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the city of Portland that in maintaining her supremacy as the commercial center of the great northwest she finds no other means to said to exist at the port of Astoria than to blame the people of this place for all the evils flowing from general land office-Sir:-I have correct the abuses of commerce

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talists in its directory. This alruse is beyond Astoria's control and is seldom mentioned by the repre-sentative press of rich Portland. Can Astoria be blamed for either of these excessive charges? The abuse of poor Jack, of

FAIRBANKS' SCALES. can and should be remedied- and remedied by those directly inter-A Proclamation! ested. The law, both Amer and English, is full enough, clear enough and good enough to prevent any abuse or extortion from sailors or ships, and the sworn officers whose duty it is to see these laws enforced, should not wait to be called upon but act. Is it, or is it his going abroad to procure means not their duty to throw every safe- to bring back, improve it and guard around poor Jack that the law and common sense suggest. When Jack arrives here with some pounds sterling due him from the ship, the captain as agent for the owners of the vessel encourages him to desert, and thus forfeit his wages. Now this is profitable to the ship, and, so, bearable. When the ship is about to sail new men are wanted and Jack, who has been encouraged to desert, to leave his wages and come ashore, living at his boarding house until his spree is over and his credit exhausted is compelled to ship, and the sailor boarding master places a price upon him to cover his advances; broad and extortionate profit just in proportion to the demands of shipping for men. Who is re sponsible for this; I say, the owner who through his captain often compels the men to desert. The captain, and the consul if he fails in his duty to protect the men as well as the ship. The seamen of an American deep water ship when arriving at an American port are discharged, but I know that the same course is often taken by masters in foreign ports. Now these people never complain when seamen are plenty and wages low. Then it is all profit to them, but with seamen scarce and wages high the shoe pinches. In conclusion Mr. Editor I say that none of this abuse can occur first, if the men do not desert; second, if deserting they are properly reclaimed and then if when shipped the consul satisfies himself that the men have, themselves, secured the money said to have been advanced and

sweeping charges against a com-munity before he takes the beam from his own eye. From A SUBSCRIBER Fifteen years in the shipping business. An Important Decision by Vilas.

WASHINGTON, March 17 .- The secretary of the interior has rendered the following important deci-sion, involving the question of residence upon homestead entries

an English consul to make such

considered the appeal of William

A. Thompson from your office decithe commerce of Portland; she has no merchants interested in ship. final proof for land therein menping; no tolls to gather from the tioned. I think this man is enti-"white winged messengers of com- tled to his patent. He made his declaratory statement April 26, 1883, alleging settlement a week before, and shows that he made it. It appears that he was absent dur-

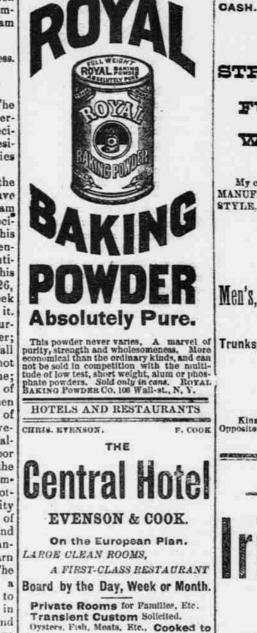
ing most of the following summer: ago, when rates of towage over the that he was on the land from fall Columbia river bar were (as they until the following spring; and not now are) high, an opposition tug beat was built by the public-spir-that he applied the proceeds of ited merchants of Portland, those his labor during two seasons, when directly interested in shipping, and he was absent to the building of who now so loudly complain. This house and making improveboxt was employed for some time ments on his land, now valued alat a direct loss to its owners, but together at \$600; that he was a poor presumable advantage to their cor. man and his absence was for the respondents, the ship owners. This purpose of earning means to imloss was so seriously felt by her prove his land, and that he devotowners as to induce them to com. ed all of his earnings with fidelity bine with the very monopoly they to that purpose. In the spring of had desired to break, and even the third year he left again, and then, after the boat's realizing remained until the following January, his purpose being to earn Ship Chandlers, in two years, these conservators of money to pay for his land. The commerce, not deeming this an amount neccessary was \$200, a adequate recompense for the capi- considerable sum for a laborer to save from his wages in a year, in addition to the necessary fee and expenses. He appears to have done it, and notwithstanding he was not personally present upor

his land during the last six months onerous to commerce, is controlled preceding the completion of his entry, the fact cannot deny bis right.

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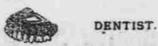
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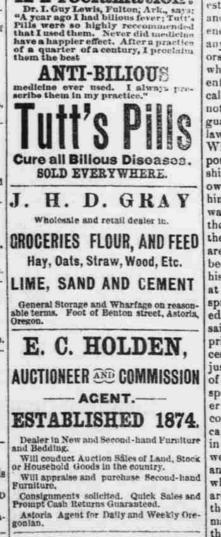


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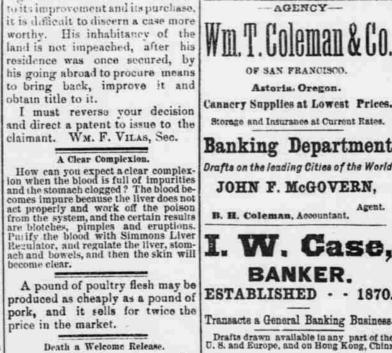


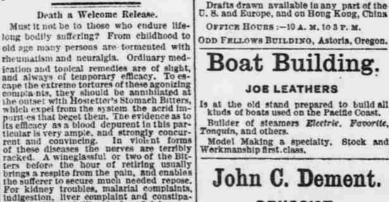


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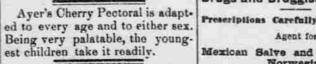
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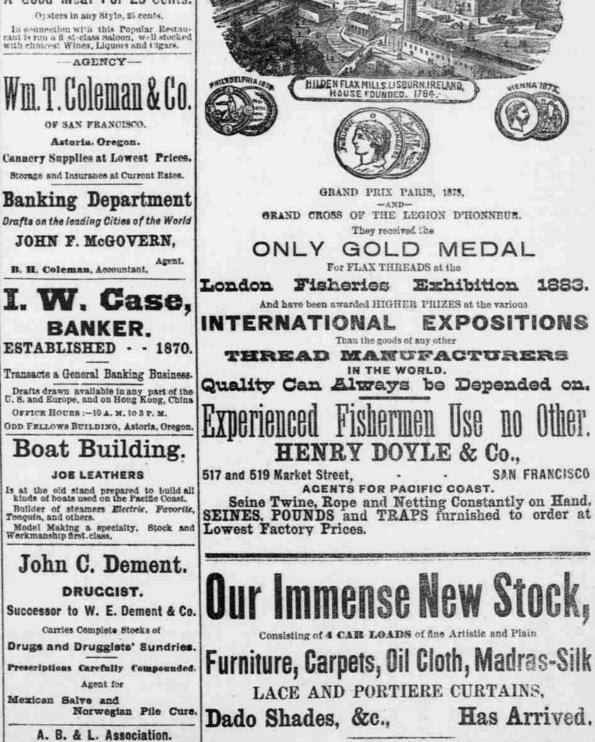


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