

The Daily Astorian.
ASTORIA, OREGON:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1885
INADMISSIBLE TESTIMONY.

THEY had an old-fashioned debate in the Massachusetts legislature recently, over a bill abolishing the rule which makes the testimony of persons who do not believe in the existence of a God inadmissible in the courts of justice. The facts of daily life, as observed by everybody, shows that there is no perceptible difference in the matter of truth-telling between people who say they do not believe in the existence of a God and those who say they do. A declaration of this belief is in fact so easy, and does a man so much good with his neighbors, that nearly all liars make it as a matter of course. A man needs to be very honest and truthful to deny the existence of a God, and as a general rule the testimony of such men is as apt to be reliable as that of professed believers.

The principle that religious belief has nothing to do, and ought to have nothing to do, with a man's credibility as a witness is now acknowledged in the jurisprudence of most civilized countries, including twenty-eight states of this union. But the Massachusetts senate rejected it sternly by 24 to 10, after a luminous debate. One senator held that a man who "denied under the genial sunlight his belief in the Author of that radiance," ought to be punished for it in some way. Another senator opposed putting the man who denied the existence of a God "on an equality with the man who devoutly acknowledged it." The object of a court of law in examining witnesses is to find out the truth about a particular transaction, and not to discourage infidelity. No man conducts his business or his social life on the assumption that atheists are untruthful or dishonest; and to administer justice so as to deprive him of important testimony in his favor, on such a theory, is monstrous as well as barbarous.

THE Central Pacific Railroad Company has issued a \$10,000,000 convertible loan, for the purpose of funding into a long bond the greater part of its accumulated floating debt, and to provide for completion of the Oregon division and other additions to the property. The company has expended on construction and betterments during the past five years, nearly \$10,000,000, not included in the operating expenses, and against which no stock or bonds have been issued, and during the past ten years more than \$14,000,000. During the same period the net funded debt has decreased by land sales and sinking fund, nearly \$8,000,000. The new bonds bear 6 per cent. interest, and run thirty years. Already \$5,000,000 has been taken at par by holders of the unfunded debt. Provision is made in the bonds allowing conversion of the principal sum into capital stock within eight years, but no exchange will be made at less than \$50 per share.

MAJOR BURKE, of New Orleans, ex- position fame, is credited with a discovery concerning the civil service rules which is causing some excitement, and is being used to stir up sentiment against the civil service law. The regulations which have been adopted by the civil service commissioners provide that no person shall be permitted to make application for clerical positions in the post-office department who is over 35, and that no person shall be permitted to make application for position in the treasury department who is over 45, unless in either case the applicant may chance to have been an honorably discharged union soldier or sailor. A strict interpretation of this rule would exclude any person who was in the confederate army from any clerical position in the postoffice department if he was more than 11 years of age in 1860, or from services under the treasury if he was more than 21 years of age when the war began.

THE Democracy are "examining the books." A Washington dispatch says: In a very quiet way, secure from all observation, the examination of the books of the treasury has been going on for some days. The expert is C. N. Jordan, ex-cashier of the Third National bank of New York, a friend of Secretary Manning. It is not yet known how far back the investigation will be made, but from the papers called for, it is not improbable that eighteen or twenty years will be covered. The only assistant the expert has is a shorthand writer from the treasury force. The two gentlemen are locked in a room on the second floor.

E. D. CLARK, of Vicksburg, Miss., the newly appointed assistant secretary of the interior, died last Monday.

BAINE's opinion of President Cleveland has been announced "through private sources," and he is quoted as saying: "Cleveland is a man of great backbone, and is not likely to yield to the pressure brought upon him." He thinks the president's course will alienate the greater portion of the Democratic party, and when congress meets again Cleveland will have to look to the Republican minority for support.

COMFORT for smokers is found in the current number of the *British Medical Journal*, which denies the possibility of smoking having caused the cancer with which General Grant is now afflicted. The *Journal* says that the risk of cancer in the throat incurred by smokers is infinitesimal, and it denounces the anti-tobaccoists for seeking to make capital for their particular fad out of the sufferings of a great man.

MR. BAYARD's friends say that his attitude during the war was that of "a quiet observer of affairs." It is to be hoped that his observations in those eventful years convinced him that he was decidedly mistaken when he said, in a speech soon after the attack on Fort Sumter, that "two American confederacies could exist side by side."

THE *Atlanta Constitution* says: "It is in the power of Mr. Cleveland and his advisers to bury forever the prejudice of section that has for forty years estranged our people, and this, if accomplished, will be the chief glory of the restoration. It is needless to say that with all its heart and all its strength the south will hold up the president's hands in this work."

EDWARD J. PHELPS, of Vermont, has been nominated minister to Great Britain; Robert McLane, of Maryland, minister to France; George H. Pendleton, of Ohio, minister to Germany; H. R. Jackson, of Georgia, minister to Mexico. Pendleton was confirmed by the senate last Monday.

WHEN a Republican hears a disappointed Democrat denouncing Cleveland, he should whisper mildly in his ear the words of Gen. Bragg, of Wisconsin, in the Chicago convention: "We love him for the enemies he has made."

THE secretary of state is informed by the United States minister at Stockholm that the Swedish diet has voted to admit pork, all grain, flour and meat into ports of Sweden duty free.

Six hotels have failed in New York since the new year began.

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Notice of Application.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned intends to 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 a period of one year from date in the building, corner Water and West 9th streets situated on Lot 6, Block 135, Shively's Astoria.
A. DANIELSON.
Astoria, March 21st, 1885.

Lost or Misplaced.
CERTIFICATE NO. 25, FOR TEN (10) shares of stock of the Pythian Land and Building Association, issued to Jay Tuttle is not to be found and notice is hereby given that if the same shall not be found by the owner before the 1st of April, 1885, application will be made to the board of directors of said association to cancel the same and issue to him a new certificate for the stock.
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Notice to Delinquent Taxpayers.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will levy on the property of the delinquent list of 1884, if the taxes are not paid immediately.
C. W. LOUGHERY, Chief of Police.
Astoria, Feb. 9, 1885.

Teachers' Examination.
THE REGULAR QUARTERLY EXAMINATION of applicants for certificates to teach in the public schools of Clatsop county will be held at my office in the court house on the 26th and 27th inst., beginning at nine A. M., on the 26th.
J. E. HIGGINS, County Superintendent Public Instruction.
Astoria, March 17, 1885.

Boat Found.
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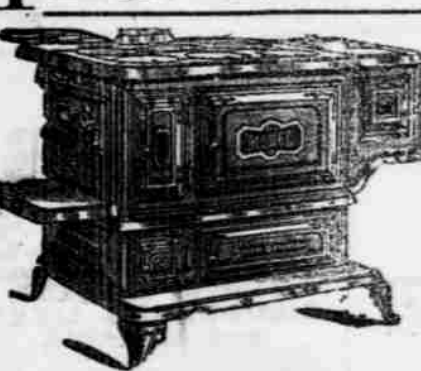
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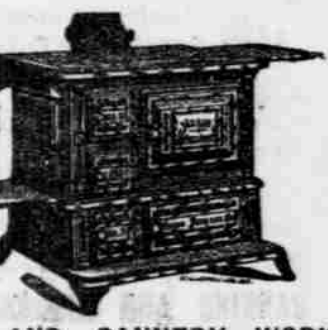
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