

ASTORIA, OREGON:

SATURDAY. .AUGUST 8, 1885

THE DARK CURTAIN.

"GEN. GRANT will be buried today." Last scene of all this strange, eventful history. "Burying Gen. Grant?" As well speak of burying the mountains! It were impossible! His name and fame will live in other just one-half of the present rates for lands and other tongues than ours. lighterage between Portland and As-He led the largest armies that ever toria. marched to battle: for twenty-one years he was the foremost citizen of the foremost nation on the globe, and though the poor clay that habilitated his spirit be laid away at Biverside pervaded by intense bitterness. The to-day, he still lives in that loftier and larger sense; for his is "one of the few, ing is found in the fact that Gen. the immortal names that were not Grant wasted no love on the Bonaborn to die."

So, while the dark curtain falls, and ed with Germany during her last war the nation mourns over the funeral with France. The reasons which the of the man of Appomattox; while French papers give for their bostility steeples rock with solemn knells and are, in reality, tributes to Grant's the somber pageant paces by, let it discernment of character and the be remembered that earth's proudest worth of his moral judgment. In a monarch never received so grand a conversation, Gen. Grant said: "I sepulture as Grant's, nor earth's always had an aversion to Napoleon mightiest never received so universal and the whole family. When I was and sincere a funeral service as the in Denmark, I declined seeing the nation gives its dead chief to-day. Prince Imperial. I did not wish to

It has been said that 'twere a pity to have Grant die when he did, and ish and cruel men in history. I see as he did. We do not think so. His no redeeming trait in his character. life was a great one. His death was The third Napoleon was even worseopportune. His work was done.

Had Grant died at the close of the war he would have lived as a cold, uninteresting military figure, correct, poleon. (We mean, here, as Wendell formal, almost an abstraction, far re- Phillips said, "the big Napolcon, not moved from man. Had he died at the little one,") Channing and Emthe close of his administration it is hard to see how the genius of history could have cleansed his character from the drossy surroundings which so closely touched without corrupting. What matters it that gold or diamond lies beneath the crust if the crust be never removed?

term contest, it is hard to see how most critical period in our history, he the fatal error would have been cleared away from his name. Had life of our republic. The bullet he died just after the Grant & Ward which sent Maximillian to the grave exposures he would have been fatally blackened in the eyes of many of this day, and it is hard to discern how his

His opportunity is truly opportune. He has been accorded the rare privilege of being able to afford to die. Time has exhibited him, not without faults, but as a man, a true man and a good man-simple-minded as great- Grant's personal misfortunes, he had ness is, liable to such errors as sim- the rich satisfaction of seeing the ple-minded greatness may commit, fruition of his life work. Lincoln The longer time has spared the more was cut off before his work was comit has burnished him of false glitter pletely done. He could stand, as it and apparent stain, until he stands were, upon Pisgah, and see the promforth a man in the front rank among men. Thus he may commit himself enter it. To Grant, it was permitted a man.

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After its contemptible language in yesterday's issue it does not deserve depths into which it has fallen by exercising the Christian charity that enables us to lend a helping hand to even the most unfortunate.

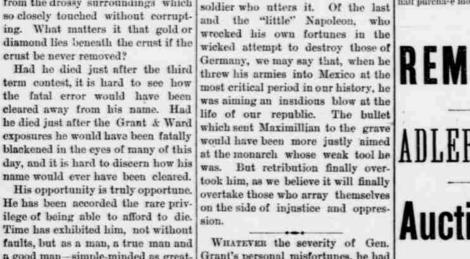
If the Oregonian will guarantee that wheat can be furnished in thous and ton lots THE ASTORIAN will guarantee that it will be transported at

GALLIC COMMENT.

THE comments of the French papers on the death of Gen. Grant are reason for this outburst of bad feelparte family, and that he sympathiz-

see him. As emperor, he had great genius, but was one of the most self-

ure of the man; and Grant's similar verdict is forcible, because it is a



WHATEVER the severity of Gen. ised land; but it was not his joy to to history, not as a demi-god, but as to see the dismembered nation whol- SEE SMALL BILLS. ly united, and the bitterness and discord of war exchanged for sweetness and fraternity of peace. Perhaps few offerings of sympathy and regard of the republic, so the influence of his death will tend to draw the north and the south together in a closer bond of fraternity. MARRIED.



WHEN the editor of the Oregonian went to school, he probably learned, for him during his sickness were among other things, that "a straight more gratefully received than those line is the shortest distance between which came from confederate soldiers two points." This holds good in testifying their respect and even afother things than geometry. After fection for the man who did more emptying all his bedroom utensils in than any one else to overthrow the a polecat style of diction that is confederacy. As in his life Gen. peculiarly fitting to a subject that, in Grant, by sword, voice, and pen, did his hands, stinks the more it is stirr- what he could to reunite the fortunes ed up, he still stands convicted of deliberate misstatement. No amount of dirt that may be flung can obliterate the truth which THE ASTORIAN stated, which the Oregonian denied and jeered, and which was then proven by sworn statement in this paper. In adopting "the Oregon style of journalism," our inland contemporary furnishes touching evidence of his conception of duty, and probably feels impelled to fulfill it The general verdict is that he has got the worst of it, and hides his chagrin under a cloud of filth. In this the cultured editor displays his ideal of what editorial utterances should be. Dr. Johnson used to say that "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." With equal truth it may be said that to shower personal abuse upon its opponent is the last rafuge of -the Oregonian.

With becoming deference THE As TORIAN presumes to suggest that the matter is just where it was before the Oregonian pulled its shirt off and if it has any arguments to advance we patiently await them. It may be that it desires to submit the case without argument; it certainly has said nothing so far that the utmost stretch of courtesy could dignify by that term.

Amid the broken shards that held the putrid fluids, the self excretions with which it has deluged itself, we notice one remark that possibly it may deem an "argument."

It asks why the Astoria Transportaises why the Astoria Transpor-tation company doesn't now carry wheat from Portland to Astoria. It says the least money for which wheat can be carried from Portland to As-toria is one dollar a ton.

In Upper Astoria, August 6th, 1885, by tev. J. J. Hoikka, Fred. Hendrickson Rev. and Katharine Wilsen, both of this city NEW TO-DAY.

Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE Stockholders of the White Star Pack-ing Company, that the annual meeting of said company will be held at the company's Ing Company, will be held at the company's said company will be held at the company's office in Upper Astoria, Claisop county, Or-egon, on Salurday the 22nd day of August, 1885, at 9 o clock in the forenoon, for the pur-pose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may legaly come before the matting. OLUF W. PEDERSEN. Attest : A. T. BRAKKE, Secretary, Upper Astoria, August 7th, 1885,

Commemoration Services.

HEAD QUARTERS CUSHING POST NO. 14, DEPARTMENT OF OBEGON G. A. R. ASTORIA, OREGON, July 29, 1885.) Orders No. 3. IN OBEDIENCE TO GENERAL ORDERS

No. 4, Department of Oregon, G July 24th, 1884. The officers and comrades of Cush

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 com-mander 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 immicipal authorities in rendering honor to the illust-rious dead. ious dead.

R. V. MONTEITH. Post Commande W. B. ROS3, Adjutant.

Notice of Application.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

Astoria, July 27th, 1885.