

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1887.

From the land notices in a western Kansas paper it appears that fully one-quarter of the publication notices are of farms taken up by women.

The fire losses in the United States and Canada for the month of October were \$9,770,000 making a total of \$102,933,000 for the year thus far. This is equal to something less than two per cent on the whole industrial production.

Our dispatches this morning place Mr. Powderly as endorsing the proposition to have the government control the telegraph lines. Mr. Powderly is too earnest an American to endorse any such scheme as that. It was to escape and avoid such governmental espionage and rule that this United States nation was invented.

CALIFORNIA can always produce a sensation at short notice. The latest is the discovery that during the official term of governor Stoneman pardons could be secured for criminals for \$250 per pardon, though in difficult cases as high as \$500 was demanded and paid. Now that the rogues have fallen out they are squealing and so the expose is made public.

AUGUSTA, Maine, is said to have twenty-seven suits for false imprisonment in its hands brought by members of the Salvation army. In one case the damages are put at several thousand dollars, it being alleged that death resulted from imprisonment. It is said if these suits are successful others will be brought in different parts of Maine, the number being set at over 200.

It is estimated that the pine trees on the Menomonee reservation, in Wisconsin, where 1,500 Indians are quartered, would yield 350,000,000 feet of marketable lumber. This lumber is worth \$5 per 1,000 feet standing, and if the money realized from its sale were put out at interest, a handsome annuity would be secured to each Indian.

The ridiculously small sum of \$86,000,000, is what the taxable property of the state aggregates, according to the consolidated returns of the several county assessors. The taxable property of the commonwealth, rightly estimated, would show nearer a total value of \$250,000,000. Two things keep the valuations low, and each of the two would appear ludicrous if they were not so important, and if they did not so seriously injure our standing as a state. One is the silly exemption of indebtedness "within the state"; the other is the placing purposely of a low valuation by the county assessors all over the state, so that each county shall not be made pay too much of the state tax, ignoring the plain fact that where a certain sum is to be raised, if the amount on which the tax is levied be small, the rate must be proportionately high, and no county, after all the subterfuge and evasion, is able to dodge a dollar's tax to be paid into the coffers of the state. It is the plainest of propositions, but is annually ignored by the absurd practice of vainly attempting to shift the tax on neighbors, who are doing the same thing.

It is thought that soon after congress assembles, a resolution will be introduced in the house requesting the president to terminate the existing lease of the fur seal islands of St. Paul and St. George, to the Alaska Commercial company, and further declaring it the sense of congress that such islands should not be re-leased. The idea is that the islands should be thrown open to fishermen during certain seasons of the year, under such restrictions and regulations as regards the killing of seals as congress may prescribe. Seizures of vessels engaged in the seal fisheries in the open waters of Behring sea, and confiscation of their cargoes, has attracted a great deal of notice. It will be asserted that it is against the policy of the government to give any private company a monopoly over any industry that can be prosecuted by private individuals, on any part of the public domain, and that to throw the seal fisheries open to the public will cheapen the price of fur, and develop a large industry on the Pacific coast. In support of such resolution it will be urged that there is no longer any reason for attempting to make Alaska self-supporting by means of such leases, because of the gradual development of the land resources of the territory and the vast surplus in the national treasury.

RESERVED SALE OPENS SATURDAY, Nov. 26th at New York Novelty Store.

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A PERIL OF THE SEA. It is estimated that about one eighth of the vessels "never heard from" are lost by collision with sunken or floating wrecks. The pilot charts of the Hydrographic office shows as many of these wrecks and derelicts as are reported, but, owing to the indifference of many of the captains who encounter them, the list is not always complete. The Navy department some time ago sent out the Despatch to hunt up and destroy some of these wrecks, and she gave an excellent account of herself, destroying six of the most dangerous ones during her limited cruise. We have knowledge of what one small steamer has accomplished in this line, and at what a trifling expense. It seems that congress should be induced to make a sufficient appropriation to keep a vessel like the Despatch continually at this work; and, if the subject of clearing the ocean of these floating dangers were submitted to an international congress for the purpose, the high seas could be so divided among the various nations that the expense would be very trifling, and one of the greatest menaces to sailing vessels and steamers alike would be practically removed. Several of the sunken wrecks along the coast have been struck by passing vessels a number of times, with more or less damaging results. There is urgent need of legislation for the removal or destruction of these dangers, as shown by the fact that the ship Adolphus remained a stubborn obstruction off Cape Henlopen, most dangerous to navigation, from February 1 to August 10, 1886; and that quite a number of other sunken wrecks, sunk months ago, remain where they went down; and, though reported as dangerous by vessels passing them, no attempt has been made to get rid of them, as they do not come under our only law for the removal of such obstructions, which gives power to the War department to destroy all such in our harbors, bays or rivers, after due notice of thirty days. The law should provide for the removal of all such obstructions off our coasts.

