

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

TUESDAY APRIL 12 1887

A TRAIN of twenty cars of bottled beer has left Milwaukee for the Pacific coast.

A LARGE immigration to Oregon is reported from the eastern states and Mississippi valley this year. There is room for them.

TWENTY-SIX years ago to-day Fort Sumpter was fired on. How that shot thrilled the North! And how dim and far off that fading memory seems!

TWO 2,000 ton wooden ships were chartered at San Francisco last week to load wheat for Liverpool for twenty shillings, the lowest figure ever reached at that port.

A POSTAL convention between the United States and Mexico has been substantially concluded, and only awaits formal ratification by the Mexican senate, which meets next Friday.

THE Canadian fishermen are trying to buy enough clam bait in Maine to supply them the entire fishing season, so that retaliation, if decided on, will not harm them in this particular.

JUDGE COOLEY says the interstate railroad commission is authorized to grant special rates in cases where the water competition materially affects the through traffic of the railroads.

SECRETARY BAYARD holds the resignation of three of the leading diplomats in our foreign service, tendered because the salaries attached to the offices are wholly inadequate to their needs.

CANTERBURY, N. H., having just completed the extinction of its war debt, has entered upon a new course of heavy expenditures by giving an oyster supper at which the whole town sat down.

A DENVER paper, speaking of the Colorado legislature, just adjourned, says: "This legislature will pass into history as the cheapest and most worthless aggregation of rottenness and stupidity ever assembled under the dome of the capitol of any state."

It is understood that the United States fish commission designs to do all in its power for this coast this season. The Albatross, the deep sea ship of the government commission, is expected to reach this coast by January next, and the scientists she will bring will make extended investigations of all matters relating to deep sea fish along this coast.

WM. SHERER of the sub-treasury in New York city, says that there is a great demand for bills of all denominations below \$20. Mr. Sherer estimated the character and amount of the money in circulation at present as follows: Greenbacks, \$313,000,000; silver certificates, \$121,000,000; gold certificates, \$100,000,000; national bank notes, \$300,000,000; total, \$834,000,000. "This is a little over \$14 for each person in the United States," said Mr. Sherer, "and it is not enough for the business and personal interests of this country. It is the smallest proportionate circulation in a number of years. In 1885 there was \$28 for each person, and this included the amount in the United States treasury subject to circulation. At the last count in France there was a circulation allowing \$38 in specie and \$14.50 paper per capita. This was in 1884."

REPORTS have been made public of the severe depression in the flour milling industry in the United Kingdom, owing to the extent of competition from American flour. No fewer than sixteen English millers "went out of business" a few weeks ago "because unable to compete with those of the

United States." At a late meeting of the London Flour Millers' association, held to "consider the question of the desirability of a duty being imposed upon imported flour," it was decided that, "owing to the great depression in our manufacturing trade, caused chiefly by the large importations of foreign flours, which have been the means of closing several mills and others only working half time, it is resolved that the national association of British and Irish millers should be asked to institute an inquiry into the causes of the depression in the milling trade and consider whether it would be advisable to ask for a moderate duty to be imposed on imported flour," with but one negative vote. The depressed state of the milling trade of Scotland formed the subject of consideration at a representative meeting of millers held recently at Glasgow. The opinion held, says the Glasgow Herald, favored the adoption of such fiscal measures "as will save the industry from the utter destruction that threatens it from the severe, and what is characterized as the unfair, competition offered by America." It was decided that steps should be taken to ventilate the subject.

A Middle All Around.

There is good ground, says the Oregonian, for believing that R. E. Marple, the man sentenced at Lafayette last Saturday to hang June 29, will not be hanged on that date. If he should be, the hanging will be illegal and all on account of the date. After he had made the long speech, when arraigned for sentence, Judge Boise sentenced him to be hanged May 29, 1887. It happens that May 29 falls on a Sunday, and the judgment of a court cannot be executed on Sunday. Probably the judge looked at the April page of his calendar, as the 29th falls on a Friday, and in that way made the blunder. A few moments after the prisoner had been re-conducted to his cell, a friend called Judge Boise's attention to the error. He immediately ordered Marple returned to the court room, and not wishing to acknowledge that he had rendered an illegal judgment, stated that he had made a mistake in the month, and thereupon changed the date of the sentence to June 29. This is eighty-one days from April 9 and section 213, chapter 21 of the criminal code of Oregon reads: "When judgment of death is pronounced a warrant signed by the judge of the court and attested by the clerk, with the seal of the county affixed, must be drawn and delivered to the sheriff of the county; the warrant shall state the conviction and judgment, and appoint a day on which the judgment is to be executed, which must not be less than thirty, nor more than sixty days from the time of judgment." At 1 o'clock in the afternoon Judge Boise adjourned court for the term, and it is now too late to correct the error. The case would no doubt have gone to the supreme court anyhow, but now there will be additional ground for asking that the judgment be set aside, and a new trial ordered. Perhaps a special term of court can be called and Marple re-sentenced, but it seems a poor sort of a way of showing "mercy to the prisoner," as asked by the jury.

Coming Back Again.

The steamer Quickstep owned by Captain Williams of the salmon cannery, has been leased by W. T. Coleman of the Columbia river cannery. Captain William Hobson, formerly the captain of the Quickstep and now first mate of the steamer Clara Brown, has been engaged to take the Quickstep to Astoria, and he will leave about the middle of the week for Columbia river with the steamer and will remain in command of her during the summer. Tacoma Ledger, 10.

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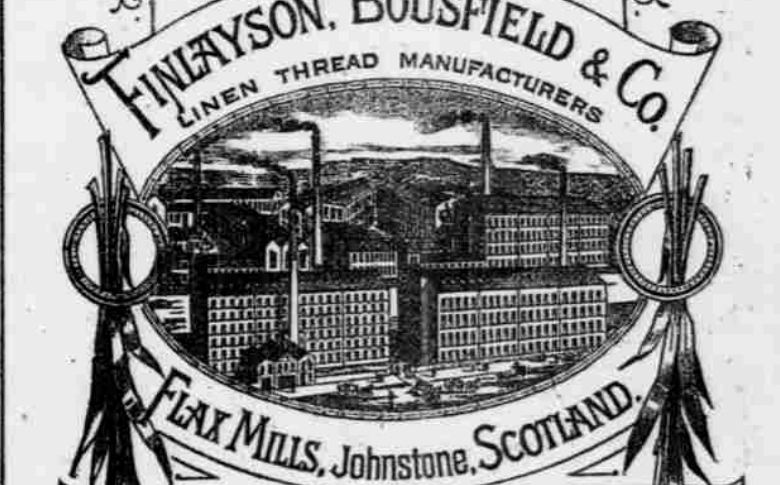
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