## The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

THURSDAY ..... \_\_\_FEBRUARY 3, 188

THERE is a ridiculous proposition before the legislature to hold a special election next June. The proposed election would cost the state \$35,000, a costly and unnecessary haste.

WITH no scandal to investigate, no personal squabble to seek notoriety over, and part of the legislature bottled up at Yaquina, it must be a sort o' dull week at the state capital.

STATISTICS show that during the last decade the population of Great Britain has increased 12 per cent., wealth 22 per cent., trade 29 per cent., shipping 67 per cent. and instruction 68 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO prophets and sons of prophets have already be gun to announce "a short pack or the Columbia river this year." Considerable may depend on the length of "the season."

TWENTY-SIX vessels of a tonnage of 1,751.26, valued at \$152, 300 and insured for \$11,231, belonging to the Gloucester, Mass. fishing fleet were lost last year, while the number of lives lost was

STATISTICS of immigration show that the arrivals from continental Europe are now much larger than from the British Islands, and the disproportion is steadily increasing. During thh past twelve years 3,-816,066 immigrants have arrived from Europe, of which 1,248,386 came from the British Islands. English immigrants exceeded the Irish by about 50,000.

REPRESENTATIVE ( RAIN, the on ly native-born Texan in the Lon-S ar state delegation, says: "We don't bulldoze; we don't have to bulldoze, even if we have the inclination. The majority is too big. Do you know what a party with a big majority is like? Well. it's like a huge, splended locomtive with a weak brake on it. It's glorious when it gets going, but there's nothing to stop it if there's danger shead."

A CEMENT for iron is thus furnished, at the request of a correspondent, by the Scientific American: Take equal parts of flour sulphur and dry white lead, with one sixth part of borax; incorporate thoroughly in a mortar. When used, add to as much as you require for immediate use sulphuric acid, just enough to make a paste, which spread thinly on the surface and press them together with clamps. In four or five days the joints will be strong and appear as if welded.

Ir is a fact worth thinking about, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, that while the compensation of all classes of laborers in this country has increased about 25 per cent. since 1860, and the prices of all kinds of commodities have diminished in about the same proportion, the profits on capital are not now so large as they were then by at least 50 per cent. That is to say, money which could be easily loaned in 1860 for 8 and 10 per cent. now brings only 4 and 5 per cent., whereas laborers now receive one-fourth more of the necessaries of life with every dollar they earn than they could ery on the Columbia was amended by then obtain. Such figures do not then obtain. Such figures do not prove, of course, that labor is reosiving its due reward in every line and under all conditions; but they do signify pretty clearly that if labor is being oppressed and desponded at the rate alleged by certain agitators, capital is not reaping a measure of average gain in ered dangerous to free institutions.

WE favor an amendment to the WE favor an amendment to the Washington, Feb. 1. — Senator constitution that would authorize Mitchell of Oregon to-day submitted constitution that would authorize congress to establish uniform laws on the subject of marriage and discovered throughout the United States. This is believed to be the

mous evils of the divorce system, as practically existing in this country under state legislation. But at present public sentiment has not reached the point at which such an amendment would have any chance of success. Hence, it would not be politic to unite the prohibition of polygamy and the power of congress, or the denial of its power, to legislate in regard to marriage and divorce, in the same amendment. Let the latter subject stand where it is for the prosent; and let us have an amendment that will strike down polygamy in every part of the land, and put it beyond the power of the states to establish it anywhere. This is the one thing now to be done. The public sentiment of the country is ripe for it; and there can be no doubt that a properly worded amendment, looking simply to this end, would be promptly ratified by the requisite number of state legislatures. Congress ought to be wise enough to propose such

an amendment in the suitable form.

THE senate committee on postoffices and post roads have authorzed Senator Wilson, of Iowa, to report the original postal telegraph bill as a substitute for that introduced by Senator Edmunds. The new bill is made up of the first eleven sections of that framed by the same committee in the last congress and reported by Senator Hill, of Colorado. These sections provide for the establishment by the postmaster general of a postal telegraph system by contracting for the performance of service with existing telegraph companies. The government is required to furnish offices and make provision for selling stamps to cover charges. The schedule of rates is fixed at 20 cents for 20 words where the listance of transmission is 1,000 miles, and 5 cents for every additional 250 miles, provided that the charge for 20 words or less shall not be more than 50 cents. Night rates are fixed at 15 cents for 2,000 rates are fixed at 15 cents for 2,000
miles or under. All words except
Lovel's and Munroes Libraries received soon as published at dates are to be counted, and for every five words or less in excess of 20 an addition of one-fifth of the 20-word rate is to be charged. Press rates are fixed at not exceeding 35 cents for each 100 words sent at night, at 75 cents during the day and the same pro rata for each word in excess of 100. "Drop copies" are not to exceed 25 cents per 100 words at night and 50 cents during the day.

Official Correspondence

The Kalama Advocate of January 14th, published the following as a decision of Commissioner Sparks: Mr. Sparks, commissioner of the gen-eral land office, has rendered a decision

declaring illegal all claims filed on re-stored lands in Washington territory prior to December 15th, 1886, and canceling all timber culture entries made with in those limits before that date. Register Austin, of the Vancouver

land office wrote to register Guichard, of the Walla Walla land office in regard to the matter and received the following reply; WALLA WALLA, Jan. 22,1887.

HON. W. S. AUSTIN.

Register, Vancouver DEAR SIE:-Replying to your favor of the 19th inst., would say that the lands therein referred to were re-stored Dec. 15, 1886, and belong exclusively to this district; being parts of plats 7, 8, 9 and 10, ranges 38 and 39, and should have been restored in 1881, according to definite location of

October 4, 1880. Respectfully, R. GUICHARD,

The Proposed Salmon Hatchery.

As passed by the senate yesterday, shall not be available until the legis latures of Oregon and Washington territory shall enact legislation to protect the salmon from improper sioner, the existing laws of Oregon oner shall withhold the appro-

Columbia River Improvement.

only effectual remedy for the enor- at the mouth of the Columbia, and the canal and locks upon the cascades of the Columbia river; and it is recommended that a "liberal annua appropriation be made therefor, and that the work of constructing a railway around the Dalles and the Celilo falls of the Columbia river, and of blasting open the contracted waterway, so as to secure navigable water, should be entered upon without deay by the United States government, and your committe therefore recommends that it be done without furthe preliminary survey or report, and that an appropriation of \$500,000 be made at the present session of congress for such purpose"

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J. O BOZ ATH. A. F. JOHNS.

Having this day succeeded to the butiness of Bozorth & Johns I respectfully ask a continuance of the generous narronage heretore extended to the old firm by friends and the public generally and beg to thank them for past favors.

Very respectfully, J. O. He ZORTH.

Referring to the above, I shauk the public for their kindness in the post and most car-dially commend my successor, Mr. J. O. Bo-zorth, and bespeak for him the same gener-A. F. JOHNS.

THERE WILL BE A MFETING IN THE Telephone Hall. Thursday, the 10th, to find a majority to how whether Dillon or Welch has won the money bet on the Westport route, as Welch does not consent.

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