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THE ASTORIAN GUARANTEES TO ITS ADVERTISERS the largest circulation of any newspaper published on the Columbia river.

St. Valentine's Day. A little touch of winter. Sun rises, 7:23; sun sets, 5:26.

Thirty years ago today Oregon was admitted into the Union.

The steamer Alliance arrived in yesterday, and proceeded up.

The Astoria Sangerbund will have a ball at Liberty hall on the night of the 22nd inst.

The Lydia Thompson Troupe appear at Ross opera house in "Penelope" next Thursday night.

It is about time for Astoria to organize a "Get There" Society. Talk is all right, but opportunities like sunbeams pass us by, etc.

A good time is guaranteed those who attend the masked ball to be given by Astoria Engine Co. No. One, at Ross opera house to-night.

The barkentine Portland is the latest vessel reported chartered to go to Alaska. The company that has chartered the Portland has also chartered the Comet.

Mrs. Black, of the Red Market, while yesterday engaged in hauling up a large fish, fell from the box on which she was standing, sustaining severe and painful injuries.

Portland parties have an option on the two lots owned by Geo. W. Hume, 100 feet on Olney and 100 on Water street. This is valuable property, and is understood to be held at \$15,000. The option expires to-morrow.

The weather yesterday was a sort of a go-as-you-please, and what it lacked in quality it made up in variety. Snow and sunlight, hail and rain, and rainbows in the air and great green tumbling billows fernist the town.

The pilot bill will doubtless pass the senate to day. Then it goes to Gov. Penneyer for his signature. He has so many days in which to veto it or not to sign it. The term of the legislature for which they are paid expires next Thursday night.

The two houses of congress met yesterday in joint session and counted the electoral vote, 233 for Harrison and Morton, and 193 for Cleveland and Thurman. That ends the matter and the wheels of government roll on, a sublime example of a republic.

H. Y. Thompson, one of the new owners of the Seaside property, was in the city yesterday on business connected with that summer resort. Before leaving he had a consultation with the directors of the Astoria & South Coast Railway Co., which may result in interesting developments.

There has been introduced in the senate a bill providing for the relief of Geo. Hunter, late captain of Company A, Columbia county, W. T. volunteers. The bill provides that the secretary of the interior is authorized to put the name of Captain Hunter on the pension rolls at a pension of \$77 a month. Capt. Hunter served as captain of the Columbia county volunteers, otherwise known as the Dayton volunteers, in the war against the Nez Perce Indians in 1877.

Representative Dana has reported a bill from the committee on marine and fisheries recommending that the damming of streams in Alaska be prohibited. The majority of these streams are shallow and rise in small lakes and damming prevents the salmon from returning from the sea to their spawning ground. From the number of Alaska salmon packing companies forming in San Francisco, it is believed that after next season is over and the net results learned several of the Alaskan streams will be dammed in every sense of the word.

Complaint is made by several citizens that cows are allowed to run at large, and small, contrary to ordinance. Either the ordinance or the cows ought to be enforced. The cows were here, however, before the ordinance was. What does a man want to put out trees and shrubbery for anyhow? What good are they? If people go to putting out trees and building sidewalks and fixing things, it might make the place more attractive and people would come here, and start some more businesses, and then see what a fix we'd be in. One man wants the cow kept out of his shrubbery, and another man wants the shrubbery kept out of his cow.

Lost. A gentleman's Scarf Pin, with a small diamond in the center. Please return to W. J. Barry and be rewarded \$1.

At The Empire store. Laird, Schober & Mitchell's celebrated French Kid shoes, as well as other good brands of both ladies' and gents' boots and shoes can be had at Parker's Empire Store, corner of Benton and Second streets, next door to post-office.

Meals Cooked to order. Private rooms for ladies and families; at Central Restaurant, next to Foard & Stokes.

WHAT VESSEL WAS IT?

And What Became of The Seal Skins?

An American Pirate in Japanese Waters.

It was an ancient mariner who told this tale to me.

Strolling along the docks yesterday, looking at the sun and shadow on the Washington territory hills and the Chinaman catching porgies through cracks in the planks, the writer was hailed by a marine veteran, who, after relieving his mind about the pilot bill, suddenly broke out: "Say, did you ever hear about that mysterious ship and the trick that was played the Alaska Commercial company over two years ago?" No, tell us about it. It's news, if it was two years ago.

"Well, I've never seen it in any paper, so I guess it is news. This is the way it was, as near as I can remember:

"You know the Alaska Commercial company has two steamers, the St. Paul and the Alexander. Well, more than two years ago, it was along in the summer of '89 sometime, you remember Capt. Abbey, of the Corwin, the fellow that gave you that big picture you have hung up in your office, was busy capturing American sealing vessels, and times were lively in Alaskan waters. The company's steamer Alexander was off in Russian waters and had made a fine catch. She had left Behring sea, gone around Kuril straits, and hauling westward from Oplanaia, got in about 50° Nor. Lat., and 150° E. Lon.

