

The Henry Villard is discharging coal at Flavel's wharf. W. H. Reed's sporting house has a restaurant connected with it, run in the eastern style.

The Comadre cleared for Kings Lynn yesterday with 42,690 lbs. wheat, valued at \$30,750.

The annual school meeting in district No. One will be held on the evening of Monday, March 1st.

Large quantities of potatoes are being shipped to San Francisco, with very little profit—25 cents a ton being considered satisfactory in the lack of better returns.

THE ASTORIAN opens its columns to the discussion of public questions. It recognizes the right of every one to be heard and wants all who feel so inclined to feel that they can in this paper have a fair chance to speak.

Col. J. F. Backensto is organizing Cantons. Last Tuesday he organized at Albany Canton No. 1, Patriots Militant of the I. O. O. F. The News says Col. Backensto will soon organize a Canton from the I. O. O. F., at Rosburg and another Canton at Astoria.

The Gen. Canby went aground on the upper end of Sand Island in a dense fog yesterday morning. The mail and passengers were transferred and carried through and the return trip was made by the John West. The Canby will doubtless be got off to-day.

The Manzanita went down to the middle sands yesterday afternoon and replaced No. 7 buoy opposite Ft. Stevens. This may be considered the "maiden voyage" of the Manzanita. Capt. Gregory expressed himself as being very well pleased with his new vessel.

A regular San Francisco fog spread over the river and city yesterday, almost entirely stopping navigation. Steamboat men say that such a fog as yesterday's, a dazzling gray, with the sun shining through it, makes it more difficult to get along than a dark, heavy fog would.

Wm. Reid is paying \$1.25 a day to white men and 50 cents a day to Chinamen on his narrow gauge road. He says at these figures he finds the white men's labor is more profitable to the company. His Chinese will all be discharged when their contracts expire on the 31st of March.

Messrs. Cary and Warren gave a fine exhibition at Ross' opera house last evening, their graceful evolutions eliciting continuous applause from those present. Mr. Cary is without doubt the best performer on the roller skates that has ever been here. Willie Warren surprised even his friends last evening with the variety and dexterity of his acts on the bicycle. It is doubtful if there is to-day his superior on the coast in fancy bicycle riding.

THAT DISPATCH. THE ASTORIAN editorially stated last Sunday its belief that a disgraceful and false dispatch which appeared in the San Francisco papers in July, '83, had emanated from the Oregonian office. In yesterday's issue that paper says that the dispatch was not by it nor by any of its employees. This is plain and positive, and in view of the denial THE ASTORIAN withdraws its charge.

When the lying statement appeared the writer asked the only two men in this city who sent dispatches to the associated press if they had sent the dispatch in question. They each said "No," and expressed indignation at its appearance. Circumstances prior and subsequent led to the belief that similar dispatches prepared in Portland and dated ostensibly from Astoria were sent to San Francisco. The question now arises, who sent that particular lie, to Astoria's great injury. THE ASTORIAN's only motive in speaking of the matter is to prevent, as far as in its power, the possibility of its recurrence.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS. Feb. 16. Taylor, J. Robt. Neilson admitted to citizenship. M. G. Haaven vs. Wm. G. Ross; decree favor of defendant. Estate M. D. Kant; ordered that assignee pay thirty per cent.

C. H. M. Toby vs. F. L. Logan; continued for term. Adjourned.

Changes at the River's Mouth. Mr. N. D. Raymond, city surveyor, has an old map of the mouth of the river, drafted in this city in 1850, that gives a good idea of the changes that have taken place in that locality in the past generation. There are two Sand Islands depicted on this map, both being contiguous and farther north and west than the present Sand Island. Chinook spit puts out from Scarborough Head, stretching west, and considerably longer than that of to-day. The north and south channels are plainly marked, the one going directly by the base of Cape Hancock, and the other well in towards Pt. Adams. That point puts out farther to the north and west than at present, and the present site of Ft. Stevens is marked as being covered with a heavy forest growth.

Silver Ware and Jewelry below cost at the Crystal Palace.

For Sale. A Ward's patent salmon retort. Apply to A. W. Benny.

School Books at cost at the Crystal Palace. You can buy a fine silver watch for \$7 at the Crystal Palace.

The clearance sale at the Crystal Palace is a genuine sale. Go and convince yourself by getting their prices.

