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Notice to Advertisers.

THE ASTORIAN guarantees to its advertisers the largest circulation of any newspaper published on the Columbia river.

The Alki arrived in yesterday afternoon. The Mount Washington will be sold at Portland on the 18th inst.

See that charter covered with Spanish lace, at Adler's. It is a beauty. A New York special at 8:30 last evening said Gen. Grant was feeling much better.

Title tables with your business card printed, at low rates at THE ASTORIAN job office.

The British bark Killy, 833, Mackenzie master, 75 days from Valparaiso, arrived in yesterday evening.

The bear stories are very slow about arriving this year. Perhaps, like the melt, this is an off year for bear.

Prof. Francis will be in the city this afternoon. Parties wishing his services will find him at the Occident.

The British bark Elton, 772, Roberts master, 79 days from Valparaiso, in ballast, arrived in yesterday afternoon, ten days too late to save her charter.

A thousand feet of new hose might come handy in the absence of cisterns some of these fine, dry, windy days when the tide is out and the fire won't wait.

Some one with very loose ideas on the acquisition of property got into Coach Clinton's cigar store at an early hour yesterday morning and got away with \$2.40.

The steamer Montauk arrived down at half-past twelve yesterday and left at half-past three on her return trip. She is working up a nice little trade between here and up-river points in this state and on the Washington side.

The Clatsop county educational society will meet at half past 7 o'clock this evening, in the Hook & Ladd Co.'s hall, over Van Dusen's store.

Further consideration of responsibilities of educators, methods in arithmetic, and literary exercises are on the programme. All interested in educational work are invited to be present.

One of the most pressing needs of this section is an appropriation to survey the Nehalem river. That stream runs through a magnificent country, and a comparatively small sum would enable the government to cut an eighteen-foot channel, giving a splendid outlet to a large stretch of country in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties.

At the last session of the county court the resignation of L. N. Mitchell as justice of the peace at Nehalem, was received by A. H. Stone appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Mitchell also resigned his position as supervisor road district No. 12, and A. Knapp was appointed to the vacancy.

A license was granted to Mr. Koch to run a ferry on the Walluski and to J. P. Anstin to run a saloon at the Seaside.

Passengers on the Gen. Miles yesterday afternoon witnessed a determined fight between a sea lion and the occupants of a fishing boat this side of Tanny Point.

The two men in the boat were busy taking in their net, when the ferocious phoca, enraged at the prospect of losing his dinner, bounded half-way into the boat; he was repelled by the man but returned to the attack when they opened fire upon him. Six shots were fired at him before he gave up the attack.

One morning in September last Mrs. Trenhunen, who lived near the half-way point on the roadway, disappeared. Feet were felt that she was out of her mind and instant search was made for her. The quest continued several days but to no purpose, not a single trace of the missing woman could be found.

The affair made a great sensation at the time and occasionally wonder was felt as to her ultimate fate. Word now comes that she is in Sitka, Alaska, from which place she recently wrote asking that her youngest child be sent to her.

An attorney of this city wrote to the manager of the O. & C. railroad a few days ago about certain payments made to the company by a man who had a conditional deed from the company for some land in the grant now forfeited.

The reply was that "no special notice of the forfeiture has been received." The same reply came from Register Barin. A telegram to the secretary of the interior elicits no response. The grant was forfeited more than two months ago and it begins to look now as though there was some appearance of continuance in regard to the six months' lapse of time in which settlers are allowed to perfect title. Such continued delay has an ugly look on the face of it.

Vessels spoken by bark Archer from Liverpool November 13, 1884; at Astoria April 6, 1885: Nov. 16th, Br bk Huglin, steering north, 48° 9' N, 10° 21' W; 21st, Br ship Windward, steering south, 35° 27' N, 19° 2' W; 23d, Br bk Duran, London to Brisbane, 29° 53' N, 21° 6' W, 11 days; Dec. 5th, Br bk Glenora, London to Auckland, 6° 17' N, 25° 45' W, 32 days; 8th, Br bk St. Vincent, steering south, 5° 31' N, 28° 18' W, 10th, Br ship, Persian Empire, steering north, 4° N, 25° 50' W, 20th, Br ship Star of Germany, Gloucester to P. Philip, 19° 51' S, 39° 45' W, 41 days; 23d, Ger barkentine, New York to Arica, 29° 25' S, 37° 53' W, 42 days; Jan. 18th, Br ship M. P. Grace, Liverpool to Acapulco, 26° 41' S, 64° 10' W, 89 days; 19th, Br ship Wilton Park, homeward bound off Cape Horn; 19th, Br bk Badok, homeward bound, 36° 43' S, 67° 28' W, 19th, Br bk Otage, homeward bound off Cape Horn; 23d, Br ship Horns Castle, Q. Charlotte's S'd to Q'town, 15° 22' S, 65° 8' W, 63 days; 25th, Br bk Fulstaf, Astoria to Queenstown, 57° 8' S, 70° 13' W, 65 days; 27th, Br bk Jasia, Cardiff to Jaquesna, 57° 56' S, 75° 50' W, 67 days; March 26th, Br bk Willwall, London to San Francisco; 30° 35' N, 134° 28' W, 147 days; 30th, Norwegian bark, west Australia to Port Townsend, 44° 38' N, 142° 38' W, 72.

