

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1888. A NOTEWORTHY REFORM.

THE presidential election of 1888 will be remarkable, says an exchange, for the fact that it is preceded by no great "October election." Ohio was the last of the important states to abandon the old system of holding two elections within a few weeks of each other—the first for state officers and the second for federal. Ohio had her "October election" as usual in 1884. Iowa and West Virginia fell in with the tide in 1884. Pennsylvania had led the way in 1873, when the new constitution was adopted. The only northern states which still hold preliminary state elections in the fall of a presidential year are Vermont and Maine, which are too one-sided in politics for the result to carry much weight, and in these, for some time past, there has been a growing agitation for the abolition of the duplex system.

The change which has thus been brought about is a reform of great importance. Under the old policy the elections in the October states lost their true character as controversies over state issues, and became merely the first engagements of the presidential struggle. The question was not as to whether a certain candidate or a policy were better than the candidate or policy on the other side, but how the party might secure the largest possible share of "moral effect" upon voters throughout the Union. "As goes Pennsylvania, so goes the Union," used to be the most familiar of mottoes, and the "floating vote" throughout the country was expected to be carried along with the tide which swept over the Keystone state. Before the war the state was often very close, Harrison carrying it in 1840 over Van Buren by the narrow margin of only 349 plurality. After Pennsylvania dropped out of the October procession, popular interest centered upon Ohio and Indiana, especially the latter, as always a close and doubtful state. The demoralizing fight for its control in October, 1880, was one of the most discreditable incidents in our political history.

There was never anything to be said in favor of the October election, or of a state election at any other time within a few weeks of the presidential election. It was expensive, without rendering any return for the money invested; it changed the issue in the state from the proper basis of state questions to the national controversy; it distracted the attention of the rest of the country; and it exerted an influence beyond the state upon the discussion of the national controversy which was disturbing. Instead of carrying on a reasonable campaign in all the states, the party managers massed their forces in two or three, and the others were expected to be, and too often were, profoundly affected by the result. In 1880 the result of the presidential election was practically decided, and was generally felt to be decided, when the verdict of Indiana upon the state controversy was rendered.

It is in every way a great gain to be rid of the whole October business. Its general elimination is an excellent illustration of the way in which common sense triumphs over tradition. When general Harrison's grandfather ran for president, the people did not vote for president throughout the country on the same day. On the contrary, the balloting began in Pennsylvania and Ohio upon the last Friday in October, and closed in North Carolina upon the second Thursday of November. Such a system was even less defensible than that of preliminary state elections, and it did not long survive. The "October election" folly had more vitality, and a struggle was generally required to put an end to it. The gain to the cause of good politics by its abolition is so great that it is hard to overestimate it.

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A SKETCH OF ASTORIA. As Viewed by a Correspondent of The "Skandinavian."

