CITY AND COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

Real estate transactions are rather quiet at present.

Day after day goes by, and the boats of the fishermen still lie idle.

A hungry whip has been found, and awaits an owner at this office.

The average daily product of the Clatsop mill company is 69,000 feet of lumber.

Robb & Parker were yesterday appointed resident agents of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance society.

The winter wheat is reported in a promising condition, though growing slowly, but large yields are expected.

Last week in nearly all parts of the state there was rain, hail, sleet and snow, rather unusual so late in the season.

Owners of town lots in Warrenton are talking all the time, and calculating what they will do when they become millionaires.

Just across the Columbia, on the Washington side, the little town of Knappton is turning out daily a large amount of lumber.

There is joy in the household of J. F. Warren, at Knappa, for on Sunday, the 13th inst., his wife presented him with a son and heir.

A photographer has come down from Portland and is putting up on Third street the house or gallery he brought down with him.

The citizens of Aberdeen have promised $280,000 as railroad subsidies. Isn't it easier to promise that, than it will be to raise it?

The delegates and visitors from here to the Republican state convention are expected to return from Portland to-morrow morning.

Later research discloses the fact that a paying vein of coal has been found in the recently discovered coal mine near Scio, Linn county.

The reserved seats are going off very rapidly for the Cleveland & Haverly minstrels, who will appear at the opera house to-morrow night.

The average real estate dealer is never very far behind the procession. Yesterday lots were bulletined for sale "close to the gas well at Warrenton."

The regular weekly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held this afternoon at two o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A. hall. Officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

The blossoms on the fruit trees are slowly developing, though peach and apricots are well advanced. Tips of leaves are beginning to appear on the forest trees.

The people over at Gray's harbor and all the surrounding towns are quite jubilant over the anticipated construction of a railroad which shall connect them with the rest of humanity.

To-morrow evening at the court house the Democratic county convention will assemble at 7 o'clock, to select delegates to the state convention, and will probably select a county central committee for the coming year.

The Sporting News, of San Francisco, in its issue of the 12th instant, has pictures of the murder of Mrs. Frederickson, burying her body, and the finding of Mr. Frederickson's body, as well as a partial account, principally George Rose's confession.

It will be a blessing to the public when the new telegraph cable is put in at Blind slough, one and a half miles above Knappa, as that is a place where the line is frequently down, as it is stretched across the slough, and hangs so low as to be often knocked down by passing boats.

So far this year only forty-two vessels have been chartered for the Alaska cannery trade as compared with thirty vessels sent up last year. It may be said however that some of the sixty sent north last year have not returned, and were intended for permanent use in northern waters.

The telegraph line was down for about two hours yesterday, then repaired, and was working all right until 9:30 last night, when it was again dead. Operator Urquhart kindly waited at his post until midnight, then gave up for the night, knowing it would not be working any more until morning.

In the justice court yesterday Harry Whalen was charged with an assault with a dangerous weapon on one Fred Peterson. He was released on bail in the sum of $25 to appear at 2 o'clock to-day. Wah Yen, a Chinaman, was arrested on a charge of stealing a gold ring valued at $20, and will appear before his honor at 3 o'clock to-day, with bonds fixed at $200.

Two choice lots in the Columbia First Addition for sale very cheap, as owner is going away. Inquire at this office.

Notice.
The Democratic County Convention will be held in the county court room at the court house, on Friday, April 18th, 1890, at 7 o'clock in the evening.
GEO. NOLAND,
Acting Chairman County Com.

Fine Table Wine
Delivered at 60 cents a gallon, to any part of the city. A fine line of pure California wines at low prices, at A. W. Utzinger's Cosmopolitan saloon.

Ladlow's Ladies' $3.00 Fine Shoes; also flexible hand-turned French Kids, at P. J. Goodman's.

Tintypes cheap at the tent gallery next to Morgan & Sherman's. Open to-day.

