

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1890. POSTMASTER'S PERQUISITES.

A GOOD many of the fourth-class postmasters who are being appointed by the postmaster-general are surprised when on taking office they find that they must count all the letters they send away by each mail.

"I had always supposed," said one of them, "that we received our pay according to the number of stamps sold, but I find that it is not on that basis that our salaries are computed, but on the basis of the amount of matter mailed, so that before every mail we must count the letters to make up our report. It was not always thus."

The change was made for an odd reason. When the fourth-class postmasters were paid according to the number of stamps sold, the officials at Washington were sometimes surprised at the unprecedented growth of an office. Soon the growth became general, and it is a matter of surprise with what rapidity the sales of stamps at the small offices increased. At the same time a terrible falling off was noticed in the sale of stamps in New York, Philadelphia and other large postoffices. It was not long before the cause was discovered. Most of the fourth-class postmasters are country store-keepers. The houses from whom they purchased goods authorized agents to offer to take payments for their goods in stamps instead of cash.

Of course, in all cases the offer was accepted, for, as the postmaster got a percentage on the sale of stamps, this amounted practically to a reduction in price. Large bills of goods were purchased by country store-keepers who were also postmasters. They were paid for in stamps, and the stamps were reported to Washington as among the sales. Salaries jumped up at a marvelous rate, and, in the meantime the New York and Philadelphia merchants used the stamps received from the country and bought none at home. The government bought thousands of dollars in stamps before the trick was discovered.

SOME interesting statistics may be gathered, from the last statistical abstract of the United States. It appears that the revenue of the government amounted in 1888 to \$632 per capita of population. The expenditures of the government, not including payment of the national debt, amounted to \$447 per capita. The national debt per capita amounted to \$17.71, and the interest thereon to 65 cents. The duties collected on imports amounted to \$347 per capita, and the internal revenue amounted to \$207 per capita.

THE Northern Pacific has bought the Northwestern railroad, giving the Northern Pacific important connection with the Canadian frontier.

AN UGLY DISCOVERY. A Report That Should Be Read. A recent analysis in Philadelphia by a celebrated chemist of ten popular brands of sarsaparilla discloses the astonishing fact that these ten samples of blood purifiers (7 contained in the aggregate sixteen different minerals, eleven of which were active poisons.

A reporter took the above clipping to E. W. Joy, the manufacturer of Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla. Mr. Joy exhibited no surprise. He said druggists knew it. He said he long ago saw the crying need for a safe and absolutely pure vegetable preparation of Sarsaparilla, hence his name Joy's vegetable sarsaparilla, because it contained nothing but pure syrup of sarsaparilla, combined with the pure juices of California's vegetable alternatives. Unlike potash sarsaparilla, it does not force impurities through the skin but stimulates the various secretory organs, thereby correcting functional derangements and eliminating all impurities through the natural channels.

An Attractive Costume. Dumby—You say Miss Periode looked beautiful in her bathing suit. What sort of a suit was it? Mumley—Stockings and style—Laurence American.

The Verdict Unanimous. W. D. Sult, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing. Abraham Hare, druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at J. W. Conn's Drug Store.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Specials to The Astorian. SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—Following is the passenger list per steamer Columbia, sailing hence to-day for Astoria and Portland: E. M. Farnham, E. E. Paramour, Matt Courtwright, Mrs. G. Hamill, Mrs. S. Wassill, A. Cohn, I. J. Burch, J. H. Donohue, George Crow, G. M. Collins, J. Burtchell, F. B. Kimell, J. Bauer, Mrs. Oasey, J. M. Powers.

THE CAPTAIN AND THE COOK. PORTLAND, July 25.—John Quinlan was arraigned in justice Philan's court this afternoon, charged with threatening to kill Capt. Wm. Whiteford. The defendant waived examination and was bound over in the sum of \$250, and being unable to furnish security he went to jail by default. Quinlan is not to all appearances a bad man and he says he has been made a target by Capt. Whiteford, who has not only mistreated him since he left England, but has made the trip an absolute burden to him. The captain is an old man and gives a different story from the one related by his former cook. "I want to be rid of him," said he, "because I am afraid he will kill me when he gets a chance. I wouldn't take him with me on the return voyage of the Scottish Glens for the whole of the queen's dominions."

SWAN RECOVERING. Elmer Swan who nearly lost his life about two weeks ago by being hurled a distance of eighty feet from a railroad velocipede into a ravine near Dundee, is getting on finely. He was taken from the Portland hospital last evening to the residence of his father, Mr. Enos Swan; all he is suffering from now are bruises he received in his terrible fall.

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE. Last night about nine o'clock a slight collision occurred in Sullivan's gulch on the O. R. & N. railroad between the incoming freight train and some box cars which had been left standing on the track just west of Fifth street bridge. There were several freight cars on the track. The freight train came in at a pretty good rate of speed and dashed into the first car which was a stock car. This was completely wrecked and two other box cars were badly smashed. The box cars contained giant powder and had there been an explosion the result would have been terrible. The boxes containing the powder were seen by several so there could have been no mistake about it being in the car. It was reported that some one was injured, but the report was not verified. The engine was considerably damaged.

