

The Daily Astorian.

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A SHIP RAILWAY.

The Panama canal occupies the attention of the French and other governments; the proposed Nicaragua canal is attracting deservedly favorable attention on this side the Atlantic, and another means of shortening the distance is now proposed by Capt. Eads of Mississippi jetty fame. It is to build a ship railway across Tehuan-tepec.

In this ship railway project of Capt. Eads, a ship is lifted out of the water by means of a submerged pontoon, similar to those in use all over the world; but no such force as that used in hauling a ship up out of the water on a marine railway is required on the ship railway, although as well known, ships are constantly taken on the marine railway without injury. In the Eads system, however, there is no necessity for using any force whatever on the ship itself. It is lifted out of the water in a cradle which rests upon a series of rails; and these being brought even with the tracks on the dry land, the cradle in its capacity of a car is wheeled along an almost level railway across the Isthmus of Tehuan-tepec, and when it reaches the other side a similar means is employed to float it again. This is the whole project—a combination of the lifting dock in general use and an improvement upon the marine railway, because the ship is never, as in the latter required to be off an even keel.

Looking upon the chart, we find that the isthmus of Tehuan-tepec is in Mexico, and in the extreme northern end of the long, slim neck of land which separates North from South America, and that the isthmus of Panama is on the extreme south end of Central America, and at the farther end of this strip of land. Having discovered this, we naturally turn to a consideration of ocean lanes from the Atlantic and Gulf states to California and the East Indies, and from California to the British Islands, because, in these days of expedition, the shortest route, all else being equal, is sure to prove the most popular. We have not proceeded far in this inquiry when the advantages of the Tehuan-tepec route in time and distance become plainly apparent.

From New York to this coast via the Panama canal, a steamship would be compelled to pass the isthmus of Tehuan-tepec, sail south about 1,200 miles, and after crossing, sail north again the same distance before reaching the short route. In other words, she would have to traverse about 1,200 miles more than if she had crossed the isthmus at Tehuan-tepec from Gulf ports to this coast and the East the difference in distance in favor of Tehuan-tepec is still more marked, the route between New Orleans and the Pacific via Tehuan-tepec being about nineteen hundred (1,900) miles shorter than via Panama.

From Liverpool to the Columbia there is a saving of 900 miles via Tehuan-tepec. With sailing vessels and sailing vessels, such as we hear of steamers, carry fully three-quarters of the world's freights to-day, and are likely to continue to carry slow freights—the contrast is still more marked.

A sailing vessel having crossed the Isthmus via Panama is left in a very open of waters, over which reigns a perennial calm, broken only by occasional squalls and baffling zephyrs. She must be towed hundreds of miles until the region of the trade winds is reached. This, of course, serves to add a large expense to the voyage and to lengthen it many days, so that when we say the voyage between the Atlantic states and the Columbia is shorter by 1,200 miles via Tehuan-tepec than it is via Panama, we greatly underestimate the advantages of the former route. It would be a generous estimate to allow for only ten days—good authorities say from 20 to 30 days—delay between the Pacific side of the Panama canal and the point where a sailing ship strikes the northeast trades, by reason of calms and the slow progress made while in tow. Allowing that a sailing ship can average 170 statute miles in a day's run, this would add 1,700 miles to the 1,200 miles extra run required via Panama, and hence would serve, practically, to make the Tehuan-tepec route 2,900 miles shorter in the run from New York to the Columbia river, and 3,500 miles shorter in the run from New Orleans to San Francisco.

Between the Panama and Nicaragua canals the preference should be for the latter; but if it can be made practicable the Tehuan-tepec ship railway is the best solution of the great problem.

A PLEA FOR THE TALKERS.

TALKING is not simply a habit, but a matter of original constitution. Some persons have an endowment for talking; others haven't. Silence is merely the negative of expression. It is not so much the result of prudence as it is the want of impulse. There is a general idea that great talkers are shallow and flippant, and that silent people are wise. If you say of a man "he talks a great deal," it is almost the same as saying that he thinks but little. But observation doesn't justify this. It is true that some people are silent, but others, just as smart, are talkative. Some foolish people do talk a great deal, but there are plenty of foolish people who have very little to say. A talkative man is seldom over-estimated; a silent man often is. There is a good deal of cunning in judicious silence. To sit quietly while one talks, to shake the head skillfully, to retire with grave features and silent tongue, gives a man the reputation of being wise and judicious and discreet. But we would rather trust the man who uses speech or silence as the instruments of his will, and who talks because he feels like it, and keeps still other times—for the same reason.

The British bark Isabel from Cadix, at St. Johns, N. F., on the 8th, reports passing a large Norwegian bark on the 20th ult. The name of the bark was the Athama of Arendale. No vestige of the crew was found. Two days previous the Isabel experienced terrible earthquake shocks, lasting for five minutes. The thunderous submarine roaring was appalling, the ship was shaken in every fibre, and the crew paralyzed with fear, broke through all discipline and cut the boats loose. A cessation of the shocks restored tranquility on board. It was calm and fine at the time.

About a month ago, says a Victoria dispatch of the 8th, a man named King assaulted another named Wilson with a slung shot on board the bark Pacific Slope. Wilson has lingered at the hospital since, and his dying deposition was taken yesterday. Wilson says the cause of the assault was the discovery that King was concerned in the Phoenix park murders and had shipped under an assumed name.

Some eastern wage workers are poorly paid. A recent case in a New York police court showed that one man and two women made in one week 291 shirts and drawers, for which they received the sum total of \$7.75.

The Cascade division of the Northern Pacific has reached the eighty-fifth mile post and, fifty miles further west is under contract. The work is to be prosecuted vigorously and immediately.

