

For the first time in the history of that section, a man froze to death last Tuesday near Austin, Texas.

The January docket of the interstate commerce hearing fixes the 31st as the date for hearing the Oregon wool case.

During the year 1887 160,851,615 bushels of grain were received and marketed in Chicago; also 2,379,485 head of cattle, 5,470,741 hogs and 1,896,000,000 feet of lumber.

The party that can interest the real independents can carry elections, and the party that show the broadest comprehension of national and state affairs will get the independent voters.

In the several carpet mills of New York there are 2,700 girls employed, who average \$8 per week. They all belong to Assembly No. 126. They are said to be about the best-dressed working women in the city.

The Canadian Pacific railroad company will build at its shops this winter 5,000 freight cars, 2,000 flat cars and 200 locomotives. Large shops are to be erected at Montreal and additional labor is to be employed.

ENTOMOLOGISTS show that the bee invented the canning business. When a bee has filled a cell with honey and put the cap on, he punctures the cap with his stinger and deposits inside a drop of formic acid, which preserves the honey.

Since the treaty with Great Britain was signed in 1885 fifty-three embezzlers have fled to Canada and their embezzlements amount to \$4,000,000. If the last three ciphers were left off it would be plain "stealing." Funny what three 0's will do.

ANOTHER presidential election in the United States approaches and the Cobden club sends out to its members and friends an appeal for subscriptions to another "publication fund." British journals state that the fund raised two years ago is exhausted, and that numerous publications by the club are now delayed by lack of funds. At the last meeting of the club it was stated with proper pride that over twelve million leaflets, beside books and pamphlets in large number, had been issued and circulated from the fund raised in 1885.

THROUGHOUT the present detention THE ASTORIAN has, to the extent of its ability, supplied Astorians with telegraphic news from the outside world, and is glad to know that its efforts to other papers have been appreciated. It takes the place of the Oregonian and improves the occasion to passingly remark that if half the money that is sent away to support other newspapers was used to fitly patronize the local press, the result would be better all around. It costs money to run a newspaper—that gives the news—and it is enabled to supply its patrons with the news in exact ratio with their patronage.

A. L. RIVES, Superintendent of the Panama Railway company, has returned from Aspinwall to New York for the first time since he went to the Isthmus six months ago. The reports which he brings of the Panama railway and De Lesseps canal are encouraging to those interested in both enterprises. "Great injustice," said Superintendent Rives, "has been done the De Lesseps enterprise by most of the United States papers. Unfavorable reports, I believe, have been actuated partly by those financially opposed to the scheme and partly by those who do not like the idea of the French people controlling this great work on the American continent. The air ought to be cleared of the idea that the French government has any control over the canal."

THE London Ironmonger, after noting that "tin, copper, spelter and quicksilver have been taken in hand by the speculators" and that "values have been rushed up to abnormal and, we may say, absurd figures," adds that "the latest rumor is that a syndicate is being formed, or has been formed, for the purpose of 'booming' iron. It is not stated by whom the operation is to be performed. They ought to be strong men, both as to will and finances, for to successfully send up iron is a task requiring herculean energies. To move tin or copper is mere child's play compared with the lifting of iron prices. What will the syndicate do with the surplus stocks? What will they do with regard to current production, and the 400 idle blast furnaces? Unless they are prepared with a perfect scheme they must fail, and unless they are strong enough to take the Glasgow stocks out to sea and throw them overboard it is certain that they will fail."

SOME REMARKS ON ADVERTISING.

At the beginning of the year, says the Tacoma News, business firms and corporations usually renew or make fresh contracts for annual advertisements in the newspapers which they have chosen as the medium of constant communication between themselves and the public; others slide along and advertise in a desultory sort of way until they find it becomes necessary to make some big announcement in order to catch up the ever moving current of trade. There are merchants who will tell you that because business has slackened down somewhat from one cause or another they will not advertise for awhile, just as if the every day wants of the community took a rest at times and too people were overstocked with the necessities of life. That any merchant who expects to keep pace with his competitors can afford to ignore newspaper advertising is an exploded idea. Once in a great while it is possible to find some antiquated candidate for the fossil department of a museum who will argue against all kinds of advertising, but the species is rapidly becoming extinct and specimens are already regarded as curiosities in business circles.