ASTORIA AND SOUTH COAST.

Work to Be Resumed at Once On The Road.

IT WILL BE PUSHED RAPIDLY.

Yesterday there was a meeting of the directors of the Astoria and South Coast railroad, and though the members have nothing to communicate, and reporters were excluded, the principal points are known, and the following statements may be relied upon for correctness:

A contract has been let to J. C. Smith for the laying of rails from this end of the trestle bridge now constructed partially across Young's bay to Grimes', a distance of about sixteen miles, and work is expected to be commenced within less than two weeks.

At this end of the trestle bridge where it reaches the channel, a wharf, or landing, for steamers is to be constructed at once, and when that is completed, the rails, spikes and other material used in building the road will be hauled from vessels.

There are three bridges in that distance of sixteen miles, which must be built. Two of them will be of good size, and one is rather short. It is expected that these will be finished by the time the rails are laid. From Canby last night.

Until the wharf or landing at the end of the trestle is completed, the rails and material will be placed on cars at Portland, and the cars will be run on tracks temporarily laid on barges. These barges will then be towed down the river, and taken to Warrenton where an inclined plane connects with a landing and upon which a track is laid. The loaded cars will be pulled off the barges and up this inclined plane by the locomotive "Frank J. Taylor," now at Warrenton, owned by the railroad company. Empty cars will be taken back to Portland on the barges and thus considerable handling of the heavy material will be avoided, for the loaded cars can be drawn from Warrenton to the end of the present line and thus the rails can be dropped as wanted.

Grimes' is at Seaside, and the speedy completion of the line to that point is determined upon, with the intention of having it in readiness for the use of summer visitors to the beach. This will be of great benefit to Astoria, and when the road is constructed to that point it will be but a question of time before it is pushed to Hillsboro, and then we are connected with the rest of the country by rail.

The Nominations.

So far as they had been made up to the time the wire went down last night, the following names have been agreed upon in the Republican state convention.

For congress, Binger Hermann was nominated by acclamation.

For governor, D. P. Thompson was unanimously nominated.

For secretary of state, George W. McBride was nominated by acclamation.

Prolonged applause and continuous cheers greeted the announcement of each name.

A Genuine Surprise.

Rev. W. S. Short, of Grace church, yesterday reached the thirtieth of the milestones which mark the years of his life. His parishioners planned for him an agreeable surprise, for last evening while he was at church, they sent to his house a handsome desk, office-chair, dictionary and holder, articles of furniture and several other valuable presents, as well as a purse containing several shining yellow coins. Then they called and enjoyed his surprise. It was a happy occasion for the recipient and the donors.

Natural Gas.

Even more favorable than before stated, is the condition of affairs at Warrenton. Yesterday a hard rock was struck and indications are that this is penetrated, there will be a liberal flow of gas. Experts have been sent for, that a more complete examination may be made. There certainly is natural gas at that point, and but a few days will determine if the supply is abundant enough to prove of great value.

Epoch.

The transition from long, lingering and painful sickness to robust health marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory and the agency whereby the good health has been attained is gratefully blessed. Hence it is that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they owe their restoration in health to the use of the Great Alterative and Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of the Kidneys, Liver or Stomach, of long or short standing you will surely find relief by use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50c. and $1 per bottle at J. W. Conn's Drug store.

The tintype gallery will be ready for business this afternoon.

Telephone Lodging House.
Best Beds in town. Rooms per night 50 and 25 cts, per week $1.50. New and clean. Private entrance.

Third Saturday Surprise Sale!
Men's all wool pants, worth $4.50 to $5, for Saturday only $3.15.
HERMAN WISE,
In Occident Hotel Building.

Meals Cooked to Order.
Private rooms for ladies and families; at Central Restaurant, next to Foard & Stokes'.

Weinhard's Beer.
And Free Lunch at the Telephone Saloon, 5 cents.

