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By order of the Board of Directors.
J. W. CONN, Chairman.
J. G. HUSTLER, Clerk.
Astoria, Sept. 4th, 1890.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Speaker Reed is in Chicago.

Cholera is abating in Japan.

Two men fought a duel with crowbars in New York.

J. Daniels, a pickpocket, escaped from the Portland jail

A death from yellow fever is reported at Brooklyn, N. Y.

The first of the whaling fleet has arrived at San Francisco.

Nine business houses in Manila were burned; loss, $500,000.

It is reported that Russia and Japan are planning to invade Formosa.

A terrific gale prevailed on Chesapeake bay; the waves ran mountain high.

Robert O'Brien was shot and killed in a saloon in Chicago by a bartender.

An Indian uprising is reported from Goat River district, British Columbia.

The bark *Guiding Star* was picked up at sea with all hands stricken with fever.

There were eleven business failures in Pacific coast states during the past week.

The new bank in Portland, the United States National, will open for business Nov. 10th.

A powder magazine at Canton, China, exploded; 200 houses were destroyed and 1,000 persons killed.

Twenty-two five-tael boxes of opium were captured in the steamship *City of Pueblo* at San Francisco.

Trouble is brewing between the Union Pacific Company and eastern connections over freight percentage.

Over three tons and a half of opium arrived in San Francisco from China; the duty on it amounts to $80,000.

A contract for the building of the new railroad in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties has been signed.

A fire at East Pepperell, Mass., destroyed a shoe factory and many buildings; several hundred men are out of employment.

WIRES DOWN AGAIN.

The Western Union company's telegraph line between this city and Portland, which has stood the strain of several heavy rains during the past two weeks, went down shortly after 10 o'clock last evening and cut short THE ASTORIAN'S press report. The location of the break could not be learned, but the cause is attributed to the high wind which set in early in the evening.

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 diarrhœa. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

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A FEVER-STRICKEN SHIP

The Ship "Guiding Star" Drifting Helplessly on the Ocean.

TERRIFIC POWDER EXPLOSION.

Two Hundred Houses Wrecked and One Thousand People Killed—Late Oriental News.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—The steamship *City of Peking* arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama this morning with the following advices:

The British bark *Lancefield* recently arrived at Hong Kong from New York, and reported having met the British bark *Guiding Star*, and only one of the whole ship's company was able to be about, and the ship had been drifting forty-eight days. The captain, mate, steward and one seaman had died of fever and five others were sick. The boatswain had become an idiot. The stricken bark was taken to Batavia.

The *China Mail* says: The government powder magazine at Canton exploded on August 15th, destroying 200 houses and killing over 1,000 people.

A rumor is afloat that the Russians and Japanese are about to invade Formosa with a large fleet and much excitement prevails.

A party of soldiers escorting a number of searchers for tin in the Island of Flores, was attacked by natives, who killed twelve and wounded three.

A railway two miles long has been laid in Peking. It was ordered built by the government as an experiment. Thousands of people are swarming to the locality to use the western novelty.

Nine business houses were burned at Manila on August 8th. Loss, $500,000.

Cholera is subsiding in Japan.

First of the Whaling Fleet.

Special to THE ASTORIAN]

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—The first of the whaling fleet to arrive in port is the bark *Alaska*, which came in this afternoon. The *Alaska* has been out since January 1st.

Escaped From Jail.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

PORTLAND, Oct. 24.—J. Daniels, a pickpocket, under arrest, made his escape from the city jail.

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J. Q. A. BOWLBY,
WILEY B. ALLEN,
Executors.
Astoria, Sept. 16, 1890. 6-64

A RAILROAD RUMPUS.

The Union Pacific Wants Too Much Percentage.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—A morning paper says: "Serious conflict between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and its eastern connection is about to be inaugurated. For some time the Union Pacific has been demanding a larger division of rates on freight traffic from its eastern connections than it accepts from its ally, the Chicago & Northwestern. The eastern roads could not afford to accede to the demand of the Union Pacific, because it would prevent them from competing for the traffic west of the Mississippi river, to and from Union Pacific points, with the Chicago & Northwestern.

