

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1887

SLEEPING LAWS.

SHAKSPEARE'S "Measure for Measure" turns upon the effort of Angelo, when "drest in a little brief authority," to put into execution laws that were practically dead, or at least sound asleep. As the duke says:

"We have strict statutes and most biting laws, The needful bits and curbs to headstrong steeds, Which for these fourteen years we have let sleep, Even like an overgrown lion in a cave, That goes not out to prey."

Again, Angelo says, when Isabella assures him that, though many have committed her brother's offense, none have died for it:

"The law hath not been dead, though it hath slept. Those many had not dar'd to do that evil, If the first that did the edict infringe Had answer'd for his deed."

In every country there are sleeping laws. The authority which has supported them has lost its grip or they have been found to be impracticable. They are laws which cannot be enforced, or public sentiment has changed in regard to them; and the offenses threatened are no longer considered to be crimes or misdemeanors.

An instance of such a sleeping law might have been found at the beginning of this century in England, when a man found disguised and with a weapon upon his person was condemned by the statute to suffer death. Another example was that of the death sentence attached to any theft to the amount of five shillings. These laws ceased to be enforced many years before they were repealed.

It is interesting to note that, though this law in regard to the punishment of theft by death had become practically a dead letter, a bill to repeal it was defeated in the house of lords, one archbishop and six bishops voting against it, a fact which might well make one distrust the instinct of justice in the breast of an ecclesiastic, if he did not remember how enormous, under certain circumstances, is the power of a tradition. The law was, however, made of non-effect by the refusal of juries to convict under it.

There are sleeping laws of both kinds—laws that are good and laws that are bad. As there are statutes which the advance of public sentiment has left behind, embedded like an old shell in the sands of the past, there are other laws which are enacted in advance of public sentiment which are not enforced,—not because they are unsalutary, but because the public sentiment is far behind the moral spirit of the laws themselves.

Thus on many of our statute books are laws of various kinds against intemperance. They are laws which have been enacted as a fruit of urgent temperance reform. But they are sleeping laws. They have been quietly put to bed in the statutes. While they sleep, they are just as harmless as if they were dead.

There are other laws which sleep simply because the public has outgrown them. Every generation makes more or less a new classification of offenses. Offenses which were once deemed light may, by a highly developed moral community, be regarded as heinous and inexcusable. Other offenses may lose altogether their criminal character. Such are very likely to be offenses growing out of theological views. Many of the laws enacted by the Puritans were simply of an ecclesiastical character. They were not ethical, but theological. The age has outgrown them. It would be simply tyranny to revive them.

Last Evening's Meeting.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:

An unusually large audience greeted Col. Woodford last evening. The meeting was opened by singing followed by prayer. Miss Flavel then sang "What Shall the Harvest Be," as a solo, the audience joining in the chorus. This cultivated young lady has fine musical abilities. Col. Woodford then read the Parable of

the Prodigal Son, freely commenting thereon as he read. His theme was "Spending in Riotous Living." No man, no matter how skilled as a mechanic, how able as a professional man, is in demand who spends his money in riotous living. "The world owes no man a living." Every man comes into this world in debt to society for his social environment. The true lesson of the "Prodigal Son" is not the great love of the father—and this the part to plead with prodigal men. The speaker read a very touching letter from the east, telling about the reformation of a husband and changes in the home as a consequence.

Mr. Bell was then called upon and spoke very feelingly on his experience, exhorting men to take a stand for temperance.

After singing "Who is on the Lord's Side" Col. Woodford resumed the platform and concluded one of the finest addresses of the course.

The whole number that have taken the pledge is about 880.

WARNED NOT TO INTERFERE.

The following is a copy of a notice served on the mayor and members of the city council yesterday afternoon: ASTORIA, Oregon, May 11, 1887.

To the City of Astoria, Oregon: John C. Trullinger, its mayor; Isaac Bergman, Charles Gratske, Robert Carruthers, A. A. Cleveland, A. L. Fulton and F. Sherman, Esquire, its Common Council.

GENTLEMEN: You and each of you, your agents, servants, counselors, abettors and advisers, are hereby notified, warned and advised, that the undersigned are the owners in fee simple, and tenants in common of the following described real estate to wit: Lots number three, (3) four, (4) five, (5) six, (6) seven, (7) and eight, (8) and the south one-half (S 1/2) of lots number one (1) and two (2) of block number fifty-five (55); also all and singular the land and tide land between high and low water lying north and in front of said block, including the wharfing rights, privileges and easements, to ships channel of the Columbia river, in the town (now city) of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure, all in Clatsop county, Oregon, as will more fully appear by reference to the records and decrees on file and in the office of the county clerk for said county; and you and each of you are now respectfully notified and warned not to interfere with said premises in any manner whatever, and particular are you notified not to erect any building or piling thereon, or to move any building thereon, or to remove any piling or superstructure therefrom at your peril.

Yours respectfully, H. BROWN, H. W. CORBETT.

State of Oregon } ss. County of Clatsop } ss. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original notice now in my hands for service and of the whole thereof: this 14th day of May, 1887.

W. G. ROSS, Sheriff of Clatsop county. By THOS. G. BOELLING, Deputy.

Important Land Office Decisions.

A widow may make in her own right a homestead entry, though at such time holding land covered by the homestead entry of her deceased husband upon which final proof has not been made.

The right acquired by the original entry of a single woman is not affected by her marriage prior to final proof.

The transferee "prior to patent takes no better title than the entryman has to confer, and what ever right is thus acquired is subject to the subsequent action of the land department.

A homestead entry in which the preliminary affidavit was not made before the clerk of the court in the county where the land is situated, but before the clerk of the court in an adjoining county, is voidable only, and the defect may be cured by proper supplemental affidavit.

The pre-emption law requires that a settler on land not yet proclaimed for sale, shall make the proper proof and payment within 33 months from date of settlement. In case of failure so to do, the tract of land will then be awarded to the next qualified claimant in order of time who has complied with the law.

Famous Women.

Madame Trebelli, the greatest of living contractes 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. TREBELL.

If any further proof of the excellency 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.

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NEW TO-DAY.

Notice. CAUTION ANY ONE FROM TRUSTING my wife Mrs. A. C. Wills, as she has left my bed and boarding without just cause. She is the daughter of Mrs. Weiman. G. W. WILLS. May 14th, '87.

Northwest Fire and Marine INSURANCE COMPANY. A non Board Company with \$300,000 Paid Up Capital. In this State, Reliable Fire Insurance at Low Rates. R. L. BOYLE, Astoria Agent, Office at I. X. L. Packing Co.

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Notice to Stockholders.

ASTORIA BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. There will be a special meeting of the stockholders of this association at the County Court House on Wednesday evening, June 8th, 1887, at 8 P. M., for the purpose of amending the By-Laws and electing an auditing committee.

By order of Board of Directors, A. S. REED, Sec'y. Astoria, Or., May 7th, '87.

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Books, Stationery, WE DO NOT WANT THE EARTH. Notions, Bird Cages.

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