The latest style of Gents' Boots and Shoes at P. J. Goodman's.

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

Everybody get a tintype at the tent next to Morgan & Sherman's.

Coffee and cake, ten cents, at the Central Restaurant.

To the Ladies.
Mrs. Bowman has secured the services of a competent dress maker from the east, and has reopened her dress-making parlors. She invites her old friends and the public generally to call at her establishment on Third street, near Main. All work done with neatness and dispatch and at prices within the reach of all.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

PERSONAL MENTION.

Judge J. R. Goulter, was up from Ilwaco yesterday.

F. H. Surpennant has returned from a visit to Portland.

City Attorney Curtis has returned uninjured from the naughty city by the river.

E. J. Chess, of Portland, came down last evening, as a representative of J. K. Gill & Co.

Capt. Al Harris of the life saving crew was in the city yesterday, and called at this office.

Wm. Tatton, brother of Capt. James Tatton arrived up on the State of California yesterday.

Mrs. H. Prael, Miss Mamie Gilbert and Miss Alma Bierbauer leave this morning on a visit to Portland.

Major John Egan and C. B. Allen came up from Fort Canby yesterday, and gave THE ASTORIAN a call.

Miss Sophia Boelling, Mrs. Cohan and daughter went out on the Columbia to visit relatives in California.

Charles E. Bennett is evidently strongly attracted towards Astoria, as he is down here now from Portland, on business.

E. N. Mannie, formerly engineer of the tug Astoria but now of the Cosmopolis is in the city and meets many old friends.

Mrs. I. W. Holt, Mrs. R. Carruthers and daughter Grace and Mrs. Parker wife of Capt. Thomas Parker, are among the visitors to the ball at Fort Canby last night.

Lieut. Hayden, of Fort Canby, has been granted a leave of absence for ten days, and in order to allow him an opportunity to visit friends on the Sound, before going with his battery to New York.

Miss Callie Munson, who has been very sick with rheumatic fever at the residence of Hon. C. H. Page, was moved yesterday, so much so that she was brought down to the rooms of Mrs. A. J. Megler, in the Odd Fellows' building.

MARINE NEWS AND NOTES.

The British ship Northern Bay, cleared yesterday. She takes out 71,250 bushels of wheat valued at $54,500.

The steamer Alliance arrived last evening from Gray's harbor and passed on up the river for the big city on the Willamette.

The schooner Sailor Boy cleared at the custom house yesterday for Peru. She carries 350,000 feet of lumber valued at $3,850.

The steamer State of California arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning bringing forty tons of freight for Astoria and went on up the river.

The British steamship Danube which went up the river from here last week, is being painted in Portland, a dark yellow with drab paneling.

The British ship River Valloch cleared yesterday at the custom house. She has 76,280 bushels of wheat from Portland and 16,312 bushels from here, making a total cargo valued at $69,500.

The Columbia sailed for San Francisco yesterday with the following freight from here: 1098 bundles of shooks, 820 bundles of pulp, 110 sacks of oysters, and two tons assorted freight.

The steamer Cosmopolis arrived from San Francisco yesterday. She has been chartered by Elmore & Sanborn to take cannery supplies to Alaska. She has two hundred Chinamen on board and will leave to-day if possible.

Yesterday about noon while the steamer Suomi was coming up from Ilwaco and when near Smith's point she blew out her cylinder head, causing quite an excitement aboard, but engineer Ruffner was at his post and stopped the engine from making another revolution, or the cylinder would have gone up through the deck; as it was, it was a close shave. She was towed back to the dock by the Gen. Canby and the damages are now being repaired.

Mrs. Bloomer's Golden Wedding.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, April 15.—The fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of D. C. and Amelia Bloomer occurred to-day. The persons who gathered came by invitation from the east and west. Mrs. Bloomer acquired a national reputation many years ago by originating the costume that bears her name.