To the United States Restaurant for the best oysters. Private rooms.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Closing of a Large Establishment. CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The extensive McCormick reaper works closed down this morning; fourteen hundred men are thus thrown out of employment. Certain union men demanded the dismissal of several non-union men. A committee was appointed to wait on McCormick and insist on that point. He refused to meet the committee and at once shut down the works indefinitely. This may cause much distress as many of the operatives are very poor.

THE SEYMOUR OBSEQUIES. UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The funeral of the late ex-Gov. Seymour took place to-day, from the residence of Roscoe Conkling. A sculptor took a cast of the face.

WON ON A FOUL. CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Thirty-five hundred people assembled this morning to witness a wrestling match between a Japanese and Lewis. Lewis immediately began to wrench the Jap's ankle from its socket, amid loud cries of "shame," "kill the coward." The tussle had to be awarded to Lewis, which gave great dissatisfaction.

A TEMPEST IN A TEACUP. BELGRADE, Feb. 16.—A conspiracy has been discovered to dethrone King Milan and put Prince Karagorich in his stead. The latter is an old pretender to the throne.

VERY WARLIKE. LONDON, Feb. 16.—Lord Roseberry has again informed the Greek government that England will not permit Turkey and Greece to fight.

CAUGHT. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Tai Duck, the murderer of the Wickensham family was arrested to-day on the arrival of the steamer at Yokohama.

FROM CAPT. POWELL'S REPORT. Capt. C. F. Powell in his annual report to the secretary of war, in speaking of bar fishing and fish traps on the lower Columbia says:

"I have previously called attention to an injurious effect on the bar channels of the net fishing; and I took occasion to say that, 'I have not seen any reason during the last two years to change my opinion of the injurious action of the fishing net on the channels; nor that the prevention of the bar fishing would not retard the salmon-caughting interests of the Columbia river.'"

"Pilots have filed written complaints in this office of fish traps as obstructing navigation in the Sumamish slough, a passage of Puget sound between Seattle and Whatcom, and of traps in the lower Columbia river, one mile below Astoria, and at Chinook point, between Astoria and Fort Canby."

"The fish traps consist of a long lead running out from shore, and a large pen or trap at the outer end. Both parts are made of piling, and sometimes the lead, and always the trap, of a network of strong materials attached to the piling."

"Many of these traps exist in the lower Columbia river. Their use is being introduced into other rivers of the Oregon and Washington coasts."

"The traps of Samamish slough and near Astoria should be removed. I have described the fish traps as permeable dikes, which check the current and cause a bill behind them. These traps are coming into extended use in the Columbia river, from the mouth to near the Willamette river, about 100 miles distant. They have been generally located, so far, to the advantage of the main channel; but efforts have been made to build traps where they would be detrimental to it and obstructive to passing vessels. Pilots have prevented, I believe, the building of traps at places where they would encroach upon the ships channel by threats of the destruction of the traps."

"No authority is exercised or delegated by the state in locating or limiting fish traps. They are built as a right of the land owner, the same as a public wharf or landing pier should be."

"In order to preserve and maintain the ship channel, the planting of fish traps in the river, should be under the active control of some authority fully advised of present and probably future improvements for navigation of the river and in harmony with the work thereof."

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 cash or short time buyers will find it to their advantage to make their purchases from us. Goods delivered free of charge to any part of the city.

D. L. BECK & SONS. Notice. To the officers and members of Astor and Pacific Lodges, K. of P.: you are requested to appear in fatigue uniform at our anniversary ball on Friday evening the 19th inst.

Members of Astor Lodge can get their tickets and invitations for such friends as they desire at T. S. Jewett's office at the City Hall; members of Pacific Lodge at Griffin and Reed's City Book Store. Ceremonies begin at 9 o'clock sharp.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS. Silver watches from \$7 to \$18 at the Crystal Palace.

Fishermen's alarm clocks for \$1.50 at the Crystal Palace.

Roger Bros' 1847 plated knives, forks and spoons at less than cost.

Dr. J. Lindeman, the Surgeon Chiropodist of New York, has arrived and taken rooms at the Occident Hotel, where he will only remain a few days. If you have Corns, Bunions, or Ingrowing Nails he will cure them without pain or drawing blood. His charges are moderate. Ladies attended at their residences without extra charge. Remember a few days only.

Baby carriages less than cost at the Crystal Palace.

MITCHELL'S CHINESE BILL.

