

The Daily Astorian

ASTORIA, OREGON: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1889. ISSUED EVERY MORNING. (Sunday excepted.) J. F. HALLORAN & COMPANY, Publishers and Proprietors.

SHORT SUNDAY SCREENS.

On Topics That are Mostly Familiar. President Harrison has given the Oregon politicians something for their Christmas stockings. Some of them don't like the gifts professed, and point because the partition prize that hung on the presidential Christmas tree was not awarded them.

MARINE NEWS AND NOTES.

The Columbia will be laid off the first trip of the new year. Her place will be taken by either the Corona or the Santa Rosa. When the Columbia has had her usual annual overhaul, the Oregon will take her turn in the dry dock.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. L. Parker and wife have gone to reside in their cabin on the hill. Hon. W. T. Burney, of Oregon City, is in the city, and returns home via to-night's boat.

City and County Official Paper.

There is considerable money in the city treasury.

W. B. Adair directs attention to bill 12, Adair's Astoria.

The Central Alaska Canning Company lost \$75,000 in canning operations in Alaska, last season.

Captain J. G. Hustler, gives friendly notice that taxes in school district No. One, will be delinquent on the 30th inst., and don't you forget it.

There were fifty people, visitors, going around last night looking for lodging accommodations. Everything was full, and rooms were at a big premium.

On account of the opera house being engaged next Thursday night, the Columbia skating club will hold their next skating party Tuesday, Christmas eve.

Rescue club had an unusually good programme last evening, the new piano giving great gratification with its full, clear tones.

Three words of THE ASTORIAN'S report were received at the telegraph office last evening, and then the line, which had worked feebly all day, went down. Sorry, but can't help it.

The Northern Pacific Railroad company are having the grade stakes set, with the intention of removing their ferryboat from Hunter's Point to Foster's, two miles further down the river.

If you are going to advertise, why not advertise in the paper that everyone sees. THE ASTORIAN has the largest circulation, and is the people's recognized medium for those who want to sell and want to buy.

The Columbia Skating Club, have issued invitations to a grand masked carnival at Ross' opera house, New Year's Eve. The affair is in the hands of committees who will do no mean feat to make it in every way an assured success.

The McMinnville board of trade has received a communication from McMinnville, asking that a committee from Salem be sent there to a mass meeting of the Salem, Astoria & Eastern railroad. McMinnville is anxious to co-operate in building the road.

The Pioneer had its usual mess of lies. It never was reliable, but of late no one believes a word it says. It never has less than two lies in it, and yesterday morning it had four, one nearly a column in length. It's an old dodge to lie one day and take it back the next. Anything to fill up.

There is opposition in the lake cities to the proposed transfer of the revenue marine to the navy department. It is feared that in such a case the revenue cutters doing duty on the lakes would have to be regarded as regular naval vessels, and their number, therefore, reduced to one by the terms of our agreement with Great Britain.

A young Englishman named M. F. Parker who has recently been working at the Clatsop mill, but at present is not employed, was in receipt of a letter a day or two ago informing him of the fact that he had been left the snug little fortune of \$10,000 through the death of an uncle in England. The young man will leave soon for home to take possession of the welcome funds.

The Scandinavian Benevolent Society will have a pleasant social dance next Thursday evening. Good music has been engaged. The floor committee is composed of Adolf Johnson, C. S. Gunderson, Chris. Evenson, Martin Olson, and Frank Lindstrom. The reception committee is C. S. Gunderson, John L. Carlson, and Adolf Johnson. John Olson is the floor manager.

That is a novel entertainment which will be given at Ross' opera house next Thursday and Friday, evenings, known as Prof. Sherman's Phantasma. It is entirely different to anything ever seen here before, and its coming will be awaited with considerable interest. Reserved seats for the entertainment can be had at the New York Novelty store.

