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The telephone comes down to-morrow. The John Nicholson went to sea yesterday. M. J. Kinney is a passenger on the incoming steamer.

The Columbia is due from San Francisco this morning. The stock and fixtures of J. E. Thomas' drug store will be sold to-day.

The A.H. discharged 320 tons of coal at the bunkers on the D. R. & N. dock. Miss Annie Kellogg, of Portland, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. O. Hawthorn.

Heavy gales and considerable damage to shipping is reported of the British Columbia coast. C. H. Cooper's windows present a most attractive appearance; some fine spring goods are displayed.

The O. R. & N. Co. has reduced the fare from Seattle to Victoria or any point on the Sound to one dollar.

The Astorian acknowledges its obligations to Major Jones, of the corps of engineers, for Captain Powell's report on the improvement of the Columbia river, and other valuable documents.

A new steamer—the *Mellonau*, designed for the Portland-Washington trade was launched at East Portland last Thursday. It is 43 feet long, 78 feet beam, and displaces 324 tons.

Nelson Bennett, contractor on the Cascade branch of the Northern Pacific railroad, says he likes a white man better than a Chinaman, and can make more money by working at the mine than by 200 men now grading on each side of the Cascade range, and wants three times as many more.

The superintendent of the penitentiary at Salem, has put a force of convicts to work digging dirt to be made into brick for the additions to the penitentiary and the building of a stockade. Four million brick will be needed to do this, 3,000,000 of which will be manufactured during the coming winter. Five hundred workmen will be employed on the stockade.

At the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, C. A. Hanson; vice president, Y. A. Hamilton; secretary and treasurer, D. A. McIntosh; executive committee, A. W. McKenize, W. R. McIntosh, Charles Fox, John T. Ross. The public anniversary exercises will be held at the Y. M. C. A. on the evening of Sunday, the 15th inst.

A San Francisco dispatch says: Coasting sailors are out on a strike. They refuse to work at the present rate of wages, \$25 a month, and ask an increase to \$30. A body of strikers visited several vessels ready to sail and persuaded the crews to join them. All coasting vessels will receive the same attention. Owners of vessels assert that at present business is exceedingly dull for coasters, and it is an unfavorable time for sailors to strike.

The work of improving the Columbia bar virtually begins this morning. Holt Bros. begin to drive piles to-day for the framework of the foundation of the trestle of the wharf at the approach to the railroad for the stone for the jetty to be built from the spit to narrow the mouth to scour the channel to let deep draught ships in to load wheat at Astoria for the nations across the sea. Cheap bread and salmon to eat to fight El Mahdi and whip the Turk on the shores of the Red sea.

Every one remembers the little *Gold Fish* that used to run between here and Westport. Last Thursday in the United States court an order was made directing the sale of the steamer. A difference of opinion existed among the five owners of the steamer as to her employment and management. H. H. Hartwick and Walter Frame, owners of a one-fourth interest, did not agree with James Cox, J. N. Martin and A. J. Fellows, owners of the remainder, and the vessel was hired by the first two. She will be sold and the proceeds divided among the disagreeing owners.

Judge Taylor has solved some nice questions of law since his elevation to the bench, but there is a little question of fact that kind of a stump him. The last legislature, in its wisdom, saw fit to cut out two new counties: one of them, Gilliam, was tacked on to his district, and the terms of court were set for February and September. The fact that the September term in Gilliam county and September term in Clatsop county both begin on the same day makes it embarrassing to the judge, as the places are 500 miles apart and he is obliged by law to be in the court house at Gilliam and the court house at Astoria on the first Monday of next September. He doesn't mind holding court in two different counties, scattered all over creation, but when it comes to dividing himself up in the meantime it is an interesting question to solve.

Many remarkable stories have been told concerning the sagacity of the sturgeon, one of which have been hard to believe. That these fish are endowed with a heap of savvy is shown, says the *Oregonian*, by the following: Yesterday a philosopher, a number of representatives from the fish markets of this city embarked on board the steamer *Calliope* to see the launch of the *Mellonau*. They were standing in a row along the rail when a philosopher, an old sturgeon leaped out of the river on the guard of the boat, as if to get a better view of the launch. Happening to look up he saw a row of fish-dealers with their eyes fixed upon him, evidently calculating how much he would weigh when made into sea bass. With a frightened snort the astute fish leaped back into his native element, went down and a minute later came to the surface half a mile off, looking back to see if he was pursued. Seeing the fish men still standing in a row and looking disconsolate, he put his tail to the end of his nose and gently waved it, like a long bony hand, at them and then went below to resume his regular business of catching suckers.

