

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1885. A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Hon. C. LEINENWEBER, representative from Clatsop and Tillamook, has introduced a bill providing for a constitutional convention to meet in Salem next October. It would appear as though the time had about arrived when a change in the organic law of this state was needed. It is not absolutely necessary even now. A man can live and prosper in Oregon under the present conditions, but existing conditions are radically different from what they were in 1859.

On this subject yesterday's Standard has something to say from which we quote at length: Among the recommendations for necessary reforms in the state government, embodied in Governor Moody's first biennial message, is one for the holding of a convention to revise the constitution of the state. One great objection to the old organic law of the state is that it is more of a code than a constitution, and embraces many points that should never be placed in the fundamental law of any state in the Union, for the reason that they prevent necessary legislation from time to time except by the amendment or revision of the constitution. There are some features of the old organic law that it would be well enough to re-enact, however, especially those sections relating to the creation of debts by the state or the several counties thereof.

Another objection to the old law is the salaries of the state officials. The governor now gets \$1,500, which is less than half the salary of any bank accountant in this city; the secretary of state gets \$1,500, which would not pay the wages of a "blacksmith" foreman in a patent-outside country newspaper office; and the state treasurer, who has under his charge often a half million at a time, gets less than any illiterate dock watchman who keeps the rats away from 500 sacks of flour. But the two last named officers get fees which go into their own pockets instead of into the state treasury, which is all wrong from the ground up. The state officials should be compelled to pay into the treasury, under oath, quarterly, all fees received by them in discharge of their duties; and they should receive such salaries as will enable them to live in ease and comfort, not to say in luxury and ostentations display. The fee system is merely a legalized robbery, for in most cases while it does not rob the state, it robs the people composing the state.

As the matter now stands no man but a rich one can afford to be elected governor of Oregon. Moody had been a successful merchant at The Dalles and could afford to pay for the empty honor, as he is reported to have spent over \$20,000 in Salem during the past two years. But the salaries of public officials should be fixed at such rates as will afford every official a comfortable living and bar no honest man from accepting a public trust by reason of a scanty purse. And while we believe that the gentleman of Wasco has made a good governor, as governors go, yet we also believe there are a dozen men in either of the two great political parties in this state, better qualified for the position than himself, who dare not accept a nomination for such a place on account of insufficiency of private fortune. A public trust should be open to any man who comes under the Jeffersonian test of "Is he honest and is he capable?" And the question of "Is he rich enough to do the honors of the office?" should never be allowed to enter into consideration.

California pays its governor \$6,000 a year, which is as excessive as the pay of Oregon's governor is deficient. Make the salaries of governor and secretary of state each \$3,000; the treasurer and superintendent of public instruction each \$2,400; the attorney general and superintendent of the penitentiary each \$2,400; and create the office of surveyor general at \$2,400 by abolishing the present land commissioners' board. Make all these officials pay into the state treasury, under oath, all fees received by them for discharge of their official duties; and the fees of the secretary and treasury alone will come pretty near paying the whole bill. The way that the friends of candidates for these offices spend money about the conventions of both parties, while nominations for governor and congressman go a-begging, shows there must be something more in the fees of those offices than the framers of our constitution intended that there ever should be.

Hence, for the reasons set forth above, the proposition to amend the constitution of Oregon may not be deemed premature.

California went thirty years without amending her constitution, while Oregon's is but twenty six years old. Nevertheless, it was the encroachments of corporations upon the rights of individuals which precipitated the formation of a new organic law for our sister state; and the same causes which lead that step in California are now here at our own doors. When our constitution was framed we had no railroads within the state; now we have about 1,000 miles in all, some operated under foreign charters, while others are incorporated here. To equalize rates of transportation over these lines, a question involving the rights of the primary producing class in a pre-eminently producing state, should be within the pale of a board created by constitutional provisions, whose members should be punishable by impeachment whenever found corrupt or negligent in discharge of their official duties. It is for reasons like these that a new constitution is needed. Had there been no railroads built within the state, we might have gone on twenty years longer with the old constitution; but seeing that the transportation systems of our state are now owned wholly in Germany or the Atlantic states, and that their surplus earnings are all spent abroad, we come to the conclusion that the proposed revision of our constitution is not a premature movement.

DIED.
In Astoria, Jan. 20th, 1885, J. F. W. infant son of Wm. and Minna Beck, aged nine months and twenty-four days.

