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THE ASTORIAN GUARANTEES TO BE THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY PAPER PUBLISHED IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER. Last evening P. J. Mooney was arrested for assault on M. M. Flynn on Thursday evening.

The epizootical storm has apparently forgotten the date so far as this vicinity is concerned.

A diamond earring was picked up on the street yesterday, and awaits ownership at this office.

The Astoria drum corps have been photographed in their new uniforms, and make a handsome group.

Rev. G. C. Hall will give a plain talk on "Sour Grapes" to men only, at 8 o'clock, at Y. M. C. A. hall, at 3 o'clock.

Some sturgeon fishermen near Cathlamet made \$1,500 apiece this winter. Others didn't make enough to pay for their hooks.

Rev. Dr. Campbell discusses the question at the Presbyterian church this evening, "Why is the Bible more than any other book?"

A dispatch from D. W. Cummings in Portland states that his wife yesterday presented him with a ten-pound boy. That's business.

The Astoria Abstract Title and Trust company are fitting up and will shortly occupy handsome offices on Third street, between Main and Benton.

The Pacific Express is reported to have suspended. This is not the Pacific Express company, but a paper filed recently published under prohibition auspices.

"What to Read and How to Read It" is the theme of the third lecture in the self-culture series at the Congregational church, this evening at 7:30. You are invited.

Eastern Oregon papers are publishing the cards of those who thus announce themselves as candidates before the coming conventions for the different counties.

News reached here yesterday of the death of Captain Drysdale, formerly master of the British ship City of Delhi, which took place in distant waters a few weeks ago.

Yesterday there was filed in the county clerk's office, papers in a suit wherein C. H. Esch claims the Henry Jackson \$349.63 for labor performed and services rendered, also costs of the suit.

In the police court yesterday James Harris forfeited \$10 bail on a charge of vagrancy. John Harrington had put up \$10 bail on a similar charge and demanded a trial. He got it, was convicted, and fined \$10.

Seaside lodge, No. 12, A. O. U. W., had another good meeting last night. Six candidates were initiated, and there were eight propositions for membership. The lodge voted \$30 for the relief of sufferers in North Dakota.

The salmon pack of the coast for '80 was 1,650,000 cases. The shipments to the 13th inst., aggregated 1,344,330, which would leave 305,670 cases nominally on hand, which is about 50,000 cases in excess of the amount carried over.

About a year ago James Copeland, of Lewis river, had a large barn full of hay, the hay being valued at \$2,400. It was burned, and blame fell on a boy in his employ. Last week the boy's father paid Copeland \$1,200 in partial restitution of his loss.

To-morrow night is the regular meeting night of the board of delegates, Astoria fire department. These meetings should be attended, as it is essential that the department be kept abreast of the times. The time is 7:30; be on hand to-morrow night.

At a meeting of the Astoria Abstract and Trust company, yesterday, J. E. Higgins was elected president, E. J. Ferguson, secretary; I. W. Case, treasurer; J. Thornburn Ross, E. Z. Ferguson, C. J. Trencard, I. W. Case and J. T. Ross were elected directors.

A petition was in circulation yesterday, and signed by about a hundred citizens, praying the council to cause the smaller recently erected on the George Hume property to be removed from its present location by reason of the increased fire risk its presence is alleged to occasion.

While at Salem in attendance upon the Democratic meeting, C. J. Trencard learned of a new and ingenious method used in the Willamette valley for catching fish. As the design may be patented it would not be right to give it publicity in the columns of THE ASTORIAN, but on calling at the county clerk's office Mr. Trencard will explain the system to his friends.

"I would have this shelving up sooner, but I had to wait and get some lumber from Portland," said a merchant yesterday. It sounds funny in this wooden county to hear of having to send to Portland for lumber, but such is the case. There are several people who would build here this season if they were not detained by the difficulty of getting dry lumber.

The lark came up to meet the sun and carol forth his lay; the farmer's son took down his gun and at him blazed away. The busy bee arose at five and hummed the meadows o'er; the farmer's wife went for his hive and robbed him off his store. The little sun rose early, too, his labors to begin; the greedy sparrow that way flew and took his sunship in. O birds and bees and ants be wise, in proverbial take no stock; like men, refuse from bed to rise till half-past eight o'clock.