Some time ago a representative of the Skandinavian newspaper published in the Norwegian and Danish language at Chicago and having what is claimed to be the largest circulation of any newspaper in the world printed in that language, was here, and in the issue of that valuable journal of September 12th he writes as follows: "On the south side of the Columbia river about 15 miles from its entrance is situated the city of Astoria, world renowned for its fishing industries. Long before the now existing towns along the Columbia and the coast northward had been named, was Astoria, a depot for the well-known Hudson Bay Co., at that time, however, was the place and the immediate surroundings British possessions. The first settlement was in 1808, and where upper Astoria is now can yet be seen some of the houses first built. The buildings were for a number of years confined to warehouses, custom houses and dwelling houses for the population which for some time numbered about 30. The city is named after and in honor of John Jacob Astor, one of the members of the Hudson Bay Co. Astoria is built on the Columbia river is as old as the city of Astoria itself, it is only since 1864 that Astoria can count its rise as a headquarters for the fishing interests; it is from that time that they commenced to put up the salmon in hermetically sealed cans, and brought this excellent product into the markets of the world on a large scale. Since that time there has developed a life and stirring up about Astoria which few could have dreamed about 30 years ago. The city is now, counting the suburbs, about 10,000 inhabitants, and this number is increased during the fishing season by some thousands more. A larger portion of the business part of the city is built on piles, and in some places in the city built several blocks over the water; the rest of the city is built along the beach and up on the side hills adjacent to the city. The whole length of the city including Union Town, Upper Astoria and Astoria is about 4 miles. A street car line makes the communication of intercourse between the different points comparatively easy. While Astoria is situated in one of the best lumbering districts on the Pacific coast, it is, however, only the fishing interests that up to the present time has been the principal pursuit of a majority of the people. Astoria has 28 canneries; the amount of salmon canned increased every year up to 1884, when over 500,000 cases were packed, but from that time the fishing has somewhat fallen off and been more variable. This year is packed only about 350,000 cases of 4-dozen 1-lb cans each. It is figured that about three salmon will fill a case; the market value of the salmon has been about \$5.00 per case, but this year the price has been somewhat higher. The price for raw fish this year was \$1.25 per fish, which is higher than usual. The fishing season opens the 1st of April and closes the 1st of August. It is prohibited by law to catch salmon during the months of March, August and September. Some fish are caught in the fall, but in less quantities and the salmon then is a great deal poorer. The cost of fishing gear is considerable, yet a great many are earning a fine yearly income during the season. The city has good harbor with safe anchorage and is headquarters for about 20 small steamers plying on the river and coast. Astoria has steamship connection with San Francisco every 3d day and with Portland twice every day, and several steamers have weekly routes along the coast south and north. Large vessels loading up the Columbia river for Pacific or Atlantic ports must finish loading with a considerable portion of the cargo at Astoria on account of low water above.

They are building a breakwater wall at the mouth of the river to facilitate the entrance and lead the current in a more positive direction over the bar. The river is about 7 miles wide at Astoria but both above and below it is considerable wider. The great difference between high and low water makes the water in the harbor sometimes salt and sometimes fresh. When it is flooding the current runs in from the ocean and returns with increased force when ebbing. High and low water is noticeable as far up as Portland but the current is not affected more than about 30 miles. Astoria has 9 churches, of which 2 are Scandinavian, 2 large school houses, 2 banks, 4 large hotels, 3 planing mills, 3 machine shops, 1 foundry and 2 breweries. Boarding houses are quite numerous; the principal part of them are running only during the fishing season. The Columbia Water Co. is furnishing excellent water through six miles of mains laid from a fine creek southeast of the city. Two daily and three weekly papers are published in Astoria. The population of Astoria represents nearly every nation, and the Chinamen are particularly numerous. Scandinavians are about one-quarter of the inhabitants of the city, and of foreign born citizens they are perhaps the most numerous. Some of the Scandinavians are owner or part owners in canneries and others are in different branches of business, among them can be mentioned, G. Hansen, jeweler; Martin Olsen, furniture; Martin Fjord, part owner of the largest grocery house in the city; C. A. Hansen, general store; Th. Olsen, druggist; and C. Evensen, proprietor Central hotel. Among other well-known Scandinavians can be mentioned: A. T. Brakke, J. M. Olsen, policeman; M. Jensen, inventor of the Oberg and Jeldness broom; A. T. Brakke has been justice of the peace for 7 years in upper Astoria up to the 1st of July last; he has also been connected with different canneries as a resident and secretary, etc. M. Jensen is the inventor of several useful machines for canneries, and he is undoubtedly a genius in this direction. What Astoria lacks to compete with the many growing towns on the coast is railroad connection with the interior and the east. This has, however, for a long time occupied the mind and attention of the Astorians. To help up this lackage some of the capitalists of Astoria have subscribed a sufficient amount to build a railroad from Astoria to Tillamook, where they expect to connect with the O. & C. R. The company has already organized and elected its officers, and the work will go ahead as soon as possible, and Astoria will thus within a short time have our present time's mightiest lever to promote her prosperity."