NEW TO-DAY.
Attention!
ON ACCOUNT OF REMOVAL I WILL sell for the next ten days, a lot of choice Groceries, fine Teas, and Canned Goods, at the lowest prices possible. Goods all fresh and of the best brands.

BAY VIEW RESTAURANT.
Opposite O. R. & N. Co.'s Dock.

THERE WILL BE A Ten-Mile Race,
At the Skating Rink, next Saturday Evening, January 21. The First Prize to be Fifty Dollars. The Second, Twenty-five Dollars. In which the following persons will enter: J. R. Clinton, H. W. Sherman, L. L. Levings, F. A. Crosby, F. A. Hall, W. C. Logan, J. R. Hall, F. W. Prall, R. V. Moutz, Jr., and M. H. Higgins.

PARKER HOUSE
Shaving and Bathing Saloon.
Ladies' Hair Dresser and Wig Maker. All kinds of HAIR WORK MADE TO ORDER. Ladies' Hair cutting and Shampooing a specialty. All work done in the most artistic manner and in the latest style.

Notice.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to a unanimous vote of the stockholders of the Fishermen's Packing Co., the directors of said company, did on the 17th day of Jan. 1885, execute and file supplementary articles of incorporation, whereby such company is authorized to purchase and hold, sell and convey real estate.

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SUNNY AND CONVENIENT. IN WM. HARRIS' BUILDING. Apply to SAMUEL ELMORE.

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

Furnished Rooms to Let,
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Carnahan & Co.
SUCCESSORS TO L. W. CASE,
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE.
Corner Chenamus and Cass streets. ASTORIA - - - OREGON

Assignee's Notice.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of D. Hart, an insolvent debtor. All creditors of said estate are notified to present their claims against said estate, under oath, to me, within three months after the date of F. D. Winton, in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon.

1885. INTEREST
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On Time Deposits.
Drafts on all the Leading Cities.
Wm. T. Coleman & Co.
S. ELMORE,
Manager Banking Department,
Astoria, Oregon.

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, 2240 lbs. \$7.00
Average Steam " " " " " " 6.50
Screenings " " " " " " 4.00

On hand a constant supply, at market rates, of first-class
CUMBERLAND.
R. A. NOYES, Agent.

The Northern Pacific Express Co.
FURNISHES
The Shortest, Quickest and most Reliable Route between
ASTORIA AND ALL POINTS.
If you have anything to send by Express, Send it by the

Northern Pacific Express Co.
Order your Express packages sent to you by the
NORTHERN PACIFIC EXPRESS CO.
Prompt Delivery, Low Rates, Satisfaction guaranteed.
S. ELMORE, Astoria Agent.

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 east to see her parents. Inquire at the restaurant or at this office.

Wheeler & Kipp,
PRACTICAL
Plumbers Gas and Steam Fitters
All work warranted and estimates given. Full stock iron and Lead Pipe, Bath Tubs, Water Closets and Gas Fixtures. Chimney Pipe, cheaper than Brick.

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

Notice of Application.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned will 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 the period of one year, in the building situated on Lot No. 5, Block No. 10, in the city of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure.

Notice.
THE PROGRESSIVE LAND AND BUILDING Association will hold its regular annual meeting on the second Saturday, the 18th day of February, 1885, at 7 o'clock P. M., in Liberty Hall.

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 L. J. Arnold's, Squemoqua St.

FOR SALE.
One E. W. BLISS, Latest improved
HOWE SOLDERING MACHINE,
With West's Crimper attached.
This Machine is Nearly New and is Sold for Want of Use.
Address
GEO. W. DUNBAR'S SONS,
New Orleans, La.

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 21st, 1884.

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 reduction on rates in the future, on account of burst or frozen pipes. Any information in regard to the manner of fixing pipes will be cheerfully given by request.
JAS. W. WELCH,
Supl.

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.

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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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New Establishment!
NEW PRICES!!
FURNITURE, FURNISHING GOODS,
Carpets, Matting, Pictures, Mirrors,
PICTURE FRAMES MOULDINGS, ETC., ETC.
At Greatly Reduced Prices,
ASTORIA FURNITURE CO.,
Cor. Chenamus and Hamilton Sts. H. DE BUSSON, Manager.

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Of either sex admitted to the
PORTLAND BUSINESS COLLEGE
On any week-day of the year. The College Journal, containing information of the course of study, rates of tuition, board, examination, etc., and cuts of plain and ornamental penmanship, free. Address,
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6th Ave. and 20th St., New York City,
will issue on or about March 10th and send FREE to any address their
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For Spring and Summer, 1885.

