

ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

Latest Telegraphic News from San Francisco, Europe and the East.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Tribune prints two and one half columns of Blaine's second volume. The extract is a strong arraignment of the fisheries award.

THE CALIFORNIA & OREGON. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Chief Engineer Hood says the company is employing about a thousand Chinese on the tunnels on the line of the C. & O. near Portuguese flat. There are also 140 stone masons employed. The work is progressing slowly till it is seen if the grant is forfeited or not.

CHARGES AGAINST VILAS. CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—The Inter-Ocean's Washington correspondent in an article of considerable length charges postmaster general Vilas with breaking numerous important mail contracts to reduce expenses. Two mail contractors on the Mississippi and Red rivers sue for damages.

WASHINGTON NOTES. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Senator Stanford went driving in the snow storm yesterday. He went to the White House and introduced Mrs. L. J. Haggin and Mrs. Finely to the president. The ladies pleaded for Haggin's appointment as minister to Austria; the president listened to them stoically.

Representatives Cox and McCreery, subcommittee on foreign affairs, favor Morrow's anti-Chinese bill. Ex-Gov. Rice, of Massachusetts, another member of the committee opposes it. Perry Belmont, of New York, who once opposed it, now heartily favors it; he says he will do all he can to pass it. Stanford is also doing good work for the bill.

RAILROAD HUMORS. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—It is believed that the establishment of a line of Canadian steamers between Victoria and this city will precipitate an unprecedented cutting of freight rates. Manager Van Horne has written to a merchant here that he may open the line and enter into competitive business by next June.

LOST AT SEA. GLOUCESTER, Mass., Feb. 6.—The schooner Mend M. Storey, carrying a crew of fourteen men, engaged in the halibut fishery on the Grand Banks, has not been spoken since December 14th. She has been given up for lost.

PARTIALLY DAMAGED. NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The new synagogogue caught fire this morning just before services began, and was damaged to the extent of \$5,000.

PARIS PARAGRAPHS. PARIS, Feb. 6.—Striking factory operatives at St. Quentin are erecting barricades in the streets of that city, and a conflict between the strikers and the military is believed to be imminent.

It is supposed that the murderer of Barrow, prefect of the department of Eure, who was killed in a railway carriage compartment while returning to Evreux, from Paris with 20,000 francs in his pocket, January 14th, has been arrested. When the train started from Paris a man asked if Barrow was aboard. When answered in the affirmative he purchased a ticket on the same train. A man answering to the description left the train at Mantes-sur-Seine, before the murder was discovered. The person taken into custody has been identified by the employes of the railway company as the man who alighted at Mantes.

TRANSFERRED. LONDON, Feb. 6.—The members of the late ministry left London for Osborne this morning to deliver the seals of office to the queen, and the members of the Gladstone government proceeded to Osborne to receive the seals of office from her majesty.

Silver Ware at half cost price at the Crystal Palace. To Housekeepers. Attention is called to our advertisement in another column giving a partial list of the goods to be found in our stock. We aim to carry the best assortment to be found in Astoria, and each of our short time buyers will find to their advantage to make their purchases from us. Goods delivered free of charge to any part of the city.

D. L. BECK & SONS. For a neat fitting Boot or Shoe, go to P. J. Goodmans, on Chenamus street, next door to I. W. Case. All goods of the best make and guaranteed quality. A full stock; new goods constantly arriving. Custom work.

If you want bargains call at the Crystal Palace, they are slaughtering everything. Note Paper, fine quality, 10 cents per quire at the Crystal Palace. A Luxury and Necessity. For rich and poor who wish to enjoy good health, and who do not wish to resort to bitter nauseous liver medicines and cathartics, is the concentrated liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, 50c. and \$1 bottles for sale by W. E. Dement & Co.

—All the patent medicines advertised in this paper, together with the choicest perumery, and toilet articles, etc. can be bought at the lowest prices, at J. W. Conroy's drug store, opposite Or-ident hotel, Astoria. Coal, Hay and Straw. Tacoma Coal \$6 per ton, delivered. Choice Hay from \$9 to \$12 per ton. Cow Hay and Straw \$7 to \$10 per ton. For sale by J. H. D. GRAY.

Ready For Business. For a good steak, a delicious cup of coffee or a plate of fine oysters go to Frank Fabre's Coffee, Oyster and Chop House; opposite M. C. Crosby's. W. Lussier of San Francisco has engaged in the photograph business with Crow the leading photographer. The immense stock at the Crystal Palace amounting to \$25,000 worth of goods of all description will be thrown on the market and sold at reckless prices as it has to be disposed of in a very short time.

THE NEW LIGHT HOUSE TENDER.

