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FRANK RISSIE:—Your father-in-law is dead. Come home immediately.
 —NETTIE.
 A cent a pound is paid for sturgeon on the river, now.
 A dispatch from Portland says 150 lots in Railway addition were sold in that city yesterday.
 Twenty acres adjoining Railway addition were sold yesterday to Messrs. Smith & Powers for \$370 an acre.
 At C. P. Upham's office is a fine photograph of the new cruiser, *Baltimore*, of which Urie Schreier is commander.
 The six weeks old daughter of Jno. K. Burg of upper Astoria, died last Wednesday. The funeral will be tomorrow.
 A \$95,000 mortgage was recorded yesterday. A. W. Berry and wife mortgaging certain property to Col. Jas. K. Kelly for that amount.
 For a great newspaper, and a sensible one, like the *Oregonian*, that "Oregonian" and "Washingtonian" is very dizzy, and a trifle tart.
 Parties from Portland say that Astoria addition lots away out are being sold there as fast as the deeds or bonds for deeds can be made out and signed.
 There is one sad feature about the safe return of Stanley. In a few weeks all our children at the public schools will be forced to buy a new geography.
 That was a clever and enterprising bit of work yesterday's *Oregonian*, getting a list of all the Oregon appointments, and a feat that even the New York *Herald* might be proud of.
 An alleged dispatch yesterday stating that Capt. Gray had been appointed collector of customs, caused considerable interest, but the news was discovered. Trenchard always was fond of a joke.
 Three composers who came down from Portland yesterday to take the place of the *Pioneer* force, who went on a strike, returned to Portland last night without going to work. Trouble about wages is the reason.
 The *Evening Transcript* was yesterday brought by L. G. Carpenter, of San Francisco, who takes charge of it to-day. Mr. Carpenter is a newspaper man of practical experience, and THE ASTORIAN welcomes him to the city.
 Spokane Falls buys wheat in Walla Walla, carries it to its mills, makes it into flour, and sells the flour in Walla Walla. That's the difference between enterprise and stick-in-the-mud-ness. Walla Walla has the natural advantages, but hasn't the guts-and-gut.
 As a result of a wager Mr. F. Gunn, of Astoria, and Mr. W. S. Geary, of Portland, will skate a quarter of a mile at the rink this evening. The race will take place at 9 p. m. sharp, and skaters on hearing the gong will clear the floor to give the participants plenty of room to fall.
 Says the *Albany Herald*: "The papers of a city should pull together for their city; but this is a recognized fact and there is no harm done in giving a neighbor a good word, particularly Astoria, which is soon to be in direct railroad communication with both Albany and Salem."
 By official orders every sign that reads "O. R. & N." is being removed, and soon in its place will appear "Pacific Division Union Pacific Railway," where the old familiar "O. R. & N." was printed, painted, embossed, engraved, cameoed, intagliated, or otherwise represented, afloat or ashore.
 It's a funny thing in these days of seeking for fat federal bills, that so far there have been no applications for two of the best and easiest places in Oregon. To give it away would be to spoil the joke, and the present incumbents fill the positions and transact their light duties in a creditable manner.
 Mr. Gilbert Stevens, father of Mrs. W. H. Whitcomb, Mrs. Archie Pease and Mrs. Peter Jordan, died in East Portland Thursday evening, aged 80 years. The deceased was a resident and the oldest citizen of Oysterville, Wash. The body was brought down to the *Telephone* to-day for burial. The funeral will take place Sunday.
 Capt. Gray has found among the papers of his recently deceased father, the historian, a receipt book of an old Pacific Coast minor noting the important fact that he discovered gold in California in 1846. Elsewhere was found a paragraph from a California paper that states that gold was first found near Yreka, by Oregon prospectors.
 There were closing exercises in the Court and Cedar street schools yesterday afternoon. Miss Lawrence, the principal of the Cedar street school, received a present of a gold pen and penholder from her pupils, and Prof. Pratt, principal of the Court street school, was similarly remembered. School resumes in district No. 18 on January 2nd, 1891, and in district No. 1 on January 6th, 1891.
 In teaching the young Chinese English—a system of singing words and sentences has been adopted. Here is an example of how they go through with it in San Francisco:
 "Q—O—W, cow! He giffa milk; he no lay a egg.
 H—E—N, hen! He lay a egg; he no giffa milk."
 And so on through the whole animal kingdom.
