

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1885. MANIFESTLY UNJUST.

It is singular the way the government treats us on this Pacific coast. The very supplies come from eastern contractors. The lard oil for the lights on the Pacific coast is furnished by the Manhattan Oil company of New York, and the coal oil used is also from an eastern contractor. The coast survey steamer Corliss P. Patterson, now in San Francisco harbor, though especially built for service on the Pacific coast, was constructed at one of the New York shipyards. The vessel has been so roughly finished in hull and rigging that it is a wonder she was ever accepted. The contractor did his work as cheaply as possible, scrimping in every direction that he dared, so as to make money out of a low contract. A far superior vessel could have been built at either Mare Island or in the Columbia river, or on Puget sound, and at equal cost, taking into consideration the expense of the trip and the wear and tear of the vessel in the long sea voyage from New York to San Francisco. A new lighthouse steamer, the Madrona, has recently been launched on the Delaware for the Pacific coast lighthouse department. For the same reasons as in the case of the Patterson, that vessel should have been built on this coast. The authorities at Washington have been neither liberal nor just in the treatment of the merchants and workmen of the Pacific states. They have acted as though we were outside colonies, and all supplies for the government that were to be used at public works out here must be shipped to us from the distant eastern states, instead of being procured from our own business communities.

AN IMPORTANT REFORM.

When any allusion is made to "reform" in these days, it is natural to suppose it to refer to politics or morals. But there are reforms in other directions quite as interesting. One of these has just been instituted in the far-away empire of Japan. That assemblage of islands, containing more people than Great Britain and Ireland, has a language which stands in about the same relation to that of China as the English does to Latin. Its common words belong to a stock which may be regarded as native, while its modern additions are mostly of Chinese origin, especially those of a scientific character. Also it has borrowed its mode of writing from the celestial kingdom, and has hitherto employed that terrible array of syllabic and ideographic characters for every written record of thought or fact, though using the syllabic forms a little more freely than the Chinese themselves. But the representative men of Japan have among their number not a few who have recently devoted their energies to the acquirement and diffusion of the knowledge of the white race, and particularly of those who speak the English language. They have arrived at the important conclusion that the most formidable barrier to progress in that effort is couched in the fact that it requires a large part of the labor of a lifetime to learn the use of the Chinese characters, and have therefore introduced the English alphabet for the writing and printing of their native tongue. That involves the abandonment of the syllabic and ideographic methods, as well as of the characters now in use. In taking this step Japan is really going far ahead of either England or the United States, as it adopts the phonetic plan of representing each word by letters which spell out the sound. Its use will enable the Japanese youth to learn how to read his own language within a week, which is a

work of several years to the ordinary English or American student of English, while it is well known that many of them do not succeed in mastering it after working at it for a quarter of a century.

THE Cheyenne Grand Jury of Sweetwater county found no indictments against the Rock Springs murderers of Chinese. It made the following report: "We have diligently inquired into the occurrence at Rock Springs on the 2d day of September last, and though we have examined a large number of witnesses, no one has been able to testify to a single act committed by any known white person on that day. Whatever crimes may have been committed there, the perpetrators thereof have not been disclosed by the evidence before us, and, therefore, while we deeply regret the circumstances, we are wholly unable, acting under the obligation of our oaths, to return indictments. We have also inquired into the causes that led to the outbreak at Rock Springs. While we find no excuse for the crimes committed, there appears to be no doubt of abuses existing that should have been promptly adjusted by the railroad company and its officers. If this had been done the fair name of our territory would not have been stained by the terrible events of the 2d of September."

It is becoming more clear every day, says a Paris dispatch, that the success of the conservatives at the election recently is not to be ascribed so much to any desire of the country to declare itself in favor of monarchical or imperial restoration, as to a widespread and general feeling of discontent with the manner in which France has been governed during the last five years. On last Sunday 3,200,000 votes were cast for conservatives in France exclusive of Paris. As the total vote was but 7,500,000 this shows that nearly one half of the whole number of electors voted the conservative ticket. Any one at all acquainted with the real sentiment of the French people is aware that but a very small minority in the nation has any wish to see the republic replaced by either monarchical or imperial institutions. Theoretically France prefers the republic.

THE agreement by which the Oregon & California was sold to the Southern Pacific is said to have embodied the following conditions: The Oregon & California sells 451 miles of completed road and all its assets, including the land earned, and to be earned, and its interest in the Northern Pacific Terminal company. The Southern Pacific is to pay \$8,000,000 in Central Pacific stock and \$10,500,000 in forty-year bonds of the Southern Pacific, and further agreeing to complete the road.

A CONSTANTINOPLE dispatch says: The Turkish mobilization can present equipped with arms 126,000 men. The Turks are laying plans with great skill. Two large armies are being formed, one at Adrianople, the other at Uskeep. The first is intended to advance to eastern Roumelia, if all diplomatic efforts fail, and the other to be posted within easy striking distance of Sofia, so it can threaten the Bulgarian capital, while watching both Serbia and Montenegro.

WILL some of the many able writers who are making a brave fight for monometallism please specify the "gold obligations" of the United States government?

THE funeral of Cardinal McCloskey, the first American cardinal, took place at New York city yesterday.

THE Tacoma Ledger says there will not be a Chinaman left in that city by the first of November.

MARRIED. At the residence of the groom on Deep River, October 9th, 1885, by S. Walker, J. P., John Anderson and Miss Anna Nelson.

Administratrix' Sale of Steamboat THE INTEREST OF THE ESTATE OF L. Stevens, deceased, in the steamboat Tom, Morris is for sale. For particulars inquire of Mrs. Stevens or J. Q. A. Bowley, M. A. STEVENS, Administratrix.

Fishing Boat Race, Saturday, October 24th. Not less than six boats nor more than twelve to contest. The boats competing will start in line abreast of Wilson & Fisher's dock at the word "go" and gunshot. The same course will be run as advertised for Whitehall boat race in last week's ASTORIAN. The first boat to pass the stake after going over the course will win the prize register of time. The first prize will consist of a new coin silver watch and chain given by JEFF OF THE TELEPHONE SALOON, and warranted by Gustav Hansen; value \$25. Also a prize purse of \$25. The entrance money will go to second boat, less expenses of advertising. The judges will be appointed by the captains of the boats competing. The entrance fee will be \$10 for each boat. All entrants to be made with Justus Edwards at the Telephone Saloon, on or before Thursday, October 23rd, at 5 P. M. Watch and chain now on exhibit at the Telephone Saloon. Due notice will be given of time of starting.

Stockholders' Meeting. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of the West Coast Packing Co. will be held at the company's office on Friday, October 23rd, at 9 A. M. to elect officers for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. By order of the President, S. E. MORTON, Secretary.

SPECIAL SALE. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th 1885. AT 8. Worsley's Auction Rooms. Under instructions from L. L. A. Chamberlain, A. Q. M., Fort Canby, W. T. I will sell at Public Auction at my Auction Rooms on Thursday, October 15th, 1885, at 2 P. M., a large and assorted lot of Government Merchandise, consisting of Harness, Saddles, Blacksmith's Tools, Mason's and Carpenter's Tools, miscellaneous goods. Terms Cash. B. S. WORSLEY, Auctioneer.

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