"A few days ago the Chicago and Omaha roads were notified by the Union Pacific that on and after November 1st it would insist upon an improved percentage or division of rates. The general freight agents of the Burlington & Rock Island and the Milwaukee & St. Paul roads met and refused to accede to the Union Pacific's demands, and it was agreed to issue a circular announcing that on and after November 1st it would cancel all joint billing arrangements."

A NEW RAILROAD.

Southern California Deals With C. P. Huntington.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—President Huntington, of the Southern Pacific Co., has signed a contract with the San Jose Coast Railway Convention committee, by which the company is to receive $300,000 in cash and right of way deeds to complete the road from Santa Marajeta, San Louis Obispo county, to Elwood, Santa Barbara county. The company will not be required to begin work until the right of way for the entire route has been guaranteed.

TEMPEST TOSSED ON THE BAY

A Sixty-Mile Gale Causes Commotion Among Steamer Passengers.

WAVES HIGH AS MOUNTAINS.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.]

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 24.—A terrific southeasterly gale of wind raged on Chesapeake bay yesterday. The wind blew at the rate of sixty miles an hour, lashing the sea into mountainous waves, which were so high at all points that they completely washed across the new iron pier completed by the government last spring.

Passengers on the steamer *Virginia*, which was coming down the bay, when she was struck by the storm, were badly frightened. Waves broke over the vessel's deck, flooding her lower decks and the saloon and wrecking the pantry. Coming across the Horse Shoe, and just before she reached Old Point, a tremendous wave struck the steamer, crushing her port side, the wheelhouse and shattering the joiner work.

All the passengers had on life preservers, and frantic men and women begged Captain Bohannen to beach the steamer.

All telegraph lines of the signal service along the coast were down yesterday.

THE "U. S. MAIL."

San Francisco's Comment on the Play Which Appears Here Next Friday.

"U. S. Mail," described as a satire on the postal service, is the attraction at the Bush Street Theatre for the next two weeks. This is the play which has received considerable notoriety because of the fact that one of the proprietors is related to the Harrisons. It has made a success in St. Louis, Chicago and other eastern cities. The present production will be the first on this coast. The plot of the 'U. S. Mail" is so slender that the proprietors wisely refrain from entering upon any elaborate description of its details. The scene is chiefly laid in a country postoffice, whose postmaster is the editor of the village paper. He has had a bitter rival in the person of an irish druggist, a crafty genius, who, failing to secure the prize himself, bends all his energies toward the accomplishment of the new postmaster's ruin. In this he is assisted by a tramp printer, Hi Hand, by name. The schemes of the druggist, which finally result in his own discomfiture, run through the plot. An Irish domestic with an uncomfortable mania for cleaning, a Swiss maiden, Jack, the postmaster's daughter, and some minor characters, including a bevy of pretty girls, complete the cast. The company is strong. It includes Frank David, an operatic comedian of considerable repute in the East; Samuel Reed, also an actor of considerable ability; C. B. Hawkins, remembered here as Dr. Mulo Medicus in Mestayer's "We, Us & Co."; William Jerome, the song writer, and Master Harry O'Lynn, a 4-year-old, who has made a big hit in a small part. Georgie Parker, the original Venus in "A Rag Baby," is Jack, the postmaster's daughter. Marie Bockell, a fine singer, and Maggie Fielding, the charming actress, have congenial roles. Handsome costuming, catchy music and entertaining specialties are promised. The sale for to-morrow night is very large.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

Reserved seats for next Friday night can be had at the New York Novelty store on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Important Notice.
Now is the time to test the best Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma and Rheumatic Cure in the City of Astoria. Fifty packages of Leroy's West India Catarrh Cure, the regular price of which is $5.00, can be had from J. W. Conn, the druggist, at $1.00 per package, thereby saving $4.00. This is a preparation warranted to cure. Call and get a package, as they go fast.
Remember the place—Conn's, opposite the Occident Hotel. S. Brown & Co., Proprietors, Los Angeles, Cal. P. O. Box 822. Blumauer-Frank Drug Co., Portland.

FOUGHT WITH CROWBARS

Novel Duel in a Blacksmith Shop In New York.

