

The Daily Astorian

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ETCETERA.

By last evening's mail we received the S. F. Chronicle of January 1st, 1888, an edition of thirty-two pages, an encyclopedia of information about our sister state; a compendium of accurate statements and figures showing the progress and condition of that commonwealth, and a vast aggregation of matter that is worth a million dollars to that state as an advertisement.

Such preparations of daily papers are of great expense. The administration of the New Year's edition of the Oregonian cost its enterprising proprietors between \$6,000 and \$7,000 for that one edition alone. Such a paper as the Chronicle before us must have cost over \$10,000.

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It is, at first glance, seen unwarily that a daily paper will be twice as much as a good-sized book of 336 pages. It is a fact. As far as even quantity is concerned, apart from the contents, such an edition is twice as much reading matter as is considered a usual sized book of 6 pages.

Each page of the book consists of 38 lines, 13 words to the line, and numbers that would be 168,000 words.

The Chronicle on our desk has 32 pages, 9 columns to the page, 22 1/2 lines to the column, 12 lines to the line, 8 words to the line. Counting contents of this edition of the Oracle as solid matter, it contains 4,800 words, as compared with 168,000 words in the 336 page book—much more than three of those books than two.

The two books would bring \$2.50 \$3.00; the paper five cents.

The men who wrote those 492,480 words for last Sunday's Chronicle, covered their hands over a space of twenty miles—in writing 10,000 words his pen or pencil moves over one mile of space—it cost probably \$100 or \$125 a mile to get it into shape to run off on the press.

Men who have written a few tomes, sundry volumes of 100, 150, 175 pages, are looked upon as authors; novelists, etc., who turn out a volume a year are considered prolific, and literary men who produce a "new book" every three months are noted as being of extraordinary literary fecundity.

But compared with newspaper writers, they do little writing.

A newspaper man's editorial work—when he does a day's work and quits—is reckoned to be the filling of two columns of about the size of this. Some newspaper men do more; none do less; the average, say, is two and a-half columns, though it is probably three and a-half, but set it down at two and a-half.

If the gentle reader cares to count the words in this column they will be found to aggregate about 931. Two-and-a-half such columns would give about 2,325 words, which would be 725,000 words written by a newspaper man in an ordinary year. This would represent nearly nine 168-page books, and in an average career of thirty years, the average newspaper man, on that basis, would write what would be equal in volume to about 270 "books."

The "author" that would contribute one-fourth that number in the same time would be counted as remarkably fertile of brain.

WHAT THE WORLD OWES.

The Amateur Mechanic thinks when a man has a conviction that the world owes him a living, the best thing he can do is to go to work and collect the debt, and there is no surer way than by work. It is the magic key to the most stubborn defenses. Steady, persistent, intelligent work has surmounted more difficulties than the brilliant sallies of genius or the temporary spurts of men without an object.

Many young men feel that they are unappreciated, and that if some one would only come forward and give them an impetus—a chance—they would take the world by storm! Doubtless there are many such who languish for want of opportunity, but the incipient genius must not wait for something to turn up. He must turn things up himself, and keep turning.

When he is sick of it, and wants to

to stop and take things easy, let him keep right on turning and all will turn out right!

Want of pluck has killed many an enterprise that had all the elements of success in it. The projectors joined the great ranks of the "unappreciated" after a few good strokes and fell out of the race, when a little more snap and "hang-on" would have snapped them into smoother sailing.

There is no battle more stirring than "Up, guards," and at them!" and man every day. The motto of every young man, however, we say the young man, because if the old has not learned it, it is too late for him to make the knowledge available.

"You don't know how hard it is to start a new business," said a friend the other day, at the head of a large and well-appointed concern; to which we made no reply, though we might have given a few appropriate remarks on the subject from our own experience.

Those who fancy that success depends upon luck or good fortune, or anything short of energetic, persistent, hard work, will be undeceived if they embark in trade and expect to have business roll in on them.

Want of capital is a drawback, but want of work is like a counterforce to a mine, destroying the best plans and intentions.

The faint heart says, "There is no chance; there are so many in business already; the field is occupied." etc.

In proportion to demand the field is no more occupied to-day than it was forty years ago, and if men have good wares, sell them at a fair price, deal honestly by all, and perform what they promise, their future is certain.

The world owes every man a living and will pay it if it is worked for.

The effort of the Northern Pacific to avert the transfer of the Oregon and Washington wheat from the Columbia river to the Sound must, as a necessity, be met by the Union Pacific or the O. R. & N., more especially the latter in retaining it.

To do that necessitates the building of a railroad to Astoria. Nothing else will do it, except an open river. Loading wheat at Portland, or even breaking bulk at Portland, will not win in the future as it has in the past. The wheat, if carried, must be rolled down the easy Columbia river grade to the sea and loaded in deep sea-going vessels at Astoria.

An open river is the true solution of the problem, but the near future requires a quicker solution than that more remote probability.

SOMEONE approached General Sherman the other day with the old talk about his being a strong candidate for the presidency. The old general promptly declared that he would not have it on any terms.