The Winlock Pilot presents a graphic allegory with a local application. "It is said that in olden times a criminal condemned to death was sentenced to a corpse his forehead to forehead, and mouth to mouth of the corpse, and was turned loose to wander about until death should mercifully relieve him. So there are men who are fastened to towns who are dead, without energy, business push or enterprise, and who will do nothing or permit others to do anything to advance the town and put life into it."

BILL NYE'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

Brief Remarks Regarding His Career.

Edgar Wilson Nye was born in Maine in 1850, August 25, but at two years of age he took his parents by the hand, and telling them that Piscaqua county was no place for them, he boldly struck out for St. Croix county, Wisconsin, where the hardy young pioneer soon made his home for his parents. The first year he drove the Indians out of the St. Croix valley, and suggested to the Northwest-ern railroad that it would be a good idea to build to St. Paul as soon as the company could get a grant which would pay them two or three times the cost of construction. The following year he adopted trousers and made \$175 from the sale of wolf scalps. He also cleared twenty-seven acres of land and raised some water-melons. In 1854 he established and endowed a district school in Pleasant Valley. It was at this time that he began to turn his attention to the abolition of slavery and to write articles for the press signed "Veritas," in which he advocated the war of 1860, or as soon as the government could get around to it.

In 1855 he graduated from the farm and began the study of the law. He did not advance very rapidly in this profession, failing several times in his examination and giving bonds for his examination at the next term of court. He was, however, a close student of political economy, and a social economist at the same time, till he found that he could live on 10 cents a day and his relatives easily.

Mr. Nye now began to look about him for a country to build an empire, and as Wisconsin had grown to be so thickly settled in the northwest-ern part of the state that neighbors were frequently found a near as five miles apart, he broke loose from all restraint and took emigrant rates for Cheyenne, Wyo. Here he engaged board at the Inter-Ocean hotel and began to look about him for a position in a bank. Not succeeding in this, he tried the law and journalism. He did not succeed in getting a job for some time, but finally hired as associate editor and janitor of the Laramie Sentinel. The salary was small, but his latitude great, and he was permitted to write anything that he thought would please people, whether it was news or not.

By and by he had won every heart by his gentle, patient poverty, and his delightful parsimony with regard to facts. With a poetic imagination and an order on a restaurant which advertised in the paper, he scarcely cared through the living day whether school kept or not.

Thus he rose to justice of the peace, and finally to an income which is reported very large to everybody but the assessor.

He is the father of several very beautiful children by his first wife, who is still living. She is a Chicago girl, and loves her husband far more than he deserves. He is pleasant to the outside world, but a perfect brute at home. He early learned that in order to win the love of his wife he should errate and kick the stove over on the children when he came home. He therefore asserts himself in his way, and the family love and respect him being availed by his greatness and gentle barbarism. He eats plain food with both hands, conversing all the time pleasantly with any one who may be visiting at the house. If his children do not behave, he kicks them from beneath the table till they roar with pain, as he chafes on with his guests with a bright and overflowing stream of bon mots, which please and delight those who visit him to that degree that they almost forget that they have had hardly anything to eat.

In conclusion, Mr. Nye is in every respect a lovely character. He feared that injustice might be done him, however, in this biographical sketch, and so he has written it himself.

Centennial of the Discovery of the Columbia.

On May 11, 1792, Captain Robert Gray entered the Columbia river in the ship Columbia, of Boston, and gave the name of his native state to the "mighty Oregon." In 1824 a century will have elapsed and by that time, two years hence, the states of Oregon and Washington should celebrate the anniversary in a manner befitting two powerful commonwealths which to the Captain Gray, the first discoverer of Gray's harbor and the Columbia river, the honor of making its members of the United States of America.

It is not too soon for our legislature to begin to take some action in this matter. Two year's time is little enough for Oregon and Washington to get up a grand centennial celebration and we hope some of our patriotic legislators will think of this matter and take some action. Hon. Elwood Evans, of Pierce, is especially qualified to call the attention of the house to this matter, as he has been so long identified with the history of the Columbia river and the states of Oregon and Washington, and knows just the right suggestions to make.