A BIG OPIUM IMPORTATION.

Indian Uprising Reported in British Columbia—Murder in Chicago—General Notes.

Special by The UNITED PRESS.]

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Joseph Wood, 35 years old, and Carl Borg, aged 34, fought a duel this morning with crowbars in a blacksmith shop.

The battle ended only when both men sank to the ground with fractured skulls. They were removed to the hospital unconscious.

THREE TONS OF OPIUM.

A Big Consignment of the Drug From China.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—A portion of the cargo of the steamship *City of Peking*, arrived this morning, consisted of 162 cases of prepared opium, or a total of 6,642 pounds, valued at $132,840. The duty on this amounts to $80,000. This is the largest shipment of opium that has been made in some time from China.

AN INDIAN UPRISING.

The Red Men Want Pay From White Miners.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 24.—The Indians about the Goat River District in British Columbia are threatening to exterminate the whites, who have gone into that country, unless they are compensated for the minerals taken from that district.

The latest advices state that the Indians have gone on the war path. A detachment of mounted police will be sent to quell the uprising.

KILLED BY A BARTENDER.

Fatal Termination of a Feud in Chicago.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—This morning, Thomas McCaffrey, a bartender, shot and killed Robert O'Brien in a saloon. The shooting was the outcome of an old feud between the two men. The murdered man was formerly connected with the advertising department of several newspapers on the Pacific coast and the *Globe-Democrat* and *Post-Dispatch* of St. Louis, and had amassed considerable wealth.

Opium Seized.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—This afternoon customs officers made a seizure of twenty-two five-tael boxes of opium, which were stowed away in the bilge of the steamship *City of Pueblo*. The steamer arrived from Victoria, B. C., last night.

A Week's Failures.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24. — The Bradstreet Mercantile Agency reports eleven failures in Pacific coast states and territories for the week ended yesterday, as compared with thirteen for the previous week and fifteen for the corresponding week of 1889.

They Can't Do It.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—The minister of finance says, with regard to a report that American sealing captains propose to fly the British flag on their vessels in order to enjoy privileges accorded to British vessels, that they can not do so without becoming British subjects, and this can't be done.

Astorians in Portland.

The people of this city have been well represented in Portland this week. Among those who have been there, nearly all of whom have visited the Exposition, seen the "Crystal Slipper" at the Marquam Grand, and favored the Hotel Portland with their presence, are the following:

Senator C. W. Fulton, Judge J. Q. A. Bowlby, G. Wingate, J. O. Hanthorn, Capt. Flavel and daughter, Chief Barry, Zoe Carruthers, Mrs. C. W. Stone, Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Olsen, I. L. Osgood, Fred Brown, Ed. Brodie, L. E. Selig, Maj. E. A. Weed and wife, J. Smith, N. Clinton and wife, Will Tallant, Martin Olsen, F. H. Surprenant, J. E. Ferguson, Jas. W. Welch and wife, Col. Taylor, Judge Taylor, Wm. Loeb, Miss Mabel Parker, Miss Belle Cleveland, Dr. Alf. Kinney, Dr. Aug. Kinney, Jack Carruthers, J. Y. Marion, Chas. Bain, Jack Grant, Pete Grant, Willie Grant, Nace Grant, Miss Maggie Grant, W. M. Kelly, Col. John Bell and wife, Miss Genevieve Bell, Miss Alice Stockton, Phil Stokes and wife, P. W. Weeks and wife, Miss Emma Rawles, D. E. Johnson, J. T. Lynch, Henry Leinenweber, Charles Swope, Mr. Davis, M. P. Callender, Rev. Father Dielman, C. E. Runyon, Ed. Wright, Dr. Mullinix and wife, G. G. Shirley and wife, J. H. Mansell, Ed. H. Willis, F. J. Goodenough, Mrs. F. E. Wright, Dr. Strickler, Mrs. G. C. Flavel, J. W. Stengele, Philip Wilder, Rudolph Nelson, A. B. Allen, Rev. E. Hove, Mrs. T. E. Habersham, Capt. J. G. Hustler, A. G. Hardesty, C. R. Thompson, Mrs. Logan, Capt. J. H. D. Gray, Mrs. T. S. Jewett, D. H. Welch and wife, and E. A. Taylor.