"But," said he, "I will be as public-spirited about it as Artemus Ward was about the war. You know he said this bloody war should be prosecuted if it took the last one of his wife's relatives. If the Republicans want a candidate, there's my brother, John Sherman. If the Democrats want a candidate, there's my brother-in-law, Tom Ewing."

SECRETARY OF STATE BAYARD is unofficially advised that the owners of the British vessels seized in the Behring Sea by the American revenue cutter last summer for violation to the seal fishery laws, have prepared claims against this government aggregating half a million dollars. None have been filed yet.

CALIFORNIAN and Oregon manufacturers are hereafter to be admitted into fair competition with eastern bidders in supplying goods for use by the navy on the Pacific coast.

ENGLAND is desirous of founding an African colony that will extend her influence to the source of the Nile, and has concluded a treaty with the king of Zanzibar.

It looks as though it would be the woolen shirt, and not the "bloody shirt" that will be waved in this year's presidential campaign.

ONE-TENTH of all the taxes in Massachusetts are paid by the women. In Rockford, Ill., the women pay two-thirds of the taxes.

Many are Called, But Few are Chosen.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The greatest number of bills introduced by any one representative in the house Wednesday was by Hermann of Oregon. He presented thirty-five public bills during the call of states, and dropped into the petition box forty-seven private bills. It has been neck and neck between senators Dolph and Mitchell of Oregon to see who could get the largest number of bills introduced in the senate.

In the last congress 15,000 bills were introduced, and of that number, including private and pension bills, only about 8 per cent. passed. Less than two per cent. of the public bills introduced become laws. The number of bills presented is increasing yearly, and the number of those that become laws does not increase.

THEY NEVER FEEL COLD.

Delights of Winter Weather in Dakota.

"Yes," remarked the St. Paul man to a friend from Chicago, as he stood arrayed in his blanket suit and adjusted a couple of "sackskin chest protectors," "yes there's something about the air in this northern climate which causes a person not to notice the cold. Its extreme dryness," he continued, "as he drew on a couple of extra woolen socks, a pair of Scandinavian sheepskin boots, and some Alaska overboots—'His extreme dryness makes a degree of cold, reckoned by the mercury, which would be unbearable in other latitudes, simply exhilarating here. I have suffered more with the cold in Michigan, for instance," he added, "as he drew on a pair of gaiter-leggings, adjusted a double fur cap and tied on some Esquiman earmuffs; 'in Michigan or Illinois, we will say, with the thermometer at zero or above, than I have here with it at from 45 to 65 degrees below. The dryness of our winter air is certainly remarkable," he went on, "as he wound a couple of rods of red woolen scarf about his neck, wrapped a dozen newspapers around his body, drew on a fall-cloth overcoat, a winter-cloth overcoat, a light buffalo-skin overcoat, and a heavy polar bear-skin overcoat; 'no, if you have never enjoyed our glorious Minnesota winter climate with its dry atmosphere, its bright sunshine and invigorating ozone you would scarcely believe some things that I could tell you about it. The air is so dry," he continued, "as he adjusted his leather nose protector, drew on his reindeer-skin mittens, and carefully closed one eye-hole in the seal-skin mask he drew down from his cap—it is so dry that actually it seems next to impossible to feel the cold at all. We can scarcely realize in the spring that we have had winter, owing to the extreme dryness of the atmosphere. 'By the way," he went on, turning to his wife, "just bring me a couple of blankets and those bedquills and throw over my shoulders, and hand me that muff with the hot soapstone in it, and now I'll take a pull at this jag of brandy and whiskey, and then if you'll have the girl bring my snowshoes and ice-cream shovels, I'll stop over and see them pry the workmen off the top of the ice palace who were frozen on yesterday. I tell you we wouldn't be going out this way 500 miles further south, where the air is damp and chilly. Nothing but our dry air makes it possible."—Fred H. Carruth in the Chicago Tribune.

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NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge until January 18th, 1888, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the boarding of the City Prisoners. Each bid must be accompanied with a guarantee signed by two responsible tax payers, to the effect that if the contract be awarded to such bidder, that he will within forty-eight hours after receiving notice of such award, enter into contract therefor, with good and sufficient security for the faithful performance of the contract.

The Common Council hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Attest: T. S. JEWETT, Auditor and Police Judge. Astoria, Oregon, January 8th, 1888.

Proposals for Street Lights. NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge, until January 18th, 1888, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the lighting of the streets of the City of Astoria, with gas, electricity, or oil. Contractors will be required to furnish all material after lamps have been erected, keep the same in repair, and return the same in as good condition as at the expiration of the contract as when received. Each bid must be accompanied with a guarantee signed by two responsible tax payers, to the effect that should the contract be awarded such bidder, that he will within forty-eight hours after receiving notice of such award, enter into contract therefor, with good and sufficient security for the faithful performance of the contract.

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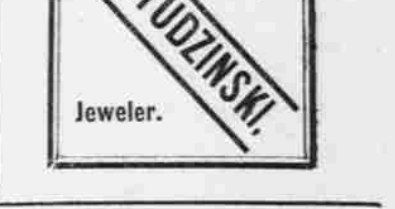
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