

The Daily Astorian.
 ASTORIA, OREGON:
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1887
 THE ALASKAN BOTANY BAY.

It seems, says the San Francisco Post, that the proposition to turn Alaska into a penal colony is something more than a joke. Mr. Alonzo H. Webb, representing the United States prison reform association, has reached Los Angeles on his way to inspect the territory, and if he finds it suitable the association expects to work vigorously to secure the adoption of the scheme.

The bare suggestion of such a plan emphasizes the remoteness of the Pacific coast from the centers of national life, and the necessity of unceasing self-assertion if we desire the country to pay the slightest attention to our interests.

If it were proposed to turn Maine instead of Alaska into a penal colony, we should probably hear some remarks from eastern sources. Yet, except that Maine has already a considerable free population, it could better be spared for penitentiary purposes than the vast territory whose marvelous resources are only beginning to be touched. Alaska is nearly twenty times as large as Maine; its fisheries are more important, and so is its timber. Its mines and furs have no counterparts on the New England coast. Agriculturally it is not an ideal country, but neither is Maine. In climate a large part of it is more favored than the northeastern states.

Pacific coast capital and labor are just preparing to make use of the opportunities offered them in Alaska. Prospectors are swarming up the northern rivers and the long winter of isolated stagnation is ending. Alaska is becoming an important tributary of San Francisco, and with the inevitable annexation of British Columbia it will be connected with us by an unbroken stretch of American soil. This is the country whose progress it is proposed to arrest by the blight of a convict colony. Instead of free, honest and industrious neighbors and customers the Pacific states are to be favored with the presence of a collection of slave pens.

The prison reform association can find better outlets for its energies. Let it follow the work indicated by its name. Let it amend prison administration that criminals may be reformed at home instead of closing to civilization a territory as large as three European empires and tainting the moral atmosphere of half a dozen states.

BEFORE the war Daniel Hand, now a wealthy citizen of Guilford, Conn., and George Williams, one of the members of the banking firm of Williams & Bierny of Charleston, S. C., were in the grocery business on a large scale at Atlanta. Williams was the book-keeper, with a small interest in business. Hand then held \$400,000 in real estate. When the war broke out the business was closed up and Hand came north, having turned the real estate over to Williams, with a private understanding that he would return it after peace was declared. Williams' honor was all Hand depended upon. Williams lost nearly all his property during the war, but after the rebellion he prospered in Charleston as a broker. Meanwhile Hand prospered and was a liberal giver to the Gale Trinity school and endowed the Hand academy in Madison. Regarding his southern property as a total loss he did not give the subject much thought until six years ago. His lawyer then learned Williams' address. Although Hand had no legal claim upon Williams, the latter acknowledged the debt, and at once began payments in large sums. The last payment was made a few days ago, the total being about \$650,000.

In China the fiber of the ramie plant is woven into valuable fabrics. Several governments have offered large rewards for a machine that would spin the fiber into yarns. A Frenchman has at last won the prize offered at Paris, and a factory is to be opened in New York.

SUSANNA SALTER is 27 years old, the wife of Lawyer Salter, the mother of four children and the mayor of the thriving city of Arizona, Kansas. She went west and grew up with the country.

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The Prolific Salmon.
 The other evening, says The Dalles Times-Mountaineer, a wide awake reporter for a Chicago paper got his interviewing angur into a prominent citizen's car, concerning the resources and prospects of our great and wonderful country. In due time the salmon question was taken up and was put through about as follows:

Q.—There are many salmon in the rivers as there used to be?
 A.—Oh, some years there is more than others, and some years there are too many. Why, they have been so numerous that you could walk across the river dry shod on top of them. You have heard of the dalles of the Columbia near here, where the river runs through a chasm not wider than the street?

R.—Yes.
 C.—Well, my dear sir, the salmon became so packed in that gorge one year that they died and staid there until the high water carried them out and piled them along the shores of the river, creating a smother that killed the bunch grass for ten miles back. The hogs ate of them until the pork tasted so fishy down to the third generation, that farmers had to destroy every hog and import a new lot.