Merchants of experience make it a point to keep their business constant before the public, and the best manner of accomplishing this is by using the columns of the daily press. Those who make annual contracts secure the advantage of cheaper rates, and their announcements are read in every household in the community; the name and location of the business house becomes familiar to every member of the family and the canny housewife is not blind to the advertisements in a newspaper, if others are. Let a man be taken with a pain under his vest, however, and he is pretty sure to be reminded of something he has read which will fit his trouble, and he forthwith looks it up in his paper.

The great point in advertising is to reach the greatest number of people at the smallest expense. To every bona fide subscriber to a daily newspaper there is an average of at least five readers in the residential portions of a city, in business circles the average is larger. No merchant can afford to neglect or ignore any first-class newspaper as an advertising medium, from difference of opinion, prejudice or any other cause. The newspaper has a large constituency of its own, and its readers are consumers and purchasers. We have heard business men say, "We prefer such and such a paper—it voices our sentiments, etc." Now a business man who talks in that strain might be expected to stand in his doorway and ask a customer his religion or politics before offering to show him his goods. "It is your duty to support your paper," is a worn out poverty howl. It is your duty to your own business to advertise it and your duty to your city to advertise abroad by your enterprise and liberality that the community you live in is wide awake and progressive. A city is judged by its newspapers, to a greater degree than by any one kind of enterprise it possesses. Every business house should be represented in the newspapers of the place. The advertiser's compass is an exhaustive index to the commerce, trade and industrial features of the city, and are so regarded by the visitor, the stranger and the correspondent.

Aside from this view of the case, however, "it pays to advertise," and it pays to advertise constantly. No one is asleep these days, and no merchant has such a wonderful pull on the public that his place will be sought out whether he announces his attractions or not. The merchant who gives up his advertising for a month or two to save a few dollars, might as well pull down his blinds to keep his goods from getting sun burnt, or close up an hour earlier every day to save gas. The business enterprise of to-day will allow no man to rest upon his oars, and the public must know that his boat is moving with the others every day or he is soon out of the race and dis'anced.

The poetess sings: "I'm haunted oftentimes by a song unsung. It has clutched my brain, and my heart has wrung." Nonsense. That's not an unsung song. That's a case of able-bodied nightmare, 16 hands high, and fearless of steam whistles—the result of eating too much cake just before retiring. If a song unsung would clutch the brain and wring the heart, fancy the devastation it would cause if somebody went to sing it. It would paralyze a man—kill him so dead that he would die on the spot.

How Deth the Little Boozey Bee. A lady living in Rappahannock county, Virginia, had twelve stands of bees, which were very valuable until a distillery was started in the neighborhood. Since then the bees pay frequent visits to the still, get very drunk, and are of little profit.

PORTLAND, Nov. 26, 1887. My DEAR Mr. WISDOM: You have reason to feel proud of the success of Robertine. I have used it constantly for a whole year and find it beautiful and beneficial for the complexion. It possesses all the qualities you claim for it, and I have much pleasure in recommending it. The "Robertine Powder," your latest addition to the Artistic toilet, makes a charming finish and is worthy of its companion, Robertine. Yours truly, JEANNIE WINSTON.

Refers to Messrs. W. E. Dement & Co., Astoria, Or. Are you made miserable by indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow Skin? Shob's Vitizer is a positive cure. For sale by W. E. Dement & Co. For the very best pictures go to H. S. Shuster.

PORTLAND CORKED UP.

The "Oregon" May Start To-Morrow. The "Columbia" and "Walla Walla" Peeking Away at the Ice.

