

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:
SATURDAY, JULY 4, 1885.
THE NATION'S BIRTHDAY.

In 1776, 3,000,000 colonists on a strip of Atlantic seaboard; in 1885, 60,000,000 freemen, the foremost of earth's nations; this is the status on the entrance of our 110th year of national life.

Americans bring a good deal and there is considerable said outside about "spread eagles" and "Fourth of July oratory." What nation has a better right to sound its trumpet and land its own achievements! In peace and war; in arts and sciences; in wealth, intelligence, prosperity and all the attributes that make a nation great we lead. Our business is greater, our resources vaster, our future more permanent and assured, our record more glorious, our possibilities unexcelled. We are a favored people and except a little bitter fruit from blossoms blown to us across the sea we have none of the elements of discomfort.

This is a day of memories, for rejoicing, for thanksgiving, for patriotic thought. On this day began the great struggle between colonists and kings, a contest for justice, freedom and human rights. The Declaration of Independence, the chart and compass of all human rights was promulgated on this day and the seven years battle with the banded foes gave this country her place among the nations of the earth. From crowned kings and titled tyrants was wrested the scepter of arbitrary power. By that declaration was repudiated the cruel statutes of a thousand years. That declaration was our American patent of nobility; it knighted every son of toil, it opened to the poorest every path of fame, and set the star of hope above the cradle of the lowliest.

England was the foremost nation; the colonists defied her power, won their independence by the sword and wore the garments of victory with credit to themselves and delight to the oppressed of every clime. It took soldiers and thinkers; heroes of the sword and pen, and demanded the severest toll from those who had the brain, the heart, the wisdom and the courage to utter and defend these words: "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." The men of '76 fought for that principle, they founded this nation; honor to their memory!

To-day our stainless flag, the proud emblem of liberty under heaven, floats over our wide domain, and every human being beneath its folds is absolutely free. That flag for which men fought and died, is the symbol of all that we are; all that we hope to be. It is the emblem of equal rights to all, and speaks to all in tones more eloquent than pen can write or living tongue can utter. That flag which, on land or sea, has ever led its followers to victory, is the emblem of the people's will, of the nation's power. Beneath its folds the weakest must be protected, and the strongest must obey. It was given to us in the dark days of the revolution. It has been borne aloft through eleven decades of glorious history, and like the bow of heaven, it is the child of storm and sun. May its stars perpetually gleam above our country!

GRAIN TRANSPORTATION.

In a carefully worded article, the *Oregonian* takes issue with us regarding the cause of the difference between San Francisco and Columbia river freights, and makes a point in citing the fact that vessels must come to the Columbia offtimes in ballast, while in the more populous port of San Francisco there is a demand for inward bound cargoes, and a consequent inducement to vessels to come to a port where a cargo can be brought as well as carried away. In this the *Oregonian* is correct, and while on this subject it might have added to its statement by mentioning the additional fact that the vessels coming to the Columbia are uniformly of inferior tonnage and carrying capacity to those which uniformly go to San Francisco. The expenses of a vessel capable of carrying 2,000 tons bear such proportion to those of one that can carry but 1,000 tons as to make it profitable for her to carry wheat at a figure greatly below what the smaller vessel must get to insure anything like a profit on the voyage. The Columbia bar is among the causes of this untoward state of affairs, and when the cause ceases to exist, large vessels can, let us hope, enter and load to the fullest capacity as readily at Astoria as at San Francisco. In another portion of its article the *Oregonian* is unfortunate in its assumption of alleged facts which can easily be disproved. It asserts that:

Vessels come up to Portland for cargoes because it actually costs

less money to put wheat on shipboard in this way and get it to Astoria than to transport it to Astoria by smaller craft and put it on shipboard there.

It must be borne in mind that it is to the apparent interest of Portland to have no vessel enter the Columbia that cannot go to Portland. It is to this class of vessels that the *Oregonian* appears to refer in the above except. But even of this secondary and less important class the contrary of the *Oregonian's* statement can be demonstrated. This has been shown by figures whose veracity have never been called in question, notably in the case of the *Lee King* which was chartered and loaded here by A. W. Berry, of this city. The same statement was made in THE ASTORIAN at the time, and denied by the *Oregonian*, till direct, positive and convincing proof was furnished by THE ASTORIAN. If the editor of the *Oregonian* will turn to his files for '83 he will find in the *Daily Oregonian* of December 21st, a letter signed "Exporter," which elicited some testimony in these columns which can, if necessary, be reproduced. The testimony was convincing then; it is none the less so now.

"But," the *Oregonian* may say, "if what you claim be so, why do the ships come up here to load; why don't they stay down there at Astoria. Shippers will ship at the point where they can ship the cheapest." Yes, "shippers" will, but commission merchants and brokers will naturally congregate where they can make the most money out of the producer. That point happens to be Portland and this is the reason that the middlemen dislike to have any ventilation of their profitable custom. All they want is to be let alone. The question of cheap freights is to them a secondary consideration.

The *Astorian* has no desire to discuss this question otherwise than in a spirit of calm justice, of fair representation. We think we are fairly informed regarding the matter, and what is here said is either so or it is not so. The *Oregonian's* statements and objections as far as heard are not novel. They have been advanced by *Astorian*s themselves, for no more determined bar to the progress of Astoria exists than some of her own citizens who always lay in a stock of worries if they see a stranger or another thousand dollars come to town. We have no desire to institute any quarrel with our metropolitan neighbor, but insist in stating the fact that even of the inferior class of vessels that come into the Columbia river, the cost to the shipper of loading wheat could be modified were a different system than the present to prevail.