The Best Man in the World.
Well, if not positively the best, one of the wisest is he who checks disease at the start in his own system. In preserving or restoring the heaven-granted gift of health, he deserves profound consideration. His example is worthy to be imitated. The complaints which afflict us are largely attributable to a want of tone in the stomach, either inherent or inflicted by ourselves upon that much abused repository of the food that should nourish us. What is its requirement in adversity? A wholesome tonic. None so good, if we rely on experience and testimony, as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Unmedicated stimulants won't do. Regulation, as well as invigoration of the digestive viscera, is not to be effected by these. Through the agency of the stomachic named, strength of the entire system is retrenched—dyspepsia and biliousness overcome. Malarial, kidney, bladder and rheumatic complaints are eradicated by this salutary reformer of ill health.

PORTLAND'S NEW BANK.

The United States National Nearly Ready for Business.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

PORTLAND, Oct. 24.—On November 10th the United States National bank, with a capital of $500,000, will throw open its doors for the transaction of business in Kamm's block, which quarters, however, will be temporary. The officers are: C. A. Plummer, of Whittier, Fuller & Co., president; J. E. Hazeltine, a capitalist, vice president, and F. C Miller, of Selina, Kas., cashier. Besides these, the following gentlemen, who stand high in this community for their unimpeachable integrity, will compose the board of directors: Jacob Kamm, Kenneth Macleay, J. D. Coleman and David Goodsell.

THE GRAMOPHONE.

Emile Berliner Has Perfected His Invention.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Emile Berliner, of this city, has perfected his invention of a gramophone, and claims that it is the greatest sound-reproducing machine in existence. Mr. Berliner is the inventor of the transmitter used on the telephones of the Bell company, and is still retained by the company as one of its electricians.

Speaker Reed in Chicago.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Speaker Reed reached here this morning from Waterloo, Ia. He was met at the depot by officials of the Union League Club, who escorted him to the Grand Pacific hotel, where an informal reception was held.

A Yellow Fever Scare.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.]

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A death from yellow fever was reported in Brooklyn to-day, and it was rumored that there had been three others from the same cause.

A BLOCK OF ROARING FLAMES.

Destructive Fire in a Little Massachusetts Town.

THE LOSS IS VERY HEAVY.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS

EAST PEPPERELL, Mass., Oct. 24.—A big fire was discovered this morning in the shoe factory of Leighton Brothers & Son. Immediately after the flames were first outlined against the sky the whole building was ablaze. A high wind was blowing and the fire spread rapidly, and almost before the people in the neighborhood were aware of their danger the blaze was threatening their lives.

It spread from the shoe factory to a row of wooden boarding houses. Help was summoned from surrounding towns.

Nashua responded with some trucks and some men but before the flames could be attacked successfully, the shoe factory was burned to the ground, also three residences, seven stores and a block of boarding houses. The loss is estimated at $300,000.

Shortly after daybreak the fire was under control. Several hundred persons are thrown out of employment by the fire and the town is in a distressed condition.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. A. J. Megler has gone to Portland on a visit.

Dr. A. Gray and wife, of Knappton, Wash., are in the city.

Major E. A. Weed, wife and son returned last evening from Portland.

Edwin Scott, of the Portland *Oregonian*, signed at the Occident yesterday.

Capt. Winn, of the ship *City of Philadelphia*, returned from Portland last evening on the *Telephone*.

Samuel Elmore and family will pass the winter in California, leaving here about November 5th. E. P. Sharpstein and family will occupy the Elmore residence.

Ben C. Irwin, of Portland, representing George D. Barnard & Co., of St. Louis, and C. W. Pomeroy, representing the Western Bank Note Company, of Chicago, were in the city yesterday.

Capt. Sterling, of the ship *Patrician*, went up to Portland on Tuesday and returned with his wife last evening, having attended the exposition and seen the "Crystal Slipper" at the Marquam Grand.