 The Union Pacific company has closed a contract, through Goodall, Perkins & Co., with Captain Simpkins, of San Francisco, for the steamer *Siyeh*, which will be placed on the route between Portland, Astoria, the Sound and British Columbia, in place

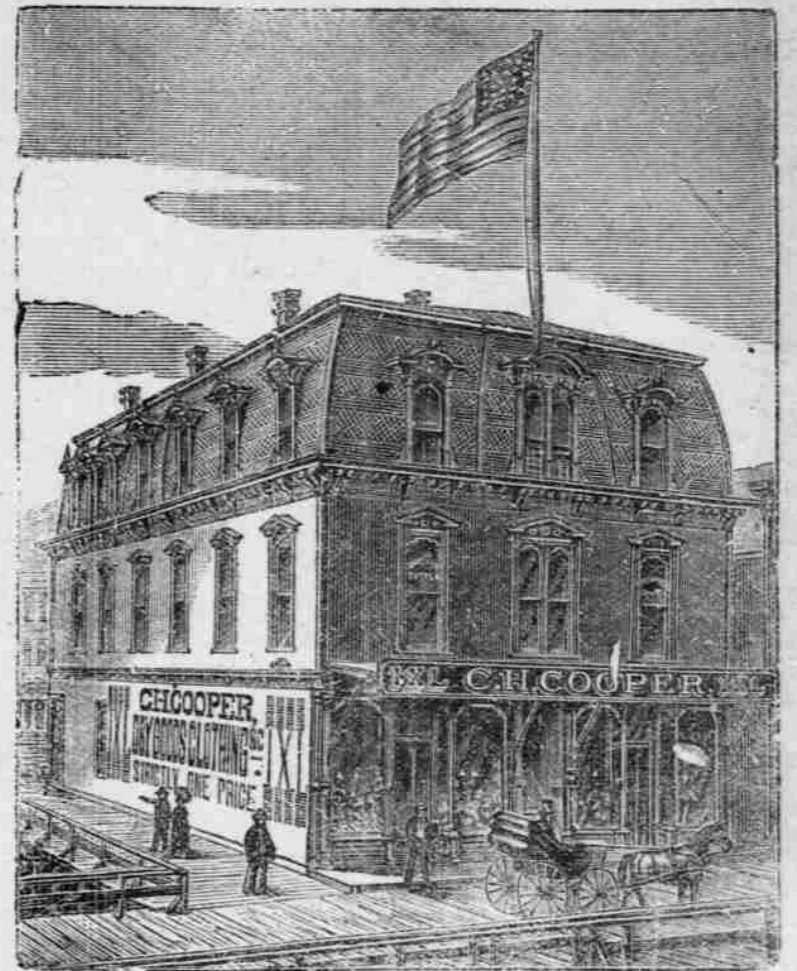
of the wrecked *Idaho*. The *Signal* is much such a vessel as the *Lakme* and *Michigan*, but not quite so large as either, and has no passenger accommodations. She will bring a cargo of combustibles, and then go on her route at once.
 Tom Phillips, of Port Townsend, told the boys if they shivered him the night of his marriage with Susan Acton that he'd shoot. They shivered, he shot, and killed John Hall, aged 19, and seriously wounded John Graham, aged 33. Phillips deserves a reward of \$1000, and if he should be given a verdict of "not guilty," any idiot who will slum around a man's house the night of his marriage is hardly worth shooting, but the noise can at the time be stopped easiest by annihilating the insect that produces it.
 "Why don't you build some houses?" was what an Astorian reporter asked a few folks yesterday who have the financial ability. The answers were various. Some said that considerable money was tied up in timber land and real estate; that it was next to impossible to get lumber; that the demand far exceeded the supply; others, still that there was more money for them in other present enterprises. All agreed on one proposition, viz: that building ought to go on. It looks badly, to visitors, and strangers, to have it appear as though the town was finished; as though there were no more structures to be erected, when as a matter of fact, a hundred houses, if ready this morning, for occupancy, would be all filled by Monday next. Every day some repeated inquiries for dwelling houses. This is not without cause, as a "boom" in real estate, but as a plain statement of an existing fact. It is, as probably the case, we are all too busy making money, to stop to build houses for other people to live in, even at a good rent, yet the necessity of such action in connection with the city's proper growth, should be recognized, and acted upon.
 Yesterday morning was again received the *Congressional Record*. This admirable journal, which is published at Washington, D. C., suspended in the bright days of last summer by reason of circumstances entirely beyond its control. It has, however, been resuscitated, and will, doubtless, gladden us by its regular arrival for a season. It is a well printed, though somewhat carelessly edited journal, and has some real cut things in it. It has statements that appear in no other journal, but as to news, real live news, and local, THE ASTORIAN scoops it right along. The issue to hand states that the *Record* will be sent for \$8 for a long session and \$4 for a short session. That there may be no mistake, it states that this will be a long session. People who supposed that this was going to be a short session were fooled. It's going to be a long one. THE ASTORIAN is glad to swap on equal terms with its Washington, D. C., comp. It has always credited THE ASTORIAN for what it has culled from the columns, and this paper will always have a good word for the *Record* for its manifest desire to be square.
 An Analysis of Sugar Beets.
 The following is self-explanatory:
 SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 16, 1890.
 J. J. Stokes, Esq., Astoria, Oregon.
 DEAR SIR:—I herewith enclose report of our analytical chemist upon samples of sugar beets forwarded by you for analysis.
 Yours Truly,
 JOHN D. SPRECKELS.
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 OFFICE 327, MARKET STREET,
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