

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1888

SOME TRADITIONAL HISTORY.

Indian Stories of the Long Ago.
The Reeswax Ship and the Legend of Konapee.

The history of our state, and of the earliest discoveries of the northwest coast has chiefly been compiled from the records of Spanish or English explorers. To one familiar with the stories told of Cabrillo, Perez, Juan de Fuca, Heceta, and Quadra; or of Drake, Meares, Cook and Vancouver, it must be interesting to know if there is any record of these voyagers left on the shores which they visited, or whether the Indians who must have seen their sails in the distance, kept any legends of the wonder.

It is with peculiar satisfaction, says H. S. Lyman in the *Express*, that we find there are many traditions still about among the few Indians left, and some monuments of the early Spaniards. As might be supposed it was the navigators who succeeded in getting away from the coast, that gave the world an account of their adventures, while it was of the unfortunate, or wrecked that the Indian stories chiefly speak. Long before Gray and Broughton entered the Columbia, Spanish caravels, or galleons frequented our coast, and the bones of more than one good ship lay strewed on the unnamed rocks of Icarini, on the sands of Clatsop. The green waters of the Columbia, sometimes discoloring the ocean to the distance of 100 miles from shore, lure many an inquisitive mariner to what he supposed was the fabled Aian, but which proved to be the treacherous rocks of a siren shore. Other ships were blown out of their way by a southern gale, and met their fate under frowning Tillamook or Hancock.

How many were wrecked and left no trace, we can only imagine. But there are distinct stories of three wrecks, and a mysterious landing from a ship that sailed away. It is impossible to follow any chronological order, nor is it necessary.

The Columbia river enters the Pacific mid sea, being obliged to breast the ocean storms and streams in order to discharge his waters and silt. His debouchure is somewhat defended on the north side by the high, rocky promontory of Hancock, under whose precipices, and by whose searces he slips to mingle with the covered sea. But on the south there is no solid land, even to Tillamook head, twenty-five miles from Hancock. The Columbia, therefore, with his sands, which like that of other western streams are sprinkled with gold, built a barrier between his estuary and the waters of the ocean, making the Clatsop peninsula, which is above twelve miles long, and varying from one to four miles in width, a region of sand hills and dunes, of green sward and grass some six feet tall, of lily ponds and bayons, of spruce groves and long plantations of wild apple trees. This grassy peninsula, with its strawberries, deer, elk, clams, cohoes, fish and kumikunik, was the home of the gentle and numerous Clatsop tribe, and it is among them, now reduced to a few old men and women, that these traditions still survive.

The first that we shall mention, perhaps last in order of time, is the wreck of the Reeswax ship. This was at the mouth of the Nehalem, thirty miles south of the Columbia, a small river which enters the sea near the perpendicular walls of Icarini mountain. On an elevated spot, whose highest part is somewhat above high tide, there was formerly strewn in the sand an immense quantity of bees wax, in large squarish cakes, which, however, had been so warped by the sun, and cut by the blowing sand as to be shaped in all sorts of unique figures. Some deeply buried retained the original form. A few years since an enterprising man dug up and collected the most of it, mining over the low dunes as he might for gold. He realized about a ton, which he melted and recast and sold in Portland. Pieces are still found here, however, and along the beach, and there are many specimens in the possession of people on the coast.

On one of the cakes not yet obliterated was found a rude lettering stamped in, evidently intended as a monogram of I. S. O. A rock near by a similar sign has been discovered. These legends no doubt give the clue to the nationality and business of the lost caravel. It must have been destined for California, but blown out of her course and lost on the coast. The Indians connect with these remains a vague recollection of white men, who, escaping from the wreck, and pointing to the south, took their journey in that direction, and were never seen again.

A place near by is the scene of another legend, still mysterious. One summer day, when a gentle east wind was blowing, and the surf, usually high, was reduced to a simple gentle lapping on the broad beach, and around the rocks and headlands and islets that lie deep in the sea, a sail hove in sight and beating up into the wind drew near the shore under the lee of the huge bulk of Icarini mountain. So slow had been the movements of the ship that many natives were assembled on this wind-swept hill, whose craggy top is 2,000 feet above the waves, and almost overhanging them, to watch the marvel. Finally the vessel hove in the slack wind. A boat was lowered, and a party of men filing in, were rowed ashore. They carried something, as they debarked, and followed a steep path up the hillside. Halting at length, they dug a hole in the heavy soil, and in it deposited their burden—whatever it was, coffin or chest. Then, most tragic of all, killing one of their number, and interring him in the same hole, they closed over the sods, and returning to their boat, they shoved out through the surf,

pulling off to the ship, which picking them up, took the wind aft, and stood out for the main sea, soon disappearing. The awe-struck Indians were left to wonder over the strange appearance and the unhallowed grave. This tradition is so vague that there is some doubt whether the victim was killed on the spot, or was already dead. Some think the Indian "mimeluse" meaning either to kill, a dead body, or an image, such as the crucifix—had reference simply to the latter, i. e., that the Spaniards buried something, and over it put a crucifix.