Lost.
 A gold-quartz, fan-shaped pin lost. A suitable reward will be paid for the return of same to the New York Novelty Store.

THE SALMON BUSINESS.
 A View the Reverse of Base Colored Regarding the Season of '85.

The activity in the salmon business usual at this time of year is almost wholly wanting this spring. The situation appears lifeless. A few—the Cutting Packing company, the Washington, Jno. A. Devlin, the Scandinavian Packing company, and perhaps, another—some making cans, a few more have given out some time for knitting, but the great majority of the canneries show no present signs of life. The outlook is not a rosy one, and caution bids nearly every one in the business to pass, lest worse come than complications cut up a business seriously embarrassed in the past.

Generally in March, every cannery has thousands of pounds of new twine out, a large force of Chinese making cans, teams busy hauling supplies, boats being built or repaired, machines put up or overhauled, and an army of workers employed in different lines. The general apathy is remarkable, and in writing of the present state of the business nothing but the demands of truth compel the admission of such universal dullness.

Turning from the outside appearance of affairs which is manifest to all who attend the luncheon of recreation, inquiry among the leading canners develops the fact that the probability of success in packing even what is acknowledged to be a superior article, makes it almost a matter of indifference to many as to whether they will run this season or not. In former years it was no uncommon thing for a packer of Columbia salmon to sell his entire pack at a handsome figure before the first boat had been put in the water. Even last year, had as it was at this time, nearly 150,000 cases had been sold at prices ranging from \$1.10 to \$1.20, up to date. The Astorian hours of but one sale, of 10,000 cases by a prominent upper Astoria canneryman, said to be at \$1 a dozen.

SOME OF THE CAUSES.
 To enumerate the causes of the decline in prices which have in the last three years run from \$1.25 a dozen on the river to \$1.15 delivered in New York, and four shillings in Liverpool, would transcend the bounds of this article. The principal cause is manifestly overproduction. Of course it is argued that you can't produce too much of a good thing; that there is no such thing as "overproduction"; that whenever a large quantity of wheat or salmon or sugar or any other staple article is thrown on the market, it goes down in price, but the very fact that it becomes cheaper enables people to buy it that couldn't afford before, thus extending the market, creating a demand, and disposing of the alleged "overproduction." Well, that is all right in theory, but somehow it doesn't work a regards salmon. Men who make a specialty of it, and who write against their own interests in saying it, write from Liverpool and London that England has enough salmon to last two years; men who have bought salmon in the West Coast and Philadelphia say that there is plenty of salmon still on their shelves. Other places, Pittsburg, for example, send similar reports. Pittsburg used to be a first rate market for our salmon, but the market used to work in the iron mills and take a can of salmon for lunch are idle now. The iron mills of Pittsburg are silent, the furnaces black and desolate, which furnishes a good instance of how naturally dependent we are upon each other, and how hard times in the iron and coal districts of Pennsylvania affect the salmon industry of the Columbia. The very surplus of goods that the market is throwing on the market, works against its consumption, for the cost and labor bestowed upon its manufacture makes it impossible to sell it except at a loss to consumers, who can buy elsewhere. The same is true of sugar, etc., at five cents a can less, and having never tasted a genuine Chinook salmon in their lives, illustrate how where ignorance is bliss "it is folly to be otherwise." A wholesale jobber in New York with salmon on his shelves that cost him \$1.20 a dozen cannot compete with the man across the street who has a lot of truck that would be thrown off at a price that would fetch him what he is in the business elsewhere for what they can make out of it, regardless of business reputation or future credit.

Another reason for the sluggishness is one regarding which, there is considerable difference of opinion. Time was when such firms as Pelling, Stanley & Co., Rogers & Moberly, Leggett & Co., Baird, Guthrie & Co., in San Francisco, Liverpool and New York, bought 100,000 cases at a lump and sold them in job lots to the wholesalers. This plan had its merit, for a cannery could draw for \$20,000 or \$30,000, and the transaction left some margin to operate on beside being definite and complete. But of late the fashion has prevailed of attempting to dispose of the salmon and of making little sales; working off the pack among retailers and making the business of effecting sales a petty matter of 500, 300, 100, 50, or even 20 cases. The result is that the canneryman is left with a pack or upon which it is practised are virtually compelled to hold their pack through the entire season and like a man who is paid a dollar at a time on a hundred dollar contract, never knows when he is paid; they never get the benefit of using a good round sum. There is no intention to decry one system, or uphold another. There is, indeed, no need. The present situation speaks for itself quite as forcibly as any exposition of facts could. When the system prevailed of selling in lots of 50,000 and 100,000 cases there were men who thought and said that that was bad for the cannery, now that the habit of peddling the pack in little jags seems to be coming in the benefits of the old way are apparent. "Business brightens as they vanish."

