

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1897. INDUSTRY AND PERSEVERANCE.

If we should pick out from among acquaintances half a dozen or more of those whom we know to be successful men, we should find that in every instance the secret of their success has been due more to industry and perseverance than to any other one thing.

A San Francisco girl on her travels was shown into the Milan Cathedral and promptly exclaimed: "Oh, what a church to get married in!"

Mrs. B. F. Davis, of Harrison, Kan., a lady 87 years old, had all her teeth extracted three months ago, and now nature is furnishing her with a third set.

A Missouri man has an egg which was hatched with a clock face and some of the Roman numerals on it. He is waiting to see the rooster come out and crow the hour.

Military titles are common in the south, but no young man can obtain a higher appellation than captain until he is over 21. It is impossible to make a major out of a minor.

The sect of "Soul Sleepers" in Jefferson county, Indiana, have a ten-year-old boy, Pascal Porter, for preacher. He is said to lead the congregation with eloquent earnestness.

Sixty years ago Dr. and Mrs. Harpell, now of Decatur, Ill., were married in Philadelphia. Now at the age of 85 and 84 they bid fair to live to celebrate their diamond wedding.

Circumstances change, temptations diminish, positions improve, misfortune becomes endurable by habit, but persons who are disagreeable to us always irritate us more and more.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

Various Personalities, Items, Facts and News.

Hostler Thomas, Oshkosh, Wis., is in great luck. An uncle of his died recently in Wales, leaving the nephew \$100,000.

Fred Curruth, of the Dakota Bell at Sioux Falls, will write funny things for the New York Tribune for sixty dollars a week.

The four children of Dr. W. A. Gordon, of Chester, Ill., were born at different years, but the birthday of each falls upon July 22.

The Duke of Westminster is brother-in-law to his own daughter. He would rather, if he had his choice, be his own mother-in-law.

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