The Cheyenne Tribune has the following lines, which fit Astoria exactly, with the simple change of the city, which is here made: "Astoria really is Astoria money. Invest in home property. Advertise your city. Put money in Astoria and you put money in your own pocket. In assisting the wheels of Astoria progress you ride in your own carriage. Call the attention of outside capital to home enterprises."

Among a large number of other passengers on the steamer Oregon, to arrive from San Francisco to-day, are the following: J. F. Jones and wife, T. J. Rutledge, Julian Gassman, C. H. Walters, C. J. Bruguire, F. R. Stokes, W. J. McNamara and wife, R. T. Allen, Jr., J. Howard, C. W. Fox and wife, W. P. Simont, Charles Lee, Donald Mackey, J. L. Fay, George Beall, P. H. Johnson, C. H. Nesbitt, J. N. Spofford, Mrs. M. Beecher, F. C. Smith.

"Maritime Melodies" is the taking title of a newly printed brochure that comes to hand with the compliments of the Commercial Publishing Co., wishing us a Merry Christmas. The company that daily issues the Commercial News, one of San Francisco's institutions, shows that though they daily deal in dry statistics, yet they have music in their souls, for no one devoid of poetry and the gentler attributes of life could have so ably compiled and so nicely published the happy little sea rhymes before us.

Scandinavian Benevolent Society Notice. The members of this society are requested to meet in regular convention to-morrow evening, Monday, December 23d. By order C. Evenson, President. A. G. DANIELSON, Secretary.

It is a constant wonder to the undesignated, what in the world a man in sound mind, and possessed of the use of his faculties, wants of an office, federal, state or local. It is nothing but a nuisance and a torment from the time he gets it till he lets go, or is made to let go, and the same ability bestowed upon securing and holding it would insure better pecuniary returns, if applied to business pursuits.

The only federal office that the Astoria public is really interested in is the postmaster's position. The postmaster is a man that we all have intimate dealings with every day. Not one out of a thousand has anything to do with the collector. He sits in dignified seclusion in the upper story, and the only ones he sees are shipping men, or newspaper men after an item, or a man who has a cousin or an uncle or something that he thinks might get a billet somewhere.

But with the postmaster it is different. He can help or hinder every man and woman in town. With him rests the important question whether we shall get our letters, or whether we shall have to wait a week for them after they arrive. On him devolves the responsibility of seeing that the office has some benefit, if for the public, or whether it shall be a public nuisance.

The happiest mortal seen yesterday was a boy. He only had one suspender to keep his courage and his trousers up. Before him stalked, gloomily, a man worth a hundred thousand dollars. That is, he could spend that much money and not have any one call him on an account about it. Behind him was a lady whose husband gives her all the money she wants and who has no incumbrances. But the man and the lady looked to be in the dumps. The boy was merry. He had one of these things the boys call "very-babies." You blow it and it swells up and shrieks and emits a loud whistle as the air escapes. His entire outfit wasn't worth \$2.50, but he was happy. The others weren't. Probably he was happy because he was a boy. After awhile he'll get the idea in his head, like the rest of us, that money brings happiness, and he'll start in trying to get some, and the harder he tries, the less happiness he'll have.

The real estate business appears to be the leading industry in Astoria at present. It's a dull day when two or three additions are not "planted," and put on the market. A good many are loaded up. A good many more are getting ready. It is all a good buy; a man can't miss it by getting in anywhere between here and Saddle Mountain, but there are other things that are as necessary as real estate. What these things are, will suggest themselves. To go into details would be unnecessary to those who could understand, and useless to those who could not.

Right in the direct line of those necessary things is that new hotel project. The idea as recently advanced in these columns, is being talked up, and is assuming tangible shape. It will take \$100,000. That is the first thing necessary. That can be raised right here among 200 public spirited citizens, who can each contribute \$500.