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—Snowing, and cold here to-day. The Oregon will probably sail on Sunday. The Columbia and Walla Walla passed Westport at 2:30 P. M. They have not reached Kalama.

VENEZUELA COLONIZATION SCHEME. New York, Jan. 20.—General F. F. Melton, of this city, has made a contract with the government of Venezuela to take out the greatest number of emigrants possible. They will be citizens of the government of Venezuela from the time of their arrival there, and will be exempt from military service for ten years. The government promises to pay the passage of all emigrants over six years of age and under fifty, but when they reach there they must accept an order to that part of the colony destined for them. The government agrees to give each person of adult age a title to six hectares of cultivable land on condition that it be cultivated, and the grant, if this is done, will be doubled after the first year.

PENALTY FOR MISOBEDIENCE. St. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 20.—Patrick Sullivan, the son of wealthy parents, has forfeited his birthright and will work out a \$50 fine on city rock for marrying a negress. Sullivan attempted to have the ceremonies performed here, but being unable to do so, finally succeeded in having a probate judge at Troy, Kan., tie the knot. Upon his return he was arrested, and then called upon his people, who live at Leavenworth, for assistance. His father left him to his fate.

A UNIONIST BOYCOTT. LONDON, Jan. 20.—A manifesto has been issued by William Crawford, who is a Gladstonian and a member of parliament for Mid-Durham, in which he advised the Durham miners concerning their treatment of unionists as follows: "Don't drink, eat or sit in a chapel with them. Regard them as unfit companions for yourselves, and their sons unfit husbands for your daughters. Brand them with the curse of Cain." This has created a sensation. Crawford is secretary of the Durham Miners' association.

Wonderful Cures. W. D. Hoyt & Co., Wholesale and Retail Druggists of Rome, Ga., say: We have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters and Bucklen's Arnica Salve for four years. Have never handled remedies that sell as well, or give such universal satisfaction. There have been some wonderful cures effected by these medicines in this city. Several cases of pronounced Consumption have been entirely cured by use of a few bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery, taken in connection with Electric Bitters. We guarantee them always. Sold by W. E. Dement & Co.

Every mother is interested in knowing if a specific preparation for children, called "The Child's Cough Syrup" is now for sale only at Dement's drug store. Any case of Croup can be easily treated and cured by using "The Child's Cough Syrup." Full directions with each package, which can only be purchased at Dement's drug store.

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Remember the celebrated Dew Drop brand of Corn, Pineapple Pumpkin, etc. sold only by THOMPSON & ROSS.

NEW TO-DAY. Notice to Fishermen. ANY FISHERMAN WHO OWNS A BOAT and Net will find it to his benefit, if he will communicate with A. SUTTON, Sec'y C. E. F. P. Union. Astoria, Jan. 20, 1888.

The Oregon Bakery. A. A. CLEVELAND, Prop'r. Good Bread, Cake and Pastry. None but the Best Materials Used. Satisfaction Guaranteed Customers. Bread delivered in any part of the city. Seaside Bakery. Best Milk Bread and CAKES OF ALL KINDS, Manufacturers of Fine Candies. Ornamental Confectionery and Ice Creams. Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Candies. JOHNSON, BROS. Partnership Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned have this day formed a partnership under the firm title of "The Columbia Bakery Works" with place of business near the foot of Washington street, in the city of Astoria, Oregon. Witness our hands this, the 27th day of December, 1887. Wm. NORTON, PETER GORMAN.

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Notice. SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the undersigned at his office until Wednesday, February 1st, 1888, at 12 o'clock P. M., for the construction of a bridge over O'Hanna creek where the old bridge was situated near Sea Side, Clatsop county, Oregon, on the county road from Skipsanon landing to Sea Side, according to plans and specifications on file in my office. Right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. By order of the County Court. C. J. TRENCHARD, County Clerk. Astoria, Or., January 9th, 1888.

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