Remember Adler's closing out sale is bona fide. He does not imitate others just for fun. He is going to sell out. It takes months to do up-bound goods. Dealers will save money by buying of him at wholesale rates less freights, etc.

Everything new in fine stationery at Griffin & Reed's.

Don't pay 25 to 50 cents for dinner when you can get a better one at the Telephone for 15 cents from 11 to 2.

Artists' material at Griffin & Reed's.

RELIANT AND BEAR

Rec'd Palliser Hair on the Banks of the Murghash. London, April 9, 4 A. M.—The Standard publishes a telegram received in cipher from a correspondent whose location the editors decline to reveal. The dispatch reads: "A battle was fought on Murghash river. It is reported that five hundred men were killed." The dispatch omits to state who was defeated, but it is believed that the battle was fought in the disputed territory between Afghanistan and Turkestan.

THE NEWS CONTINUED. London, April 9, 11:20 P. M.—(Special to The Astorian.)—The news of the battle in Afghanistan is confirmed. The engagement took place on the 26th of March. The Afghan forces were 4,000 strong. They occupied a fortified position at Pendjeh with eight guns. They were defeated by the Russians whose numbers it is impossible to ascertain. All their war material was captured. The Afghans in their defeat sustained a loss of 500. The Russian loss was small. The Russians were under command of General Komaroff. The wires have been cut and the reports received from the scene of action are very meagre.

London is intensely excited, and affairs at the stock exchange are verging on a panic; consols have dropped several points and all the market is momentarily fluctuating. The English press unites in declaring that the Pendjeh battle is equivalent to a declaration of war.

Some British officers fighting with the Afghans fell in the battle. The Russians lay all the blame of the battle on the Afghans, who, they claim, first attacked the Russian pickets when the Russians retreated, thus bringing on a general engagement.

The number of Afghans slain is 90,000 troops, mostly at Herat. The British claim that the Russian loss is great.

ROAD TO THE SEASIDE VERDED.

April 9, 1885. The state board of investigators is wisely calling upon the counties to respectfully furnish information concerning their resources and advantages.

Clatsop county should see that she is properly represented and the coming immigrants to the coast posted as to the documents of this locality for settlement.

Plenty of land, cheap in price, rich in timber and soil; equable climate, free from summer drought and winter frost.

Another matter in this connection—roads. I insist that the necessity of a road to Nehalem valley is of far greater value to Astoria and the county at the present time than a bridge to Clatsop.

The road would not cost a sixth, perhaps not a tenth, of the money that the bridge would. It would open a sparsely settled district. One in which every inch of land could be and would be turned into a soil of perennial fertility.

Ferridge to Clatsop is comparatively cheap and convenient now, so much so that one large farmer says if the bridge should terminate about two miles from this place it would be cheaper for him to boat his goods rather than haul around by way of the bridge.

Nehalem has no water-way; that community is limited entirely to land travel. There are four outlets, however, by land, Washington county, St. Helens, Westport and Astoria.

Astoria and Clatsop county will some day, if they do not now, see the importance of tapping every district that can reasonably be reached and of securing its trade and products. The Fishhawk district would naturally come to Astoria, everything else equal, but we should have such a road into Nehalem and up the valley as would draw the bulk of the traffic of the whole valley here.

There has been a disposition to make light of farming as though it were a fifth rate consideration to this town. Circumstances are dissipating that idea and soon instead of talking of our fishing interests we will enlarge on our agricultural wealth.

I throw out these suggestions without going more into details, as the facts are present to all residents here that will think a moment.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Repeared During Week Ending April 9, 1885. Wm. True and wife to P. B. Heckland, N. and lot 2, sec. 18, T. 7, N. R. 9, W.; \$145.