An American Lithograph Trust.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—The Press will print to-morrow the latest syndicate story. This time it is of American capitalists who are endeavoring to buy up all the lithographic plants in the United States and form a great lithographic trust. The Press claims the syndicate is backed by $200,000,000.

DANGEROUS PURGATIVES.
A City Policeman's Very Peculiar Experience.
Mineral pills and drastic purgatives irritate the mucous coatings of the stomach and bowels. In fact their cathartic action is due to their irritation. The danger attending their steady use is apparent. The new laxative principle in Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla gets its cathartic action by increasing the mucous secretions and gently stimulating the stomach. It is purely vegetable, does not lose its effect, and is safe to be taken occasionally or continuously. Gus Videau, the well known police officer of 128 Howard St., San Francisco, writes: "After my own experience I firmly believe that Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla will cure the most obstinate cases of constipation. Although cured I am still taking it and never had my system so thoroughly regulated. By increasing or diminishing the dose one has absolute command over himself with this valuable remedy."

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.
MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind cholic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

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SUCCESSORS TO
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New Goods Arriving Every Steamer
THIS WEEK.
Dress - Goods
The Old Stand - Astoria Oregon.

THE BAY RAILWAY.

Colonel James Taylor Drives the First Spike.

LAYING THE RAILS YESTERDAY.

There was an impromptu celebration or opening yesterday on the occasion of commencing to lay the rails of the Bay Railway company. Some forty or fifty ladies and gentlemen assembled on the new wharf recently constructed by that company at the electric light works.

Judge Frank J. Taylor made an introductory address and was followed by appropriate remarks by Mayor M. C. Crosby, I. W. Case, J. C. Trullinger, Ex-Mayor J. W. Hume and G. C. Fulton.

The first spike was then driven by the veteran Col. James Taylor, now in his eighty-second year, amid the applause of all present. All of the gentlemen above named, as well as many others, and most of the ladies then each drove a spike, so that they could afterwards claim the honor of having helped to construct the first railroad on the peninsula of Astoria.

The first rails were laid out on the end of the fine new wharf and the work will now be rapidly continued, coming up this way, and also extending on down the point, below the wharf. Meanwhile the workmen will put in the balance of the trestle work at this end of the line, so as to have it ready for the rails, by the time the track layers reach the trestle.

The company will have their rails, spikes, cars and other rolling stock all landed on their wharf, where they will also erect a warehouse and tool shop. It will be but a few weeks before a locomotive will be placed on the rails and Astoria can then have the pleasure of hearing the whistle of the iron horse.

"MAN OVERBOARD!"

A Startling Cry on Shipboard—Rules of Action.

There is no sound aboard ship so demoralizing as that of "Man overboard!" It strikes terror to the heart of the bravest of men, and only the best disciplined crews can withstand the panic it usually produces. Almost every ship has a particular rule of action for such occurrences. The best preconcerted arrangements, however, are often inapplicable, and success depends mainly on the presence of mind of the watch, the man at the life buoy, and the normal condition of the boats.

A cool hand will drop the life buoy sometimes within the reach of a man; a "bothered" one will either not let go at all or not do so before the man has got near the stern. Of all persons aboard ship the officer of the deck should be cool and collected.

Rear Admiral S. B. Luce lays down the principle that the most important considerations when a man falls overboard are: First, the quickest and most effectual method of arresting the ship's progress and how to keep her as near the spot where the man fell as possible. Second, to preserve the general discipline of the ship, to maintain silence, and to enforce the most prompt obedience, without permitting foolhardy volunteering of any kind. Third to see that the boat appointed to be employed on these occasions is placed in such a manner that she may be cast loose in a moment, and when ready for lowering that she is properly manned and fitted, so as to be efficient in all respects when she reaches the water. Fourth, to take care in lowering the boat neither to stave or swamp her nor to pitch the men out. And lastly, to have a sufficient number of the sharpest-sighted men in the ship stationed aloft in such a manner as to give them the best chance not only of discovering the person overboard, but of pointing him out to the men in the boat, who may not otherwise know in what direction to pull.

