

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1886. A WORD FOR OURSELVES.

THE ASTORIAN is trying to work up a little telegraphic service that will be a credit to the city. Nothing gives so much life to a newspaper as a well-filled local column and a synopsis of the world's news by telegraph. As regards the locals we direct attention to the fact that Astoria is the only city in the state, the only place in the commonwealth, of any size, from which it is not found necessary for some one to send local reports to the Portland papers. From every other section, east, south and west are sent local news letters to the Portland papers. It sometimes happens that the letters that the Oregonian or News or Standard correspondents in the several places send are more interesting, more newsy, than the local columns of the local papers themselves. The first thing a local paper should aim to do is to cover its own field, to relate fairly and promptly the occurrences going on in the community and section where it is published. This is a duty it owes its patrons, and in our case the fact that whatever Astoria news appears in those papers usually appears first in THE ASTORIAN is pretty good evidence that in this respect we are not remiss.

The telegraph service comes next. No one that has never tried has any idea how difficult and expensive it is to get telegraphic service down here. We are making an effort in that direction. Our success will be in direct proportion to the interest that Astorians manifest in the matter. The proprietors of a newspaper spend every cent of their surplus earnings in improving the paper. If we could we would cover one side of THE ASTORIAN every morning with dispatches; as it is we are doing the best we can. Our only source of revenue is subscriptions and advertisements. It is our boast that during many years of work in the newspaper business, and as proprietors of newspapers in Nevada, California and Oregon, that we have never yet accepted a dollar from any man to say anything or keep from saying anything. This we believe to be the only way to run an independent newspaper. It is certainly the only way for a man in a newspaper office to preserve his self respect.

We hasten, says the Boston Herald, to the defense of the newspaper. Lying is not one of its vices. The hardest work done by newspaper men is hunting down lies told by other people. If newspapers printed all the stories brought to them, they might well be denounced as lying sheets. When a mistake is made in a newspaper, it is because the vigilant reporter, or the conscientious editor has not been able to detect it in season. Publication speedily brings the correction when nothing else will. Many men are interested to lie, but a newspaper is interested to tell the truth. Its business being to purvey and sell information, its chief interest is to acquire a reputation to tell the truth. Of course, the organs have to lie a little, because it is their duty to support their party, whether it be right or wrong, but an independent newspaper is under no such obligation. Its chief motive is to learn the truth and tell it.

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THE New York Journal of Commerce of the 15th, says: "There is some reason to expect that within three months the Panama canal will be abandoned as a failure, unless the French government chooses to help it with a loan or guaranty. If the French commissioner sent to examine the work can resist the blandishments of De Lesseps, who will be on the spot to receive him, he will not commit his government to an undertaking which probably will be as unfortunate as Napoleon's intentions in Mexico."

THE house committee on rivers and harbors have resolved to limit the total amount of the appropriation for improving rivers and harbors to \$11,000,000. Sums recommended for appropriation will in no case be made public in advance of the report of the bill. THE late Gen. Toombs of Georgia declared in an interview had with him before his last illness that in his opinion "the status of the negro is not materially changed by emancipation."

THE real estate sales in Chicago in 1885 aggregated about \$18,000,000. The value of new buildings constructed, including 1,657 residences, was in the neighborhood of \$19,000,000.

A DAKOTA woman drove twelve miles through a snowstorm to get the final patent on her land, to be told, that it was withheld on account of fraud.

THE local option bill has passed both houses of the Washington territorial legislature.

BORN. At Knappa, Ogn., Jan. 14, 1886, to the wife of Thos. Norman, twin sons.

NEW TO-DAY.

CALICO BALL Under the Auspices of The Woman's Relief Corps, -AT- Liberty Hall JANUARY 20th, 1886. Admission, gentlemen and ladies, \$1.50. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the corps in the room adjoining. CUSHING POST BAND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

MINSTRELS! -THE- Canby Minstrels Will make their first appearance IN ASTORIA Thursday Evening, Jan. 21, 1886. At Liberty Hall, Affording a Pleasant Evening's Entertainment to all who Patronize Them. GRAND FIRST PART. Songs, Jokes, Club Singing, Languable Sketches, Bone Solo, Etc., Etc. Admission 50 cents. Reserved Seats 75 cents. Carriages may be Ordered at 10:30 P. M. Doors open 7 P. M. Curtain, 8 P. M.

THE ONLY Amateur Soldier Minstrels on the Coast! COME AND SEE US!! SPECIAL NOTICE! O. R. & N. CO. EXCURSION! Tickets to Portland and Return For \$2.50. Good on any of the Company's boats. E. A. NOYES, Agent.

