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ASTORIA, OREGON:

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VENUS AND JUPITER.

On present evenings Venus and Jupiter may be seen almost side by side sparkling in the western twilight. To the naked eye there is not much difference to be perceived between Jupiter and Venus. But in a good telescope the difference is very great, and the astronomer knows that it would take 1,400 globes like Venus to equal the bulk of Jupiter. Yet Venus is only a trifle smaller than the earth. These two worlds now shining almost side by side in the sky are still more different in their condition. They represent two different conditions in planetary history. Jupiter notwithstanding its enormous size, is, speaking in a geological sense, a mere baby beside Venus or the earth. The telescope shows that its huge globe is still in the throes of that age of fire and vapor which precedes the formation of a planetary crust, and when the observer understands the magnitude of the forces at work there is hardly any phenomenon in the heavens so awe-inspiring as a telescopic view of the drifting, tossing and whirling surface of Jupiter. Venus, on the other hand, appears to be in very much the same condition as the earth, possessing a cool and rigid surface, wrinkled and diversified with mountains and plains, and enveloped by an atmosphere in which float clouds like those that refresh the earth. The study of the planets has never been pursued with so much industry and success as at present. Astronomers are just beginning to understand that it is possible for them to learn much about the past and future of the earth by studying the present condition of its sister planets. Whoever looks at Jupiter and Venus in the western skies sees two worlds, one having all the phases of the earth's history since it was "without form and void" still before it, and the other as old in a planetary sense as the globe we tread, and, perhaps, possessing as wonderful a history since life appeared upon its surface.

In a hurried quotation from Wm. Shakespeare, Esq., with whose present address we are not familiar, The Astorian last Wednesday, used the expression "still harping on mine uncle." More exact quotation would have been, "still harping on my daughter." As that is the only mistake The Astorian thinks it has made during an entertaining discussion with the *Oregonian*, it hastens to correct it before its attention is directed to it by its astute contemporary whose lack of tangible argument worth answering is so painfully apparent to those who fain would be its friends.

There are annually made in the United States about 3,250,000,000 cigars, of which number New York city produces 700,000,000, with a round valuation of $25,000,000, it being the largest cigar-manufacturing center in the world, not excepting Cupa, which produces annually 47,900,000 cigars for importation to this country, or nine-tenths of all the cigars imported from foreign countries to the United States.

Tom Fitch of California and Arizona, is in Baker City in this state, and will probably locate there. He and Henry Edgerton are the two best talkers on the coast and if he stays in Baker City long enough to be elected to the legislature, as he surely would be, the Oregon legislature would never dream of adjourning senator or no senator, while his eloquence held out.

The Washington *Post* says that more than $2,000,000 has been paid to John Roach on account of the four new cruisers. The article shows that not only the *Dolphin* but the *Atlanta*, *Boston*, and *Chicago* have been nearly paid for. The following figures are given as authentic:

	Dolphin	Atlanta	Boston	Chicago
	$	$	$	$
Contract price	315,000	617,000	679,000	879,000
Auth'zd extras	26,000	22,000	26,000	45,000
Paym'ts made	265,000	559,200	557,100	684,530

In Massachusetts 800,000 depositors have $250,000,000 in the savings banks. Im New York the savings institutions hold $375,000,000 of small deposits. In the south such a thing as a real savings bank is not known.

The Canadian Pacific lacks 200 miles of being in daily traffic operation from end to end. Forty miles of road are about ready to turn over to the operating department, and 160 miles remain yet to build.

There are few towns in England under 20,000 inhabitants that have a daily paper. There are few towns in America of 20,000 inhabitants that have not from two to five papers.

The Missouri *Republican*, a staunch Democratic paper thinks that if old Henry A. Wise could be resurrected long enough to see his son, John S., running for governor of Virginia on the Republican ticket he would go back to his grave feeling that he had not hanged the lamented John Brown altogether in vain.

Only two of our ex-presidents remain among the living—Hayes and Arthur. Of the ex-vice-presidents only Hannibal Hamlin and William A. Wheeler are living.