Robert Had Overheard His Pappaw. Mrs. Hendricks was entertaining some ladies at a select little 5 o'clock tea, and Bobby, who had been exceptionally well behaved, was in high feather. "Ma," he said politely, as refreshments were being served, "may I have some tongue, please?" "There isn't any tongue, Bobby." "That's funny," commented Bobby, "I heard pa say there would be lots of it."

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A FOG SIGNAL SHIP. The Establishment of One of the Columbia River Bar.

Soon after the establishment of the fog signals at the light-houses of Point Adams and Cape Disappointment, at the mouth of the Columbia river, it was found that their sounds could not be heard over the terrific roar of the surf breaking along the great semicircle of about fifteen or eighteen miles along the outline of the bar. The fog signals were therefore discontinued, and the month of this greatest river on the Pacific Coast, was, in a measure, inadequately supplied with the usual aids to navigation. A report upon the subject was recently made to Superintendent Thorn of the United States coast and geodetic survey, and he, being a member of the light-house board, brought to the notice of the board a proposition to place a fog signal vessel of the bar of the Columbia. The principal object was to afford this valuable aid to navigation in thick weather, when vessels could not see the lights or could not hear the whistling buoy. In addition to the fog signal apparatus, the vessel could also be fitted with a light of moderate power which would be available when the haze or the fog was so dense as to obscure the point is obscured by the early fogs of the evening before they have formed far outside. It is understood that very recently the light-house board determined to take the proper steps to obtain an appropriation for this light and fog signal vessel. It will be of very great service not only to the traffic of the Columbia river but to all vessels bound farther north; it is believed that this is the first case of a vessel being specially fitted with fog-signal apparatus, and the light-house board deserve the commendation and thanks of navigators and merchants. The aids to navigation on this coast are being provided with commendable promptness. The Dominion of Canada has been active in fixing good lights on the shores of Vancouver Island, and on the islands of the Canal de Haro, and propose to put a first-class light and fog-signal at Point Bonilla on the north side of the entrance to the Strait of Fuca. The United States government also proposes lights and fog-signals on Pato and Stuart Islands on the Canal de Haro. At the entrance of that passage the Dominion will add a fog-signal to the light-house on Discovery Island. -Contd.

The appropriation of \$20,000 made by congress for this purpose, will be shortly available. -Ed. ASTORIAN.)

NEW TO-DAY. Stockholders' Meeting. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Occident Packing Co. will be held at their office on Thursday, Oct. 4, 1888, at 9 A. M. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting. By order of the President, ERIK MANULA, Secretary.

School Taxes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Taxes of School District No. 1, Astoria, Clatsop county, state of Oregon, are now due and payable, the clerk of said district, and that the same if not paid, will be deemed delinquent sixty days from date. By order of the Board of Directors, J. G. HUSTLER, Clerk. Astoria, Sept. 19th, 1888.

Oregon State Fair! -THE 28th- Annual State Fair will be held on the Fair grounds near Salem, commencing on the 17TH OF SEPTEMBER. And continuing one week. Cash Premiums to the amount of \$15,000. -Will be awarded for- Agricultural, mechanical and stock exhibits, works of art and fancy work and for trials of speed. The premiums offered have been increased in many cases, and new classes have been added. No entry fee charged in divisions J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z. A magnificent field of horses entered, and there will be splendid contests of running and trotting each day. The different transportation companies will make liberal reductions in fares and freights. Special attention is called to the premiums offered for cow exhibits of grain, grasses and fruits. Entries will be received in the secretary's office in Salem, beginning six days before the fair, and before the fair grounds from Friday before the fair. Persons desiring to exhibit in divisions J, K, O, T, and Q, are requested to make their entries on Friday and Saturday before the fair if possible. All entries close on Monday, September 17th, at 7:30 P.

-PRICES OF ADMISSION:- Coupon ticket for men (six days)....\$2 50 Coupon ticket for women (six days)....\$1 50 Day ticket for men.....25c Day ticket for women.....25c Tickets to grand stand at race track for males over 12 years old.....25c Ladies to the grand stand free. Those desiring to purchase booths will apply to the secretary. Entries to the secretary at Salem for a premium list. J. T. GREGG, Secretary.

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