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 ASTORIA, OREGON:
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 SILVER IN CONGRESS.

The treasury officials admit that they are routed on the silver question, so far as numbers go, in congress. Their whole study now is to decide what course it is best to pursue in retreat. There is no fixed plan or course of action fully marked out as yet, and they hope for very little. Senator McPherson and the few other advocates of the administration plan are getting together such facts as are at command on that side of the case. The treasury people claim that they have positive information that the present American stock of gold is soon to be shipped out of the country. They claim that there will be a large amount of this done in the near future, and that ruin stares the nation in the face if something is not done. The silver people laugh this talk to scorn and say there is no reason for fear, and point to the experience of the past few months and inquire why gold has not gone out in the past. The administration people urge that if there could be a temporary suspension of coinage and the appointment of a committee of conference composed of the leading men in and out of congress, representing both sides of the case, a great deal of information could be derived, and the whole matter could be thus disposed of, for the time being at least, and there would be time to consider other measures of importance that are crowding on the attention of congress. This plausible plea will scarcely win, and if it fails the next thing that will be urged is that the limit of coinage of the silver dollar be fixed at \$250,000,000. That will necessitate the continuation of coinage at the present rate for about two years longer. But none of these things will please the silver majority in congress. There will be some arrangement made for issuing silver and bullion certificates, and the coinage will be continued.

Senator Stanford, of California, in a recent conversation on the general subject of finance, spoke of silver money as the people's money and of paper as the bankers' money. Briefly illustrating the thought, he said that by the labor of the people silver was gotten out of the earth, and labor was expended on it at every stage of the various processes to which it was subjected between mine and mint, and that when coined and stamped it circulated mainly among the people—among those whose financial affairs were not so extensive as to require bank accounts. On the other hand, paper money—especially the national bank notes—was obtained by bankers with bonds. It was the bankers' money in contradistinction from silver, because it was made for banks, issued by banks, based on bonds, represented little expenditure of labor, and did not, like silver coins, find its chief avenues among the people.

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A REVIEW of the cattle trade of Montana shows that during the past year that territory received 100,000 head by trail from the south, and the Northern Pacific brought in 27,000 calves from the east and 38,000 from the west.

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IN the course of his duties as engineer in charge of the river and harbor improvements of Oregon, Maj. Jones has prepared a comprehensive report on the best and least expensive means for overcoming obstructions at the dalles of the Columbia river. After a thorough investigation Maj. Jones recommended the construction of a railway, somewhat on the same principle as is involved in the Eads Nicaragua ship railway. For some reason, whether intentional or otherwise, says a Washington dispatch, the chief engineer of the army failed to publish, as is the custom, this very interesting and valuable report, and as a consequence it does not appear among the papers transmitted to congress by the war department. Senator Mitchell offered a resolution on Tuesday, which was adopted, calling for the report and accompanying maps and estimates, which, when received, will go to the senate committee on commerce, which will be urged to make an appropriation sufficient at least to test the practicability of Maj. Jones's recommendations.

THE *Railway Age* presents a discouraging record of railway foreclosure sale and receiver-ships for the last year, and says that in 1885 twenty-two railways in the United States, with 3,156 miles of main line, and with a bonded debt of \$141,519,000, and a capital stock of \$136,900,000, making a total bonded debt and capitalization of nearly \$278,500,000, having been sold under foreclosure and transferred to new ownership.

EVERY one of the 200 appraising officers of the surrogate's court in New York, is anxious to get the job of appraising the Vanderbilt state. A commission of 2 per cent would fall to the lot of the lucky man selected, but the surrogate insists that there will be no appraisal.

IT is said that the famous secret circular of Mr. Vilas will be a work of reference in the executive sessions of the senate, and that the circular gives an authoritative definition of an "offensive partisan." In preparing this definition Mr. Vilas has performed a great service.

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NEW TO-DAY.
ADLER'S JEWELRY STORE!
 A Splendid Stock of STANDARD JEWELRY.
 GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES:
 Earrings, Breastpins:
HANDSOME CLOCKS.
A Large Assortment
 To Choose From.
All Articles Warranted
 As Represented:
ADLER'S CRYSTAL PALACE.
 Notice to Cannermen.
 WE ARE AGENTS FOR HENDERSON & Withers for the sale of their charcoal and can furnish any amount desired. Please call and see us before purchasing elsewhere.
 BOZORTH & JOHNS.