If Mr. Evans will start the ball he will find plenty ready to take a hand in making this centennial a grand success. Let us look forward to the 11th day of May, 1892, for a celebration that will make the name of the great discoverer as famous as that of Christopher Columbus, whose four hundredth anniversary is to be celebrated at Chicago by the whole nation. Columbus made his discovery of America in 1492 and Gray discovered and entered the Columbia river in 1792. A hundred years is a long time to wait to give a man justice, but now that honors are to be paid to Columbus let us honor Robert Gray, the discoverer of the Columbia river.

The Morning Leader asks the entire press of Washington and Oregon to take up this matter and urge the advisability of a grand centennial celebration in May, 1892, to commemorate the discovery of the Columbia by Captain Robert Gray.—Port Townsend Leader.

A New Departure.

The "Charter Oak Stove Works" are to have Monday, March 23rd, practical demonstrations of the advantage in cooking with the wire gauze oven door. They will exhibit at the store of Mr. E. R. Hawes, corner of Second and Genieve streets between 10 A. M. and 5 P. M. to-morrow. It will pay all to attend these experiments, especially ladies who can gain many new ideas in baking, broiling, etc. One day only.

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For Fine Photographs, Go to Misses Carruthers' photograph gallery, Third street, opposite Morgan & Sherman's.

Remember the Austin house at the Seaside is open the year round.

A GEOLOGICAL REPORT

Of the Coal and Oil Fields of Clatsop County.

ASTORIA, March 22, 1890. EDITOR ASTORIAN:—Filled with a desire to know the true condition of the John Day coal and oil fields I started out with long legged gun boots over the most questionable road ever constructed in a civilized community. Clatsop county is full of apologies for roads that have cost the county thousands of dollars, that are impassable when done. Is it not time to try a different method?

I found Mr. Davis and others in a sharp, steep ravine, with the simplest form of appliances, trying to solve the mysteries of the invisible depths of earth.

They are at present using gas pipe with drill on the end, and a springpole, by which means they have gone 145 feet with a 2 1/2-inch hole. The formation is mostly an unstratified sandstone, rotten, and not very hard, with occasional strata of shale. The same may be seen on Young's river, near the old mill. It is destitute of fossils, so far as I have been able to discover, which is somewhat singular as it must have been a shallow sea when life was very abundant on the earth. It belongs either to the cretaceous or lower tertiary.

It is a granite sand containing a good deal of clay, so much so that some of it is a little sticky when worked between the fingers. The first 25 feet of the boring was dug. At that depth they came suddenly upon a strong body of water which shot some feet above the ground when the hole was removed, and has continued flowing ever since out of the top. The water is strongly impregnated with iron. At various depths small seams of coal have been struck, and they are now almost constantly striking these small seams. At a depth of 100 feet oil was struck, and they say that now pockets are being tapped as they go down. There can be no question as to its being oil. I watched the hole and saw the oil constantly dripping to the surface and spread out in precisely the same way that any oil would.

What kind of oil it is I am not prepared to say but am inclined to the opinion that it belongs to the petroleum family. The prospects for coal and gas are I think good.

They will do well if they strike coal under 600 feet. I do not think they will get any coal to speak of in the present formation. The coal will be found in paying quantities under the greater part of Clatsop county. I have not the slightest doubt. I would suggest that a company be formed with sufficient money to go down 1,000 or 1,200 feet in good shape. Nothing could be of greater importance to Astoria than to strike good coal and oil in the immediate vicinity. The railroad problems would all be solved. After eating a splendid meal cooked in my good oil, prepared by Mrs. Davis, and wishing hotel-cooked grub in Halifax, I toiled up and down, up and down, through the grand old forest to old Astoria, looking out upon one of the most spots and beautiful bays to be found in any country.

W. HAMPTON SMITH. CAIN'S WIFE.

Where did he get her? Who was her brother? Had she a sister? Had she a mother? Who were her friends? Born before history? With her identity shrouded in mystery? Member of Phlogiston? Egypt, Arabia, Africa, India, or sun-kissed Arabia? Who was her father? Cruising about? Just to his liking? Out of the Whinnans? Over the water? Into the Where? Bringing his daughter? Name of her? Denmark or Sweden? Lured by the charms of the girl of his own? Blonde or brunette? Rounded or slender? Frigid or frigid? How did she meet her? Why are her graces unknown to fame? None were did that meet her? What was her name? Whisper it softly—Say, can it be? Years ago in Phlogiston? Was he Haggard's "Sue"? Tell me, ye sages, Students of Life, Answer my question—Who was Cain's wife?

