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The car who tried to bulldoze a candidate says he doesn't like to be "called a blackmailer." Well, then, don't blackmail.

It was funny to read THE ASTORIAN every day for months, but when we turned a little light upon their practices it wasn't near so funny. Did you ever turn a flat rock or slab over and see the dirty twining nest of loathsome shapes that wriggled in the light? Those fellows can't stand the light. They skulk at midnight, and prove by their efforts that "he who will lie will steal."

The valiant purloiners of paint to daub electric light poles and city fences are getting ready for another raid. The hen roosts will suffer next.

Like a mirror THE ASTORIAN usually reflects without speaking. It also has for its rule, "do unto others as others do unto you." It reflects back the image thrown upon it. If a man, even an enemy, is gentlemanly and courteous, this paper is equally so, but when a brace of curs come snapping and snarling at our heels it is not in newspaper nature to stand it forever. Even a burred hoop will turn and hit you in the shins if you tread on it.

The Columbian yesterday says it "has no money to throw away." Very likely; that disposes of that proffered \$1,000 bet: no chance to get them to put up. They know they'd lose.

The Columbian cur duties being in THE ASTORIAN's coal cellar: of course a sneak who could do such a trick would lie out of it if possible. He would probably, also, deny proving around the editorial office of this paper and trying to slip in when no one was around to get a look at the manuscript that had been read in proof and lying in the waste basket.

The Columbian thinks it is very unpretty for THE ASTORIAN to devote so much space to a ventilation of its rascality. Well, you were looking for it, weren't you? What did you expect? You jibed and taunted, and kept saying mean things till you got to believing them yourselves. Nobody has a bit of sympathy for a brace of sharpers whose whole stock in trade has been bluff, brag and wind, backed by the boss. But he has backed out.

The boss read Robinson Crusoe and his man Friday the riot act yesterday. They tried to interrupt him, but he wouldn't have it. At the last he told them that he never in God's world would have put up a cent if he supposed they'd have allowed THE ASTORIAN opportunity to say what it has. He wound up by telling them they were a pair of blankety blank chumps, and that he was sick and tired of the whole concern. He feels as though he hadn't got the worth of his money.

The boss has backed out. He says he won't put up another blamed cent for THE ASTORIAN and is sorry he ever had anything to do with it. So are the others. This will be tough on the parasites who have had such a padding. Give Judson Cole \$4,000 and he could "run" a paper while the money lasted. The trick is to make a living without any "subsidy." And the candidates who were tapped in Portland failed to respond, too. Verily, the way of the transgressor is hard. The boys realize now it would have been better for them to have started honestly. They now realize that doing the dirty bidding of another doesn't pay in the long run, or the short run.

For the past few days THE ASTORIAN has been engaged in a disagreeable duty, the exposing of mean and malicious efforts to malign character: a duty imposed upon this paper in its capacity of public servant. While considerable latitude is and should be allowed a public print, yet when, as in the present case, the privilege of a paper has been overstepped, it devolves upon some member of the body politic to call the offending member to order. This THE ASTORIAN has done. It has extracted the venom from the bag sockets of the Second street vipers, and hereafter their bite will be innocuous. People know them now, and estimate them at their true value. They are rendered harmless, and, whatever their inclination, they have no longer the ability to be successful scoundrels. Meanwhile THE ASTORIAN

SHANAHAN BROS.,

The Boston Store!

SEASONABLE BARGAINS

In New Parasols, Laces, Ribbons, Gloves, Hosiery Underwear and Corsets.

Below we present a combination of attractions in New, Seasonable and Desirable Goods, that even the most superficial observer will pronounce Unusual Bargains, and as these choice goods will be in great demand at the marvelous low prices quoted, we respectfully advise an immediate selection by all who wish to fully avail themselves of the UNEXAMPLED VALUES OFFERED THIS WEEK.