L. M. Salabury and wife to Mrs. M. D. Kant, lot 3, blk. 30, McClure's Astoria; \$300.

D. K. Warren and wife to A. M. Tremblay, 1/2 sec. 22, and 1/2 E 1/2 sec. 20, T. 8, N. R. 9, W.; \$187.50.

C. Leimweber and wife to Astoria Box and Lumber Company, blk. 1, Adair's Astoria; \$5,000.

Geo. W. Hunt and wife to Geo. H. George and Wm. H. Barker, west 100 feet blk. 1, Adair's Astoria; \$9,000.

C. O. Taylor to Eben Parker, 1-6 interest N. 1/2 Lako Taylor donation land claim; \$50.

P. O'Hara and wife to Erelina Seifert, 21 1/2 acres S. W. cor. former's farm; \$250.

M. Henshore to C. P. Thomson, lots 7 and 8, blk. 80, McClure's Astoria; \$25. G. K. Grimes to Mr. Maggie Allen, W. 1/2 lot, blk. 2, Ocean Grove; \$25.

The "Housewarming."

The interest felt in the Ladies' Coffee Club by the citizens of Astoria was shown last evening on the occasion of the "housewarming." Since their organization the club has been occupying Liberty Hall, but on the first of the month they moved into the hall near the corner of Squemoqua and Olney streets, where last night a large party of ladies and gentlemen assembled to greet the club in their new quarters. The hall was most tastefully decorated; at the upper or north end was an array of refreshment tables, leaving space for those inclined to dance, a privilege of which many availed themselves.

Over two hundred were present and if congratulations and expressions of good will are any criterion, the Astoria Ladies' Coffee Club has a place in the kindly feelings of our people that we trust will grow as time goes on. The ladies of the club desire to return their hearty acknowledgment to those who so generously welcomed them to their new rooms.

Fishing tackle at Griffin & Reed's. Boys' and Children's suits just received at McIntosh's new store.

MORE ABOUT "SENDING MONEY AWAY" ETC.

ASTORIA, OR., April 8, 1885. EDITOR ASTORIAN: Regarding the controversy in your paper between the interests of the merchant and farmer, I think both are right and both wrong.

Being a hundred miles from the trans-continental railway we have been a year in feeling fully its effects. As soon as that road was completed, Portland, for instance, was greatly depressed.

Eastern people came in with goods at reduced prices; merchants, with their old stocks, had to and did suffer. But they have accommodated themselves to the new order of things and are now feeling the full effects of it till last winter and this spring. They kept on at nearly the old rates and prices. Our citizens traveling about, find or have found that they could buy elsewhere many articles cheaper than in Astoria, hence there has been a disposition by some to do so.

Side, merchants have been considering what it was not a correct principle to go elsewhere, or who were in business themselves and could not, as a matter of policy, do so. Money has become scarce, too, and we feel poorer and are tempted to go to Portland or elsewhere to buy, where perhaps a dollar was as good as one dollar and a half at home. I admit they do not always count the cost and risk of going and coming. They act upon the apparent facts.

But the dealers here are fast facing the new order of things, and they should, because aside of the considerations outside, merchants have been considering the propositions of starting branch houses here, and were that done there would be an immediate tumble to a close competition with the world.

Now, as to the farmers: "Business cannot be carried on as cheaply here as elsewhere unless living is the same. Do the producers realize the fact that they are responsible for the extra cost of living? For the past twenty years the Great West country farmer has asked and received more for his wares than the general run of producers in the Willamette valley or in the state of California. Tons of butter and vegetables (the natural products of this country,) are every year imported from Willamette valley and San Francisco, and sold cheaper than the Clatsop farmer will sell.

Clatsop pays for instance have got down to twenty cents per doz., (this I think an unknown price before) yet for two or three months eggs have been ranging at about twelve and one-half cents in Portland, while two cents freight would land them here. Butter and everything else in like proportion.

More than that, many things they will not sell at all.

This season has been early and warm—the Chinese gardeners are in with fresh vegetables, but not a single farmer comes in with anything. The hard cash is sent away on every steamer for supplies from the outside.

This is a wooded county. Much timber is in the woods and its removal is desired by the farmers; but wood is furnished at such rates that coal from Europe and other places is considered by many consumers as being cheaper.

Now if the farmers will not feed the merchant, or only at prices greatly in excess of what it costs elsewhere, how can they expect to buy goods here as cheaply as elsewhere? This is not a one-sided matter altogether, and both parties should strive to correct the present errors. Indeed, it is getting to that point where and when they will have to do it or retire before the influx of a people accustomed and trained to a different method. The consumer, whether in town or country, should give the preference to the home production. The producer and manufacturer should endeavor to reduce the cost so that competition with importations may be defied, and importations prevented. He always has the advantage of right in his favor.

THE CREAM OF IT. Now the weather's growing warmer. There is not a single charmer But will make her lover take her out to eat, eat, eat.