"To get back to the Pacific ocean she had to pass

THROUGH JAPANESE WATERS. And one fine morning the Alexander came steaming slowly along, passing between Capes Tesika and Moimato, which run out from Yeteran and Kamisun; when suddenly, to the astonishment of the officers and crew, appeared a sailing vessel, bark rigged and flying the Japanese flag. The captain of the strange bark, a tall, wiry looking chap, sang out in excellent English, "What vessel is that and what are you doing here?" "The Alaska Commercial company's steamer Alexander," was the answer. "Well, heave to, or I'll send a shot across your bows," said the stranger in true pirate style.

The Alexander did so, and presently from the side of the sail vessel put off a boat and the captain and four men came rowing alongside and boarded the Alexander. He pointed to his vessel and said, "There is a Japanese man-of-war, she has so many guns and I want no foolishness. How many seal skins have you aboard?"

"Sixty thousand," answered the captain, "but they were not caught in Japanese waters." "No matter," said the stranger, "I must confiscate them." In vain were protestations made; in vain did the captain show that simply passing through a narrow strip of Japanese waters gave the Japanese government no right to the vessel's cargo.

"Transfer your seal skins to my vessel," said the other; "I will give you a receipt for them; I am authorized so to do, and you can settle the matter with my superior at Yokohama.

"I WILL GO WITH YOU To Yokohama," said the captain of the Alexander, "and we can arrange everything there."

"No," said the other, "Yours is a steamer, mine is only a sailing vessel, and you would give me the slip in the night. The skins must be put aboard, and when you get to Yokohama and show my receipt you can arrange."

The skins were transferred to the hold of the bark, and the Alexander put off with all haste to Yokohama, there to find that no one knew anything of such a vessel by such a name, nor of her officers nor crew.

It now became evident that the whole thing was a bold stroke of piracy; that some American adventurer had fitted up a vessel, got Japanese uniforms for self and crew, secured the Japanese national colors, and played the whole thing for a daily accepted Japanese bluff.

"I guess," said the ancient mariner, at this period of his story, "the reason you never got on to that is because the company

KEPT IT MIGHTY CLOSE Hoping to get some track of the fellows that got \$400,000 worth of seal skins away from the Alexander."

"Well, did they?" "I don't know; I don't think they did. I got this from a chap that was up with Lieutenant Stoney, and he said that when he got back to San Francisco he was asked to tell all he knew about it to one of the company's men, and did so and it looked as if they were trying to find out about it as quietly as possible."

"But the fellow could never dispose of \$400,000 worth of seal skins without being caught."

"Oh, yes, he could; sixty thousand seal skins is a big lot, but he could work them off in small jags in New York and San Francisco, and other places. You see seal skins, when salted will keep a long time."

Wondering whether the old chap was romancing or whether it was a fact that the Alaska commercial company was really tricked in the ingenious manner related, the writer strolled on.

TOURISTS. Whether on pleasure bent or business, should take on every trip a bottle of S. P. Pils, as it acts most pleasantly on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50c and \$1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

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THE NEW SERIES OF ARITHMETICS.

Regarding the recent change in school books, county superintendent Shively has left two arithmetics at this office, the one which has been in use and the one which goes into use.

He voted for the change, and says he thinks that Brooks' arithmetic—the discarded text book—was too difficult for the grade of schools in which they were used, and that Fish's—the series adopted—are much easier. From a casual inspection the writer is glad he hasn't to tackle either one. Both of them are paralyzers.

Here's a little easy one: Wishing to make a permanent investment, I am recommended to take either \$5 at 75, 6's at 85, or 7's at 90; which is the best investment?

The answer is right handy, underneath the example, and says 7's, at 90, which saves figuring; anyway we'd never guess it, and if it wasn't for the answer being figured out wouldn't had to give it up.

Here is another: Mr. Thomas bought a loan on 12 shares new series, of the El Paso Building & Loan association at \$85 premium, net plan; if the series runs out in 9 years, what is the actual cost of his loan?

Looks easy doesn't it? Then there is page after page, thus: What is the cost of a building lot 75 m. long and 62 m. wide, at \$40 an ar.?

We pass, again. You'll never realize how times have changed since you and I went to school and ciphered on sums, till you look through the books they use now-a-days.

It used to be that the hardest example was something like this: "If John ate 1/4 of his apples and gave Benny 2 and Jimmy 3 and had 3 left, how many did he have first?" and that was a stem winder to the most of us. After the smartest boy in the class had showed off and explained it to the rest of us, we used to think arithmetic was no good anyhow; but it was easy 'longside of the conundrums and prize puzzles in the arithmetics of '89.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. G. C. Hall has returned from Oysterville.