The Manzanita returned from the buoy depot yesterday, bringing the Shobrick in tow, and having some buoy anchors, etc., for transfer. Both vessels were alongside the Main street wharf, and furnished considerable comment for the crowd that collected to see the two tenders.

The Manzanita is a wooden vessel built by Ramsay in Baltimore in 1879. This Ramsay was the chief engineer on board the Merrimac when that famous ram came around and sunk the American ships Cumberland and Congress in Hampton Roads off the Virginia coast April 8th and 9th, 1862. She is a propeller, is very strongly put together, being considered in every way seaworthy and secure. She is 450 tons burthen, 152 feet between perpendiculars, 26 feet breadth of beam, 11 feet 8 in. depth of hold, and draws about 10 feet 9 inches aft. Her rate of speed is set at ten knots, though she usually bowls along at eleven and twelve and can make fifteen without extraordinary effort. When the Madrona arrived off San Francisco the bar was too rough to cross in and the Manzanita went out to her; after the sea had smoothed down a little the new steamer started to show the Manzanita a little speed, but the latter walked away from her and showed her the way in inside the heads.

The Manzanita cost \$74,000 when she was built, going on seven years ago and is well supplied with machinery and essential requisites. Her machinery was thoroughly overhauled before coming up and put in good condition, though if \$4,000 or \$5,000 were spent in refitting painting, furniture and introducing a few more conveniences aboard, the money would be well spent. However, she is a big improvement on the Shobrick and is far better adapted to the wants of the district, some say better than the Madrona would have been, though we all expected the Madrona and naturally felt a little disappointed when we didn't get her.

The Manzanita's engines are vertical compound, Baltimore built, 36x22 cylinder, 32 inch stroke; she has a surface condenser with a capacity of 1,200 square feet; the diameter of the screw is 9 feet, 9 inches; pitch, 15 feet, 6 inches, maximum number of revolutions per minute, 80; size of shaft, 8 1/2 inches. The boilers are two in number, one main and one donkey; the main is 9 feet, 10 inches front, with a maximum pressure of 60 lbs; the diameter of the smoke stack is 4 inches; height, 28 feet; was built in 1885; and will consume an average of 700 lbs of coal per hour in moderate steaming; there are two coal bunkers with a capacity of 75 tons.

JOE BLACKBURN'S LOST OPPORTUNITY. A funny anecdote connected with the Hon. Joe Blackburn's first race for congress was told to me the other day. Joe happened to be passing through Owenton, the county seat of Owen county, on the occasion of the hanging of a noted criminal. As a hanging is a rather exceptional episode in the state of Kentucky, the honorable Joe concluded he would stop over a few hours and witness the event. The gallows was erected in the public square, so that no citizen, however humble, should lose the opportunity of witnessing the unusual spectacle. It was, in fact, a gala day, such as the history of Owenton has seldom recorded. The sheriff, with true Kentucky hospitality, invited Blackburn, as one of the distinguished guests present, to occupy a seat on the gallows. Blackburn did so. After the preliminaries had been arranged, the sheriff looked at his watch and discovered that it was not quite 12 o'clock, the hour fixed for the execution. Turning to the prisoner, he said: "You have ten minutes yet to live. Is there anything you desire to say in the meantime?"

The prisoner sullenly replied there was not. At this instant Blackburn sprang from his seat, and advancing to the edge of the scaffold, said: "If the gentleman will allow me his remaining ten minutes I will be glad to announce myself a candidate for your suffrages. If elected to congress—"

At this point the prisoner interjected: "Say, you! is your name Joe Blackburn?" "Yes, sir," responded Blackburn, politely. Turning to the sheriff, the prisoner said: "We won't stand on a few minutes more or less when the alternative is presented of death on one hand or listening to one of Joe Blackburn's long-winded speeches on the other. Flip the trap and let me go."

The good-natured sheriff obligingly "flipped the trap," and the next instant the desperado swung into eternity, while Blackburn clambered down the gallows, exclaiming, as he went that he had lost the greatest opportunity of his life.

A Run on a Drug Store. Never was such a rush made for any Drug Store as is now at W. E. Dement & Co's for a Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. All persons affected with Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Severe Coughs, or any affection of the Throat and Lungs, can get a Trial Bottle of this great Remedy, free, by calling at above Drug Store. Regular size \$1.00.

For lame Back, Side or Chest use Shiloh's Porous Plaster, Price 25 cents. For sale by W. E. Dement.

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Twenty-five AT Envelopes for 5 cents at the Crystal Palace.

UPPER NEHALEM NOTES.