There are men now all along the Clatsop and Tillamook shore who think that this was a treasure, an iron chest of doubloons and Indian jewels, got probably in piratical excursion, and here buried for safe keeping. These suppose a man was actually killed over it to prevent the Indians from rifling the pit. Searches, one of which was under the guidance of spirits, have failed to expose the chest.

(This chest has been recently reported to be discovered.—Ed. ASTORIAN.)

Another story, told with less confusion, relates to a wreck near the mouth of the Columbia, a few miles south of the Point Adams lighthouse, near where the iron bark *Cairnmore* now lies sunk in the sand. One stormy morning, during an equinoctial gale, the Clatsops saw a ship lying in the surf on the beach. After the tide receded, they went out to her, and after some time, two men, who seemed to be the sole survivors, surrendered themselves into their hands on condition that their lives should be spared.

These two men, who are described as darker than Bostons, but not so dark as Indians, were enslaved. The ship had on board a quantity of Chinese pieces—iron and copper discs, with square holes in the middle—and much iron. The white slaves soon showed their ability to make knives of the iron. This so pleased the Indians that they gradually allowed them privileges, so that the two castaways rose in position and favor, until upon signifying their desire to go to their own land, they were allowed to do so.

Konapee, for so was one of these men called by the Indians, went up the Columbia as far as the Cascades. But here he stopped; perhaps the difficulties he encountered, and the immense stretch of country expanding toward the rising sun, deterred his journey. Perhaps it was the amorous attraction of some dusky Indian beauty. At any rate he stopped and made his home at Castle Rock, marrying there, and rearing a family. The daughter of Konapee was seen and known by old Indians now living. Franchero, who came to the country with the Astor expedition in 1811, tells of finding the son of a white man living near the Cascades. This white man's name was Soto, and his son was then very old. It would seem to be difficult, therefore, to connect Soto with the wreck in which Konapee was brought ashore.

However much or little of romance or fiction has collected around these traditions, they have some basis of fact, and fit curiously into the stories which Johnathan Carver brought to the world from the Rocky mountains, 1793. He reported that an Indian told him of a great river of the west, far beyond the "Mesorie" and the Lakes du Bois and de la Plaine. It fell into the great lake, where there were white men with beards, who sailed ships on the big water. Carver called this river the Oregon. As this is a Spanish word and seems to have been in the country when the Americans came here, Carver must have got it from his Indian informant.

It somewhat softens the rugged features of our coasts and rivers to know that they are invested with something of an antique interest, and are fitted with the romances of human endeavor and imagination.

Brace Up.
You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with headache, you are fidgety, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to force up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whiskey, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alternative that will purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. Such a medicine you will find in Electric Bitters, and only 30 cents a bottle at W. E. Dement & Co.'s Drug Store.

Boots and Shoes.
In Kinney's Block, sign of the Big Boot. I have received another invoice from the east of the famous Seamless Cap Two Gents Shoes. Also the renowned Wankenplasts, and a large lot of other Fine Shoes too numerous to mention, at \$2 and \$2.50 and upward.

NEW TO-DAY.
Wanted.
AT THE ASTORIAN OFFICE, THE ADDRESS OF Wm. Brehme.
Picked Up.
A SHIP'S BOAT, CLINKER BUILT, painted white, about sixteen feet long, of West Shore Mill. Owner can have her by applying to Hamburg House and paying charges.

SCOTCH

Salmon Twines

During the month of December we will be in receipt of a full stock of Salmon Twine of the above reliable brand, of the following No. 40, 10, 12, 13, and 14 ply. No. 30, 5, 7, 9, and 10 ply. And prepared to fill all orders.

ALLEN & LEWIS, Agents, Portland, Nov. 28, '87.

Proposals Asked For.

SEALED BIDS ARE ASKED UNTIL 1 P. M., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, next, for repairing the dam in Astor's slough. Specifications for, and all information as to the work to be done may be obtained from John Adair, Jr., Astoria, or from S. D. Adair, at his home. Bids to be addressed to John Adair, Jr., Astoria, Or.

ST. JACOBS OIL
TRADE MARK

THE GREAT REMEDY FOR PAIN.

CURES
RHEUMATISM,
Lumbago, Backache, Headache, Toothache.

NEURALGIA,
Sore Throat, Swellings, Frost-bites, Sprains,

SCIATICA,
BRUISES, BURNS, SCALDS.