CHAUNCEY DEWEY, of New York, put a good deal of wisdom, political and otherwise, in the following: "No man can succeed who thinks he can retain his friends by favoring his enemies."

The acts of a malicious man are like a fire that destroys the building where it was set, without serious damage to the surrounding property.

NEW TO-DAY.

For Sale. TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY ACRES on Gray's River: fine timber and bottom land; three miles from steamboat landing; fifty acres improved: stables, outbuildings, etc. fruit. A splendid chance for a man with a little money. Apply to FERDINAND HANSEL on the premises.

Lost or Stolen. ON JANUARY 8TH, 1885, A CENTREBOARD Whitehall, painted white with green garboard; four new knees in the center thwart; four oars, sails, mast, and rudder. A reasonable reward will be paid for her return to the undersigned. JAS. TURK.

Special Auction Sale Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1885, At 1:30 o'clock P. M. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS I WILL SELL for whom it may concern, at the corner of Concomly and Lafayette streets, in the building known as the Club saloon, the entire Bar Fixtures, Bar, Glasses, Liquors, Beer in kegs, Tables, Chairs, Stoves and Chandeliers. Sale, Positive: Terms, Cash. B. S. WORSLEY, Auctioneer.

Annual Meeting. THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE GAMBALD Packing Co. will hold the annual meeting Wednesday, the 28th of January, 1885, at the residence of John T. Sands, Astoria, Oregon. By order of CHAS. WICKSTROM, President.

Notice of Application. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned intends to apply to the common council of the city of Astoria at its next regular meeting, for a license to sell wine, malt and spirituous liquors in less quantities than one quart, for a period of one year, in the building fronting on Chenamus street and situated on Lot No. 6, Block No. 56, in the city of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure. R. L. JEFFERY.

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 us will please call on Mr. Morton Headquarters at B. S. WORSLEY'S Sales-rooms.

The Singer Mfg Co., 22 Morrison Street, Portland, Or.

COLUMBIA Candy Factory.

Next door to Astoria Bakery, where all Orders may be left. The Choicest Candy Made Daily. All Candy manufactured at my establishment warranted first-class. ED. JACKSON, Prop'r.

The Northern Pacific Express Co.

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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:

SEATTLE COAL. Clean Domestic per ton, 23 1/2 lbs. \$7.00 Average Steam " " 6.00 Screenings " " 4.00 On hand a constant supply, at market rates, of first-class CUMBERLAND. E. A. NOYES, Agent.

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ASTORIA, OREGON THIS INSTITUTION, UNDER CARE OF the Sisters of Charity, is now ready for the reception of patients. Private rooms for the accommodation of any desiring them. Patients admitted at all hours, day or night. No physician has exclusive right, every patient is free to and has the privilege of employing any physician they prefer. United States Marine Seamen who pay Hospital Dues, are entitled to Free care and attendance at this Hospital during sickness. Permits must be obtained for United States Marines at the Custom House.

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, at 9 A. M., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting. By order of the president. A. YOUNG, Secretary.

Special Sale.

THE FINE STOCK OF D. HAIT IS NOW offered at private sale at cost price. It comprises ladies' and gents' furnishing goods, clothing, etc. A good chance for bargains. I. BERGMAN, Assignee.

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Elegant Rooms.

SENNY AND CONVENIENT IN WM. HUME'S building. Apply to SAMUEL ELMORE.

For Rent.

A LARGE, FINE STORE ROOM: ALSO the second and third floors in the corner building on Olney and Squemoqua streets. Inquire of RUDOLPH BARTH.

For Sale.

The Beautiful and Favorably Located BAY VIEW RESTAURANT Is for sale at a bargain, on account of the proprietor's desire to go to sea. Inquire at the restaurant or at this office.

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. Any information in regard to the manner of fixing pipes will be cheerfully given by request. JAS. W. WELCH, Ship.

For Rent.

TWO FRONT ROOMS: SUITABLE FOR offices; centrally located; apply at ASTORIAN office.

House to Rent. NINE ROOMS: GOOD LOCATION. Inquire of W. B. HEADINGTON.

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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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Wood for Sale.

Good Dry Vine Maple and Fir. Vine Maple, \$3 75 per cord; \$4 00 delivered. Leave orders with Dan Murray, at D. L. BECK & SONS.

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: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of said Wm. Houseman, an insolvent person, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at his place of business, in Astoria, Oregon, duly verified as required by law, within three months from the first publishing of this notice.

Has Returned.

J. P. LEATHERS HAS RETURNED J. P. and is ready to turn out some fine fishing boats for the river. Shop on the bench between Kinney's and Elmire's canneries.

CUNARD STEAMSHIP LINE.

WE BEG LEAVE TO ANNOUNCE A great reduction in rates over the above well known line. Parties desiring to go to Europe, or wishing to send for friends in the old country will find it to their advantage to purchase tickets over the Cunard line. Tickets issued by us good from any part of Europe to Astoria. BAZORTH & JOHNS, Agents.

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THE BEST STOCK AND WORKMANSHIP GUARANTEED. Boats of Every Description Built. Shop over Arndt & Perchen's. H. M. LEATHERS.

Assignee's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed 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. J. H. D. GRAY.

T. G. RAWLINGS,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Tropical, Domestic, Green and Dried FRUITS. NUTS, CANDIES, DRIED MEATS, ETC. Fine Cigars and Tobacco. Next door to I. J. Arvold's, Squemoqua St.

Dissolution of Partnership. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE partnership heretofore existing between Bergman & Berry is this day dissolved by mutual consent. A. W. Berry retiring from the firm, who will collect all bills due and settle all accounts of the late firm. ISAAC BERGMAN, A. W. BERRY, Astoria, Oregon, December 31st, 1884.

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