

# The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:  
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1887  
AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

A CASE of importance to timber claimants in Oregon and Washington territory has just been decided by the supreme court of California. The question at issue was, what constitutes timber lands under the meaning of the act of congress providing for the sale of such lands. Following is the finding of the district court as to the character of land in question.

"The said lands are situated in the Santa Cruz mountains, about six miles from the coast, and difficult of access for the reason that there are not any roads leading thereto. The surface is rolling and uneven, but not steep. The soil is of a rich nature, and a greater portion of the surface is covered with brush and redwood timber, which must be removed before the land can be plowed. This would involve a very considerable outlay. There are spaces and openings, aggregating somewhat less than one-half, ready to be plowed. The land now has a distinct value for its timber, but when the timber shall have been removed it will be more valuable for agricultural purposes. For these reasons, and none other, the court finds that at the time of the filing of plaintiff's application said lands were and still are suitable for cultivation."

In appealing to the supreme court the plaintiff, who has filed on the tract as timber land, declared that the court was wholly unwarranted in ruling that because the soil is of a rich nature that the lands are suitable for cultivation, when, as a fact, a greater part of them cannot be plowed until the timber is removed. Plaintiff further declared "that the terms 'suitable for cultivation,' logically and etymologically, mean presently or immediately fit for tillage without other preparations than appertain to ordinary operation of husbandry, and cannot apply to timber lands incapable of cultivation until the timber is removed."

The supreme court held that they were unable to agree with the plaintiff in the interpretation of this phrase, and, therefore, affirmed the decision of the lower court, taking occasion in this connection, to quote from a letter of the secretary of the interior to Commissioner McFarland, wherein the secretary says: "All timber lands are unfit for cultivation in their natural condition, but if they may be redeemed and made susceptible of cultivation by the ordinary farming process they are not, in my opinion, within the purposes of this act, which was intended to embrace within its provisions timbered tracts only, in broken, rugged or mountainous districts, with soil unfit for ordinary agricultural purposes when cleared of the timber."

SAYS the American Magazine, a man's first duties are to his family and himself. The state should not make those primary duties more difficult by taxing any of the necessities of life. The necessity for the major portion of the enormous revenue needed by government arises from vice and folly in their various forms. The causes of taxation should bear the burden of taxation. All public revenues should be drawn from indirect taxes upon conduct and conditions more or less inimical to the general welfare. Luxuries, vices, follies, excessive wealth, and all conduct, in either citizens or foreigners, which tend to generate evil and injustice, should be taxed as far as practicable. Such a system of taxation would necessarily have a correlative effect, viz., the encouragement of virtuous acts by freeing them from public burdens. Instead of a policy which would make it impossible for any individual to ever become the absolute owner of a homestead—that would make mankind more nomadic and

lessen their interest in and affection for their homes—the state should encourage every man to get a piece of ground and a home of his own. To this end, all homesteads to a limited amount of value, should be exempt both from taxation and from attachment for debt. The tendency of such a measure would be silently to prevent and cure the evil of a monopoly of land by a comparatively few, as well as the evil of a tenant population with little interest in the soil upon which their toil and lives are spent.

### THE MODERN KNOCKOUT.

A Blow That Might Kill a Man or Put Him to Sleep.

The modern prize fight is a knockout. It used to be that men would fight 100 rounds with bare knuckles, while now it is the rule to knock a man out with gloves in a few rounds. It is not that men have less endurance than formerly, for it is not a question of endurance. The secret is a blow from the shoulder on the side of the neck. Such a blow, fairly planted, knocks a man out. In the modern prize fight it is a question of skill in getting in this neck blow. Occasionally two men are so equally matched as to skill that neither can get in this blow until either is too weak to make it effective. In such a fight we have the old contest of endurance. In the majority of recent fights this neck blow does the business in a few rounds.

It is not a new discovery, this neck blow. In "Kendall Chillingly" Bulwer introduces it with wonderful effect. When the light and trim hero meets a robust thumper, he nuzzles plants this blow on his neck, and the big one goes down like a struck ox. But Bulwer warns his readers that it is a very dangerous blow, and may kill a man. The danger in it is one reason why it has been seldom resorted to by fighters.

But since the introduction of glove fights they seem to have concluded that there is less risk in it. The philosophy of the thing is simple enough. For Consumption, Coughs and Colds, will be for a limited time given away. This offer is not only liberal, but shows unbounded faith in the merits of this great remedy. All who suffer from Coughs, Colds, Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, or any affection of Throat, Chest, or Lungs, are especially requested to call at W. E. Dement & Co.'s Drug Store, and get a Trial Bottle Free, Large Bottles \$1.

He Wanted Immediate Revenge.  
"Where do I address a letter to the president of the interstate commerce committee?" he asked of the ticket agent in the Cleveland depot the other day.  
"I can't say. Anything wrong?"  
"I should think there was. I've had to pay full fare and ride for fifty-six miles on the wood-box in the car! I want the charter of that road knocked into a cocked hat, and I don't want Cooley to be over three days about it either."—Wall St. News.