For Stablemen and Stockmen,
The Greatest Remedy Known for Horse and Cattle Diseases.

Chronic Cases 40 Years' Standing Cured Permanently.
Crippled Cases Throw Away Crutches: Cured Permanently.
Chronic Cases At Once Relieved: Cured Promptly.
Chronic Cases Cured Without Relapse: No Return of Pain.
Chronic Cases Cured: No Pain in Many Years.

Sold by Druggists and Dealers Everywhere.
The Charles A. Vogeler Co., Balto., Md.

Str. Gov. Newell,


P. A. TRULLINGER, Master.
Will do towing and freighting at reasonable rates.
For terms apply to Captain on board, or at
WEST SHORE MILLS Office.

Wing Lee & Co.
IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN
Chinese and Japanese FANCY GOODS,

Curiosities, Lacquered Ware, Ivory Toys, Fine Crockery, Silk and Crane Handkerchiefs, Shawls, Tea, Ladies' Underwear, Etc.

This is the only place to buy the cheapest and finest articles at any time.
You are welcome to call and examine our immense new stock. No trouble to show you the prices. **JU CUY**, Proprietor, and also Contractor for furnishing Chinese laborers promptly for all kinds of work. Case street, south of THE ASTORIAN office.

C. E. BAIN,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in All kinds of Seasoned Lumber.
MOULDINGS, WINDOWS AND DOORS, OAK, ASH AND HICKORY.
Black Walnut, Alder and Maple, PORT ORFORD CEDAR, And All kinds of Boat Material a Specialty.
—ALL KINDS OF—
Job Work and Turning Done at
—SHORT NOTICE—
Manufacturing Steam Mills, Corner Genevieve & Astor Sts.

MEMORY

Wholly unlike artificial systems. Any book learned in one reading. Recommended by MARK TWAIN, RICHARD POWELL, the Scientist, HARRIS W. W. ASTOR, JUDITH P. BENJAMIN, DR. MINOR, &c. Class of 100 Columbia Law students: two classes of 200 each at Yale; 400 at University of Penn. Phila., and three large classes at Chautauque University &c. Prospectus sent FREE from PROF. LOUISETTE, 257 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

F. H. SURPRENANT & CO.,
—SUCCESSORS TO—
J. C. ROSS
County Coroner.



First Class Undertaking ESTABLISHMENT.
New Styles, Caskets and funeral material. Next to ASTORIAN office.

J. H. D. GRAY

Wholesale and retail dealer in,
GROCERIES FLOUR, AND FEED
Hay, Oats, Straw, Wood, Etc.

LIME, SAND AND CEMENT

General Storage and Wharfage on reasonable terms. Foot of Benton street, Astoria, Oregon.

Cedar Street Improvement Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria propose to order the improvement of that portion of Cedar street, in the City of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively, from the east side of West Sixth street to the east side of Salmon street, by replacing all missing piles with new ones, and replacing all defective stringers with new and sound ones, and replanking the same with new and sound planks four inches in thickness, to a width of thirty feet through the center thereof, said improvement to be made to the established grade of said street, and unless a remonstrance signed by the owners of two-thirds of the property fronting on said portion of said street be filed with the Auditor and Police Judge within ten days of the final publication of this notice, to wit: on or before Tuesday, February 7th, 1888, the Common Council will order said improvement to be made.

By order of the Common Council.
Attest: T. S. JEWETT,
Auditor and Police Judge.
Astoria, Oregon, January 12th, 1888.

Astoria Iron Works.

Concomly St., Foot of Jackson, Astoria, Or.

General
Machinists and Boiler Makers.

Land and Marine Engines
BOILER WORK.

Steamboat Work and Culinary Work

A SPECIALTY.
Castings of all Descriptions Made to Order at Short Notice.

J. G. HOSLER, President.
J. W. CASH, Secretary.
JOHN FOX, Superintendent.

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, the county road from Skipanon 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.

JOB PRINTING.
Neat, Quick And Cheap at The
ASTORIAN JOB OFFICE.

ASTORIA Planing Mill.
HOLT & CO. Proprietors.
Manufacturers of

MOLDINGS,
SASH DOORS,
BLINDS, RAILS,
BALUSTERS,
NEWEL POSTS,
BRACKETS.

Scroll and Turned Balustrades
Boat Material, etc.

Orders solicited and promptly attended to. Satisfaction Guaranteed as to Style, Quality and Prices.

Mill and Office cor. Polk and Concomly streets, Astoria, Oregon.

G. A. STINSON & CO.,
BLACKSMITHING,

At Capt. Rogers old stand, corner of Cass and Court Streets.

Ship and Culinary work, Horseshoeing, Wagons made and repaired. Good work guaranteed.

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.

