

ANYTHING BUT THAT.

The man who has no opinion is a fool; the man who is afraid to express his opinion is a coward, and neither God, man nor the devil has any use for a coward.

THE ASTORIAN is slow to attack, but quick to retaliate when assailed unjustly: it concedes to every one the same consistency it claims for itself, viz: the right to an opinion; and only asks a fair show.

Least of all can any one abide cowardice in a newspaper office. A man may be a little too slow, or a little too fast, a little too smart, or a little too stupid, and the readers of his paper will put up with it, but a coward is a creature the American reading public have no use for.

THE states that voted last Tuesday didn't follow the good example of the four new states of the Northwest last month that elected their Republican candidates. The Republican defeat in Iowa is easily explained. Iowa is a Republican state and has a grand record, but it has furnished large immigration to the Dakotas, farther west. Then the Republicans unwisely dallied with prohibition and helped to put that restriction on the state. The Germans, which were the rank and file of the Republican party in Iowa, deserted it, so that from a majority of 78,000 for Garfield in '80, the pendulum has swung 10,000 the other way in '89. The Hawkeye state will fall into line again, however, and can be counted on in the solid column of victorious Republican states. The most interest centered in Virginia, where Mahone after a ten years fight has gone down. Ohio is a surprise, an inexplicable one. Our dispatches say that the legislature is Democratic and that Gov. Foraker is defeated, Democracy makes gains in off years, but the sober second thought of the people will swing the ship of state to safe Republican moorings should she drift.

PRUDENCE is rather an over rated virtue. The soul that is always poking about for a safe path is like a blind man feeling his way with a cane. The man who is always looking for a soft place to fall on before he leaps, is like a bird that never tries its wings for fear of a tumble. He misses the exhilaration of the upper air, the rushing wind and the unobstructed sunshine. The narrow little one-idea pessimist who is afraid to commit himself to fresh and untried opportunities, is like the greenhorn in the nineteenth century who is too timid to ride in a steam car, but is content to plod forever in the highway dust. Its not worth while to be always on the alert for mishaps. The Lord has given us eyes and brains, and a modicum of common sense; let us use these faculties to keep ourselves growing and advancing, without constantly stopping to think of miscalculations. Time enough when the wreck befalls us to man the lifeboats. He who attempts to sail forever on a raft will make slow progress.

ACCORDING to J. Lawrence-Hamilton, M. R. C. S., in the Lancet, ice spoils the freshness, firmness, and flavor of fish by rendering it, prior to putrefaction, insipid, soft, and flabby. Experience seems to show that the gravest cases of fish poisoning arise more commonly from eating fish which has been kept naturally cool. Where fish is preserved on ice it appears that the ice only favors putrefaction by furnishing a constant supply of moisture, carrying with it the putrefactive bacteria derived from its foul and filthy surroundings, so that this iced fish remains covered with fresh solutions of filth pregnant with putrefactive bacteria. Thus large quantities of those subtle, complex bodies, the animal alkaloids or ptomaines, are probably elaborated, and give rise to those marked symptoms of poisoning which sometimes occur from eating fish preserved on ice. On the other hand, keeping fish dry and cool can in no way favor putrefaction.

THE fact that the Union Pacific will build to Astoria, as stated in THE ASTORIAN a week ago, is attracting considerable attention, as well it may. It means a great deal to the development of the seaport of Oregon, and to those who are aiding in that development. But other things, meanwhile, are needed than the acquisition of property, though that generally comes first. In this case it needs to be followed by manufactures. Here steps in the law of supply and demand. Probably the developments in this regard will keep pace with the requirements. Nearly every line of industry here is up to the present demand, and it is safe to presume that when the demand comes the supply will be adequate.

POLITICS is business says the Yakima Republic. It is the people's business; their most important business. The people are entitled to the most efficient public servants and service which can be had for the salary they pay. There is a good deal of senseless sentiment about electing men to office. In individual matters we employ men skilled in the work we want done. Brain without skill is helpless in congressional halls as in a watchmaker's shop. With the people or their representatives, in electing a man to do public work the only question should be, who can be had for the wages paid, who will do us the most good?

THE case of Lazarus and Jones is cited by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, as a good illustration of how the low price for cattle and high price for beef works: Jones sold a bullock to Lazarus for \$16, of which he agreed to take a fore-quarter for his own use, and this is the way Lazarus made out the bill:

To quarter of beef, 185 lbs, at 10c. \$18 50
By one bullock. 16 00
Balance.....\$2 50
The next bullock Jones had he killed himself, used a quarter, threw away the balance, and saved \$2.50.

THE official ballot must sooner or later be had because it relieves the candidates from the expense—and the heavy expense—of having ballots printed in the ratio of several for each voter in the district; or having them mailed or distributed to each voter; or hiring workers on election day to handle them at the polls. Every man who knows anything about practical politics knows that this is an expense that few men, comparatively, can meet; and hence they are debarred.

If Daniel Webster were now alive to see the four new states take their places in the Union, he would reel with some chagrin the fact that he objected to the organization of a territorial government for Oregon on the ground that said region was "so far off that it could never be governed by the United States" and that a delegate to congress from there "could not reach Washington until a year after the expiration of his term." Mr. Webster was a wise man, but he had only a limited idea of the coming greatness of his country.

How contemptible a creature appears that tries to throw one down that he may rise. There is room for all; honest and manly competition is always recognized, but the car that thinks it a game that he must make others lose in if he expects to win anything himself is sure to get left and be covered with the condemnation of all honest men.

THERE is no necessity that makes dishonesty any way right. The temptation to practice little tricks of trade for the sake of gain, usually small, grows with the practice; and while honesty for a time may seem not to succeed, the defect is generally found in some other direction than being conscientious in business.

It has been discovered that celluloid makes good sheathing for the bottoms of ships. After immersion for six months a plate of celluloid was found to be free from submarine growths. This is a very important discovery, as iron ships foul so rapidly that their speed is materially lessened in a few months.

This thing of starting a bank and then wrecking it and trying to mix things up is getting to be very unprofitable business. Some people used to think that this particular branch of fine work was a mark of genius, but it has fallen into such bad odor lately that the wreckers have a hard time of it keeping out of jail.

THE Pullman Car company carried 4,242,542 persons last year in its palace cars. At 25 cents each, this means a net revenue to the porter of \$1,060,633, which is enough to buy a great many policy tickets with.

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