

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1883. THE CLAIMANT AT WASHINGTON.

Said the late Charles Sumner, "I believe we have the meanest and most dishonest government on earth."

He had made a two hours' eloquent and able argument before the senate in behalf of the French spoliation claim, and saw to his chagrin that it had no more effect on that dignified body than the wind that roared around the capitol on the outside.

Charles Sumner belonged to that class of able enthusiasts who believe that when the argument is made the cause is won. They fail to recognize the prejudices, passions, and other obstacles lying above and beyond mere intellectual processes, through which causes are heard and cases decided by the public and their representatives.

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In addition to this he has, if he belongs to the dominant party, a number of hungry applicants for place at him in person, and he must listen and labor, or die.

This poor fellow rises at daylight and works painfully at his correspondence until breakfast, and then hurries out in cars or on foot to the various departments to solicit favors or gain information.

At noon, when congress meets, he finds his desk covered with newly received letters, and turning the hall of the throne, or senate, into an office, proceeds to open and answer. All the while cards are coming in calling him out to impatient people in the lobby.

The poor fellow at Washington who finds himself there with a grievance, and the claims count up into the millions, is bewildered by the hurry and confusion on all sides. He discovers to his dismay that he cannot get a member to listen. When his mission is once understood he finds himself shunned as if he had a contagious disorder. If he is persistent, members recognize him in the distance, and dart down alleys or take refuge in cars or hacks to avoid him.

The poor man's claim must be reduced to writing, and he sees it disappear through a door of a committee room that is not only closed against him, but guarded by a grim keeper, whose milk of human kindness has long since curdled and left a cheek that is stony in its polished hardness.

The house, being a huge, unwieldy body, is incapable of any business other than political, and all else finds place, if not attention, in the committee-rooms. The committees are made up—unless they are ways and means or appropriations—of the chairman and clerk. These two learn at an early day "how not to do it," and the chairman, assisted by his clerk, gives his time to his own affairs.

All this is aggravated by a body of disreputable men and women known as lobbyists, who live by fleecing claimants. This lobby is, in fact, to congress what a bar is to a court, and is disreputable because it is the will of congress that they should be of this sort. Every other legislative body than ours sees to their agents that they are honorable men. The a best advocates of England are placed to practice before committees and commissions of parliament. With us, the most eminent attorneys, with good characters well established, dare not be seen in the lobby. It taints all that it touches.

"It was in the year 1855, in the famous senatorial contest in Illinois, that one of the drollest tricks ever played by one party on another was compassed by the Republicans. The legislature was a tie on joint ballot, when a vacancy in the Democratic ranks was occasioned by the death of a member. The district in which a new election thus became necessary

was overwhelmingly Democratic, but, confident in their majority and lulled into a sense of security, that party made no effort beyond a nomination. The Republicans, working in absolute secrecy, brought out a candidate at the eleventh hour, and turning out in great force late in the day in accordance with a preconceived program, captured the district from their unsuspecting opponents, thus electing John A. Logan, their candidate, to the United States senate. The exploit has gone on record as one of the shrewdest in the history of American politics."—From Smith's Future School History of the United States.

The fact is worth noting that the administration is not only so well satisfied with the Republican incumbents of the postoffices that it is exceedingly slow to make removals, but that its confidence in their integrity and fidelity is so pronounced that it is gradually reducing the number of inspectors, whose duty it is to hunt for frauds and irregularities.

About a year ago an English gentleman traveling in Germany, came across an officer employed in superintending some details of military railroad transport. He had been a captain during the Franco-German war, and had allowed his company to be surprised. After being imprisoned for eighteen months he was placed in the military railroad transport service and told that he was never to receive promotion. Being surprised by an enemy is regarded as the one unpardonable sin by the Germans.

NEW TO-DAY. To Rent. A LARGE NEW BUILDING NEAR THE O. R. & N. dock. Suitable for a saloon and boarding house. Inquire of BOZORTH & JOHNS.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Overland freight for all points East will not be received after 5 P. M. Shipping orders or bills of lading must be presented at the office not later than that hour. Overland bills of lading will not be signed after that hour. Local freight received until 6 P. M.

Notice. OUTSIDE FISHERMEN HAVING SALMON to sell and desiring to sell for CASH will find a buyer upon application to JOSEPH HUME, AT Eagle Cannery.

