

According to reports in the Portland papers, several members of the Portland board of trade, at the last meeting of that body, used very strong language regarding the shipping of sailors on outgoing vessels, one gentleman being reported to have gone so far as to assert that Astoria is "a nest of pirates," and another that half of the Astoria grand jury is in league with "the obnoxious element," etc. These are very strong expressions. The authors of them omit to state whether they know their assertions to be fact, or whether they were merely announcing their private opinions. It is also left to the reader and observer to imagine how much of this sort of talk is due to the feeling that the average Portlander has for Astoria, especially in the present distressed condition of that quiet inland city.

Coming, however, from a gentleman who occupies the responsible position of British vice-consul, it is to be regretted that he saw fit to assert that Astoria is "simply a nest of pirates," for though it is probably in his individual character he made the remark, it is in his official capacity that the statement has been given such wide publicity.

Injustice, whether among sailor boarding house runners or in the Portland board of trade, or anywhere else, should be condemned, and the wrong righted.

THE ASTORIAN begs to dissent from the opinion of the irate members of the board of trade who allowed their anger to outrun their judgment, and who intemperately characterize this community in the terms mentioned.

That abuses exist in Portland and Astoria, the same as they exist elsewhere, is probable, but as THE ASTORIAN has before stated, the correction of those abuses lies in the purview of such gentlemen as the British vice-consul, and prominent Portland ship-owners.

Astoria is tired of having this matter flung at her as though she were to blame. Everytime a squabble about this miserable "blood money" arises, everytime a division of the fund thus raised is made, there is a squeal from the "mariner's home," or the second-hand clothing store, or some one who is in the deal and who thinks that he or she or it hasn't had a fair divvy of the swag.

Hard words break no bones, and the epithets and insults heaped upon this community slur no one but he who utters them.

THE ASTORIAN privately and confidentially, gives Mr. James Laidlaw Vice-Consul representing Her Britannic Majesty, this pointer—if he will look carefully to the captains and masters of British vessels coming here; demand strict account from them and of them, and exercise his official authority to prevent connivance, jobs, percentage, divvies, and demands of various sorts, from these gentlemen, among whom there are many honorable exceptions, he will do much and go far towards breaking up the sweating of blood money in the procuring of ship's crews in the Columbia river. But if he, and such as he in Portland, content themselves with vague insinuations and blustering denunciations, then "the jingle of the guinea heals the hurt that honor feels," and the game goes on. On him and them lies the responsibility, and with him and them lies the remedy.

Bismarck and Gladstone are the two leading figures in European history. The accident of birth can place heirs on thrones, but nothing but ability can put prominent such men as the German and English statesmen. Bismarck is a unique figure. When the emperor dies another succeeds; when he dies, his son steps in; heredity, marriage, heirship supply successions. But when Bismarck dies who shall succeed him? He is Germany, unified and invincible. On his successor more than on king, or kaiser depends the unity of the German empire. He will be 73 years old on the first of next month.

DEMOCRATIC and Republican papers are mentioning favorably the nomination of Judge Lord for the position of supreme judge. It is understood that the other two incumbents are not adverse to the proposition. Some man other than Judge Lord is needed there, but the salary is so contemptibly small that the man with the requisite backbone and ability won't have the place.

PETITIONS containing over eight hundred thousand names have been received at the headquarters of the Knights of Labor, in Philadelphia, in favor of the postal telegraph bill, and it is estimated that fully two hundred thousand names have been directed to those petitions which went direct to Washington.

OUR LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Walter Robb Elected Councilman.
Wm. Beasley and James McCarthy Elected Policemen.

At the regular meeting of the city council last evening a petition from Herman O. Langley, asking that he be not obliged to take out a peddler's license, and numerous signed, was, on motion, referred to city attorney.

A communication from chief Barry, reporting the resignation of James Kearney as a police officer, and recommending that Wm. Beasley be appointed in his place, and that James McCarthy be also placed on the force, was, on motion adopted.

On motion Wm. Beasley and Jas. McCarthy were respectively appointed officers on the police force by a unanimous vote.

Chief engineer Worsley reported that he had bought a dozen battery jars for the electric fire alarm, and recommended that a change be made in the brake-beam of No. One's engine, and calling attention to the defective condition of some street crossings: referred to appropriate committees.

A communication received from street superintendent Clinton, recommending the building of necessary crossings, was, on motion, adopted, and the street superintendent authorized to do the work recommended, under the supervision of the street committee.

On motion, city attorney Noland was excused.

Chief Barry reported police court statistics for the months of January and February: report referred to committee on health and police.

The auditor and police judge and street superintendent made monthly reports, which were referred to appropriate committees.

Ordinances appropriating \$2,500 for the payment of J. C. Trullinger for the street western extension Concomly street, and an ordinance for improving Wall street and condemning Cedar street, were read first and second times.

An ordinance contracting with J. C. Trullinger to pay him \$16 a month for nine electric lights, for one year from April 1st '88 to April 1st '89, was referred to street committee.

An ordinance regulating the manner of incurring indebtedness on the part of the city of Astoria, was read third time and lost.

The following claims were ordered paid: J. F. Halloran & Co., \$24.75; Chas. Heilborn, \$14.45; Bay City Iron Works, \$21.45; G. A. Stinson, 50c.; The following claims were referred:

B. S. Worsley, 55 cents; Dayton & Hall, \$14; Holt & McCurtie, \$875; M. C. Crosby, \$11.45; 90 cents; Jas. Gardner, \$15; M. C. Crosby, \$12.81; Clatsop Mill Co., \$93.62; L. Gill, \$10.80; Carruthers & Co., \$8.57; H. Goldbeck, \$21; Wm. Tilden, \$20; G. A. Stinson, \$5; Sherman & Ward, \$5.50; C. E. Bain, 75 cents; Sherman & Ward, \$2.50; F. L. Parker, \$1.25; Electric Light Co., \$1.68; Astoria Gas Light Co., \$14; Reed & A. V. Allen, \$2.20; Griffin & Beek, \$3; B. S. Worsley, \$7; County clerk, \$22.