WHEN EMIGRANTS WERE SOLD. Many years ago the great majority of immigrants were so poor that they could not pay their passage. They accepted advances and were bonded to the ship owners, who derived enormous profits. Charles Keade has a vivid description of the immigrant at his period in his "Wandering Heir." When a vessel arrived at Philadelphia or New York the steerage passengers were sold at public auction to the highest bidder. The country boys of such nations themselves to purchase or sent agents. Parents sold their children that they might remain free themselves, and families were scattered never to be reunited. Old people and widows did not sell well, while healthy parents with healthy children and youths of both sexes found a ready market. When one or both parents died on the voyage the expenses of the family were summed up and charged to the survivor. Adults had to serve from three to six years and children until they became of age. Runaways had to serve one week for each day, one month for each week and six months for each month of their absence. The immigrants were called "intended servants," but in effect they were slaves.

The last sales of immigrants took place in Philadelphia during the year 1818 or 1819. The government then interfered with the traffic and encouraged the immigration of a superior class of people. But the accommodations for immigrants remained shamefully defective, and nearly twenty out of every hundred passengers died at sea of fever or starvation.

A "Low-Shoe" Cold. A certain vivacious young girl on Nineteenth street has been in the habit of wearing low shoes, and a week or so ago caught a bad cold in consequence. Her mother told the doctor about it secretly, and asked him to advise her not to wear them. When the young lady was ushered into his presence he requested her to give her tongue the usual outdoor exercise, and he examined it attentively. "Yes, I thought so," said he, with a shake of the head; "you have been wearing low shoes and have caught what medical gentlemen call a 'low-shoe' cold. Now, you must quit wearing them at once, and take the medicine I am about to prescribe, faithfully and according to direction." He wrote an innocent prescription and was about to leave the house, when his patient called him back and paralyzed him by saying: "Since you were so clever in discovering a 'low-shoe' cold by looking at my tongue, will you be kind enough to take off my shoes, look at my feet and tell me if my hat's on straight?" The doctor says he has sworn off treating "low-shoe" colds—the girls nowadays are too smart altogether.—Washington Republican.

Notice to Mariners. OFFICE OF LIGHT-HOUSE INSPECTOR, THIRTEENTH DISTRICT, PORTLAND, Nov. 22, 1887. Notice is hereby given that on and after this date fixed red lens lantern lights will be shown from beacons 2 and 4, in Cathlamet bay, Columbia river. These lights are visible four miles. As soon as practicable a first-class red nun buoy, numbered 2 1/2, will be established off the end of Clatsop spit, between buoys 2 and 4, Columbia river bar. By order of the lighthouse board. U. SEBBER, Inspector Thirteenth Lighthouse District. Great Caesar! Can It Live?

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CLEOPATRA WAS ONLY FOUR FEET SIX. [Cleopatra was a little, sawed-off, vest-pocket edition of a woman, only four feet six inches high—according to her mummy. Is it this tid-bit for which Antony rashly threw a world away?—Hinscop's Tribune. "I am dying, Egypt, dying." Yes, grim death approaches nigh. But you have less cause for crying, Cleopatra, than have I— If the task be not too trying I will state the reason why: Aye, hence, O Cleopatra, When your mummy, long entombed, In its sepulchre by Nilus, By explorers is exhumed, And the tape-line to your stature By the fingers is applied, All the world will ask in wonder, Was't for this Antonius died? Was it for this little sawed-off, For this cut—this four feet six, Antony, his great Iumvir, Caesar's rival, crossed the Styx? Is this glorious Cleopatra, Famed in story and in song, Fulvia's and Octavia's rival, Four and fifty inches long? Was it for this Lilliputian, Antony provoked a strife With his countrymen, the Romans, Lost a world and gave his life? This it is, O Cleopatra, Nile's serpent, Egypt's queen, This is that to Antonius, Makes the pang of death so keen. —Boston Courier. The Dog, the Can, and the Lantern.

Bloomfield, a little mining town in the mountains of Nevada county, Cal., had a \$30,000 fire recently, and it was thought that an incendiary had done the work. The discovery of a one gallon kerosene can and a broken lantern added to the feeling, and when it was remembered that a certain miner possessed just such a can and lantern, a large crowd waited upon him and asked him to explain, and he did. He said he was going to work and carried the lantern and can. A large dog attacked him. He struck it with the can and broke the spout off, and the dog was drenched with oil. Then he smote him with the lantern, and in a moment the dog was a howling mass of fire. After the dog had run away toward town he saw the blaze of the burning buildings, and knew that the dog had started them. Fear had kept him silent until waited upon by the committee. Then a ten-year-old boy, who had seen the body of a dog was found in the ruins of one of the burned-out stores, and the miner's story was believed.

Extermination of Hemlock. Edward Jack, writing about hemlock in the New York Lumber Trade Journal says that until lately it has been abundant in Maine and in the maritime provinces of Canada, but as the fire is fast exterminating it, the liability of the tree to be blown down on account of its bushy tops causes windfalls which sometimes cover considerable areas, over which fires rage furiously. The lateral roots run near the surface to a great distance, and when the tree is blown down they bring up large masses of earth. In a windfall the trunks, tops and the clumps of earth brought up by the roots form a tangle through which one can make only little progress.

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