Fred Hewett, formerly connected with the Union Pacific company, in this city, but now a rancher on the Nehalem, was in the city yesterday, and left last evening to visit the exposition in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Crandall, who were married at Quinn's landing, on Tuesday, and went up the river that day on the *Telephone*, returned on the same steamer yesterday to their residence near the landing.

H. L. Gregg and wife came down last evening on the *Telephone* in order to see the Columbia river by daylight, as they are going to San Francisco, and will leave here this morning on the steamship *Columbia*. Mr. Gregg is mayor of the city of Hudson, New York, but after the close of his term of office on the first of January next, he will remove to his early home, Philadelphia. They are out for a pleasure trip of two months, have visited the Yellowstone park and other points of interest on the way, been to Seattle, Tacoma and Victoria and will spend three or four weeks in California, returning East over the southern route.

The New Discovery.
You have heard your friends and neighbors talking about it. You may yourself be one of the many who know from personal experience just how good a thing it is. If you have ever tried it, you are one of its staunch friends, because the wonderful thing about it is, that when once given trial, Dr. King's New Discovery ever after holds a place in the house. If you have never used it and should be afflicted with a cough, cold or any Throat, Lung or Chest trouble, secure a bottle at once and give it a fair trial. It is guaranteed every time, or money refunded. Trial Bottles Free at J. W. Conn's Drugstore.

REGULATING A TAX LAW

Propositions Agreed Upon By the Senatorial Committee

NOW IN SESSION IN SALEM.

They Are Working Early and Late With Hopes of Adjusting the Tax Problem.

The senatorial committee appointed at the last session of the state legislature to devise means for remedying the evils and imperfections of present assessment and tax laws, are still wrestling with the many perplexities this difficult question presents. The committee consists of Senators Raley, Tongue, Wait, Hilton and Cogswell, and they have been in session at Salem since Monday morning, October 13th—nearly two weeks. They have labored assiduously, working from 8 o'clock in the morning often till 11 o'clock at night, and if they succeed in adjusting the taxation problem to the majority of Oregon's citizens, they are entitled to a great deal of credit.

Just what the committee has accomplished is not known, but rumor has it that they have decided upon a number of well-grounded propositions which, if adopted by the state legislature, will not only simplify assessments, but centralize authority and strenghten the law as well.

First, it is decided that all assessments shall be made as if made on the 1st of April each year. An assessor, when dissatisfied with the lists furnished him, shall be authorized to examine the taxpayer on the roll. County courts shall be made boards of equalization, and assessors shall be required to attend meetings when matters concerning taxation are under consideration. If any person fails to list his property, or to answer the questions propounded to him by the assessor, the assessor shall be authorized to double his taxable property, and the board of equalization shall have no right to make any deductions therefrom. The board of equalization shall not reduce any assessments unless the applicant or his duly-authorized agent appears before them, and is examined under oath as to the amount and value of the property he possesses, or represents as agent.

The committee also contemplates the creation of a state board of equalization, composed of one member from each judicial district in the state. This board shall have authority to equalize assessments between counties on different kinds of property, but cannot equalize individual assessments.

Upon the foregoing propositions the members of the committee are agreed. There seems to be some difference of opinion, however, regarding the advisability of repealing the mortgage tax law and not allowing deductions for indebtedness. The majority of the committee, it is understood, are in favor of both these measures, but whether or not the minority can be won over is for the future to decide.

The members of the State Board of Equalization are to be elected in the same manner as circuit judges, each to hold office four years. The committee is still in session and will probably finish their labors for the present to-morrow night and then meet again some time before the convening of the legislature.

The committee was instructed to make a report embodying such suggestions as might be deemed advisable for eradicating existing evils of taxation. The report will be in the nature of a bill, which will be submitted to the house for adoption.

Mr. Geo. C. Sears, assessor of this county, met with the committee Wednesday night by invitation and from what he saw of the report thinks they are preparing a very meritorious bill, and one which, if adopted by the legislature, will meet the issue of a more equal taxation.

The question of precinct assessors, which was a stumbling block for some time, has been practically decided, and no such offices will exist under the proposed law.

This feature of the bill meets Mr. Sears' approbation, for he believes it is much better to have one officer for each district and have him held responsible to the County court for equitable assessments.—*Oregonian, 24.*

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