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 —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, Laughable 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!"
 Reserved seats at the New York Novelty Store.

Astoria Planing Mill
HOLT & CO. Proprietors.
 Manufacturers of
 Mouldings, Sash Doors, Blinds, Ralls, Balusters, Newel Posts, Brackets.
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BOAT MATERIAL, ETC.,
 Orders Solicited and Promptly Attended to.
Satisfaction Guaranteed
 As to Style, Quality and Prices.
 Mill and Office cor. Polk and Concomly Sts.,
ASTORIA, OREGON.
 Address **HOLT & CO.**

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

CITY BOOK STORE,
 Come and See Us,
A FULL STOCK
 Awaits Your Inspection.

Plush Goods,
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 Fancy Goods, etc.
 At Prices that will Astonish you.
 You will find it to your advantage
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The Best is the Cheapest!
WYATT & THOMPSON
 Are on Deck with an Immense Stock of **STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES,**
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JUST RECEIVED
 A Large Assortment of the Celebrated **LOS GATOS CANNED FRUIT,**
 Which has no Equal in the World.
 Table Peaches, Bartlett Pears, Apricots, Black Berries, Egg Plums, etc.,
 At 25c per can.
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 Syrupa Figs, Hickory Nuts, etc., etc.
 At the Very Lowest Cash Price!

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ED. JACKSON, - Proprietor.
 The best Bread, Cakes and Pastry in the City
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 Money to Loan
 ON APPROVED SECURITY. COUNTY Orders bought. Apply at the office of P. D. WINTON.

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 Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
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 Choice Teas
 Java and C. R. Coffee
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 Cox's Gelatine
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 India Currie Powder
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 Bahama Pine Apple
 London Layer Raisins
 Breakfast Gems
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 Germea
 Chow Chow
 Choice Dried Fruits
 Choice Fancy Crackers
 Salem Flour
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 Dupee Hams
 Breakfast Bacon
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 Etc. Etc. Etc.
Goods Sold at Lowest Cash Prices.

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FINE IMPORTED CIGARS.
 You can rely on getting a Good Cigar
 At Shute & Co.'s
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DOORS, WINDOWS, BRACKETS,
 Mouldings, Window Frames, etc.
 A Full Supply of Material. Bids Furnished. Contract Work a Specialty.
 Mill and Office on the Old Site.

IN NEW QUARTERS!
 Having Consolidated My Business with the
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 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
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CHAS. HEILBORN.

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 Wholesale and retail dealer in
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 Hay, Oats, Straw, Wood, Etc.
LIME, SAND AND CEMENT.
 General Storage and Wha. fage 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.
 Tame Geese, Ducks, Turkeys and Chickens.
 Wild Game of all kinds. Fresh and Canned Fruits, Butter, Eggs and Vegetables.
Will Sell at Low Prices.

SIGN PAINTING
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CARRIAGE PAINTING!
 In Good Style and Lowest Living Prices
CHAS. OLSEN.
 Shop at Montgomery's old stand

G. HANSEN
 OF THE
DIAMOND PALACE!
 Has Just Received a Fine Stock of
CHRISTMAS GOODS
 Consisting of
 DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY,
 SILVER WARE, CLOCKS,
 SPECTACLES, ETC.,
 Which he offers at Bedrock Prices.
All Goods Warranted.
 Mine is a Jewelry Store and Known as Such.

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 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,
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 Good on any of the Company's boats
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 Tin, Sheet Iron, and Copper Ware. A general assortment of Household Goods.
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Plumbing, Gas Fitting and Cannery Work attended to promptly
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Cut Faster AND EASIER
 Than any other axe made.
 Hundreds of woodmen testify to its superiority. It goes Deep and Never Sticks.
CARNAHAN & CO.,
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HARD AND SOFT WOOD!
 Having just put in a
First Class Sawing Machine,
 We can furnish
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 We sell a CORD and deliver a CORD!

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 Purchases delivered in any part of the city.
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 Liverpool and London and Globe
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COMMERCIAL OF CALIFORNIA
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 A Full Stock of
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 Atmore's Plum Pudding,
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 A Fine Assortment of Canned Vegetables, etc.

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 Will give you the best price for it.

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 From a Belaying Pin to a Hawser; from Block to an Anchor.
You Can Get what You Want
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