Chief of Police Barry is confined to his house by illness.

Ja. Quinn, of Quinn's Landing, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Osgood is quite ill from nervous prostration; Miss Helen Dickinson fills her place in the school-room.

Rev. A. LeRoy has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church, his resignation to take effect March 1st. Mr. LeRoy goes to Brownsville.

L. A. Allen has a good position with the Alaska Commercial company and will go to Alaska in charge of one of their canneries this season.

A. Y. Blissett leaves to-night to visit his daughter at Lewiston, Idaho; Mrs. Blissett has gone to visit another of their daughters at Eureka, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Holden yesterday celebrated the 33rd anniversary of their marriage, and were the recipients of many hearty congratulations from friends and acquaintances.

Who is Your Best Friend? Your stomach, of course. Why? Because if it is out of order you are one of the most miserable creatures living. Give it a fair, honorable chance and see if it is not the best friend you have in the end. Don't smoke in the morning. Don't drink in the morning. If you must smoke and drink wait until your stomach is through with breakfast. You can drink more and smoke more in the evening and it will tell on you less. If your food ferments and does not digest right, if you are troubled with Heartburn, Dizziness of the head, coming up of the food after eating, Biliousness, Indigestion, or any other trouble of the stomach, you had best use Green's August Flower, as no person can use it without immediate relief.

Tom Ward in San Francisco. A young iron moulder by the name of John Lynch dropped into the California Athletic club late yesterday afternoon and asked to have some one to put on the gloves with him, as he was anxious to become a pugilist.

Tom Ward, who was present, consented to spar Lynch four rounds, although the latter weighed about forty pounds more than he did. The affair was an impromptu one, and those who happened to be present witnessed a lively bout. In the second round Ward received a smash in the mouth which sent him spinning to the floor, but he was up in quick time and spit out one of his teeth, which had been knocked out by the blow. In the third and fourth rounds both men gave and took some heavy blows. The men will appear in a bout on the evening of the Glover-Choyinski contest.—S. F. Alta, 20.

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MEYER VS. MAULIFFE.

Specials From Several Sources.

PORTLAND, Feb. 13.—Richard Jewell, the sailor of the C. S. Hulbert, who instituted suit against first mate Davis for assault, had a hearing before Judge Deady this afternoon. He claims to have been imprisoned in a deserted building by residents of Astoria to prevent him from testifying in the case. The trial is still in progress.

THE MEYER-MAULIFFE FIGHT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—A special to the Chicago Times says that it was reported from North Judson, at 6:20 A. M., that Mike McDonald, a well-known Chicagoan, was just chosen referee for the Meyer-McAuliffe fight. The fight was then expected to begin in a few minutes, but the sheriff unexpectedly appeared and affairs are once more unsettled.

A HIPPODROME.

NORTH JUDSON, Feb. 13.—A wrangle over McAuliffe's having plastered his hands under his gloves occurred and finally he was allowed to put them on. At 6:40 two marshals jumped on the platform and informed those present that the fight could not go on. After a long wrangle with the referee and sheriff, it was agreed to allow a boxing match, and time was called at 6:58 A. M. The fight was a tame affair. Sixty-four rounds were fought and the fight declared a draw. Meyer was very cautious. Neither man appeared anxious to force matters.

BLAINE'S ACCEPTANCE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Patrick Ford has received within the past week a letter from Blaine, stating that he has been offered the state portfolio. He inclosed a copy of the letter from Harrison; also a copy of his reply accepting the tender. The California associated press correspondent interviewed Ford, who admitted that he knew Blaine had been offered the portfolio and had accepted it.

AN AFGHAN WAR CLOUD.

MOSCOW, Feb. 13.—The rumor of Afghanistan is said to have collected 20,000 men on the frontier with the intention of pursuing Ishak Khan. He has made futile attempts to secure the co-operation of the amir of Bokhara in a movement against Russia. When the fact came to the knowledge of Russia, she notified England that it was to the interest of both powers to prevent the amir from taking any precipitate steps.

A SOUTH AFRICAN COLLAPSE.

LONDON, February 13.—The West Moities Gold & Exploration company, a south African enterprise, has failed. Stocks and bonds were floated and \$390,000 paid for land which was reported to be fabulously rich in metal, but it now turns out that not a single ounce of gold has been discovered.

A GERMAN LOAN.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—A bill has been introduced in the reichstag for a loan of 60,000,000 marks on account of the army, navy and state railways.

Epoch.

The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is gratefully blessed. Hence it is that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they owe their restoration to health to the use of the Great After Five and Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of the Kidneys, Liver or Stomach, or long or short standing, you will surely find relief by use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 25c, and \$1 per bottle at J. W. Con's Drug store.