To Be Discussed in Congress Next Tuesday. On Tuesday next Senator John H. Mitchell will call up his bill providing for abrogation of the treaty permitting immigration of Chinese. He will be able to show, he says, that not only was it in the power of the United States to abrogate a treaty, but that the doctrine had been recognized by eight years ago with abrogation of the treaty with France. He holds it to be the bounden duty of congress to provide for abrogation of the Chinese immigration treaty.

After discussion the bill will be referred to the committee on foreign relations.

In the preamble Mitchell's bill recites that the treaties with China, especially that of 1858, the Burlingame treaty, and the supplementary one of 1867, have proved pernicious to the peace, domestic tranquility and general welfare of the United States. The bill then provides as follows:

Section 1 provides that all treaties between the United States government and the Chinese empire heretofore made and now in force, in so far as they or any of them recognize or permit the coming of Chinese to the United States, and in so far as they or any of them inhibit the government of the United States from absolutely prohibiting the coming of Chinese to the United States, and all acts of congress heretofore passed and now in existence, in so far as they or any of them, in any manner, or under any terms, or upon any conditions, recognize or permit the coming of Chinese to the United States of Chinese, whether subjects of the Chinese empire or otherwise, be and the same are hereby abrogated, set aside and repealed.

Section 2 provides that from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any Chinese person or persons, whether subjects of the Chinese empire or otherwise, as well as those who are now within the limits of the United States and who may hereafter leave the United States and attempt to return, as well as those who never have been here, or having been here have departed from the United States, save and excepting only such as may be duly accredited to the government of the United States as ministers plenipotentiary or other diplomatic representatives, consuls, general consular and commercial agents, including other officers of the Chinese and other governments traveling upon the business of that government, with their body and house servants, to come within or land at, or remain at any port or place within the United States; and the coming of Chinese persons to the United States, excepting the classes hereinbefore specifically described and excepting from and after the passage of this act is absolutely prohibited.

Section 3 makes it a misdemeanor for the master of any vessel to bring to or land in the United States any Chinese, except the classes specified, and provides punishment.

Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 provide for the issuance of certificates and punishment for falsely issuing such certificates, or the substitution of persons other than those for whom the certificates were intended.

Section 13 prohibits any state or United States court from admitting Chinese to citizenship, and provides that all Chinese persons now in the United States, who may at any time hereafter depart, and all who are not in the United States, shall be subject to all the provisions, conditions, propositions and penalties of this act.

Section 14 provides for the repeal of the acts of May 6, 1882, and July 5, 1881, with a provision that nothing in this act shall affect any prosecution or other proceeding, civil or criminal, begun under any existing law.

A Great Discovery. That is daily bringing joy to the homes of thousands by saving many of their dear ones from an early grave. Truly is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Loss of Voice, Tickling in the Throat, Pain in Side and Chest, or any disease of the Throat and Lungs, a positive cure. Trial Bottles free at W. E. Dement & Co's Drug Store. Large size \$1.00.

For Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint, you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. Sold by W. E. Dement.

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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.

GOOD WORDS FOR THE CLAM.

A clam is unobtrusive. He is of a retiring disposition and does not thrust itself upon society. A clam is peaceful, but at the same time no coward. When attacked, he bites.

A clam is contented with his lot in life. No clam ever tried to be an oyster.

A clam is trustworthy. No secret told to a clam has ever been divulged. A clam is very close.

A clam is beautiful and wears fine clothes. No clam would go through life with a rough and rugged shell like an oyster.

A clam attends strictly to business. His business is to be a clam, and he is.

A clam is self-possessed. He keeps cool under very trying circumstances. Be a clam and imitate the industrious bivalve when thrown upon a lee shore by going about business in a business way.

Be a clam, and be useful to the world by laboring for the sustenance of others as well as yourself.

Be a clam, and deport yourself so that, though your exterior may be rough, you can take as high a polish as the best of men.

Be a clam and boldly view all schemes of designing men.

Be a clam, and be honest never aspiring to something you cannot reach. Be a clam, and attend strictly to your own business at all times.

Be a clam, and always have plenty of sand about you.

The clam grows—the fossil does not. The clam knows when to shut up. He exhibits more discretion in this respect than the majority of the human race.

The clam hides in the sand but you know just where to find him when you want him, which can't be said of a politician. It don't take hard digging to find the clam; for, however, he may exclude himself from society, he still keeps up connection with it through his breathing funnels.

He's a shell fish, but that does not necessarily make him selfish. He never neglects his own business to bother about other people's business—a kind of selfishness that we are sorry is not more popular.