When THE ASTORIAN was doing all it could to have the railroad subscription of \$175,000 made up, it, two or three times, used the argument that the amount any man subscribed was not "giving" it. Some folks seemed to have the idea in their heads that names loaned for a hundred or a thousand dollars, that they were "giving" it. The idea was a mistaken one. A subscription to that fund was a first-class investment; the only ones that couldn't see that were those who were in a hurry of reaping the benefit without making any contribution. The argument that it was an investment, and not a gift, continued to be quoted because it couldn't be improved. Time has amply demonstrated the absolute truth of the argument. Results are the only things in the world that amount to anything: the result shows that THE ASTORIAN was right. A man came to the office yesterday, whose remarks show just what the results were, and are:

"I didn't go much on what you were saying for a while, but after a little, I thought there might be something in it, and I took \$500 just for luck. Well, sir, since July, I've made \$3,000, that I wouldn't have made if the railroad hadn't started to be built. So far I'm \$2,500 ahead." That's about the size of it. He'll be more ahead before long. And so will everybody else.

The same argument applies to subscribing to this hotel fund of \$100,000. The one you will be "giving" it to will be yourself.

'Tisn't often that any one gets away with a real estate man, but the thing was done recently, in this city. One of the best of 'em was sitting in his office one afternoon, a short time ago, making out deeds, and figuring how

soon he could build that new house with the Queen Anne front, and the Mary Anne back, when a man came in and wrote on a little slate that he carried, that he was dead and dumb, and that he wanted to buy some real estate. To talk real estate to a dumb man is a tough job, but the agent tackled him, and after the slow interchange of speech through the unsatisfactory medium of a slate and pencil, the agent finally sold him two desirable lots in Blank addition. Then the dumb man said that he wanted to see the lots. "All right," said the agent, and over he went to Sherman & Ward's, after a team. A dreary ride in the fast gathering twilight brought them to the spot.

The man expressed his approval and the pair started back, losing their way before they got home. After being once more in the office, the dumb man said he was a book agent, sold the real estate agent a \$3 book, said "in" in the book, and then he went for the lots, and went to Portland, that night.

The other day THE ASTORIAN had an innocent little paragraph, saying that if the days were 36 hours long instead of 24, that a good many of us could do more than is at present done, implying that the present day is too short for busy people, though we all have all the time we want. A sarcastic reader writes the editor a reply or criticism: He, (or maybe it she) says:

"Anyone that has to work as long as you say you and others work isn't smart. A smart man could make a living without being obliged to work 16 or 18 hours a day. A man that can make a living by working four or five hours a day, as many do, is to my mind, a good deal smarter than one who has to spend two or three times that amount of time at his business."

Whoever wrote the foregoing is right. In the meantime, what are you going to do about it? We can't all be smart. If ability to get a living without work is a criterion of mental acumen, Judson Cole is the smartest man in town.

It is with regret is read by the in-diter of these Sunday paragraphs, an article in the first column of the 7th page in yesterday's Oregonian, that there were 14 total, and 20 partial losses of vessels at the Columbia during the seven years from '81 to '88, inclusive. This is a grave mistake, and one that the Sound papers will make all the capital out of that they can. It cannot be that our inland contemporary wants to give our port a black eye. Further comment is deferred, till it is seen if the mistake is not corrected. A greater falsehood could not well be stated in fewer words, or one more injurious alike to Portland and Astoria, than that contained in the line referred to in yesterday's issue of our usually correct contemporary.

That wonderful man Edison, is still catching on to some of the Almighty's secrets. His latest is some sort of an electric arrangement that enables one to see from San Francisco to Boston. To understand it is not vouchsafed the ordinary mind. But we can enjoy the wonderful result, just as we can the duplex wire, the telegraph, the phonograph, the teleautograph, and other of his wonderful inventions.

Other discoveries. There is no such thing as an invention. What we call an "invention," is just something that the Creator put in the world, but that one of us down here or up here has just found out. Edison has dropped on more of the Almighty's ways and knowledge, than anybody else in this century. If our brethren could put on the Almighty's power, and get some authentic pointers from headquarters, the churches in Astoria or anywhere else couldn't hold the crowds that would flock in.