A tree recently felled on Mr. Wick's place measured 405 feet from butt to "uppermost bough;" it retained a thickness of 14 feet in diameter for upwards of 100 feet in height. Such mighty monarchs of the woods are fast disappearing before the pioneers' sturdy stroke.

Strangers visiting us are unanimous in proclaiming Nehalem, as to fine ranches and fertile soil, to be second to no settlement on the coast. With a railroad through to Astoria, in the near future, our prosperity is assured. We can spare an abundance of good coal and timber, which should lend an inducement to such an undertaking.

A school house is under construction in district No. 19. Mr. Lundberg succeeded in killing four fine deer with his little rifle one day last week. Mr. Fisher also downed an equal number. Game has been rather scarce the present season in this locality.

A tourist traveling down the Nehalem valley, undertook in a canoe to navigate the river in its present high state, he was warned against the dangers of such an undertaking, but the temptation of having a pleasant ride overruled, and everything went well for a few miles, when suddenly he was seized by a limb extending from a tree on the bank, and pitched headlong into the mad current, but being a good swimmer he succeeded by powerful exertion to get out of the whirlpool and reached shore very much exhausted. He is now willing to admit that a little knowledge of navigation is not amiss even on a small stream.

Occasionally runaway sailors are seen tramping through to Portland and the Sound. Their apparel as well as the stories they relate in regard to the treatment received on vessels are, in most cases, very pitiful and reminds us of the truthful stanza: "Man's inhumanity to man Makes countless millions mourn."

Farmers and Mechanics. Save money and Doctor bills. Relieve your Mothers, Wives and Sisters by a timely purchase of Dr. Ross's Cough and Lung Syrup, best known remedy for Coughs, Colds, Croup and Bronchial affections. Relieves Children of Croup in one night, may save you hundreds of dollars. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Samples free. Sold by J. W. Conn.

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Notice. SCHOOL TAXES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 9, Upper Astoria, are now due and payable at the office of the undersigned, WM. B. ADAIR, Aetg. School Clerk Dist. No. 9.

Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Carl Adler has sold and transferred his business and stock of merchandise known as "Adlers Crystal Palace" to Mr. Sol. Hirsch, WM. B. ADAIR, CARL ADLER.

TWO-FACED CONGRESSMEN.

How a Double Game is Played on Office Seekers.

WASHINGTON, February 5.—The extent to which political hypocrisy is carried by alleged statesmen in Washington is almost beyond belief. Pressure for places on the staffs of the various house officers has been tremendous, but nothing can justify the tricks resorted to by some members to deceive constituents. The other day a southern congressman hurried into the room of the house officers and whispered: "Don't give this fellow anything."

Behind the member, unable to keep at his heels by reason of the rapid gait, stumped a one-legged man with an expectant look on his face. "Ah, Cannel!" said the congressman impressively to the house officer, waving the cripple forward, "let me present to you Majah Blank. I want to say to you, sah, that Majah Blank, sah, fought on our side. He was a gallant soldier, sah. If you can do anything for him, sah, I assure you it will be deserved, and you will confer a personal favor on me, sah."

So saying, the member referred to a pressing engagement and hurried off, leaving the poor ex-confederate with hopes high raised to be disposed of with chilling politeness by the house officer. This is a true story of low-lived statesmanship. Another illustration is found in a note received by one of these house officers from a southern senator. "Dear Blank," the senator writes, there are forty or fifty men who want places under you and are bothering me to recommend them. I am going to endorse all of them, but don't give one of them anything on my account."

