The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

WEDNESDAY.....NOVEMBER 25, 1885

YOUR OPINION ASKED.

THE ASTORIAN asks an opinion from its exchanges regarding an existing fact. Taking for a basis the census returns as received from the office of the secretary of state, we find that Baker county with a population of 7,000 has one senator and two representatives in the legislature; Clatsop county with a population of 10,240, has one-third of a senator and half a representative. Were it given the same proportion as Baker county (which has just received a $15,000 gift) this county would have two senators and five representatives, at Salem. Columbia, with a population of 3,013, has a representative: Clatsop with more than three times 3,013, has half a representative: that is to say, Columbia county with scattered settlements has more than six times as much to say as this county with the second city in the state in her limits. Washington, with less than Clatsop has three representatives: we need the aid of Tillamook to get one: Douglas with 8,053, to Clatsop's 10,240, has two senators to our one-third of one: she has five representatives to our one-half of one. Polk with little more than half our population has three representatives: Clatsop has a fraction of one. Yamhill, with 8,164 has two senators: Clatsop with 10,240, has one sixth of Yamhill's senatorial representation. With 8,164 population that county has three representatives: with 10,240, this county has one sixth as much. Does this look to you just, or reasonable, or fair? Is any further argument needed to show the absurdity of the existing system of mis—representation?

THE article of Prof. Charles W. Shields, of Princeton, in the November number of the *Century*, entitled "United Churches of the United States," is a significent one. Whether anything practical or not is likely to come from it, it indicates a powerful direction of the sentiment of our time toward christian unity. Prof. Shields endeavors in his article to look into the respective forms of doctrine, of polity, and of worship "of the great Christian denomination of the country," in search of the three corresponding grounds of unity which are afforded by their dogmatic agreement, their ecclesiastical or political likeness, and their liturgical culture. It is important to note that Prof. Shields finds the first of these grounds of unity to be the least hopeful. "If history teaches anything plainly," he says, "it shows that the attempt to organize churches on the basis of mere dogmatic dissensions will always tend to schism rather than to unity. They often exclude more Christians than they include, and sooner or later go to pieces in some fresh dissension. And even more difficult would it be to connect together conflicting churches on such a basis."

Prof. Shields finds a more hopeful ground for unity in ecclesiastical likeness or affinity in church government; but the most hopeful basis, and one which seems to be less visionary, he recognizes in a liturgical unity. This furnishes a bond of union in the region of feeling and sentiment rather than that of doctrinal ideas, or political method.

WITH a population of 300,000,000 China has not a single insane asylum. This fact does not prove that there are no lunatics among the Chinese, but it shows that they are not sufficiently numerous to make an asylum necessary. To what do the Chinese owe their exemption from brain disease? Various explanations are given. It is said that the Mongolian enjoys mental repose. He does not fret and worry. As his religion has been established for thousands of years he lets it alone. He cares nothing about politics. There is no competition to stimulate him. All the business of life is regulated by the government.

NEW TO-DAY.

PRIMARY MEETING.

Republican City Primaries

FOR THE SECOND WARD WILL BE held from 12 M. to 3 P. M. on Saturday, Nov. 28th, 1885, for the purpose of choosing 10 delegates to the Republican City Convention to be called for the purpose of nominating city officers.

By order of the Committee.

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I will not be responsible for the debts of any person whatever unless upon my own written order.

E. HESS.

THE CENTURY for 1885-86.

The remarkable interest in the War Papers and in the many timely articles and strong serial features published recently in THE CENTURY has given that magazine a regular circulation of

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Among the features for the coming volume, which begins with the November number, are:

THE WAR PAPERS By General Grant and Others.

There will be continued (most of them illustrated) until the chief events of the Civil War have been described by leading participants on both sides. General Grant's papers include descriptions of the battles of Chattanooga and the Wilderness. General McClellan will write of Antietam, General D. C. Buell of Shiloh, Generals Pope, Longstreet and others of the Second Bull Run, etc., etc. Naval combats, including the fight between the *Kearsarge* and the *Alabama*, by officers of both ships, will be described.

The "Recollections of a Private" and special war papers of an anecdotal or humorous character will be features of the year.

Serial Stories by W. D. Howells, Mary Hallock Foote and George W. Cable.

Mr. Howells' serial will be in a lighter vein than "The Rise of Silas Lapham." Mrs. Foote's is a story of mining life, and Mr. Cable's a novelette of the Acadians of Louisiana. Mr. Cable will also contribute a series of papers on Slave songs and dances, including negro serpent-worship, etc.

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Include "A Tricycle Pilgrimage to Rome," illustrated by Pennell; Historical Papers by Edward Eggleston, and others; Papers on Persia, by S. G. W. Benjamin, lately U. S. minister, with numerous illustrations; Astronomical Articles, practical and popular, on "Sidereal Astronomy"; Papers on Christian Unity by representatives of various religious denominations; Papers on Manual Education, by various experts, etc.

Short Stories

By Frank R. Stockton, Mrs. Helen Jackson (H. H.), Mrs. Mary Hallock Foote, Joel Chandler Harris, H. H. Boyesen, T. A. Janvier, Julian Hawthorne, Richard M. Johnston, and others; and poems by leading poets. The Departments,—"Open Letters," "Brie-a-Brac," etc., will be fully sustained.

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AS I CONTEMPLATE DEPARTURE for Tacoma on Dec. 1st, I want those who are indebted to me to please make immediate settlement.

F. P. HICKS.

Fifty Dollars Reward.

I WILL PAY THE ABOVE REWARD for the recovery of the body of E. F. Cochran, drowned at Walker's Island on Wednesday the 4th inst. Fell overboard from the steamer *R. R. Thompson*; about five feet, four inches in height, dark hair and eyes and mustache, about 30 years old.

E. A. NOYES.

Notice.

I HAVE THIS DAY DISPOSED OF MY business to F. R. McIntosh and A. D. MacDonald who will conduct the business at the stand, corner of Genevieve and Squemoqua streets, under the firm name of MacDonald & McIntosh. The firm of MacDonald & McIntosh will collect all bills due me and pay all liabilities; and to all my patrons I bespeak a word for the new firm.

D. A. McINTOSH.

Astoria, Oregon, October 27, 1885.

Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who have not paid their taxes for the year 1885 must settle, and settle at once, otherwise I will be compelled to levy. Pay up and save costs. Last call.

C. W. LOUGHERY,
Chief of Police.

Notice.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKholders of the Masonic Land and Building Association of Astoria, will be held at the office of Capt. George Flavel on Wednesday, December 16, 1885, at two o'clock P. M.; for the purpose of electing five directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

S. T. M'KEAN,
Secretary.

Astoria, November 13th, 1885.

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Notice.

THE DELINQUENT SCHOOL TAX ROLL of school district No. One is in my hands for collection. All parties interested will govern themselves accordingly.

W. G. ROSS,
Tax Collector Ex Officio.

Notice.

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL Monday, December 7th, at 1 P. M. at the office of the County Clerk, for building a bridge across "Ohanna" creek. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the County Clerk.

By order of the County Commissioners of Clatsop county.

C. A. McGUIRE,
Attest: C. J. Trenchard, County Clerk.