Up to Fabre's he will take her. And you bet your life he'll make her Eat two dishes of his cream to route the heat, heat, heat.

At the request of many Frank Fabre will keep his restaurant and ice cream parlors open till 10 P. M.

WHAT! Do You Think that "Jeff" of The Chop House Gives you a meal for nothing, and a glass of something to drink? "Not much," but he gives a better meal and more of it than any place in town for 25 cents. He buys by the wholesale and pays cash. "That settles it."

A Happy Thought. It was a happy thought that led to the production of a concentrated fruit syrup, so harmless in its nature that it may be given either to the mother or babe, relished alike by both, and of such wonderful efficacy that all who take it feel brighter and happier. W. E. Dement & Co. will furnish anyone wishing Syrup of Figs a trial bottle free of charge, or will sell 50 cent and one dollar bottles.

A large assortment of Neckwear received at McIntosh's Furnishing store.

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By request of many ladies, that elegant Chariot at Adler's will be raffled for only one dollar a chance. Who would not invest in such a beautiful article?

It may be well to remind you that you can buy Sheet Music, Violin, or Instrumental, at one-half publishers' prices, at Adler's music store.

For Dinner Parties to order, at short notice, go to Frank Fabre's.

THE POSTAGE STAMP.

The Story of Its Origin—A Brief Sketch of Its Invention. Mr. afterward Sir Rowland Hill, the great postoffice reformer and inventor of the postage stamp, was born at Kidderminster, England, December 3, 1795.

After his education was completed he assumed the position of teacher in a school conducted by his father, near Birmingham, until 1833, when he joined a company interested in forming a colony in south Australia, and was appointed secretary of the royal commissioners who managed the affairs of the colony. He was also a member of the "Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge."

The rates of postage at that time were very high. Postage beyond the limits of London district postoffice varied from 4d to 1s 8d for a single letter, meaning a single piece of paper of less than one ounce weight.

This exorbitant rate of postage was beyond the means of the mass of people, consequently correspondence was evaded, and this proved very injurious to commerce along the industrial coast of England. The high rate of postage attracted Hill's attention; he argued that if the price of postage was lowered, so many more letters would pass through the mail that the financial condition of the treasury would not be impaired, while society would derive much additional benefit.

He became so much interested in the matter that in 1839 he prepared a pamphlet recommending a low and uniform rate of postage, which he succeeded in bringing before the British government; his plans were much favored, and a committee was appointed to investigate the merits and present condition of postal laws, which were adopted, making the London district postage 1 penny, and a general inland rate of 4 pence.

January 10, 1840, the uniform penny post came into use, which may be considered the birthday of the postage stamp, although they were not actually introduced until the 6th of May following.

The experiment was successful beyond his own expectation; during the next year it made so great a difference that in 1850 there were sent through the mails 7,289,322 letters, against 1,500,000 in 1840. Hill then accepted a place in the treasury, but a change in government dismissed him. He was generally regarded as a public benefactor, and a subscription was raised for his benefit in London, which amounted to £15,000 or \$75,000.

This goes to show the approbation with which he was regarded by a grateful nation. In 1846 he was appointed secretary to the postmaster-general. In 1869 he was made K. C. B. in recognition of his public services. We print the following curious and interesting story, though we do not know its origin. There is a slight probability that it may have been what Mr. Hill to thinking; it is as follows:

"One day a girl came out of an inn in the north of England and received from a postman a letter, which she turned over in her hand as she inquired the price of the postage. She asked a shilling, a shilling too large for one so poor as herself to pay, and so she returned the letter to the postman with sadness, although she knew that her brother had sent it.

"But a sympathetic traveler named Rowland Hill stood by, and at this moment interposed, and insisted on paying the shilling himself, although the girl seemed strongly averse to his doing so. When the postman had departed the kind-hearted Mr. Hill was surprised that there was no need for his pity, for the envelope contained no written communication, but on the outside was certain name agreed upon by herself and brother, from which, as she held the letter in her hands, she gathered all the information she desired. 'We are both so poor,' she continued, 'that we invented this mode of correspondence without paying for letters.'—Philadelphia Press.

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Three Fishers. Three fishermen went gaily out toward the north. Out toward the north as the sun went down, And they laughed with glee as they sailed by night. Saying Jeff's Restaurant is the best in town. And Jeff's is the place to go and dine— You are sure to have luck before morning.

Three grangers came into the town one day; They came by the way of Neanicum creek. To the Chop House to dine we'll go, says they. The best dinner there every day in the week.

For Jeff does sow and Jeff must reap. He gives the best meal, and has many to keep. Get your cocktail at the Telephone in the morning.

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