

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1885
COMMISSIONER SPARKS.

COMMISSIONER SPARKS has been crowded so heavily that he has given way a little and has issued an order modifying his famous edict of last April. There was a rumor about the department last week that the "general" decided to issue patents for all entries filed before he took charge of the office, which would have relieved about 50,000 settlers in the northwest from his clutches; but he did not go so far. He only issued an announcement that he will permit the issue of patents upon all entries "not subject to reasonable doubt," namely in contests where the rights of successful patentees have been established; which means that persons whose claims have been contested and who had presented evidence to sustain their legality will not be deprived of the result of the contest. He will certify patents where the examinations have been made by the government detectives and no frauds found. There are now about twenty agents and detectives examining claims, and they manage to get through about four a week, at which rate it will take them something like fifty years to complete what Sparks has given them. He will certify to homestead entries where residence, improvements and cultivation have been made according to law. In other words, he will issue patents to those who have lived five years upon their homesteads and have made the legal improvements and amount of cultivation required.

But this class is very small, as most homesteaders who have been industrious desire to commute their time and get their patents without waiting the full time of five years. In order that settlers in the northwest, from 75 to 90 per cent. of whom, according to Sparks, are swindlers, may not impose upon the innocent commissioner, Mr. Sparks requires that all such cases as the above described shall be submitted to a board, consisting of Assistant Commissioner Loger, the chief clerk of the delaw clerk. As Mr. Lebarne, is the man who has made all the trouble and has convinced Sparks that all of the people of the northwest are thieves, the work of this commission will naturally be limited.

THE Tacoma News talks right out regarding the corporation monopoly of the water frontage. In its issue of the 7th inst., it says: "The fact is that in our present situation we are an inland town, although claiming to be a seaport city. We say an inland town, and mean it, in this particular, that the city of Tacoma proper, to wit, New Tacoma, is cut off almost altogether from tide water, by a narrow strip of land, the owners of which, the two great corporations most interested in this city, are become monopolists of the water front."

CATTLE have increased more than three-fold in the United States during the past ten years, says the *Shoe and Leather Reporter*, which adds: "Ours is the greatest cattle-producing region on the globe. On farms there are about 42,000,000; on ranch and range property west of the Mississippi about 10,000,000 cattle graze."

ENGINEERS commissioned by the Canadian Pacific railway to re-measure the contract sections to the north of Lake Superior have completed their labors, the result being that the company has overpaid the contractors \$1,200,000. Suits for recovery have been entered at Toronto against some of the heaviest contractors.

THE number of waifs and strays in the streets of New York has been variously estimated at from 20,000 to 50,000. In Philadelphia the official estimate of waifs and strays is not less than 20,000.

THE Pike's Peak railroad in Colorado, when completed, as it is soon expected to be, will be the most notable track in the world. It will mount 2,000 feet higher than the Lima and Oroya road in Peru. The entire thirty miles of its length will be a succession of complicated curves and grades up the sides of the great mountain, with no piece of straight track longer than 300 feet.

NOTWITHSTANDING the opening of the exposition, New Orleans is said to be pre-eminently dull just now, and the average business man's chief occupations appear to be the casual observer "to be smoking cigarettes and having his boots blacked."

THE wealthiest friendly body in the world probably is the Manchester, England, Unity of Odd fellows, whose recently issued financial statement shows a total accumulated capital of £5,732,798 19s 6d. There are 533,850 members.

THE Brooklyn bridge now carries 73,000 passengers every twenty-four hours, but how to increase its capacity to at least 150,000 is the problem for its trustees to solve.

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DANCING BEGINS AT 9 O'CLOCK

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Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 14, 15.

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JOSEPH R. GRISMER,
AND
PHEBE DAVIES.

Supported by the powerful
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Of San Francisco,
When will be presented on Monday Dec. 14th, the greatest of all melodramas
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Both plays presented with special scenery and novel mechanical effects.
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Stockholders' Meeting.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF the stockholders of the Pythian Land and Building Association will be held on Dec. 21st, at 3 P. M. in Pythian Hall for the purpose of electing a board of five directors for the ensuing year and attending to such other business as may legally come before it.

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Stockholders' Meeting.
STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FISHERMEN'S Pkg. Co. are hereby notified that the annual meeting will be held at the Co.'s office at Upper Astoria, Or. on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1885, at 9 A. M. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of other business that may come before the meeting.

By order of the President,
H. E. NELSON, Secretary.

Notice
IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL meeting of the stockholders of the Scandinavian Packing Co. will be held at the company's office on Monday, Dec. 14th, 1885, at 8 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order of the president,
H. PLATH, Secretary.

Astoria, Nov. 27th, 1885.

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When You Want
Oysters, Clams, Crabs, Fish,
Eggs, Butter of the best quality: when you want Chickens, Ducks, Game of all kinds, and want them fresh and good, call on C. F. Reed at the Union Market on Water street. Vegetables of all kinds constantly on hand. I warrant everything sold fresh and of the best quality.
C. F. REED,
Telephone No. 18.
Proprietor, Union Market.

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The Gen. Miles
Will leave for Gray's Harbor with Freight and Passengers
On Saturday morning the 12th inst.,
At 7 O'clock.
J. H. D. GRAY, Agent.

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IMMENSE SALES AT THE
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CLOSING OUT OUR
Entire Stock of Dry and Fancy Goods,
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES,
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And Less than Cost. On Account of Discontinuing the Above Lines I Shall also offer the Following Inducements:

All Purchases \$5.00 and Upwards, 5 per cent off.
All Purchases \$20.00 and Upwards, 10 per cent off.

Ladies Call Early!
And Secure Such Bargains as Never Offered in Astoria Before. This is a Bonafide Sale and No Sham, as we need our Space for other Purposes and the Stock Must Be Closed Out before the 1st of January.

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At Portland Prices, and Invite a Call of Everybody in Want of Goods in My Line, Guaranteeing Satisfaction in Every Respect.

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CARL ADLER
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