It showed presence of mind, though, Edison, put, and put on the market, a good many of the nineteenth century before he was born, and began his wonderful inventions. If he had appeared in the cast iron past when men dared to express their thoughts for fear that the stocks or the torture chamber would be their fate, he would have, likely long before, been roasted or drawn apart long before this. That new invention of Edison's whereby a man can see afar off will be a good thing for men who buy timber land on the Nechalem.

A Liverpool firm writes that after a series of experiments they have produced a composite plate that will supersede the usual tin plate on the Columbia river. They say they can sell the plate for three shillings a box of 112 plates, 14x20. Maybe so. The only thing that can ever supersede English tin plate in the salmon business on the Columbia river, is American tin plate from the tin mines of Dakota.

Three miles back of Westport the snow was 8 1/2 inches deep, yesterday morning, and four miles farther south the snow was 15 inches deep. At Knappa, snow was also reported. It won't last long, and by this time has mostly disappeared. When it first falls it presents a beautiful appearance on the dark green boughs of the spruce and fir, but to the traveler through the mud, the beauty is lost sight of, in the discomfort it occasions.

If you want a good turkey, goose or chicken for Christmas or New Year, leave your orders at R. T. Humphrey's.

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D. K. Warren and wife to H. E. Crosby, lots 1 and 2, blk 1, Knappa; \$100.

V. Wirt and wife to Clara Monteith, lots 10 and 5, blk 61, lots 10 and 5, blk 59 1/2, no designation; \$1.

W. L. Robb and wife to Jos. A. Wilson, lots 1 and 2, blk 4, East Astoria; \$240.

W. L. Robb and wife to H. E. Crosby, lots 1 and 2, blk 2, East Astoria; \$240.

E. P. Thompson to Geo. F. Mose, lot 9, blk 16 Warrenton; \$160.

Jno. Santilla and wife to Jno. B. Blanchet, part A. B. McKean donation land claim; \$5,000.

B. D. Church to Charlotte Cole five acres, sec 22, T 3 N, R 8 W; \$150.

Jno. H. Smith to J. S. Grammas, lots 6 and 7, blk 25, Williamsport; \$170.

Chas. Peterson to Ole Oleson, W 1/2 N 1/4, sec 31, T 7 N, R 9 W; \$800.

Jno. Hobson and wife to H. B. Hobson, fractional blk 36, Olney; \$1.

H. B. Hobson to Jno. Hobson, N 1/2 blk 26, Olney; \$1.

J. H. Smith to A. B. Smith, lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Williamsport; \$425.

C. Young and wife to Geo. C. Shirley, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48, blk 10, Young's add., \$850.

Justine Anderson to E. Willis and T. Rowland, lot 2, blk 110, McClure's; \$500.

Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla if you want an honest, reliable medicine. Do not take any other, which is alleged to be "about the same" or "just as good." Insist upon having Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is peculiar to itself. Sold by all druggists. Try it.

The Skating Rink. Last evening the skating rink was well attended to see the quarter mile race between W. S. Geary of Portland and Frank Gunn of Astoria. At 9 o'clock the participants appeared upon the floor and when the judges had been appointed, the word was given to "go," which they did in a very lively manner. During the first two laps Geary was in the lead but on making one of the turns fell, allowing Gunn to pass him. Geary got on his feet again but it was too late. Gunn had got so far ahead that at the end of the 1/4 mile he was one lap ahead and declared the winner. Mr. Geary entered a protest claiming that he had made five laps, but as the race was to be six laps, the judges disallowed the claim. Mr. Geary then withdrew his protest and the winner was called to the middle of the floor and presented with a beautiful trophy in the shape of a leather medal with the following inscription on it: "Presented to Frank Gunn, the Champion skater of the Pacific Coast, Astoria, Dec. 21, 1889."

A Sound Legal Opinion. F. Cambridge Munday Esq., County Atty. Clay Co., Texas says: "Have used Electric Bitters with most happy results. My father, who was afflicted with Malarial Fever and Jaundice, but was cured by timely use of this medicine. An afflicted Electric Bitters saved his life."