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

Personal attention given all orders, and satisfaction guaranteed. Terms Reasonable. Shop and office on Cass street, one door above Frank Fabre's Restaurant, Astoria, Oregon.

TO LET. LIBERTY HALL. Suitable for Sociables and Parties. Terms Moderate. Apply to N. CLINTON, President.

Notice of Application. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned, will 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, in the building fronting on Water street and situated on lot 6 north half of block 135 in Shively's addition to Astoria.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION. AT SATURDAY, - - MAY 23, 2 P. M. I am instructed to sell, on the premises, to the highest bidder, for cash, that valuable lot on the road-way, officially known as LOT 1, IN BLOCK 6, ADAIR'S ASTORIA, said lot having 75 feet frontage by 150 feet length and is surrounded by improved property.

To Rent. THE FINE BUSINESS STORE FORMERLY occupied by J. Pilger. A desirable location. Apply to C. S. GUNDERSON.

For Rent. THE HALL OVER D. L. BECK & SON'S can be rented for Public gatherings. Application may be made to the executive committee of the Astoria Ladies' Coffee Club.

HARD TIMES

Everybody is complaining of the depression prevailing in all the avenues of commerce and industry.

THE CAUSES

that brought hard times to our doors, are manifold; overproduction may be mentioned as the chief factor, but the

QUESTION OF THE HOUR

is, how can we avert a general bust up? It is evident that something must be done, and done soon. Simple talk won't help. We must not indulge in luxuries, we must economize and be careful.

TO THE PUBLIC

a certain article we know that no other store in Astoria can afford to sell the same thing at the same price, because goods are from 25 to 35 per cent cheaper now than they were when the old stocks were bought.

Having opened a general Dry Goods and Clothing store only recently, we bought our stock at greatly reduced figures, and we bought for cash, besides, which means a further reduction of 6 per cent, so that we are ahead altogether as far as prices are concerned.

The Low Price Store OF ASTORIA.

(Next door to A. Van Dusen & Co.) P. S. The latest designs in ladies' neckwear and summer goods in general have just arrived.

I. COHEN.

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT!

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SALMON Will be taken at REASONABLE RATES. For particulars apply to SHIRSON, CHURCH & CO., Portland. Or to P. L. CHERRY, Astoria.

The Fine Iron Bark "REMONSTRANT,"

Will be placed on the berth at Astoria immediately, for Salmon loading to LIVERPOOL.

State of insurance by this vessel is the lowest quotable. For particulars apply to MEYER, WILSON & CO., Portland.

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BY THE LADIES OF ASTORIA AT Liberty Hall, COMMENCING ON Wednesday, May 27th, '85, AND CONTINUING TWO DAYS.

And it is respectfully requested that Ladies of the city will lend their aid in raising funds for the entertainment of the visiting Firemen and their friends, for the honor of our brave Firemen and our City's fair name. The Fair will be under the auspices of Mrs. Dr. Trenchard, Mrs. S. E. Emory, Mrs. L. Bergman, Mrs. N. Clinton, Mrs. Middlebrook, Mrs. R. V. Monteth, Mrs. J. Rodgers, WITH C. J. Trenchard, W. J. Barry, J. Thomas, B. S. Worsley, Of the Tournament Committee.

LADIES. GO TO Mrs. Malcolm's Millinery Parlors FOR SPRING AND SUMMER HATS.

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Restaurant and Lodging House WITH STORE ATTACHED FOR RENT at a bargain. Inquire of BOZORTH & JOHNS.

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Have Received An Immense Stock OF

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Partridge

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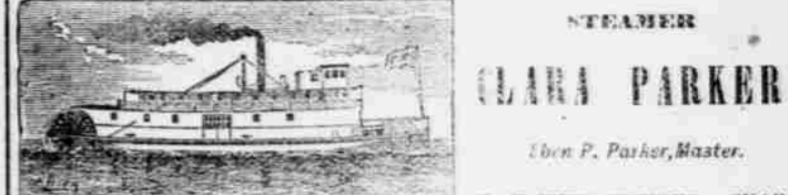
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Corner Main and Squemoqua Streets, Astoria, Oregon. WINDOW SHADES AND TRIMMINGS; WALL PAPER, ETC. A Complete Stock.

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