

ONE THING AND ANOTHER.

Some Sunday Paragraphs on Sundry

Subjects.

TALKS LOCAL AND OTHERWISE

IN APPLICATION.

Councilman Welch yesterday caused

the removal of a bill-board just erected

at the foot of Cass street. In doing

this he did not just what he should do,

and what his duty as a councilman

d dictated. As it is claimed that some

private property owners have a sort of

quasi idea that they own the termina-

tion of the streets, it is in order to

quote from our municipal charter, the

organic law of the city:

"The first section of the eighth chap-

ter of the charter of the city of Astoria,

says:

"The fee of all streets now within the

city, recorded between high and low

water of the Columbia river, is granted

to the city, and all the streets within the

city limits, and at right angles to the

Columbia river, are extended to the ship

channel for the use of the public, and the

fee of the same is hereby vested in the

city of Astoria, and all streets now con-

structed at right angles to the river,

provided for in this act, shall vest in the

city in fee, and shall forever remain open

as thoroughfares for the use of the public.

This is plain enough, there is no

going back on it. The city owes clear

through to the ship channel, on all

the streets running north and south.

It is just as well to have this in mind.

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made at the theater last Tuesday

night, though probably few

noticed it in the usual rush to the

door at the conclusion of the last act.

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national air at the close of all public

performances. In England the national

anthem, "God Save the Queen," is

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operatic, or concert entertainment, and it is a good thing

to imitate. The newspapers of the

American nation have succeeded in

having the American flag fly over the

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OF GOD, HE MAY FIND IT IN NATURE.

And when he has searched with

infinite power and thought that there will

be yet before him the infinite eter-

nalities of time to aid him in the search;

and thus he must be an omnipotence

in himself before he can stand up and

say, "There is no God."

Twenty-six years ago, this month,

a greenback dollar was worth only

thirty-six cents. That was the halcyon

day for the New York gold bug. In

those times he made his money out

of the nation's necessities. It helps to

his silver are now worrying over the

silver coinage bill. The Oregonian,

of course, joins in the cry and where

it can't argue specers at the measure,

and reproaches congressmen Hermann

for voting in accordance with the

wishes of his constituency. The bill

worries the single standard adherents,

and the recognition of the fact that

the Allegheny mountains do not con-

stitute the western base of the Colum-

bian range is unpalatable to many east-

and west.

Next Friday Astoria will celebrate

the fifty anniversary of American

Independence. There is more in the

fourth of July celebration than ap-

pears on the surface. It is not merely

a noisy day of hurrah and spread-

eagerness. It is a day of education.

The money will be spent in order to

give the coming generation, the boys

and girls, the future grand army of

the republic, an idea of patriotism.

They think that if it is worth making

this fuss about it, that it must be

of some importance. It helps to

want to know what it is all about, and

thus get a clearer idea of nation

and patriotism and love of country,

than they are in any other way.

We, who are a little older, have our

days of education; but we call the

election days. On election day every

one over twenty-one years of age gets

a splendid bit of education in the

principles of free government. The

fourth of July is the day that the young

citizens get their first lessons of the

same book. The Fourth is a great

educator, and it is worth all it costs,

and ten times more. Suppose a city

or two is burned down now and then

on the fourth! Let 'em burn the

ten cities burn that that the rising

generation forget the day that com-

memorates all that is worth com-

memorating in the eighteenth century.

The rise of Liberty. If it hadn't

been for that wouldn't be any cities to

burn down.

Why does not the government send

in advance to every citizen a printed

blank containing all the questions to

be answered, with spaces for answers,

so as to give each citizen an opportu-

nity to fill out the answers deliber-

ately, as far as he can, before the ar-

rival of the census officer. In this

way the people would be educated in

the principles of government, and the

government would be able to get more

correctly than the census taker. We

hope the government will take these

suggestions into consideration before

the next census is taken.

Frank Pixley is the authority for

the statement that the Young Men's

Christian Association has invited him

to address their body on the subject,

"How to Get on in the World." The

idea of Mr. Pixley addressing the

Young Men's Christian Association is

sufficiently incongruous to be a joke;

however, it is possible that the editor

of the Argonaut is telling the truth.

The invitation may have been sent

to Mr. Pixley by mistake, or it may

be a joke. The editor of the Argonaut

is not to be held responsible for the

DIED.

June 28, at her home in this city,

Minnie C. Hobson, daughter of Hon.

John Hobson and Annie Hobson.

Aged 17 years, 3 months and 26 days.

"Sweet flower, transplanted to a clime

Where never comes the blight of time,

"Lay her in the earth—

And from her fair and unpolished flesh</