Walter L. Robb was placed in nomination by councilman Carruthers for councilman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of councilman Fulton.

Mr. Robb's nomination was confirmed by a unanimous vote and the council adjourned.

Does It Pay?

Three-fourths of our people are troubled with Dyspepsia and liver complaint in some form or other, which by nature of the disease has a depressing influence on the mind or body, preventing them from thinking or acting clearly in any matter of importance. Indigestion, coming up of food after eating, dyspepsia, sick head-ache, acidity of the stomach or any derangement of the stomach or liver (upon which the whole action of our system depends) are speedily and effectually overcome by the use of Green's August Flower. The most stubborn cases have yielded to its influence, as thousands of letters received will testify. The immense sale of this medicine is another guarantee of its merits, (over a million and a half bottles sold last year.) So we ask, will it pay you to suffer from any of the above diseases when you can have immediate relief in the August Flower. Three doses will prove its worth. It is sold by all druggists and general dealers in all parts of the world.

The Hobson Case.

Deputy United States marshal Waito lately returned from an official trip to Astoria and the country surrounding Mishawaka, a place about forty miles south of the Columbia, where he went to subpoena witnesses in the perjury case of the United States against John Hobson. The witnesses summoned are Hans Anderson, H. W. Barckard, Ed. Barckard, Chas. Johannis, the prosecuting witness, and C. J. Trenchard, county clerk of Clatsop county. The trial is set for the 15th. Mr. Hobson is still confined in the city jail. His Centralia friends left late Saturday evening without having gone on the bond, as they previously intended. The prisoner, it is said, could not see the necessity of securing bondsmen at that late hour, and therefore refused proffered advances.—News, 13.

Communicated.
PORTLAND, Nov. 26, 1887.

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THE SURFACE-WASHER.



The above was a term of opprobrium among the '49 miners of California—Gold was sometimes found, after a hard rain, on the surface, or just below it. The man who was seen, therefore, with his washing-pail only trudging about in search of such finds was generally considered too lazy to use a rocker or delve down to bottom rock to find the true deposit. Hence, the indolent man, the superficial, the artificial man, was spoken of as a "surface washer." Such a man in pain gives one or two superficial rubbings with the pain cure, actually too indifferent to bring about its true effects by friction-creating warmth. He simply washes the surface, and if a miracle is not performed by curing him at once, he believes there is no virtue in the preparation. If he only knew that chronic and crippled cases have been cured permanently after forty, thirty, twenty years of suffering, he would, perhaps, as these patients have done, give an intelligent and patient trial. But he is a "surface washer," and what he says about it is superficial nonsense. Not so with the earnest man, who earnestly seeks a prompt relief and a certain cure; he acts according to the directions. For instance: Two years ago Mr. John Ott, Sr., of St. Boniface, Cambria county, Pa., was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism in acute form, and was permanently cured, as he testifies in the following: "St. Boniface, February 11, 1887.—I herewith express my kindest regards to your remedy for its great healing qualities. Two years ago I was taken to bed with inflammatory rheumatism, and got so bad that one of my legs was paralyzed and swelled up as thick as a bag, burning and paining fearfully. I could not get out of bed, nor could I move my leg or let any one touch it for all the pleasures of the world. My son advised me to apply your St. Jacobs Oil, and after two applications I was able to walk. I used half a bottle, and have not felt rheumatism since. In my estimation gold will not compare with it. I am ready to testify (take oath) to the above at any time if desired." Mr. Ott was certainly no superficial manipulator with so valued a remedy. He experienced all the pleasures of the world in his prompt and permanent cure.

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NEW TO-DAY.
Notice.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there are funds in the city treasury to pay all warrants indorsed prior to Oct. 1, 1887.

Interest thereon ceases after this date. J. G. HUSTLER, City Treasurer.
Astoria, Or., March 14, 1888.

Redemption of Bonds.
BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED TILL 12 o'clock, Saturday, the 17th inst., for the surrender of bonds of school district No. One, to the amount of \$1,500.

J. G. HUSTLER, Clerk.
Astoria, March 8, '88.

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Call For Democratic County Convention.

AT A MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC County Central committee, held February 23rd, it was decided to call a Democratic Convention for Clatsop County to be held in Astoria March 30th, 1888, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of selecting five delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held at Pendleton April 24, 1888, and to transact such other business as may properly come before such convention.

The several precincts will be entitled to one delegate each, and one delegate additional for every fifteen votes and fraction thereof cast for N. L. Butler for Congressman at the general election in 1886, viz:

Astoria..... 57 Mishawaka..... 2
Clatsop..... 3 Sea Side..... 2
Clifton..... 2 Upper Astoria..... 2
Fishhawk..... 4 Vesper..... 2
John Days..... 2 Walluski..... 2
Knappa..... 2 Westport..... 2
Lewis and Clark..... 3 Youngs river..... 2

Total number of delegates..... 90
Committee recommend that the Precinct Primary meetings for the selection of delegates to the County Convention be held at the usual places of voting on Saturday, March 24th, at 2:30 P. M., except in Astoria and Upper Astoria.

All Democrats and all conservative citizens who favor the perpetuation of Democratic principles, are cordially invited to participate in the primaries.

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