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MAJOR HANDBURY'S REPORT. Gratifying Progress of the Work At The Mouth of the River. UNDER FAVORABLE CONDITIONS. Yesterday THE ASTORIAN presented the report of the chief of the U.S. corps of engineers to the secretary of war, regarding the progress of the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river.

At the end of the last fiscal year there were four model barges belonging to this work built for the purpose of transporting rock. These had a capacity of about 250 tons each. During the month of July and August two more of about the same capacity were purchased at a cost of \$5,500 each.

PORTLAND PARAGRAPHS. Telegraph and Railroad Blockade In The Interior. A MURDERER'S CONFESSION. PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—Portland was today cut entirely off from telegraphic communication with the east. The wires of the Western Union Co. were down east of Spokane Falls and south of Roseburg. No eastern mails have been received in this city on the Union Pacific line for four days.

CONVICTED OF LIBEL. The Steamer "Umattilla" Run Into At San Francisco. A WHOLESALER POISONING. BALTIMORE, Jan. 16.—The steamship "Umattilla," Capt. W. H. Carter, arrived yesterday afternoon from Ombay, slooped near by. A strong wind was blowing and there being but one man on the "Sterling" at the time, she was at the mercy of the elements.

Twenty Per Cent Off ON ALL OVERCOATS! FOR TEN DAYS. Now is the time, don't wait. All these goods are marked in plain figures. The above percentage will be deducted on all cash purchases.

City and County Official Paper. All three of the state fish commissioners are in the city. Mrs. Catherine Turk died in Portland yesterday of a gripe. There was a pleasant dance after the skating at the rink last night.

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This morning Mrs. Maggie Damon, a daughter of Mrs. Agnes Taisson, an Indian woman killed some time ago at Pendleton reservation arrived in this city to be present at the trial of Pello Pelio charged with the murder. The trial will take place Tuesday. Pelio is said to have recently made a statement to a fellow Indian, prisoner confined in the Multnomah county jail, that he is the party who killed the woman "I did not know what I was doing," said he, "because I was drunk, but when I awoke I found her lying on the floor. I thought she was asleep. I went to her and tried to awaken her but she did not speak; then I put my hand on her bosom and it was still. She was dead. I was the only one who had been in the room with her so I must have killed her."

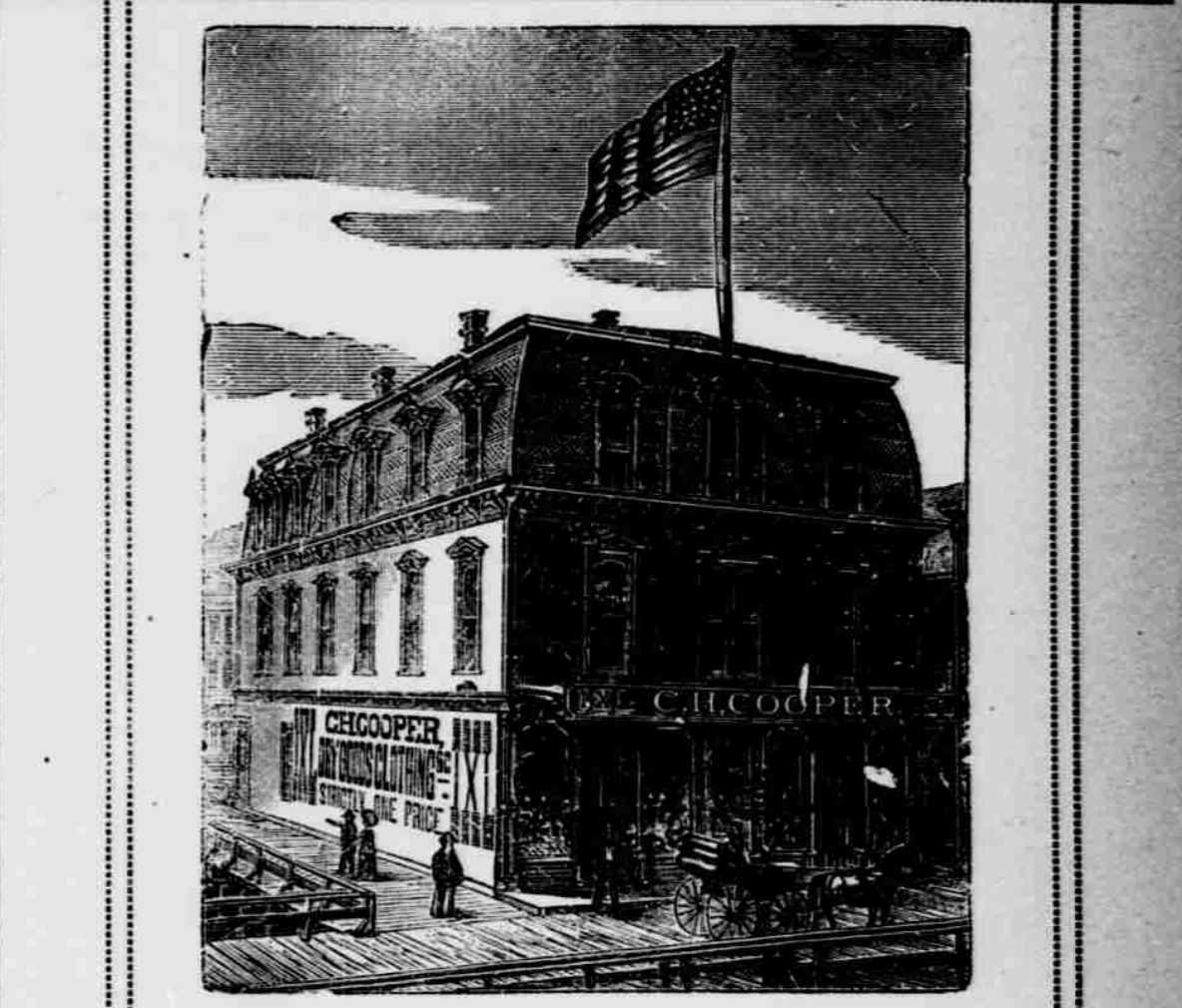
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China New Year begins next Monday the 29th; the yellowish white hills are in bloom. A newspaper man on the Sound, named Talbot, has fallen heir to \$20,000. Wonder what he will do with it! During 1889 the Oregon City land office was the most important land office in the United States in point of business.

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This is no Peter Funk business, but straight goods. Pythian Building C. H. COOPER, Third Street. Don't Get Left, But Buy Immediately, if Not Sooner in Kinney's Astoria! Before It is All Gone. We are now selling lots in this fine Addition for \$100 and \$125 that in less than one month will more than double in value. It is Less than One Mile from the O. R. & N. Dock, and Beautifully Situated.

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