The United States RESTAURANT On Main street is now open, and AT ONCE TAKES THE LEAD. In every Particular it is the Finest fitted up and best in the City. JEFF IS A GOOD PROVIDER; He Cannot be Beat on the Coast! Meals 25c.; Board \$20 per Month. Private rooms for Families or Parties. Superior Parties furnished on short notice. OYSTERS A SPECIALTY. Jeff Spends his Money in Astoria, Buys by the Wholesale and Pays Cash, That Settles It. Annual Meeting. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE P. L. & A. B. Association will be held in Liberty Hall at Astoria the evening of Saturday the 13th Feb'y., 1886, at 7 o'clock. WM. L. MCEWAN, Sec.

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CITY BOOK STORE, Come and See Us, A FULL STOCK Awaits Your Inspection. Plush Goods, Holiday Cards, Toys, Fancy Goods, etc. At Prices that will Astonish you. You will find it to your advantage To Pay Us a Visit. GRIFFIN & REED. MRS. SOPHIA WUOTILA, MIDWIFE, Graduate of the Helsinki Lying-in Hospital, Helsinki, Finland, now offers her services to the women of Astoria and vicinity. Residence: Pine street between 5th and 6th streets, next door to Mr. Barry's (Fin Town). Speaks both Swedish and Fin.

The New York Novelty Store! For the Next 30 Days We will sell our Stock of Merchandise, Novelties, Etc., at San Francisco cost, with freight added. We propose to inaugurate a general, sweeping and bona fide Clearance Sale, our intention being to dispose of any and everything at present on hand, to make room for our NEW STOCK which will arrive about February 1st, 1886. Remember that this is no sham "Closing Out Sale," but a GENUINE CLEARANCE SALE! The public are cordially invited to call and examine our goods and prices, and convince themselves of the truth of our assertions. NEW YORK NOVELTY STORE! Opposite the Parker House, Main Street, Astoria, Oregon.

BUY IT! TRY IT! Snow Flake Flour! Astoria and Seaside BAKERIES, ED. JACKSON, - Proprietor. The best Bread, Cakes and Pastry in the City. Ice Creams and Ornamental Work to order. Manufacturer of Fine Candies. FOR SALE. THE BRITISH BARK ARABELLA. AS SHE NOW LIES AT THE HUDSON BAY CO'S Wharf, Esquimaux Harbor. The ARABELLA was built in Quebec in 1875, and is 729 Tons Register. HER DIMENSIONS ARE: Length.....103 feet 2 inches Breadth.....32 feet 8 inches Depth of Hold.....19 feet 1 inch And Registered 3-3 L. H. Veritas. TENDERS Are called for the purchase of the above named vessel, together with her cargo of about 200,000 feet of Rough Lumber in Lower Hold. With this vessel is also included her complete inventory of Anchors, Cables, Sails, Rigging, Hardware, Furniture, Tanks, Stores, &c., as per detailed list. TENDERS to be addressed to the undersigned not later than Noon on Wednesday, the 26th inst. BY SAUNDERS, Johnson street, Victoria, Victoria, B. C., Jan. 9th, 1886.

EXCURSION TICKETS!! FROM ASTORIA TO PORTLAND AND RETURN For \$2.50! ON THE "TELEPHONE."

Money to Loan ON APPROVED SECURITY. COUNTY Orders bought. Apply at the office of F. D. WINTON. Notice. MR. A. BALMANN TOOK CHARGE OF the city delivery of THE DAILY MORNING ASTORIAN on January 1st, 1886. He is authorized to collect and receipt for subscriptions subsequent to that date. J. F. HALLORAN & CO. Notice. A MEETING OF THE SUBSCRIBERS OF capital stock in the "Scandinavian Commercial Union" is hereby called to be held at the Justice of the Peace office in Upper Astoria, Jan. 20th, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of important business. By order of the Incorporators.

ADLER'S MUSIC STORE! ENTIRE NEW STOCK -OF- Musical Instruments Of all descriptions. Violins, Guitars, Banjos, Zithers, &c. Sheet Music and Music Books. PIANOS and ORGANS Direct from Manufacturers; Sold on Easy Instalments. Carl Adler's Music Store.

THE NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE OF THE 15TH, SAYS: "THERE IS SOME REASON TO EXPECT THAT WITHIN THREE MONTHS THE PANAMA CANAL WILL BE ABANDONED AS A FAILURE, UNLESS THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT CHOOSES TO HELP IT WITH A LOAN OR GUARANTY. IF THE FRENCH COMMISSIONER SENT TO EXAMINE THE WORK CAN RESIST THE BLANDISHMENTS OF DE LESSEPS, WHO WILL BE ON THE SPOT TO RECEIVE HIM, HE WILL NOT COMMIT HIS GOVERNMENT TO AN UNDERTAKING WHICH PROBABLY WILL BE AS UNFORTUNATE AS NAPOLEON'S INTENTIONS IN MEXICO."

