

The Daily Astorian.
ASTORIA, OREGON:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1885.
TO BE BLAMED.

The failure of the legislature to elect a senator is a matter of deep regret to all who have the welfare of our state at heart, irrespective of party. It is plainly evident that the one thing which is above all others in importance, in this voting for a senator, is that some able man be elected—that the place be filled—that people of this state have all the senatorial representation to which they are entitled so that the important improvements so necessary to the commercial prosperity of our state be not delayed for want of influence in securing needed governmental aid. It is humiliating to see our legislators when good judgment should govern their actions, yield to a factional spirit that overrides all considerations of public good. No citizen, be he Republican or Democrat, can find cause for gratulation in circumstances that deprive our state of important strength in national deliberations. The weight of blame in this case must rest with the Republicans who, with a clear party majority of fourteen deliberately and wantonly sacrificed their party and the state. Their unreasonable action will not be excused by their constituents who expect and demand wholesome legislation and not disgraceful political sparring.

THE PRISON CONTRACT SYSTEM.

Like every other question, that of convict contract labor has two sides, says the *Telegraph*. It is urged on the one hand that it helps the state to make its prison system partially self-supporting and to that degree relieves the taxpayers from the burden of the support of convicted criminals. On the other hand it is urged, with a show of plausibility, that it cheapens labor to an extent that is oppressive to honest men who depend upon the fruits of their daily toil for support for their families and the maintenance of homes. It is certainly far more just to maintain prison expenses from the general tax levy than to oppress one particular class of laborers that convicts may be made in a measure self-supporting during their term of servitude. A few days ago a strike of molders in connection with the Willamette Iron Works in Portland was announced. Inquiry develops the fact that the base of the grievance of low wages at which these workmen complain is the prison contract system, that in two years has reduced the Molders' union from a membership of one hundred to twenty, and wages from two and a half and three dollars per day into competition with labor at forty cents per day. Any man who maintains his family or even himself alone, by the sweat of his brow and the skill of his hands, must see the glaring injustice of a system that works such a hardship upon a few under the pretext of lifting a burden from the many. Furthermore, there is not a taxpayer in all Oregon who has paid one cent less in taxes on account of this system. A few are heavily burdened, a firm realizes enormous profits, and the people go on paying taxes just the same. The smallest reflection will show that to force men into competition with laborers whom the state hires out to perform valuable service at forty cents per day must work a grievous hardship, while the actual, and we may say the sole perceptible benefit of the transaction accrues to contractors who are already wealthy.

SCIENCE has robbed us of the old heaven up above the stars—the heaven believed in in childhood. It has unroofed the imposing temple under whose dome of spangled azure David sang and the whole procession of primitive saints reverently trod. It has left no firmament to support the throne of Omnipotence, and His footstool has become a flying, whirling ball. It has taken us down to the ancient school and lo! instead of souls, there is nothing but resting chemicals and centers of gravitational and magnetic attraction. The going forth of morning and evening no more rejoices: it is only an optical illusion, produced by the diurnal revolution of the earth. To ascend into heaven now and twelve hours from now is to go in diametrically opposite directions, produced by the diurnal revolution of the earth. The deeper the descent into hell the higher the ascent into the heaven of your antipodes. The world has no longer top or bottom. "Up" and "down" are terms without meaning. We, ourselves, who strut our little moment, are but microscopic animalcules, clinging to a grain of sand, which eddies its little round in an obscure and diminutive corner of the great cosmos of nature. Science has

taken much away that it can not bring back. Never again can come the time when the rainbow shall be the seal of the Divine covenant, and not a simple illustration of the laws of light. Never again can come the time when any shall be able without scientific compunction to call the people's souls of the olden time, pry todesery in the remotest space the hearth fires of the holy, never darkened tabernacles of the angels. Science can never rehalow the vast temple she has shattered, nor never fill it with the hush of awful presence, the sanctity of divine habitation.

NATURE is the great restorer. What she cannot renovate she beautifies in some way. When the ruthless storm or the vandal ax fells some forest monarch, we look with regret at the prostrate tree and say "Ah, this dead, unlovely object marks the green harmony of the scene." Wait a little while and then go back to the forest and see what patient, tireless nature has done. She could not restore the tree to its upright, living glory, but she has adorned its decay. She has covered the dead trunk with delicate mosses and fairy-cupped lichens, and feathery tree ferns, with here and there a small scarlet or orange hued fungus. She has made the tree once more a thing of beauty. Thus she throws her mantle over the crumbling ruin, at once to bind and beautify; thus she mellows and makes picturesque the dilapidation of old homes, whose inmates have "seen better days," and fringing the eaves and embroidering the old roof with delicate mould and with mosses that stop the leaks. Thus she passes her healing fingers over all the unsightly wounds and scars of the physical world—from the storm-torn limb of the tree to the glaring clay of the new made grave. She mellows and modifies all. Nay, does she not modify if she cannot restore our life ruins! Does she not cover with the mould of foliage or the moss of resignation the wounds of the heart! Does she not make green with hope the graves in our hearts—whether made by death or fate!

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Assessment Notice.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
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CHAS. WICKSTROM, President.
Astoria, Feb. 9, 11, 1885.

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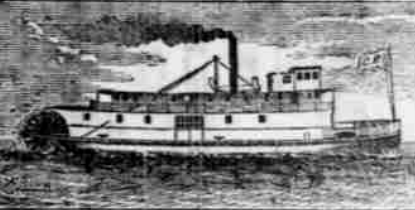
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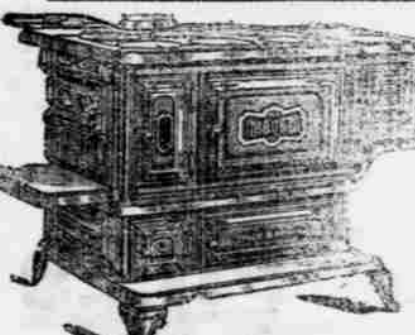
School Notice.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE legal voters of School District No. 1, Clatsop county Oregon, will be held at the school Building in said district, on Monday evening March 2nd, 1885, at the hour of 7:30 p. m. The object of said meeting being the election of one director for three years and one clerk for one year.
By order of the directors,
J. O. BOZORTH,
Clatsop School District No. 1,
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