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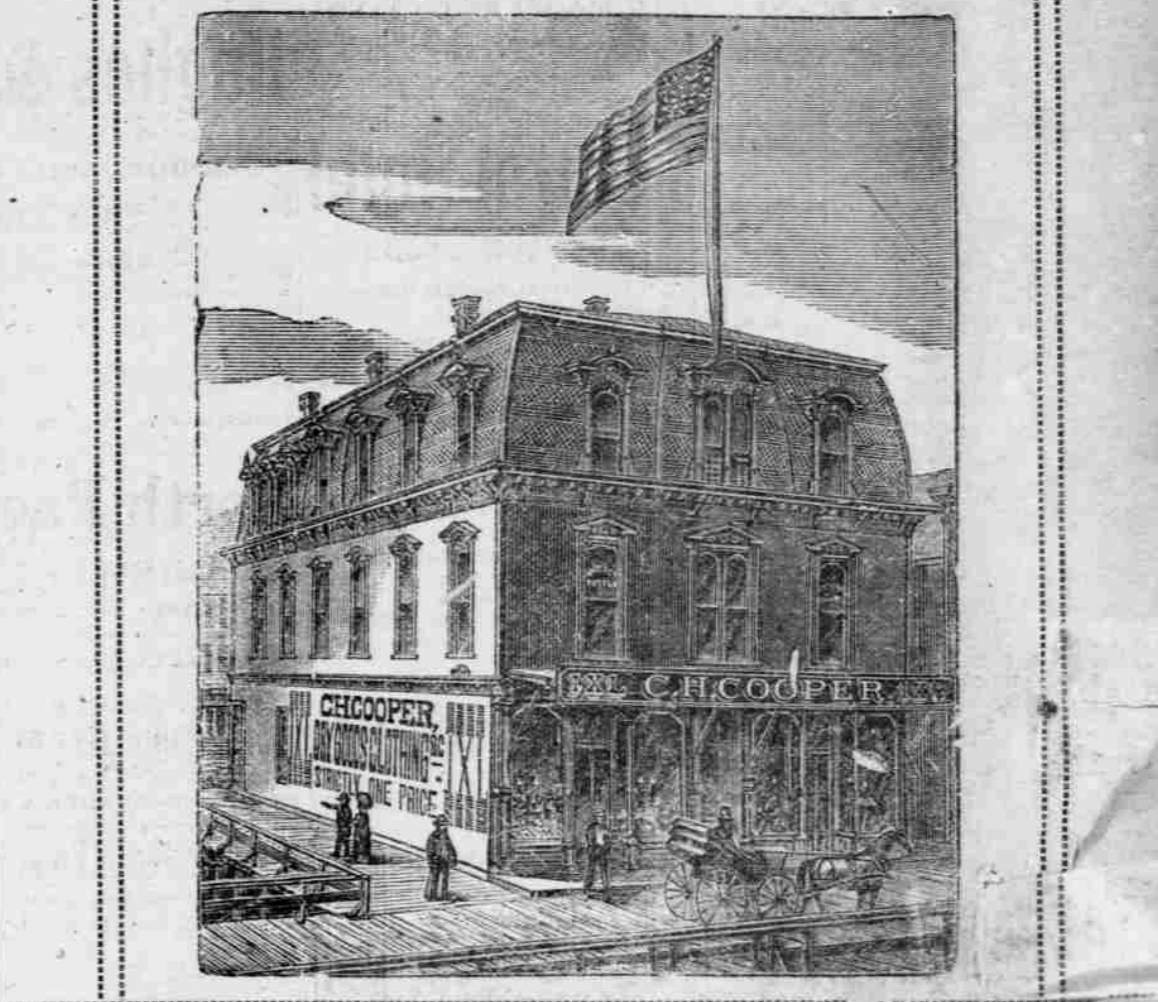
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