Beautifully illustrated with Holographic Fashion Plates and about 2,000 wood engravings: a complete guide for all ladies' fashions; Children's and Infants' wear; Housewifery Goods; Millinery, etc. This firm does the largest and most satisfactory catalogue trade in this country. They list all goods at their New York store prices which are acknowledged lower than those of any other house in the United States. They receive back and refund the money for all goods not desired, excepting those made to order and so classed in their book. They guarantee all articles exactly as represented, and have earned for themselves an unequalled reputation for fair and honest dealing.

Assignee's Notice.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of Bangor & 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.

Assignee Notice.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE firm of J. E. Thomas has assigned all their property to the undersigned for the benefit of their creditors and all persons having claims against said estate must present the same duly verified to the assignee at his office in Astoria, Oregon, within three months from this date, November 6th, 1884.
F. P. HICKS.

Executor's Notice.
HAVING BEEN APPOINTED BY THE County Court of Clatsop County, Oregon, executor of the last will and testament of Thos. Goodwin, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate will present them duly verified and with proper vouchers to the undersigned at her residence on Clatsop Plains, Clatsop County, Oregon, within six months from this date, Dec. 5, 1884.
MARIETTA GOODWIN,
Executrix.

CAUTION.
ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY CAUTIONED against purchasing a note and mortgage on personal property, given by Mr. Alexander Corno to Ed. Taylor for \$200.00, as the same will be contested on the ground of fraud, or misrepresentation in obtaining the same, otherwise want of consideration.
ALEX. CORNO,
Astoria, Oregon, Nov. 18th, 1884.

SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL,
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.
SISTERS OF CHARITY

School Tax Notice.
SCHOOL TAXES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 9, are now due and payable to J. E. Higgins, at office of Badollet & Co., Mrs. MARY LEINENWEBER, School Clerk District No. 9, Upper Astoria, Dec. 17, 1884.

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

YOU CAN GET
-THE FINEST-
Family Groceries, Provisions
and Freshest Vegetables,
-AT-

FRANK L. PARKER'S
-ALL AT-
Low Down Prices!!
Corner Benton and Chenamus Streets,
Opposite Custom House Square.

STEAMER
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For TOWING, FREIGHT or CHARTER apply to the Captain, or to
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RANGE CAN BE HAD IN ASTORIA ONLY OF
E. B. HAWES,
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CALL AND EXAMINE IT, YOU WILL BE PLEASED.
E. B. HAWES is also agent for the
Buck patent Cooking Stove
And other first-class Stoves,
Furnace Work, Steam Fittings, etc., a specialty.
A FULL STOCK ALWAYS ON HAND.

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Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Ware.
A General Assortment of
HOUSEHOLD GOODS.
Agents for
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The Best in the market.
Pumpling goods of all kinds on hand. Job work done in a workmanlike manner.
PLUMBING, GAS FITTING, AND CANNERY WORK
Attended to Promptly on Reasonable Terms.
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MARTIN OLSEN & CO.
DEALERS IN
FURNITURE AND BEDDING
Corner Main and Squemoqua Streets, Astoria, Oregon.
WINDOW SHADES AND TRIMMINGS; WALL PAPER, ETC
A Complete Stock.
PRICES AS CHEAP AS QUALITY WILL AFFORD.
ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE REPAIRED AND VARNISHED.

Builders & Carpenters
MATERIAL.
SASH DOORS AND MOULDING.
First Class Work at Prices to Suit the Times.
PLANS AND ESTIMATES FURNISHED.
C. H. Bain & Co.'s
Steam Planing Mill and Sash Factory
Boat Building a Specialty.
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. A good chance for bargains.
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Assignee.

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Finest Groceries,
-GO TO-
FOARD & STOKES.
A FULL LINE OF
HARDWARE
AND
Ship Chandlery.
-A-
NEW SLIP
Just Finished in Rear of Store.

Hardware and Ship Chandlery
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DEALERS IN
Hardware and Ship Chandlery
Pure Oil, Bright Varnish,
Binacle Oil, Cotton Canvas,
Hemp Sail Twine,
Cotton Sail Twine,
Lard Oil,
Wrought Iron Spikes,
Galvanized Cut Nails,
Agricultural Implements,
Sewing Machines,
Paints and Oils, Groceries, etc.

Notice To The Public.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife
JOHN DOUGLAS.
Astoria Dec. 31st, 1884.