—AND—
Ornamental Confectionery

And Ice Creams.

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Candies.

JOHNSON, BROS.

S. ARNDT & FERCHEN

ASTORIA, - OREGON.

The Pioneer Machine Shop

BLACKSMITH

SHOP

Boiler Shop

All kinds of

ENGINE, CANNERY,

—AND—
STEAMBOAT WORK

Promptly attended to.

Aspecially made of repairing

CANNERY DIES,

FOOT OF LAFAYETTE STREET.

Magnus C. Crosby

Dealer in

HARDWARE, IRON, STEEL.

Iron Pipe and Fittings,

STOVES, TINWARE

—AND—
HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS

SHEET LEAD STRIP LEAD

SHEET IRON,

Tin AND Copper.

Columbia Market.

Northeast corner Water and West 9th Sts.

C. H. POWELL, Prop'r.

I give my patrons Good Meat, in Good Style and at Reasonable Price.

Give me a call and I will try and make it suit you to call again. Family trade solicited.

INSURANCE.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$500,000

COLUMBIA

FIRE AND MARINE

INSURANCE CO.

FRANK DEKUM, President

W. H. SMITH, Vice-President

JOHN A. CHILDS, Secretary

No. 100 Second St., Portland, Or.

Elmore, Sanborn & Co.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

Fire Insurance

AGENTS.

Representing the Largest and Most Reliable Fire Insurance Companies.

All Business promptly and accurately transacted.

Flavel's Wharf, Astoria Oregon.

CAPITAL STOCK - \$500,000

THE NORTHWEST

Fire & Marine

INSURANCE CO.

F. E. Beach, President

J. McCracken, Vice President

J. Loewenberg, Treasurer

R. P. Fairbank, Sec'y and Manager

Deposited in Oregon, \$300,000

ASSETS,

\$55,801,288.

Royal, Norwich, Union and Lancashire Combination Joint Policy.

Union of San Francisco.

Germania of New York.

State Investment of California.

Anglo-Nevada Assurance Corporation.

MARINE INSURANCE COVERED BY OUR OPEN POLICIES.

Elmore, Sanborn & Co.

Agents.

\$67,000,000 Capital

Liverpool & London & Globe, North British and Mercantile of London and Edinburgh.

Hartford of Connecticut, Commercial of California Agricultural, of Watertown, New York, London & Lancashire of Liverpool, Eng., Fire Insurance Companies, Representing a capital of \$67,000,000.

H. VAN DUSEN Agent.

Watchmaker

M. STODZINSKI.

Jeweler.

FREE TO P.A.M. Fine Colored Engraving of Astoria, Oregon, where the first 10,000 of the States was sold A. D. 1876. Also large illustrated Catalogue of Portland and goods with low prices. Agents wanted. Buy very liberal. Send for a copy of the Catalogue. Address: H. VAN DUSEN & CO., 11 Broadway, New York.

DUPLEX

AXE.

PATENTED AUG. 30, 1881.

J. C. Trullinger

Cut Faster

AND

EASIER

Than any other axe made.

Hundreds of workmen testify to its superiority. It goes deep and never sticks.

CARNAHAN & CO.,

Agents Astoria.

Price, \$1.50.

Fire! Fire!

Is one of the greatest blessings when you have it under control. If you build your fire in one of those Magae Ranges or one of those Acorn or Argand at John A. Montgomery's, you will find it a pleasure to prepare a meal, or if you get one of those heaters you will find them to be clean and economical and an ornament to your parlor. If you intend getting a range or a heater don't fail to look at his stock. You should call in to see his beautiful Ornamental Coal Vases

J. C. CLINTON

DEALER IN

CIGARS AND TOBACCO,

FRUITS, NUTS,

Candies, Smokers' Articles, Etc.

New Goods Received Daily.

Opposite City Book Store.

Van Dusen & Co.

DEALERS IN

Hardware and Ship Chandlery,

Pure Oil, Bright Varnish,

Binacle Oil, Cotton Canvas,

Hemp Sail Twine,

Cotton Sail Twine.

Lard Oil,

Wrought Iron Spikes,

Galvanized Cut Nails.

Agricultural Implements, Sewing Machines, Paints, Oils,

Groceries, Etc.

Partnership Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned have this day formed a partnership under the firm title of "The Columbia Boiler Works" with place of business near the foot of Washington street, in the city of Astoria, Oregon.

Witness our hands this, 27th day of December, 1887.

WM. NORTON,

PETER GORMAN.

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. R. F. P. Union, Astoria, Jan. 20, 1888.

A. V. ALLEN,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN

Fine Groceries, Provisions and Mill Feed.

Crockery, Glass & Plated Ware.

The Largest and finest assortment of

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.

Received fresh every Steamer.

City Book Store