

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1885. FRUITLESS GIFTS OF RICH MEN.

There has recently been dedicated at Garden City, on Long Island, a cathedral, the gift of A. T. Stewart, which cost \$2,000,000. It is the most costly edifice for religious worship in the country. It is said that the Protestant Episcopal bishop in whose diocese this cathedral has been erected, has more than once raised the question as to what shall be done with it. It is a proverb that you must not look a gift horse in the mouth. But one may look into the porch of the most costly cathedral in the United States, and even inquire as to its real value. The cathedral is a foreign idea. It has hardly been naturalized in this country. It is associated with wealth, aristocracy and civil government, far removed from the simplicity of Republican institutions. Stewart had long been known as the most successful dry goods merchant in this country. He had thrift and perseverance, and was known withal as a hard man, especially to his employees. Towards the close of his life this successful dry goods merchant wished to do something which should associate his name with something besides dry goods and sheeting. He planned a Woman's Hotel. It was a complete failure. He planned Garden City, buying a tract of almost barren land on Long Island, an hour's ride by railroad from New York. He began to build a city. The name suggests what he would make of it—a suburban garden spot. He built houses for rent on what he considered moderate terms. He provided for a school and a college there. What was to be his crowning work was the building of a cathedral there. That edifice has been dedicated with impressive ceremonies. But in all Garden City, and the country within reasonable distance, there is not a population inclined to cathedral worship large enough to make a respectable congregation. It is a notable fact that the most successful merchant of his day was the most unsuccessful of men when he undertook to distribute his bounty.

There were at least four notable failures. Although they did not all occur in his lifetime, yet the failures would have been just as certain had he lived; viz., the "Woman's Hotel," Garden City, the school and college and lastly the cathedral. Peter Cooper made no failures in the distribution of his bounty. A. T. Stewart made a succession of failures. The difference is a radical one. Cooper knew how to get close to the people. He was of them. He had no aristocratic tendencies in his nature. He wanted to do good to the greatest number. Stewart proposed to be helpful to a few. The plan of Garden City had some good features. But it was essentially select and exclusive. The school and the cathedral were an evolution of the class idea. The Woman's Hotel was hedged in with so many conditions that it finally became repugnant to the very class he sought to benefit.

In short the richest and most successful merchant in the country spent the later years of his life in planning ways for the distribution of a considerable part of his wealth, and all his plans turned out failures. Save in the one instance of the Woman's Hotel, he planned for well-to-do classes. They did not need his "patronage." His plans were sentimental, grandiose, and just the opposite all along of those cherished and executed by Peter Cooper. The former was thinking all the while of his own monument. The empty crypt in the cathedral at Garden City does not even now receive the bones of Stewart. People do not flock to Garden City.

The poor are not wanted. The prosperous prefer to go elsewhere and build for themselves. There is a providence which works unseen to defeat sentimental and grandiose plans of founding and building up institutions. It is not given to any one man to build a city nor to found a great university. It needs a community of hands, heads and gifts.

Girard founded a college for orphans. It was not quite a failure. But it has required a lavish expenditure of money to educate a few boys. The great university of Pennsylvania, with an expenditure not so great, educates ten pupils—and much better—for every one educated at Girard College. When a rich man undertakes to build a church he generally makes a failure of it. The edifice may be a good one, but the congregation which the great "middle class" furnishes, will not be found in his church. Even the state, representing a political unit, does not always succeed so well in founding universities, as an aggregation of individuals working voluntarily, quite independent of all state control. There are wise founders and unwise ones. Cooper and Stewart are striking instances of each class. From the day Stewart began to work for the establishment of his institutions, there was providence at work to disestablish them. He had a horror of waste. He had gathered cautiously by attention to many details. It was a fortunate circumstance that he did not live to see the waste resulting from plans which had essentially come to naught. John Hopkins, the Quaker, left several millions for educational and hospital purposes. He left the shaping of institutions very much to others. The school for which he provided took the shape of a university. But beyond that was the magnificent provision for a hospital, where every possible alleviation for the ills that afflict humanity are to be applied. There was no sentiment about his gifts, and no monument building. Johns Hopkins university to-day has no magnificent structures. The spirit of the Quaker humanitarian would have been disturbed by the thought that a dollar of his gifts should go into any monumental buildings.

There never have been greater opportunities for the employment of wealth for the building up of educational institutions than are now presented in this comparatively new country. The mistakes here and there may serve as beacons to indicate dangers which are nearly as great as the opportunities. New communities are poor. They cannot command large means for the establishment of institutions. Peter Cooper saw that in the great city of New York there was a grand opportunity to help a multitude of young persons to a knowledge of skilled industries. There are thousands to-day to bless his memory because of the personal benefit which his foundation has been to them. If there are not thousands to bless the memory of A. T. Stewart, more is the pity. The empty marble cathedral is there.