- Black Chantilly Van Dyke Laces, 35c, 45c and upward.
Berge and Cream Point Van Dyke Laces, 50c, 60c, 75c and upward.
Black Escorial Van Dyke Laces, 50c, 60c and upward.
Black Chantilly Lace Skirting, 42 ins. wide, all silk, at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3 per yard.
Ladies' Hosiery.
At 25c—Ladies' Fancy Cotton Hose, different styles, all new, in fancy stripes.
At 25c—Ladies' Lisle Thread, all colors.
At 50c—Ladies' Fast Ribbed Underwear.
At 25c—Ladies' Ribbed Vest, in all shades, low neck and short sleeves.
At 25c—Ladies' Ribbed Vest in all shades, high neck and long sleeves.
At 50c—Ladies' Ribbed Vest, Lisle thread, long and short sleeves.
At \$1.25—Ladies' Ribbed Vest, all pure silk, worth twice the price, all colors and black.
Ribbons.
No. 9, All Silk Ribbons, 15c; all colors and black.
No. 7, All Silk Ribbons, 10c.
No. 5, All Silk Ribbons, 8 1/2c.
No. 2, All Silk Ribbons, 7c.
Muslin Underwear.
Ladies' Embroidered Gowns, 75c to \$4.
Ladies' Embroidered Chemise, 50c to \$2.75.
Ladies' Embroidered Corset Covers, 25c to \$1.75.
Gloves.
At 15c—Ladies' Lisle Thread Gloves, all shades.
At 25c—Ladies' Taffeta Silk Gloves, in black and colored.
At 35c—Ladies' Taffeta Silk Gloves, extra long.
At 50c—Ladies' Pure Silk Gloves.
Parasols.
At \$1.25—Large Size Black Silk Parasols, worth \$2.50.
At 75c, \$1, \$1.10, \$1.25—125 Fancy Parasols.
At \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.50—Black Silk Parasols, with gold handle.

The Boston Store KEPT BY Shanahan Bros.,

Corner Second and Benton Sts., Opp. the Postoffice.

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RIAN believes that owners of wharf property which is rented wholly or in part by printing establishments would do well to keep it insured. Fire bngs who wouldn't hesitate to burn a dwelling house, are not likely to shrink from a repetition of the effort if there was anything to be made by it.

RECENT remarks are but the prelude to the poem: the preface to the performance: the overture to the opera. The thing will grow more interesting as it develops. THE ASTORIAN was in no hurry; it gave those chaps plenty of time. The mistake they made was in supposing that they could go on with impunity and elicit no remarks.

Tale of Woe: Wall of Toe.
A little corn on a maiden grew, listen to my wall of toe; caused by the pinch of a too tight shoe, instead of a three or a number two, it grew; listen to my wall of toe. As time went on (as time will do) listen to my wall of toe; the corn waxed red the maiden blue, 'twas ten times worse than the grip (ketchaw) too true! Listen to my wall of toe. She had a seat in the end of the pew, listen to my wall of toe; and a man with his seat in view, put his cowhide boot on her kangaroo. Oh when! Oh when! Listen to my wall of toe.

ROSS' OPERA HOUSE.

One Night Only, THURSDAY, MAY 29.

Wm. A. Brady's

"AFTER DARK."

A Car Load of Marvelous Scenery.

Hobby Gaylor, The Great Irish Comique.

Marie Rene, The Beautiful Parisian Danseuse.

Kelly & Murphy, The Famous Exhibition Boxers.

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NORMAN STALLION

A Fine Norman Stallion will make the ensuing season at the farm of T. H. FOSS, at Gray's River, Wahkiakum county, Washington. He is a gray; seventeen hands high, 7 years old, and weighs 1,200 pounds, and is in every way a fine animal.

THOS. H. FOSS.

THE SATURDAY

Surprise SALES!

Inaugurated by HERMAN WISE are a Great Success. In fact people are interested to such an extent that they watch "The Daily Astorian" in order to be posted on what line is to be sacrificed next.

Any day in the week (except Sunday) one can go into HERMAN WISE'S Great Clothing Store and find Choice Goods, just suitable to their taste and purse, but his SATURDAY SURPRISE SALES are the great event.

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BEGINNING TO-MORROW, We will offer for Sale our entire Stock BELOW ITS ORIGINAL COST. Surprise bargains every day.

TERMS OF SALE STRICTLY CASH.

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Your Money's Worth Foard & Stokes

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