With steamers the difficulties to overcome in rescuing a man overboard are comparatively few, inasmuch as a steam vessel is always under control so long as her machinery is in good order. The rule is to stop as quickly as possible, lower the lifeboat, and pick the man up. The really fine points of seamanship come into play when sailing ships are being handled. The ordeal is a trying one for the best of officers, and the young seamen who can properly place a large sailing ship and rescue a man that has fallen overboard deserve the highest credit for seamanlike qualities.

Rear Admiral Luce, one of the best seamen in the United States navy and now on the retired list, had a favorite habit while in command of the north Atlantic squadron, of ordering a midshipman to relieve the officer of the deck from duty. The instant the young man took hold of the speaking trumpet the observing officer would quickly pass a signal and in a twinkling the terrible cry of "man overboard" would ring through the ship. It was all done to test the young midshipman's nerve and his fitness for his calling, and the admiral's delight in catching a young officer napping was amusing. Generally, however, commanding officers refrain from allowing the cry to be sounded solely for practice purposes, inasmuch as seamen have been known to jump overboard to the rescue of their supposed unfortunate shipmate. The rule is a stringent one that no sailor shall jump overboard unless permitted by the officer of the deck, but many brave fellows do so in spite of the regulation, and no few lives have been lost in foolhardy undertakings.

"The Pulpit and the Stage."
Rev. F. M. Shrout, pastor United Brethren Church, Blue Mound, Kansas, says: "I feel it my duty to tell what wonders Dr. King's New Discovery has done for me. My lungs were badly diseased, and my parishioners thought I could live only a few weeks. I took five bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and am sound and well, gaining 26 lbs. in weight."
Arthur Love, manager Love's Funny Folks Combination, writes: "After a thorough trial and convincing evidence I am confident Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption beats 'em all, and cures when everything else fails. The greatest kindness I can do my many thousand friends is to urge them to try it." Free trial bottles at J. W. Conn's drug store. Regular sizes 50c and $1.

PHIL. A. STOKES & CO.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS, APRIL 16.
As Filed in The County Recorder's Office Yesterday.

E. G. Rogers to H. P. White lot 1 blk 22 Columbia 2nd add to Astoria.................$ 120
Oregon Land Co. to Edward Weller, lots 13 blk 25, North Pacific add to Astoria................ 50
J. H. Johannsen to W. A. Sherman ½ interest in W. ½ of 1 and 2 blk 92 Olney's Astoria................ 1,000
W. D. McCarty to J. T. Milner SE¼ of SE¼ and W½ of SE ¼ sec 18, and SW¼ of SW¼, sec 17 T 7 N., R 6 W containing 160 acres............... 125
Previously reported this year.................$1,194,850
Total to date..............$1,196,145

The following is the list of passengers who went up the river last night on the steamer R.R.Thompson:
H. L. Sheppard, H. Johnson, J. L. Hayden, E. T. Johnson, Miss Lilly Stanfield, C. N. Owens, W. J. Sprout, F. E. Frost, M. Young and wife, J. M. Hughes, F. E. Habersham, W. L. Robb, Miss Palmer, W. H. Pierce and family, D. Noll, J. Weiss, Wm. H. Box, Miss Hattie Bitely, Miss Lewellyn, G. Wingate and wife, F. D. Winton and two daughters, Colonel John Adair, Mrs. Emery, Minnie Sherman, W. Douglas, Belle Douglas, G. Harold, Capt. Flavel, J. Turk, A. Kohn, A. Reed, C. R. Wilson, J. M. Leahy, M. Parrish, L. McCarty, G. Porter, G. Wilson, Capt. Jas. Bell, O. B. Wirt, J. L. Houk, C. W. Primley, G. F. Fuller, M. Doley, E. E. Speigel and M. Girlson.