A CASE IN POINT.

In our forefathers' days, pimples were attributed to diseased blood. But modern medicine has shown that rich food does not create eruptions by fouling the blood, but retards digestion, which makes the stomach torpid, and the circulation sluggish, and in turn causes an encephalic action of the pores which congest or become plugged. The modern theory therefore is not to treat the blood, but the stomach and liver, and it is under this new idea, that Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla was conceived. It is wiping the old "blood disease" idea out of existence. A case in point: "I have had face pimples and eruptions for years, and tried nearly everything. Finally I took one of the leading sarsaparillas. It caused pimples to break out on my face, which I was told was caused by the potato. Hearing that Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla did not contain mineral, I sent for it. The pimples disappeared and I have had no return of the old spots. It is a cure for indigestion and dyspepsia and the attendant face eruptions." Mrs. C. D. STARR, 223 Madison street, S. F.

MARINE NEWS AND NOTES.

The steamer George W. Elder sailed for Alaska yesterday with a large lot of cannery supplies.

The British ship Charles Cotesworth yesterday dropped down the river to Tanzy point, where she will anchor for a while, previous to departing for England.

The steamer Manzanita returned last evening to the dock, off of Benton street, the copper sheathing on her bottom having been found in good order.

It is reported to THE ASTORIAN that the powerful tug Cortez will shortly come over from the sound, with Sam Randall and Lois Staples aboard, to run in opposition as a tug-boat on the Columbia river bar.

The First Step. Perhaps you are run down, can't eat, can't sleep, can't think, can't do anything to your satisfaction, and you wonder what ails you. You should heed the warning, you are taking the first step into Nervous Prostration. You need a Nerve Tonic and in Electric Bitters you will find the exact remedy for restoring your nervous system to its normal, healthy condition. Surprising results follow the use of this Great Nerve Tonic and Alternative. Your appetite returns, good digestion is restored, and the Liver and Kidneys assume healthy action. Try a bottle. Price 50c, at J. W. Conn's drug store.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS, MARCH 22.

As Filed in The County Recorder's Office Yesterday.

Wm. and Annie Reid to Antonio Jerome blk 68, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, blk 68, Rosedale, ... 270

A. L. Fulton and wife to B. Edee an undivided 1/4 part of the DLC of Ira McKean and wife, ... 2,500

B. C. Kindred and wife to C. E. Allen lot 24, blk 28, New Astoria, ... 170

W. G. Howell to Mathew Russell lot 8, blk 1, Bradbury's addition to Ocean Grove, ... 100

C. J. Hall and wife to A. S. Fleet lot 4, blk 19, Columbia addn, ... 65

J. W. Steneman to Mathew Russell lots 10 and 11, blk 6, Merrivether Downs addn, ... 150

A. G. Chutter et al. to R. M. London, strip off E side lot 10, sec 24, on Juno Day river, 4 acres, ... 1

C. A. Gar and K. E. Gar to J. S. Pardon, lots 32 and 33, tract 1, Case's blk, blk 23, ... 300

I. W. Case to C. A. Gove, same, ... 225

Previously reported this year \$1,125,922

Total to date, ... \$1,129,703

PERSONAL MENTION.

Capt. J. G. Hustler is reported improving in health.

Mrs. Jennie Campbell is confined to the house by serious illness.

C. P. Uphur goes to California on a flying visit on to-day's steamer.

Capt. A. H. Merrill, lat Art, is granted a month's leave of absence.

Mr. J. B. Emery, after a brief vacation, the first in four years, has resumed his duties as mail agent on the Astoria-Portland route, and feels much better in health.

Mr. J. Barrett, late city editor of THE MORNING ASTORIAN, returned from a trip to Gray's harbor and the Sound. He has accepted the position of city editor of the Tacoma Ledger, and will assume the duties of his new position in a few days.

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