NEW TO-DAY.

Commemoration Services.

HEAD QUARTERS CUSHING POST NO. 14, DEPARTMENT OF OREGON G. A. R. ASTORIA, OREGON, July 29, 1885.

Orders No. 3.

IN OBEDIENCE TO GENERAL ORDERS No. 4, Department of Oregon, G. A. R., July 24th, 1884.

The officers and comrades of Cushing Post No. 14, G. A. R. will assemble for special memorial service in honor of our late commander and comrade Gen. U. S. Grant, at their Post Hall on Saturday, August the 8th, 1885, at 12 M. And to also participate with such associations as may join the municipal authorities in rendering honor to the illustrious dead.

R. V. MONTEITH, Post Commander.

W. R. ROSS, Adjutant.

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, in the building fronting on Chenamus street and situated on lot No. 1, block No. 25, in the city of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure.

J. T. BROWN.

Notice.

THE ASSESSMENT ROLL OF DISTRICT No. 1, Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, is completed, and now in the hands of the Directors of said district. The same can be seen at the office of the clerk. Parties interested can examine the same and file objections if they have any thereto, until the 7th day of August, 1885, on which day the Directors will sit as a board of equalization to consider the same.

By order of the Board of Directors.

J. G. HUSTLER, Clerk.

Astoria, July 27th, 1885.

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.

MRS. BERGMAN.
MRS. PRAEL.
MRS. CHARTERS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. LIFE SAVING SERVICE.
WASHINGTON, D. C. JULY 6, 1885.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until 2 o'clock P. M. of Thursday, the 13th day of August, 1885, for the construction of a frame cottage at the Shoalwater Bay Life-Saving Station, near the light-house. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for one hundred dollars ($100) drawn to the order of the Secretary of the Treasury, as security that the bidder will enter into contract without delay, and give such bonds for the faithful performance thereof as may be required if his bid be accepted. Specifications and plans, forms of proposals and full information can be obtained of the Collector of Customs, Astoria, Oregon; the Keeper of the Shoalwater Bay Life-Saving Station, North Cove, Pacific county, Washington territory; and the Superintendent of the 12th Life-Saving District, room 25, Appraiser's building, San Francisco, California. All proposals must be endorsed, "Proposals for constructing a cottage at Shoalwater Bay Life-Saving Station," and addressed U. S. Life-Saving Service, Washington, D. C. The right to reject any or all bids, or to waive defects, is reserved.

S. J. KIMBALL, General Superintendent.

Stockholders Meeting.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Odd Fellows Land and Building association in the lodge room of Beaver Lodge No. 55, I. O. O. F., on Monday, August 24th, 1885, at two P. M. A full attendance is requested.

A. J. MEGLER, Secretary.

Astoria, Oregon, July 22, 1885.

County Treasurer's Notice.

THERE IS MONEY IN THE COUNTY Treasury to pay all county orders presented prior to January 1st, 1884. All such orders will cease to draw interest after this date.

ISAAC BERGMAN, Treasurer Clatsop County.

Astoria, Or, July 24th, 1885.

Notice of Assignment.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL whom it may concern that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of M. D. Kant, an insolvent; and all persons having claims against said insolvent, are requested to present the same to the assignee properly verified at his office in the Occident Hotel in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, state of Oregon, within three months from this date.

CHAS. S. WRIGHT.

Astoria, August 6th, 1885.

Election Notice.

AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON Monday, August 10th, 1885, in Rescue No 2 building, commencing at 9 o'clock A. M. and closing at 6 P. M. of said day, for the purpose of electing one Chief Engineer, one 1st Assistant and one 2nd Assistant, to serve for one year.

Ed. D. Curtis, C. H. Stockton and C. J. Curtis, Judges of Election.

W. E. Warren and Thos. Boelling, Clerks.

C. J. CURTIS, President.

C. BROWN, Secy. A. F. D.

Astoria, Oregon, August 1st, 1885.

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