

THE SILVER QUESTION.

Representative Dorsheimer of New York, introduced recently a bill for the manufacture of a full-weight silver dollar. His bill proposes a dollar weighing 480 grains. The present one weighs but 412 1/2. This dollar would contain a dollar's worth of silver; but for that very reason the short dollar men don't want it.

It is hard to see just how that is "based on the right principle."

In the first place the increase of silver in the dollar from 412 1/2 grains to 480 grains would compel every debtor to pay 67 1/2 cents of silver on every dollar more than his original contract called for. He does not usually pay in silver now, because all forms of currency are at par.

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It is surprising to see these eastern financiers clamoring for a cessation of silver coinage. It would not be six months after the cessation of coinage before silver coin would become so scarce that they wouldn't be able to pay their debts if any commercial accident caused a flow of gold to Europe.

But it seems impossible to make them understand that while governments cannot regulate the relative value of any two commodities, such as gold and silver, or gold and wheat, or silver and sugar, they can and they do regulate by their mint stamp the nominal value of their money.

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PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

CERTAIN old-time Washington lobbyists who are willing to take what they can get and do not despise the day of small bank bills, are making a profitable winter out of some old mail contracts. Congress awarded payment for services in mail-carrying in several southern states for the quarter just before the war. The treasury warrants were made out, of course, as payable to the individuals who held the contracts at the time specified. There were great numbers of these warrants, and the most of them were for amounts ranging from \$5 to \$500. The larger claimants, who had kept track of their interests, came forward and got their warrants cashed, but the most of the contractors, or their heirs, remained in ignorance of the fact that money was awaiting them here for the asking.

Letters were written to the beneficiaries of this action of congress. These were to the effect that the writers were, through their peculiar facilities, in a position to obtain from the government a sum of money allowed the person addressed, and that if a power of attorney was forwarded, the collection would be made and the amount would be forwarded, less, say 50 per cent. for the fee. These notices found their way to many who hadn't the remotest idea wherein the government had become their debtor.

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Assignee's Sale.

AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON Saturday, March 7th, '85. AT 2 P. M.

The Store and Fixtures of J. E. Thomas' Drug Store WILL BE SOLD AS A WHOLE.

Sale Positive: There will be no disposition of Stock or Fixtures except as a whole. F. P. HICKS, Assignee.

Salmon Packers

We are prepared to print One lb Salmon Labels of superior quality, well varnished. At \$1.40 per M.

Correspondence solicited. A. J. BANCROFT & CO., 721 Market Street, San Francisco.

The Telephone Saloon

The Finest Establishment of the Kind in Astoria. Especially fitted up for the Comfort and Convenience of those who enjoy a Social Glass.

The Best of Wines and Liquors, The Choicest Cigars. Everything New and First-Class. R. L. JEFFERY, Prop'r.

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:

Table with 2 columns: Coal Type and Price per ton. Includes SEATTLE COAL and CUMBERLAND.

Administrator's Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of Hans Penning, deceased.

Boat Found. ON THE 20th, 4 MILES ABOVE TONGUE POINT, a skiff, 18 feet long, light gray, one rowlock, no oars. Loser apply to John Arnot, at the Union Cannery.

Assignee Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of D. Hart, an insolvent debtor.

Assessment Notice. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE Garibaldi Packing Co. levy an assessment of \$30 per share on the capital stock, payable in ninety (90) days from date.

Assessment Notice. THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE year 1884 is now in my hands for collection. All who are delinquent on said roll will save their shares from being sold by sending in cash or by sending by registered letter.

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

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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.

HAS RETURNED. J. P. LEATHERS HAS RETURNED from the coast. He is ready to trade some fine fishing boats for the river. Shop on the beach between Kinney's and Elmore's canneries.

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.

CHAS. HEILBORN. 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.

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.

Fixtures for Sale! Store for Rent! REMEMBER The Grand Closing Out Sale!!

Adler's Crystal Palace! Positively every article in that vast establishment will be sold AT COST!

Store for Rent! Fixtures for Sale! EVERYTHING Bought and Sold, PLUMBER AND GAS FITTER.

M. R. KIPP, Water Pipes a Specialty. A Full Stock of Material on Hand.

FOARD & STOKES Ship Supply Depot, In Headington's Building, west of the O. R. & N. Dock.

Cable, Blocks, Tackle, Ships' Stores, Junk of All Kinds. Whatever in that line you want can be had at Foard & Stokes' Ship Supply Depot.

THE SEASIDE BAKERY FRESH BREAD Delivered in any Part of the City. CHRISTMAS CAKES: Home-Made Candy Made Daily. The Trade Supplied. Fine Pastry: A First-Class Establishment. Prices to suit the times. F. B. ELBERSON, Prop'r.

Notice of Reduction. I will now sell Choice Cooking Extracts. At the following Reduced Prices:

Table with 3 columns: Size and Price. Shows 25-cent size for 15 cents, 50-cent size for 25 cents, 75-cent size for 35 cents.

Notice of Reduction. I will now sell Choice Cooking Extracts. At the following Reduced Prices:

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

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC EXPRESS CO. Prompt Delivery, Low Rates, Satisfaction guaranteed. S. ELMORE, Astoria Agent.

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

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

AT FRANK L. PARKER'S Low Down Prices!!

Corner Benton and Chenamus Streets, Opposite Custom House Square. H. B. PARKER, DEALER IN Hay, Oats, and Straw, Lime, Brick, Cement, Sand and Plaster

Wood Delivered to Order. Graying, Teaming and Express Business. STEAMER CLARA PARKER Eben P. Parker, Master. For TOWING, FREIGHT or CHARTER apply to the Captain, or to H. B. PARKER.

THE NEW MODEL RANGE CAN BE HAD IN ASTORIA ONLY OF E. R. HAWES, AGENT. CALL AND EXAMINE IT. YOU WILL BE PLEASED. E. R. 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.

John A. Montgomery, DEALER IN Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Ware. A General Assortment of HOUSEHOLD GOODS. Agents for Magee Stoves and Ranges. The Best in the market. Pumping 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. Chenamus Street, Next to C. L. Parker's Store. ASTORIA, - - - OREGON.

M. OLSEN, J. GUSTAFSON, A. JOHNSON. 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.

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 E. S. WORSLEY'S Salesroom.

The Singer Mfg Co., 92 Morrison Street, Portland, Or. CARNAHAN & CO. SUCCESSORS TO I. W. CASE, IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE. Corner Chenamus and Cass streets. ASTORIA, - - - OREGON.

\$67,000,000 Capital! Liverpool and London and Globe. North British and Mercantile of London and Edinburgh. Old Connecticut of Hartford, AND COMMERCIAL OF CALIFORNIA. Fire Insurance Companies, Representing a Capital of \$67,000,000. B. VAN DUSEN, Agent.

FOR Finest Groceries, -GO TO- FOARD & STOKES. A FULL LINK OF HARDWARE AND Ship Chandlery. -A- NEW SLIP. Just Finished in Rear of Store. Hardware and Ship Chandlery VAN DUSEN & CO. 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.