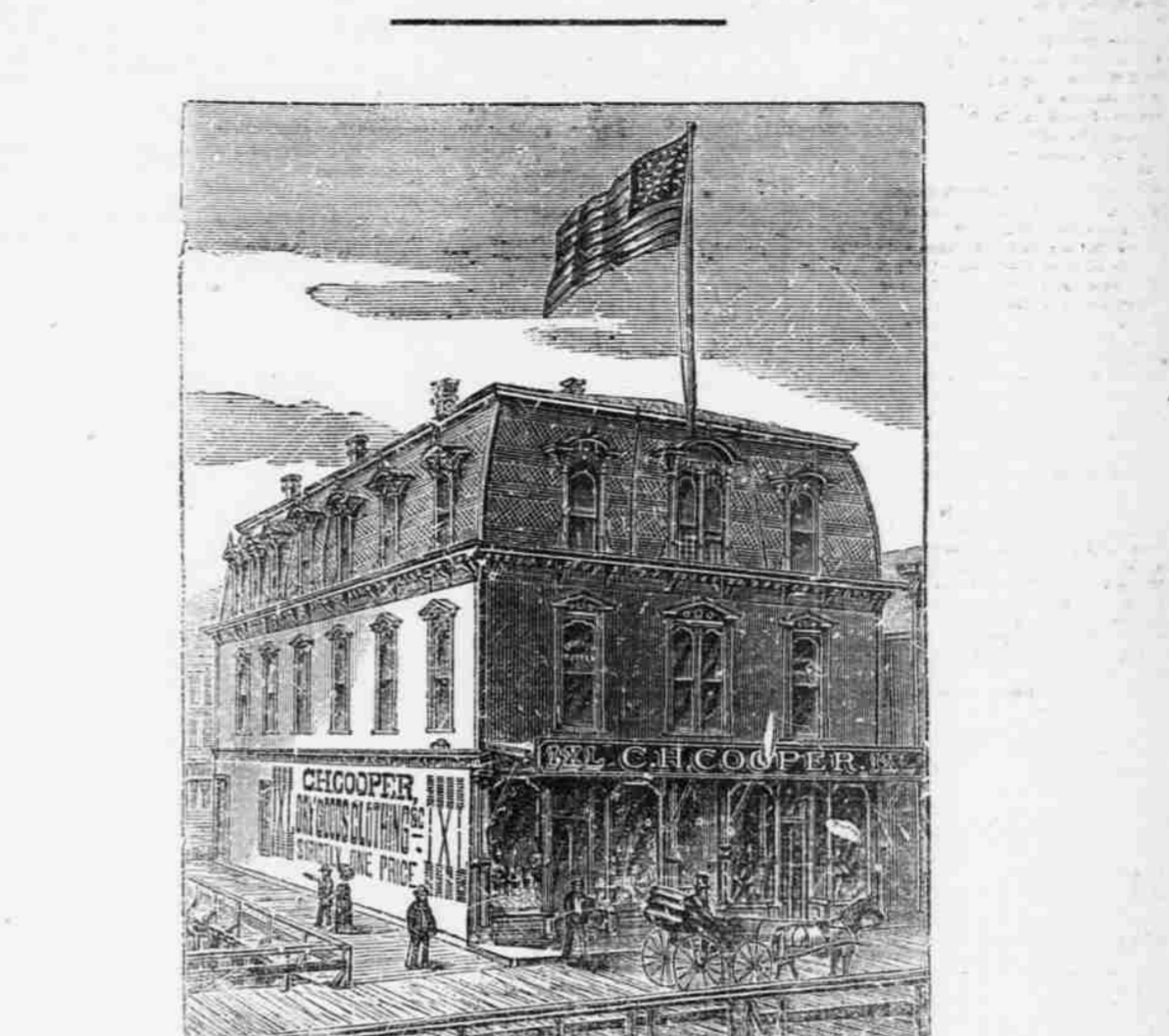
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I met Dick the other day, and he seemed sorter puzzled; I asked him what's the matter? and sez he, I

Want to get myself a new suit, and my hat looks as though it needed a rest; and sez he, you know, Jim, my oldest boy he's going

To college to get educated, and he sez he's got a new rig, but my po' ket book is getting sorter hungry, and I don't know what to do!

See here, sez I ter Dick! You don't know anything if you ain't aware of the fact that HERMAN WISE is selling his stock off at greatly reduced prices, in order to make room for his immense SPRING stock.

Ha! Ha! I met Dick 2 days later, and sez he, as he luffed and give me the Lodge wink! It do beat anything how HERMAN WISE, that little feller in the Occident Hotel building, slaughters clothing.

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