He protects himself against intruders. If a crab pops a pebble between his shell, the clam doesn't bother himself about ejecting it. He subjects it to some chemical process and changes it to a pearl, thus contributing to the wealth of the world.

Unnecessary Work. A lady who is convinced that at least one quarter of the work done by women is unnecessary, says the world would go on quite as well without it. She likens it to an ottoman-cover she once saw a lady work.

She was all bent up, and was putting her eyes out counting stitches. "I don't get any time for reading," she said, plaintively, as she picked up some beads on a needle. "You must have a great deal of leisure."

And yet she had spent more time embroidering a ridiculous dog on a piece of broadcloth than would have sufficed to read twenty good books. It did not have the poor merit of being economical, for the price of the materials would have bought enough handsome damask for two covers.

A friend of mine tells of seeing a squaw seat herself by the town pump, unroll a bundle of calico, cut out a dress, make it, put it on and walk off, all in about two hours. I have always regretted that he did not continue the story by telling me that the squaw spent her abundant leisure beautifully.

I would not have her reduce their sewing to quite so simple a performance, but a good deal would be gained if they thought more about living and less about its accidents.

Hard Times. While money is close, wages and prices low, expenses should be cut down in every household. Economy the watch word for Mothers, head of Doctor bills, by always keeping in the house a bottle of Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup. Stops a Cough instantly, relieves Consumption, cures Croup and pain in the Chest in one night. It is just the remedy for hard times. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Samples free. Sold by J. W. Conn.

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The Rev. Geo. H. Thayer, of Bourbon, Ind., says: "Both myself and wife owe our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE." Sold by W. E. Dement.

The Perfection. Of the age in the medical line is the liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, manufactured only by the California Fig Syrup Co., San Francisco, Cal. It is agreeable to the taste, acceptable to the stomach, harmless in its nature, painless, yet prompt and thorough in its action. For sale by W. E. Dement & Co.

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WHAT "CITIZEN" THINKS.

ASTORIA, Feb. 16, 1886. EDITOR ASTORIAN: In this morning's ASTORIAN you announce the true doctrine, theory and principle of our government and of all good governments, respecting the particular matter there discussed, namely, the freedom of action guaranteed to all citizens in the matter of selecting, subscribing for and buying, or not buying such things—whether newspapers, food, clothing, servants, employes or other things, as such citizens may choose, unawed and without restraint, or coercion from any other persons.

That doctrine, or principle or whatever you may call it, is so sound, so healthful and so truthful that it might well be repeated, reiterated and preached upon every day, in every column of THE ASTORIAN for the next three months at least, and not be discarded at all then, so that all new comers and recent immigrants to the United States, among us here, should fully understand that one principle, at least, of our government. And the consideration of it would not come amiss to some of our native born citizens.

Allow me to repeat that principle here. It is this, concerning the boycotting of the Oregonian, you said: "A man has a right to do as he pleases, provided he does not interfere with his neighbor's right to do as he pleases. That is our idea of liberty. A man has a right to stop taking a newspaper. If he don't like it he can let it alone. But he should allow his neighbor the same privilege he claims for himself. It is no more right to say to a man 'You shan't take the Oregonian,' than to say, 'You shan't take the News.' One would be as justifiable as the other."

Now apply that doctrine to the actions of people in Astoria who are running salmon canneries, ditching tide lands, raising vegetables, disposing of garbage about houses, grubbing out roots and stumps to get cultivatable land, grading streets that cost more than the adjacent property is worth after the grading is done, and I think it must be admitted there is no right, reason or justice in the present crusade of some of our good people against the Chinese in our city.

CITIZEN.

The Water Boys in Connecticut. The water boy who goes through the passenger trains in Connecticut, with his pail of water and tray and tumbler, offering free drinks to all the passengers, is a survival of the war period. During the rebellion thousands of sick and wounded soldiers passed through the State on their way home to be nursed, and many of them, their canteens being empty, longed in vain for a draught of cool water. The late J. F. Trumbull, of Stonington, who was in the Legislature at the time, having ridden on a train in which were home-returning soldiers and noticing their distress on account of their inability to get water, at once pushed a law through the Legislature providing that all railroads in the State must carry water boys on their passenger trains. The statute still remains in force.

We should be careful how we encourage luxuries; it is but a step forward from boozing to plum pudding, but it is a mile and a half by the nearest road when we have to go back again.

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