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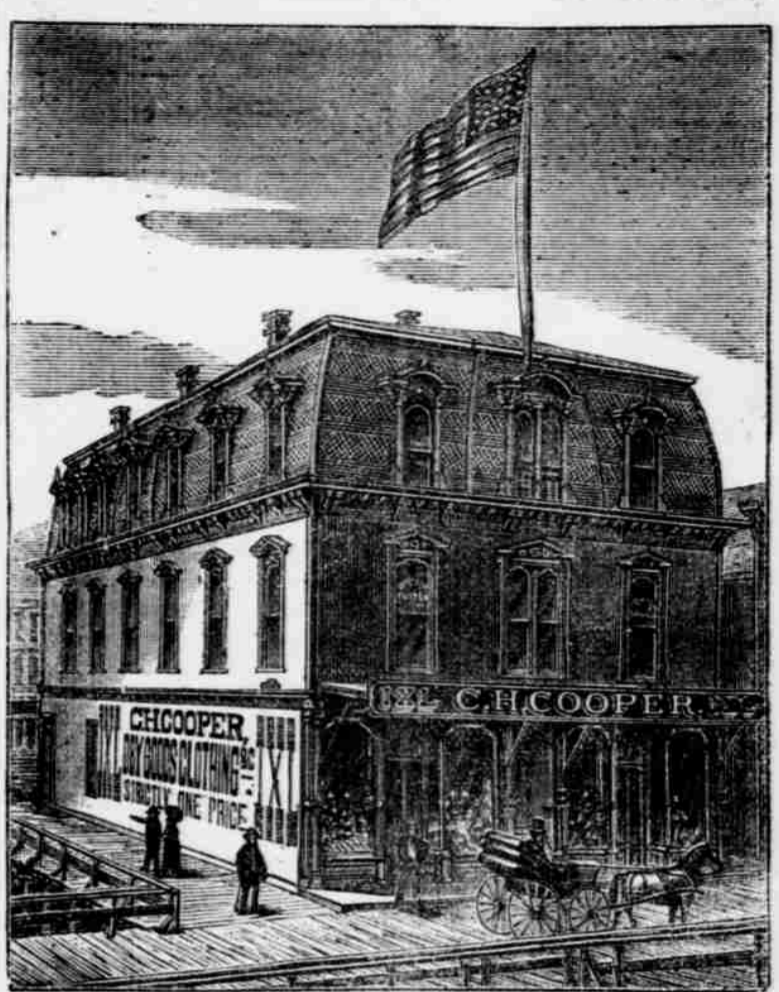
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N. B. The few remaining odd lengths of Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, Etc., we have further reduced in order to clear them out this week.

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The Leading Clothing, Hat, and Gents' Furnishing Store OF ASTORIA.

D. J. Ingalls has Imperial Pekin duck eggs for sale. The Washington territory legislature adjourned last Friday night. The Oregon Improvement company give 2,240 pounds of coal for a ton.

The regular meeting of the British Benevolent Society will be held at 7:30 next Tuesday evening. From Hiwaco it is reported that there will be as many fish traps in the bay this year as there were last.

A special meeting of the Astoria Musical Society will be held in Pythian Hall Monday evening, Feb. 8th, at 8 o'clock. Multnomah county has been supplied with the precinct registers for 35 cents apiece. Quite a drop from \$3, the first price asked.

Very little was moving on land or water yesterday. Heavy rain fell the greater part of the day and the wind blew in fitful squalls from the south. The Idaho failed to show up yesterday. It is said that Messrs. Hunter and Allison will be captain and chief engineer, respectively on this trip.

The Cape telegraph line was down again yesterday afternoon. It runs part of the way through an exposed country, and is hard to keep up in winter. "Bringing in the Sheaves," "We are Marching to Our Home" and "Bright Canaan," the hymns that are so popular at the tabernacle in Portland, will be sung at the Methodist church this evening.

There is no threshing machine in this section of the state and oats raisers think it would be a good idea to get one as a sort of joint stock concern. The flail and "tramping out" used to be good in ancient Egypt, but in the nineteenth century it is too slow. Clatsop county may be the proud owner of a threshing machine next summer.

The Washington territory legislature has passed a sensible law prescribing a form for deeds, mortgages, etc. The new form for a warranty deed contains thirty words and is just as good as any binding as if it contained 3,000. Some of our Oregon deeds appear as if written with a desire to find out how many pages can be covered with redundancy. There is a good deal of lumber about having to pay for recording half a dozen pages to show the transfer of a piece of property in this and other Oregon counties.

PERSONAL. Col. John Adair, Jr., is in the city. J. G. Hustler is confined to his room by sickness. John Stearns, who has been laid up for some time, is on the street again.

T. B. McGuire, manager of the Chicago house of W. T. Coleman & Co., is expected to arrive here next Tuesday. Sheriff Ross goes to Portland tomorrow. He takes with him John Miller and John Whelan as deputies; they have in charge Ah Gee, Chin Lung, Quong Hung, and Frank Miller, who will be state boarders for a term of years at Salem.

Hatched Wild Ducks. Take the remains of cold roast wild duck that have been underdone and cut them into small pieces. Dredge these well with flour and put them into a stew pan with a gill of water in which has been dissolved half a teaspoonful of fluid beef, adding a tumbler of port wine, a tablespoonful of mushroom catsup, a tablespoonful of Worcestershire sauce, and seasoning to taste with salt and cayenne. Set the stewpan where the contents may simmer gently, but not boil, for a quarter of an hour. Then take out the pieces and place them upon nicely browned toast. Boil and skim the sauce to the consistency of cream, pour it over the whole and serve at once.

How About Garland and Lamar? It is bad enough for the administration to have to continue so many "rascals" in office, the remains of the Republican wreck, without adhering to the policy of the Republican party in the treasury department.—Portland World, 5.

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