Famous Women.  
Madame Trebelli, the greatest of living contraltos who has traveled extensively, in fact visited every county and city of note in the world, has just departed from the slope of the Pacific, and often expressing the greatest admiration for the beauty and grandeur of our scenery and the delightful mildness of our climate, left the following written note as a living expression of her opinion in the hands of a Portland druggist, the original of which can be seen on demand.

PORTLAND, Or., April 6, 1887.  
Dear Mr. Wisdom:—I have tried your "Robertine," and it gives me much pleasure to say that it is excellent for the complexion, being one of the best articles of the kind I have ever used. Believe me, yours sincerely,  
Z. TREBELLI.

If any further proof of the excellence of this article is required call on Messrs. W. E. Dement & Co. of Astoria, Or., who, for the small sum of fifty cents, will produce evidence that will satisfy the most skeptical and fastidious and give you a beautiful picture card for the trouble of enquiring.

Syrup of Figs.  
Manufactured only by the California Fig Syrup Co. San Francisco Cal. is Nature's Own Laxative. This pleasant liquid fruit remedy may be had of W. E. Dement & Co. at fifty cents or one dollar per bottle. It is the most pleasant, prompt and effective remedy known to cleanse the system; to act on the Liver, Kidneys and Bowels gently, yet thoroughly; to dispel Headaches, Colds and Fevers; to cure Constipation, Indigestion and kindred ills.

—All the patent medicines advertised in this paper, together with the choicest perfumery, and toilet articles, etc., can be bought at the lowest prices, at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident hotel, Astoria.  
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.  
—For lame Back, Side or Chest use Shilob's Porous Plaster, Price 25 cents. For sale by W. E. Dement.

### NEW TO-DAY.

## Salmon Vessels.

### Astoria to Liverpool Direct.

We shall place on the berth as the first of our Direct line of sailing vessels to Liverpool,  
The fine Iron Bark  
**WARWICK CASTLE.**  
Classed "A.A.L. 1158 Tons Register  
To be followed by strictly first class vessels during the Salmon shipping season.  
For rates of Freight and Insurance apply to  
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or to WILSON, MEYER & CO.,  
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To Rent.  
A SMALL 4 ROOMED HOUSE ON WEST Seventh St. between Cedar and Wall. Rent \$12, water included. Apply to J. C. ROSS.

### Real Estate

**Auction Sale**  
**A. V. ALLEN'S**  
VALUABLE  
Business Property,  
Located in the Central portion of the best Business Street and in the Heart of the City.

Instructed by the Clatsop Mill Co., I will sell at Public Auction, on the premises.

**Saturday, April 30, at 2 p. m.,**

Lots 2, 3, 5 and 6, in block 62. Astoria, as laid out by John McClure and extended by Cyrus Olney. Each lot is 50x100 feet. To accommodate bidders half lots 25x100 will be offered, with the privilege.  
The sale by auction of this valuable and eligible business property affords business men in this city paying high rentals year after year, an opportunity to purchase and own their own lot in the most desirable business location.

**In The Heart of The City.**  
The attention of  
**Capitalists and Speculators**

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**E. C. HOLDEN,**  
Auctioneer.

### H. EKSTROM.

#### WATCHMAKER.

Just received a large stock of Watches and Clocks, Chains, Lockets, etc. Also genuine Seth Thomas Boat Clocks, proved to be the best. All will be sold at very low prices. Watch and Clock repairing a specialty, and done at reasonable prices. Shop next to Avg. Danielson's Sample Room, on the roadway.

### DRESSMAKING.

Mrs. Bryce would respectfully inform the ladies of Astoria and surrounding country, that she has recently received a large addition to her stock of dress buttons, and trimmings, which she will sell at reasonable prices.  
Dressmaking in all its branches done promptly, and in first class style; and satisfaction guaranteed.  
Cutting and fitting a specialty.  
Next door to A. TORIAN office on Cass St., Astoria, April 25th, 1887.

### House to Rent.

SITUATED ON LOT 1, BLOCK 19, McClure's Astoria. Apply to JOHN HAHN.

### Notice.

NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR THE undersigned agents of the British bark Warwick Castle will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of said vessel, without the master's consent while at this port.  
JAMES LAIDLAW & CO.,  
Astoria, April 25th, 1887.

### Breed Fine Chickens.

Eggs from Pure Bred Silver Spangled Hamburgs, Rosecomb Brown Leghorns and Gold Beard Polish hens.  
Eggs \$3.00 a Set.  
Apply to  
**A. F. COLVIN,**  
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NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR THE undersigned agents of the British bark Dunbarhawk from Sydney, N. S. W., will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of said vessel without the master's consent while at this port.  
JAMES LAIDLAW & CO.,  
Astoria, April 25th, 1887.