Another reason for the sluggish movement of the stream is alleged to be due to the butchering of the entire business by what an old cannery yesterday called "maneuver packers," men who go in to "show" people how a thing should be done, and who succeed only in ruining themselves and destroying any chance that anybody else in the business might have to make a decent profit on the capital and time invested. On the other hand are those who "go for all that's in sight" and worry over the \$1,000 that their neighbor would more than they receive for the \$5,000 they themselves have pulled in.

The business, like all other businesses, has its limits, and while healthy competition, conducted on business principles, can hurt no industry, an indiscriminate, bull-headed way of slashing right and left and cutting on all sides can only have one result.

Probabilities of '85.
 It is thought by those who are usually well informed that twenty-eight canneries will run this season; of these there is not some doubt regarding two or three, there are some changes regarding agencies, etc.; the Aberdeen will be under the management of Wm. T. Coleman & Co.

THIS EVENING.
 Saturn is now evening star and takes his turn in coming to the front on the March records. This evening a noteworthy event occurs in his course as viewed from this planet. On the 7th, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, he is in quadrature with the sun on the eastern side.

On that occasion, when the solar orb looks below the western horizon, Saturn looks down from the zenith, 90° east of the great luminary. "Soon as the evening shades prevail," and the stars peep from their hiding places, in the featureless depths, the planet, second in size of the sun's family, and by far its most wonderful member, may be seen beaming radiantly from the celestial heights and commencing his westward descent. He is indeed a shining light under his present conditions, and may be more associated by the student and enthusiast of his rays and the soft golden light that distinguishes him from the twinkling points surrounding him. Were he an earthly potentate, he could not choose a more commanding position for holding his court from the one he occupies at sunset when in quadrature. For, poised on the height of the celestial dome, he holds under his sovereign eye the moon brilliant galaxy of stars of the heavens display to mortal vision. On the north, Capella forms his body guard. Equidistant on the south is the leading brilliant of superb Orion, who, girded with a sword, stands in the zenith, and his path with starry feet, stretching his vast bulk over the equator, and dotting the sky with a starry glory visible all over the globe. Sirius, member of the highest order of stars in space, glows in the southeast. On the west, the clustering Pleiades softly shine. On the east, the starry Nike comes into view, while, crowning the scene, Jupiter rises toward the zenith in the zenith of his power, and in the regal aspect he assumes on his nearest approach to earthly domain.

The observer who beholds Saturn under these conditions gazes upon a magnificent picture of stately beauty. Every star that has been mentioned may be readily traced with the aid of a chart. The meridian in the zenith of his power, and, choosing the whole year through, no more brilliant page of the celestial book will be thrown open to the unaided eye than this, when Saturn soon after sunset looks down from the high heavens above upon this little planet glowing her way through space and turning on her axis as the spins on in her course.

POETRY.
 It is very seldom that poetry is admitted to the columns of *The Astorian*, because the strain on the compositor is so great that it incapacitates the entire office for other and graver duties. The following, however, on "The Death of an Ox" is so purely simple, so exquisitely touching, and appeals so powerfully to the imagination that it is given place. It is written by a prominent resident of this city and is original. We have never seen anything like it in any book of poems that we ever read. The ox, to whose sad demise fitting tribute is rendered, died suddenly at Deep River, W. T., a short time before the last trip of one line he is called an ox, and subsequently a steer is accounted for on the theory of poetic license.

Lion is dead, that ancient ox,
 And he can work no more.
 Had it not been for eating grass,
 He would have died before.
 He'd been a faithful, steady ox,
 For more'n a score of years.
 And stood his share of thumps and yokes
 Yoked up with other steers.
 He long had roamed the pasture free,
 And did just as he pleased.
 Till now so he couldn't see,
 So his life had to be freed.
 So dead he couldn't hear the call
 To know the time for dinner.
 He couldn't nibble grass at all,
 And a keep growing thinner.
 Oh, how his neighbors was the best,
 I've owned, beyond compare,
 Now, 'neath the soil we'll lay him rest,
 Nor touch his hide or hair.