When the salmon of the Columbia read that interview, they will shake themselves laughing until every salmon-eating Indian along the river doubles up with the colic.

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The surface herealong, now a billowy sea of wild peavines and spangled with spring flowers of the woodland, is dotted here or there with a noble fir or cedar of vigorous growth that has withstood the storms of years and the purgatorial fires of thirty years ago that swept this gravelly ridge almost bare of its timber covering, along a narrow belt of many miles in length.

At your feet, rimmed within its setting of dark green, forest-clad hills, like a silver mirror, lies the coyly meandering stream of Shilehole inlet (Salmon bay.) Further in the distance, in plain view, lies the blue, glimmering expanse of the main Sound.

Its shores, whither in earlier days droves of the antlered "monarchs of the wildwood" went down to drink, fringed with groves of alders, maples, wild cherries, dogwoods and the like trees of deciduous foliage, slope gently and amphitheatre like toward the water, with no rough activities or steep descents to mar the charming effect of the *mise en scene*.

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Brig-Gen. Siglin has announced that he will appoint the following officers on his staff: Assistant adjutant-general, with rank of captain, Thos. G. Owen, of Marshfield; quartermaster-general, with rank of captain, L. H. Montanye, of Albany; aides-de-camp, with rank of first lieutenant, Isaac A. Manning, of Salem, and Palmer Wheat, of Portland.

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DIED.
 Drowned on Peacock spit on Friday, May 13th, Chris. Sanders, age 24, a native of Germany.
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 By order of Board of Directors.
 A. S. REED, Sec'y.
 Astoria, Or., May 7th, '87.

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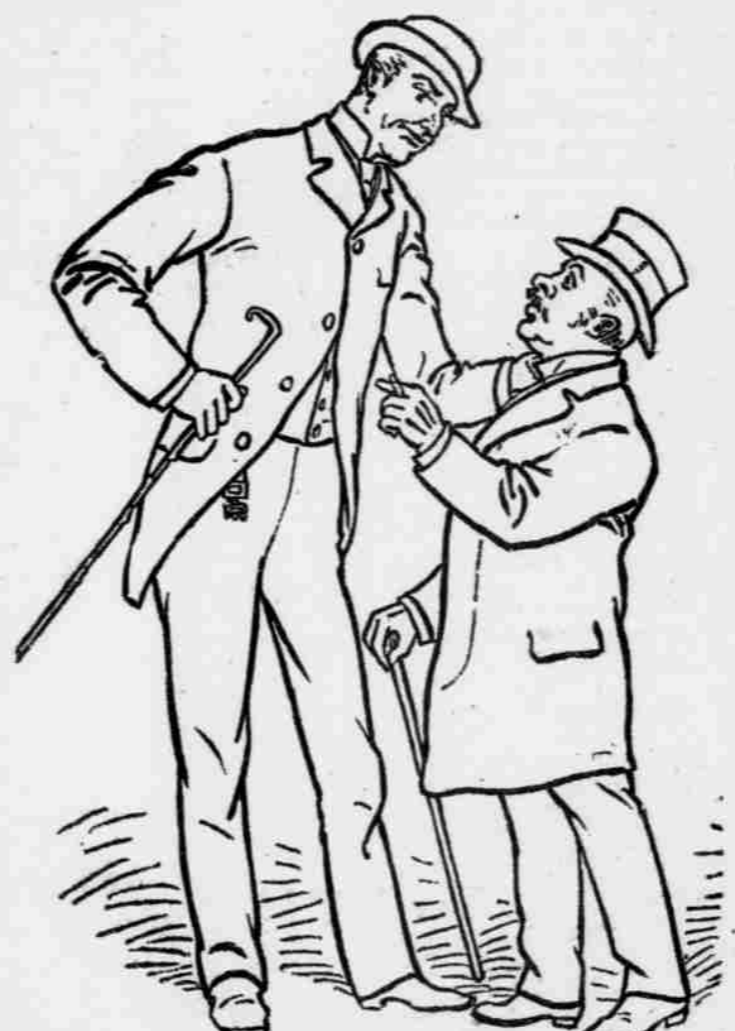
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