What is more needed than anything else and what would be of more practical value than endless columns of newspaper discussion would be the loading of vessels here by men of capital to buy wheat and demonstrate the facility and relative cheapness with which it can be done. Till such time as the Columbia channel is deepened it is not such likely that such action will come to pass.

MISSOURI JUSTICE.

The story printed recently of the opinion delivered by a United States territorial judge in Wyoming, wherein he told the convict, who was sentenced to be hung on the third Friday in June, that he might take comfort from the fact that the wisest of modern philosophers doubted whether life was worth living under any circumstances, is countered by a convenient parallel which occurred in southeast Missouri last February. The story would never have been known but that an attorney of St. Louis, Wm. R. Walker, was present at the time when a case of his own was disposed of in the following language:

The decree of the supreme court, affirming the judgment of the court of common pleas, is set aside. The supient Missouri judge who thus set aside the judgment of the supreme court of the state, on the same day delivered the following exhortation to a negro prisoner who had been convicted of highway robbery.

Jim, stand up! The jury that tried you found you guilty of highway robbery, and assessed your punishment at fifteen years in the penitentiary. You had a fair trial. The two young lawyers I assigned to you as counsel did everything for you that could be done. Now, I don't say you're guilty. I wouldn't say that. But the circumstances are suspicious. Somebody was robbed on the highway of \$70, three \$20 bills and a \$10 bill. It was proved you changed two \$20 bills shortly after, and your wife changed another, and you didn't show how you came by these bills. Now, if I had been accused of this offense unjustly, I would have said: Why, I got this money from so and so, and then call that person as a witness. But you didn't do that, and your case looks bad. However, if you are innocent, think what a satisfaction it will be to you, as you enter the penitentiary, to feel in your breast that you are an innocent man!

And now, let me give you piece of advice. You have only got a sentence of fifteen years. Had you been a white man, the jury would have given you a much larger sentence. But we white people have compassion on you colored people. We remember your want of education and make allowance for you. My advice is: behave yourself while you are in the penitentiary. If you do, you will have to serve only eleven years and three months. Think of that. If you do behave, the warden will at the end of that time report to the governor, and he will pardon you. Mind you, the governor has no discretion when the warden makes his favorable report. He's got to do it, and I don't suppose the governor would shirk his duty. Sit down, Jim!

There are in this state 80,018 persons eligible to draw public school money, an increase of 6,151 over last year; 41,100 are males, 39,918 are females. The average daily attendance in the schools during the year was 31,005. The average number of months taught is four and three-fourths. There are 1,336 school districts, in which are employed 1,701 teachers. 4,400 pupils are in private schools. The value of the public school grounds, apparatus, etc., is \$1,160,433.14. Average salary of male teachers is \$48.22 per month; of female teachers is \$36.96. There are forty-five graded schools employing 245 teachers; there are fourteen academies employing fifty-five teachers; and eight colleges and universities employing sixty-seven teachers.

The *Standard* thinks it is "almost treasonable" to refer to the fact that so many of President Cleveland's appointees fought under the stars and bars. The *Standard* always was fond of its little joke.

NEW TO-DAY.

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned assigns of the estate of J. E. Thomas an insolvent debtor, will on the 15th day of July, 1885, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day in front of the court house door in Clatsop county, state of Oregon, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following accounts due said estate for merchandise sold to the following persons by said estate, which accounts have not been paid, nor any part thereof, to-wit:

Name of debtor.	Amount due.
T. Arrington	\$ 5.00
A. Adamapple	1.00
J. Arrid	1.00
Nat. Boyle	1.00
J. Chappell	1.50
A. J. Cloutier	1.00
James Colligan	1.00
E. D. Curtis	2.50
E. Christensen	2.50
Emma Connolly	1.50
John Dicker	1.50
S. Duncan	1.50
A. Ernst	2.50
P. Fox	4.45
James Fox	7.50
J. E. Ferguson	2.50
James Gill	1.00
C. E. Green	3.50
O. F. Graham	0.90
F. Henderson	1.25
Wm. Humble	1.50
B. F. Jones	2.50
Joe	1.00
John Keely	1.00
John Lawson	2.25
Chas. Lean	12.75
A. Lind	1.25
H. McKenzie	0.50
H. Mattson	2.50
Mrs. J. V. Olsen	1.00
S. Peterson	2.25
Mrs. E. Roe	3.50
Wm. Russell	1.00
Geo. Rowe	1.00
T. Roberts	7.50
J. C. Ross	5.50
Mrs. Stenlund	4.75
Chas. Swanson	3.50
Chas. Sticks	7.50
Chas. Stewart	1.00
Mrs. Spexarth	1.50
W. R. Vaughan	2.75
Rescue Engine Co.	1.10
J. C. Lidwell	1.10
Henry Fisher	1.50
L. Hartwig	1.25
G. A. Bell	2.00
Wm. Palmer	1.40
W. L. Roth	1.00
J. P. Fitch	7.50
T. R. Bridwell	15.30
H. C. Tanner	20.70
W. W. Reicher	1.25
Mrs. A. Koerner	1.25
Tony Anderson	9.75
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