SHOCKING BRUTALITY. New York, July 25.—A letter from another of the men sent by John Fitzpatrick ("Liverpool Jack") to Progresso, Mexico, was handed to Supt. Jackson, at Castle Garden yesterday. The letter was brought to the Garden by Barth Lamassi, a Hungarian, who lives in this city. He received it from the writer, an acquaintance of his, named Landsman. The letter, written in Hungarian, was signed "Mr. Schuler," as Landsman explained he was afraid if he signed his own name and the letter was opened he would be murdered.

Landsman implores Lamassi to procure his release from Progresso, where he says he is held in bondage worse than death. Three months ago, he says, he was engaged at the employment bureau kept by Fitzpatrick at No. 32 Greenwich street. It was understood that he was to receive \$60 per month as a laborer on a railroad. When he, with thirty others who went with him, arrived at Progresso they were put to work on the docks in the hot sun. It was so hot that their skin peeled off in large flakes. They were forced to board in an adobe shanty, for which they were obliged to pay \$5 per week for their board. The shanty was fairly swarming with vermin and the mud was ankle deep. They were obliged to sleep on the bare mud, and Meztizos, negroes, Indians and whites all slept together. At the end of the first month, instead of being paid \$60, as the contract called for, they were paid at the rate of \$1 per day. When they remonstrated against this injustice they were clubbed and kicked. After this a guard of Mexican soldiers was placed over them and they were driven to their tasks each day like a company of felons. The least word of remonstrance brought a shower of blows.

Landsman applied to the steamship company to take him back to New York, but was told that he must apply to the dock superintendent. He did so and was refused. His treatment after this was much worse, and a guard one day, becoming angry, struck him with the butt end of his musket, disabling him so he had to be sent to the hospital. Here he received little better attention. The patients, most of whom were brought there by the outrageous treatment of the guards, were shamefully neglected. The water given them was brackish, and so filled with mineral alkalis that they grew worse instead of better. Medicines were not given at the proper time, and the swarms of flies in the hospital rendered their situation almost unbearable. So desperate did it become that they longed for death as a welcome release. The dead are buried like dogs—their bodies thrown into trenches without the least ceremony. No coffin is provided, not even a box, and not a prayer is offered.

The writer ends by appealing to Mr. Lamassi to help him to escape from the horrible place, as he can not long survive the treatment he is daily receiving. Mr. Lamassi says he will do all he can to assist his friend, and will lay the matter before assistant district attorney Davis, who has charge of Fitzpatrick's case. Supt. Jackson said it was not within the province of the commissioners to do anything, as the treasury department would not allow the expenses which would be incurred to come out of the national fund.

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Notice. Bids will be received until Monday, 29th, 1889, 12 M., for raising the Engine House of Astoria Engine Co., No. 1, to the established grade. Bids to be left at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge. COM. ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

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Proposals for a Sewer. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria until Tuesday, July 30th, 1889, at 4 o'clock P. M., for the construction of a sewer in Washington street, McClure's Astoria, from the west line of Astor street to a point one hundred feet north of the north side of Water street, in the time and manner provided by Ordinance No. 1190 of the City of Astoria. Bids must state the price per lineal foot, of terra cotta pipe, price per man-hole, catch basin, branches, reference being had to the estimate and plans and specifications on file in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge. Work shall be completed within ninety days after the signing of the contract by the parties thereto. Bids must be strictly in accordance with printed blanks which will be furnished on application to the Auditor and Police Judge, particular attention being called to the note on said blanks. The contract will contain a provision to the effect that in case of failure to complete said work within the time specified, the contractor shall forfeit the sum of five dollars per day for each and every day required to complete said contract in excess of the time specified. The contractor or contractors when the contract is let shall enter into bond within forty-eight hours after receiving notice of the award with at least two good and sufficient sureties in the penal sum of \$1,000 for the true and faithful performance of all terms and conditions of said contract. Said bond shall also contain a provision, that such contractor or contractors shall and will hold the City of Astoria and the officers thereof free and harmless from any and all liabilities, or responsibility, from any loss or accident resulting from carelessness or neglect, during or resulting from such work, and the said bond shall be approved by the mayor of said city. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved. J. W. WELCH, W. L. ROBB, L. B. ELBON, Committee on S. and P. W. Dated, July 25th, 1889.

Auction Sale. Steamer "C. M. Belshaw" Will be sold at auction at my Cannery, Astoria, Or., August 5th, 1889. Hull is nearly new; boiler has new tubes, and engine was thoroughly overhauled, hull caulked, etc., last April. Terms, Cash. GEO. W. HUME.

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