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A GREAT INVENTION.
 Necessarily Settling Types by Machinery.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The machine type-setter, as it is called—it should be termed a stereotypic machine—is being visited by many people at Chamberlain's, where it has remained on exhibition since last night's dinner. It is a wonderful piece of mechanism, and destined to revolutionize the business. A small gas engine operates a number of these machines, one of which occupies a space 4 1/2 feet, and does the work of ten compositors. In appearance it resembles a mammoth typewriter, the keyboard being arranged in exactly a similar manner. The operator sits at the board, and with the copy in front, plays the keys. The dies, instead of stamping paper, are impressed on heated type metal, which, as fast as each line is completed, is cut off and automatically passed out in a gallery. The operator, working leisurely, can turn out a column of matter of the Washington Post every hour.

This machine obviates the use of type in the printing business, and does away with the compositor to-day. The work ceases to be laborious and unhealthy, and the cost to the business is reduced about 80 per cent. Machines are made for different sizes of imprint, and the plan of the company is to lease the machines, not to sell them, at rates which will guarantee this reduction of expense. The prospectus states that the cost of type-setting in the United States comes to \$20,000,000 per annum, and that the substitution of this machine will reduce the cost to \$10,000,000.

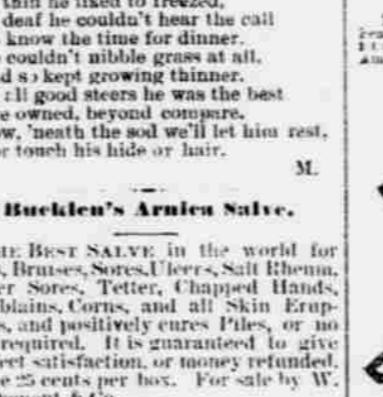
When it is considered that, in addition to this, the outfit for purchasing type is entirely obviated, one can form an estimate of the influence the machine will exert upon the printing business. The capital stock of the company is to be increased to \$10,000,000, and factories are being established to supply the trade. The machines space both lines and columns, and are made for all kinds of type, so as to furnish the newspaper complete.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
 School District No. 18—For the Year ending March 2, 1885.
 Receipts: Balance on hand previous report, \$162.36; outside scholars, \$12; glass, \$1; state appropriation, \$1,488.48; county appropriation, \$207.52; district taxes, \$1,577.68; borrowed on three year's time, \$2,500. Total, \$5,945.94.
 Disbursements: Teachers, \$1,442.50; janitor, \$38; wood, \$60; incidentals, \$13; clerk, \$88.99; insurance, \$50; printing, \$432.15; new building, \$2,850; cash on hand, \$727.81. Total, \$5,945.94.

General Enquiry.
 Old Blunderer Grant, who was reported as his death bed before he was placed on the retired list, on the 4th, began improving immediately afterward, so as to be able to attend a bull pug fight in the evening.—*Portland Standard*.

It is stated, says the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, that the *Queen of the Pacific* will succeed the steamship *Mexico* on the San Francisco and Puget sound route, and that the present is the last trip of the latter vessel to this port under her present charter. The *Mexico* was built for the southern trade, and is owned by private parties in San Francisco, but for more than a year past has been chartered by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company for \$200 per day.

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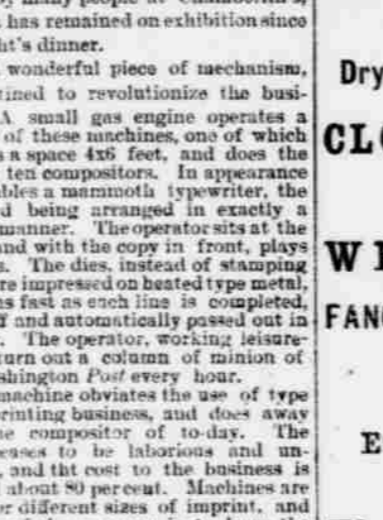


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 5th—Is a FINE FRENCH CALF BUTTON SHOE, with Kangaroo tops, and made with a Separate Sole of Cork placed between the main sole and upper, which prevents dampness to the foot, from the wet planks.
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 3rd—Is a CALF DRESS SHOE, the Latest Style and Shape—box, cap, and medium Toe, and a Solid Vamp Sale.
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