that about \$5,000,000 has been subscribed by the stockholders.

MARRIED. In this city, Jan. 4th, by Rev. Wm. Roberts, Dr. J. E. LaForce and Miss E. Higgins, daughter of J. D. Higgins, all of Astoria.

For Sale. The beautiful and favorably located BAY VIEW RESTAURANT is for sale at a bargain, an account of the proprietor's desire to go east to see her parents. Inquire at the restaurant or at this office.

Wanted. A COMPETENT STEADY MAN WITH good references, for Bookkeeper. Apply to RUDOLPH BARTH.

Steady, Sir! STEER YOUR PURSE IN THE Right Direction AND You Will Save Money



M. D. KANT, The Boss, is closing out his entire stock of Clothing and Overcoats, finest and best quality, Largest assortment in Men's, Youth's and Boys' Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes, Rubber and Oil Clothing, Hats and Caps, etc., at prices that will suit the times.

Ship Captains. Take notice of the fact that I can supply your crew with Cheaper and Better goods than any other house in Oregon.

Notice to Water Consumers. I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that all persons having their water pipes repaired have them fixed properly so they will not freeze and burst, as I will make no deduction on rates in the future, on account of bursted or frozen pipes.

New Year's Goods AT I. J. ARVOLD'S A BIG STOCK OF RUBBERS, WINTER BOOTS AND SHOES. Ladies' and Children's Fine Shoes

Dissolution of Partnership. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE partnership heretofore existing between Bergman & Berry is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

T. G. RAWLINGS, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Tropical, Domestic, Green and Dried FRUITS, NUTS, CANDIES, DRIED MEATS, ETC. Fine Cigars and Tobacco.

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For Rent. TWO FRONT ROOMS: SUITABLE FOR offices: centrally located: apply at ASTORIA office.

At Frank Fabre's. Board for \$2.50 a month. The best in the city. Dinner from 5 to 7.

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.

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

Change of Agency. We have appointed

MR. O. F. MORTON Our Selling and Collecting Agent at Astoria. All those wishing to purchase a first-class SEWING MACHINE, or to make payments due will please call on Mr. Morton

The Singer Mfg Co., 22 Morrison Street, Portland, Or. COLUMBIA Candy Factory. Next door to Astoria Bakery, where all Orders may be left.

The Northern Pacific Express Co. FURNISHES The Shortest, Quickest and most Reliable Route between ASTORIA AND ALL POINTS.

Important Notice! Oregon Improvement Co. Great Reduction in Price of Coal. On and after December 1st until further notice the price at the bunkers will be as follows for

SEATTLE COAL. Clean Domestic per ton, 2240 lbs. \$7.00 Average Steam " " " " 6.00 Screenings " " " " 4.00

CUMBERLAND. E. A. NOYES, Agent. SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL, ASTORIA, OREGON

Carnahan & Co. SUCCESSORS TO I. W. CASE, IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Builders & Carpenters MATERIAL. SASH DOORS AND MOULDING. First Class Work at Prices to Suit the Times.

C. H. Bain & Co.'s Steam Planing Mill and Sash Factory Boat Building a Specialty.

Stockholders' Meeting. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH AMERICA PACKING CO., SKEENA, will be held on the 19th day of January, 1885, at the residence of Gust Holman, Upper Astoria, Oregon.

Special Sale. THE FINE STOCK OF D. HART IS NOW offered at private sale at cost price. It comprises ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, clothing, etc.

Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will not be responsible for any debt contracted by any person, unless it is upon my written order.

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For Sale. FINE NINE-ROOMED DWELLING-house with two lots, corner Main and Seventh streets. For further particulars apply at THE ASTORIAN office.

Elegant Rooms. SUNNY AND CONVENIENT, IN WM. Home's building. Apply to SAMUEL ELMORE.

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ROCKFORD Gold and Silver JEWELRY, Quick-Train WATCHES WARE, DIAMONDS, in Unequalled SERVICE Fancy Clocks. Remember CARL ADLER'S Crystal Palace.

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

FINEST BODY BRUSSELS 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.

Furniture and House Furnishing Line. 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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At Greatly Reduced Prices, ASTORIA FURNITURE CO., Cor. Chenamus and Hamilton Sts. H. DU BUISSON, Manager.

ASTORIA BAKERY. Best BREAD in the City. Best CANDIES. Best CAKES and PASTRY. Best ICE CREAM. Finest Ornamental Work to Order.

ED. JACKSON. Wood for Sale. Good Dry Vine Maple and Fir. Vine Maple, \$3 75 per cord: \$4 00 delivered. Fir, - - 3 00 " " 3 50 "

Assignee's Notice. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE of Oregon, for Clatsop County, in the matter of the assignment of Wm. Houseman, insolvent.

Assignee's Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed the assignee of the estate of Banger & Johnson, and all persons having claims against said firm are hereby notified to present the same duly certified to the undersigned, at his office, in Astoria, Oregon, within three months from this date, Dec. 27th, 1884.

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

Notice to the Public. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, JOHN DOUGLAS.

PATENTS. Corsets, Re-issues and Trade-Marks secured, and all other patent causes in the Patent Office and before the Courts promptly and carefully attended to.

For The Finest Groceries. For The Freshest Vegetables, For The Most Complete Assortment, For Absolute Satisfaction, In Filling and Delivering All Orders, Call at

FRANK L. PARKER'S Family Grocery and Provision Store, Corner Benton and Chenamus Streets, Opposite Custom House Square.



EVERYBODY MADE HAPPY! Present for the Holidays Purchased at the EMPIRE STORE.

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WINDOW SHADES AND TRIMMINGS; WALL PAPER, ETC. A Complete Stock. PRICES AS CHEAP AS QUALITY WILL AFFORD. ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE REPAIRED AND VARNISHED.

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