The Journal de St. Petersburg, commenting on the Roumelian question says: "Prince Alexander appears to ignore the fact that his submission to the powers is a duty created by the treaty of Berlin and sees no intention on the part of Bulgaria to return to a status quo." It regrets the action of Serbia and Greece in ordering formidable armaments and declares that Russia, more than any other power, must prevent fratricidal contest in the Balkans. The Journal is most pronounced in its denunciations of Bulgaria for having brought about the present state of affairs and says the powers are unanimous in their desire to restore the status quo, and although such action is bristling with obstacles and pitfalls, this unanimity justified the hope of success.

A JOINT conference of the San Francisco chamber of commerce, board of trade and manufacturers' association, with senators and congressmen of this state, was held last Thursday. Resolutions were adopted urging the California congressional delegation to bring the following measures before congress: Distribution of subsidies among American steamship companies between this and foreign countries; the Nicaragua canal scheme; distribution of public money in California; holding of large tracts of land by aliens; reciprocity treaty with Mexico, and Pacific coast defenses. The meeting closed with a resolution to have the Chinese restriction act amended, so as to preclude all possibility of the intent being defeated by the Chinese.

DIED. In this city October 23rd, 1885, Nellie Westfield, aged 29 years. Silver City, Nev., and Los Angeles, Cal., papers please copy.

NEW TO-DAY.

SPECIAL AUCTION! Household Furniture. ON ACCOUNT OF DEPARTURE. On Tuesday, October 27, 2 P. M. INSTRUCTED BY CAPT. R. E. HOWES, I will sell at his residence, opposite the Congregational Church, a lot of Household Furniture, consisting in part of Chairs, Tables, Bedsteads, Bed-Lounges, Black Walnut Extension Table, Parlor and Cooking Stoves, etc. Also, 2 Globes with Gold Fish and a lot of Fine House Plants including a beautiful Calla Lily in bloom. R. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

Special Auction! ELEGANT Household Furniture. Wednesday, Oct. 28, 10:30 A. M. BY DIRECTION OF C. W. KNOWLES, Esq., I will dispose of the elegant and well kept Household Furniture contained in his late residence at Alderbrook, consisting in part of: PARLOR—1 Handsomely Upholstered Parlor Set, consisting of sofa, 2 small Chairs and 2 large Easy Chairs; 1 Solid Black Walnut Parlor Rocker; 1 Solid Cherry do.; 1 Fine Sewing Rocker; 1 Black Walnut Folding Rocker; 1 Elegant Marble Top Center Table; 1 very large and handsome French Plate Mirror; 1 Large Book Case; 1 Swing Lamp, crystal pendants; 2 Black Walnut Stands; 1 Parlor Stove; 30 yards Body Brussels Carpet, elegant border, good as new. Also,

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At Close of the Above Sale, INSTRUCTED BY N. H. WEBBER, ESQ., I will sell at his residence: LOT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, AND EFFECTS. 2 Milk Cows; 5 doz. Fowls and 3 doz. Tame Ducks and lot of Sundries. All Sold on Account of Departure. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

Special Auction. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2 P. M. Instructed by Mr. J. A. McCrea I will sell on the premises all the well kept furniture of THE ROSCOE RESTAURANT. Consisting in part of 3 doz. D. E. Chairs; 1 doz. Restaurant Tables; 10 Rogers Bros. Silver-plated Castors; 6 doz. Knives, Silver-plated Forks, Table and Tea Spoons; A fine assortment of Restaurant Crockery and Glassware, and Table Linen; Lace Curtains and patent Window Shades; Black Walnut Hat Racks; 1 Mirror; 1 Eight-day Clock; Oil Chronos and Engravings; 3 patent Coal Oil Lamps; Sideboard; Shelving and Counter with Alarm Till. Also, No. 8 Cooking Stove with Hot Water Apparatus attached, and Cooking Furniture; an assortment of Oyster Cooking Utensils; Cleavers, Butcher Knives, Meat Saw, etc.; Groceries, Pickles, Crackers, etc. Also, One Street Lamp, and about 2 cords of Sawn Wood, and lot of Sundries. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

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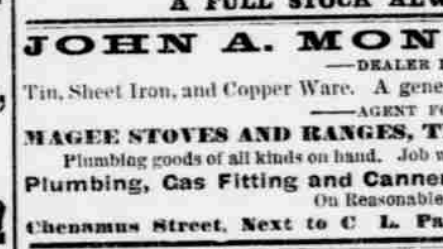
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