

During almost a century, thoughtful men have been wondering and trying in vain to imagine some rational purpose of this world for which our grandfathers, of imputed supernatural wisdom, invented the constitutional superfluity called a vice president.

Upon a superficial glance, some person may too hastily seize upon the idea that Mr. Edmunds has made the long-sought discovery of a constitutional faculty or duty of the vice president.

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SOME fishermen who visited the Charity islands in Lake Michigan, week before last, say that when the keeper of the station on the island saw them he ran down to greet them, and his first question was: "Who's elected president?"

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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.

Important Notice! Oregon Improvement Co. Great Reduction in Price of Coal.

For Sale. The Beautiful and Favorably Located BAY VIEW RESTAURANT

Elegant Rooms. SUNNY AND CONVENIENT. IN WM. Hume's building. Apply to SAMUEL ELMORR.

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

A BARGAIN. A LADY DECLINING HOUSEKEEPING offers her Furniture at private sale. Inquire at this office.

THE HENLEY CLUB SKATE. Nickel Plated, Spring Steel Bottom and Steel Cams.

1885. INTEREST Will be allowed On Time Deposits.

BUILDERS AND CARPENTERS MATERIAL. SASH, DOORS AND MOULDING.

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.

New Establishment! NEW PRICES!! FURNITURE, FURNISHING GOODS, Carpets, Matting, Pictures, Mirrors, PICTURE FRAMES MOULDINGS, ETC., ETC.

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

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John A. Montgomery, Tin, Sheet Iron and Copper Ware. A General Assortment of HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

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

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Change of Agency. We have appointed MR. O. F. MORTON Our Selling and Collecting Agent at Astoria.

FOR Finest Groceries, -GO TO- BOARD & STOKES, A FULL LINE OF HARDWARE AND Ship Chandlery.

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