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A FOUR ROOMED COTTAGE, WELL located and eligible in every respect. Apply to  
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## Special Notice.

To save time in writing for prices, we beg to say that the rates of all the net factories are by agreement uniform. An order without enquiries, secures the article at the lowest price.  
**GLOUCESTER NET & TWINE CO.,**  
Gloucester, Mass.  
Boston Office 99 Commercial St.  
**Notice to Stockholders,**  
A STORIA BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. The first regular meeting of the stockholders of the Association will be held at the County Court House on Wednesday evening, May 4th, '87. The first installment on the capital stock will then be due.  
By order of Board of Directors,  
**A. S. REED,**  
Sec'y.  
Astoria, Oregon, April 25th, 1887.

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FINE STOCK OF  
**Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware**  
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**Fishermen's Alarm Clocks.**  
Fine Watch Repairing a specialty.  
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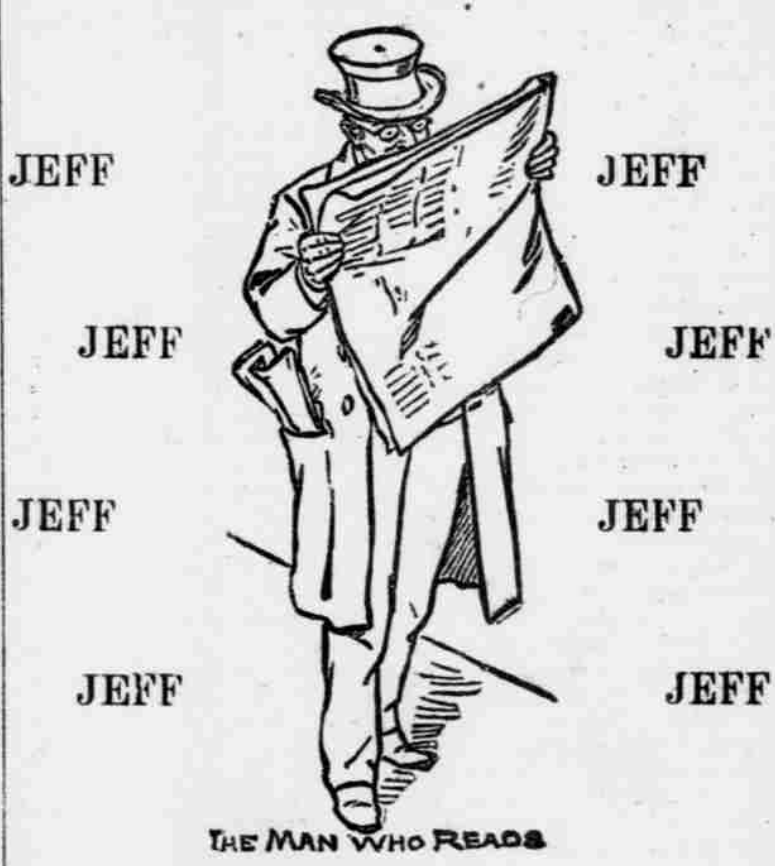
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That Depends on the Liver.  
The Liver Depends on the Food.  
If What You Eat Doesn't Agree With You,  
GO TO

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And Get Some of His Choice Provisions.  
Ask to See Some Novelties and Specialties in  
**FINE GROCERIES.**  
Swiss, Holland and New Cream Cheese; Smoked Herring, Holland Herring, Caviar, Anchovies, Tongues and Souds, White Fish and Mackerel, Schrimps, Lobsters, French Sardines and Oysters.  
Shrewsbury Ketchup, Chili Sauce, Tobacco Sauce, Celery Salt, French and German Mustard, Lehigh's Ex. Best Sea Foam Wafers, Van Houghton's Cocoa.  
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Our Stock is Larger than ever before. All New Goods and direct from Eastern Factories.  
**FINE STATIONERY,**  
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**MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS,**  
**Baby Carriages, Bird Cages, Croquet Sets,**  
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**AGENTS FOR**  
Whiting's Standard Writing Papers.  
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Eastern and Shoalwater Oysters.  
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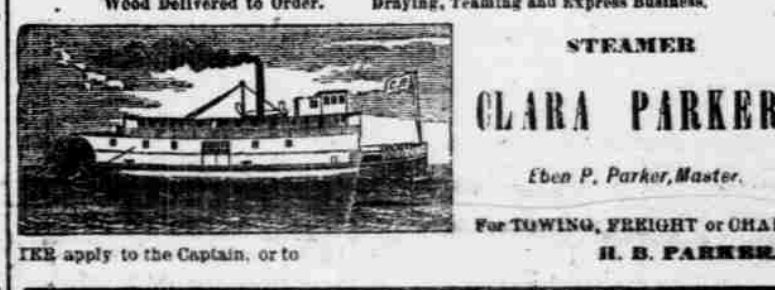
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