"THE OLD CORNER," D. L. BECK & SONS, Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Cannery & Fishermen's Supplies -AND- Staple and Fancy Groceries, Provisions, Goods Sold at Lowest Cash Price.

SHUTE & CO., FINE IMPORTED CIGARS. You can rely on getting a Good Cigar At Shute & Co.'s CIGAR AND TOBACCO STORE, Opposite D. L. Beck & Son's.

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IN NEW QUARTERS! Having Consolidated My Business with the Astoria Furniture Co., I now offer the Largest and Most Complete Assortment of Fine and Plain Furniture, Bedding, Carpets, Oil Cloth, Window Shades, Pictures, Moulding, etc., At Portland Prices, and Invite a Call of Everybody in Want of Goods in My Line. Guaranteeing Satisfaction in Every Respect. CHAS. HEILBORN. Furniture and Upholstering. Mattresses Made and Repaired. Paper Hanging, Carpets Towed and Laid. Furniture Sold on Commission. Signor, corner Main and Jefferson Streets. MARTIN OLSEN. J. H. D. GRAY. Wholesale and Retail Dealer in GROCERIES, FLOUR, AND FEED Hay, Oats, Straw, Wood, Etc. LIME, SAND AND CEMENT. General Storage and Wharfage on reasonable terms. Foot of Benton street, Astoria, Oregon.

A. B. THOMPSON, THE COLUMBIA FISH AND GAME MARKET. Fresh Fish on every day's Steamer. Game, Ducks, Turkeys and Chickens. Wild Game of all kinds. Fresh and Canned Fruits, Butter, Eggs and Vegetables. Will Sell at Low Prices.

WILSON & FISHER Ship Chandlers, HEAVY AND SHELF HARDWARE. Paints, Oils, and Varnish. LOGGERS' SUPPLIES. PROVISIONS AND MILL FEED. AGENTS FOR Salem Flouring Mills, Portland Roller Mills, Capitol Flour and FAIRBANKS' SCALES. ASTORIA, OREGON. Fishermen Attention! Before Purchasing Elsewhere -EXAMINE- DUNBAR, McMASTER & CO.'S Extra Strong Salmon Net Twine! Made of Best Irish Flax. Samples Furnished on Application. Shipments Guaranteed Equal to Samples. J. O. HANTHORN, Astoria, Or. Sole Agent for Pacific Coast.

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EMPIRE STORE. CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS and SHOES, DRY GOODS, FANCY GOODS. W. T. PARKER, Manager.

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WYATT & THOMPSON. -KEEP- CONSTANTLY ON HAND A Full Stock of Canned Fresh Mackerel, Canned Fresh Codfish, Canned Fresh Finnan Haddies, Canned Shrimps, Canned Roast Beef, Canned Chicken, Canned Pig's Feet, Atmore's Plum Pudding, Atmore's Mince Meat, Epps' Cocoa, Ground Chocolate, A Fine Assortment of Canned Vegetables, etc. J. C. ROSS, COUNTY CORONER. Hardware and Ship Chandlery VAN DUSEN & CO., DEALERS IN Hardware and Ship Chandlery Pure Oil, Bright Varnish, Binacle Oil, Cotton Canvas, Hemp Sail Twine, Cotton Sail Twine, Lard Oil, Wrought Iron Spikes, Galvanized Cut Nails, Agricultural Implements Sewing Machines, Paints and Oils, Groceries, etc. HAVE YOU Anything to Sell? IN THE MATTER OF Rags, Bottles, Old Metal, or Junk of Any Sort, FOARD & STOKES Will give you the best price for it. Do You Want to Buy SHIP MATERIAL, From a Belaying Pin to a Hawser: from Block to an Anchor. You Can Get what You Want at FOARD & STOKES. Headquarters at building, east of Water Street. Magnus C. Crosby Dealer in HARDWARE, IRON, STEEL, Iron Pipe and Fittings, STOVES, TINWARE AND HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS SHEET LEAD STRIP LEAD SHEET IRON. Tin and Copper. \$67,000,000 Capital! Liverpool and London and Globe North British and Mercantile Of London and Edinburgh. Old Connecticut of Hartford AND COMMERCIAL OF CALIFORNIA Fire Insurance Companies, Representing a Capital of \$67,000,000. B. VAN DUSEN, Agent.

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