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### REDUCED RATES ON THE UNION PACIFIC.

Commencing May 1st, round trip rates to Chicago will be reduced to $98.50; Omaha, Kansas City and Soux City, $80.; Denver, $70. Tickets good via other lines returning. For further information call at ticket office U. P. dock. G. W. LOUNSBERRY, Agent, Astoria, Or.



### ALONG THE WHARVES.

Jacob Kamm has added to his fleet, says: the Gazette, one of the swiftest and handsomest little gasoline launches to be found on this coast. The power which is derived from a double, fifty horse power gasoline engine, sends the little craft along at the rate of ten knots per hour, easily. The launch will be used between Ilwaco and Astoria.

The San Francisco Chronicle of the 27th ult said; The taking of testimony in the trial of Captain Reed of the American ship T. F. Oakes for brutality to his sailors was completed yesterday. The defense did not put in much evidence. Up to yesterday the testimony showed a great deal of brutality on the part of the captain and his mate. Further than that the food given the men was so insufficient that they frequently ate raw potatoes and everything they could lay their hands on. The men became so weak from having so little food that they could not work, and they were brutally beaten. Even some sailors put on the stand to help out Captain Reed's defense were forced to admit this on cross-examination. The defense put up was very weak.

The steamer R. P. Elmore arrived in from Tillamook yesterday.

The Manzanita goes up to Portland this morning.

The barkentine Gleaner sails from San Francisco tomorrow for Knappton.

The bark Coloma sailed from Hong Kong for this port April 28th.

The steamer Oregon sailed for San Francisco yesterday. Her freight from this port consisted of salmon, oysters, shooks, etc.

The steamer Columbia arrived yesterday from San Francisco. She had 100 tons of freight for Astoria business men. There were a large number of passengers on board.

The steamer Ilwaco will leave here today at 8 a. m. for Ilwaco, where it will connect with the railroad train for Sealand. The steamer will return in the afternoon.

The fastest cruiser in the world is owned by the Argentine government. Sir W. Armstrong, Mitchell & Company, of Newcastle. She steams 22 knots with natural and 22 3-4 with forced draughts.

The absence of masts and ship rigging on the vessels of our new navy has made necessary a new arrangement of watches on board, which will soon be submitted for approval, says the Army and Navy Register. The old time port and starboard watches for the forecastle, the fore, main and mizzentop and the after guard will be abandoned in favor of a division of the crew into four equal parts. The four equal divisions will represent the quartersections of the ship with special bearing on the guns. Each man will be designated by four numerals; the first to represent his corps, the second at what gun he is stationed and the last two numerals his own individual number. Thus, 1213 might belong to a marine, supposing his corps is represented by the figure 1, and be stationed at the second division, while his individual number, which would be borne on his hammock and other belongings, would be 13.

As an illustration of the low freights prevailing, a Maine shipowner recalls the fact that in 1889 a small schooner was chartered to load lumber at Portland for Rosario, just above the Buenos Ayres, at $20 a thousand, while the rate to Buenos Ayres was $18. For the past eight years or so, the rate has been $10. The bark P. J. Carleton was lately chartered at Portland for Buenos Ayres at the low rate of $7 per thousand.

### ODDS AND ENDS.

Maine leads neighboring states in inebriates.

At the equator the average annual rain fall is 100 inches.

In 1892, 19,573 papers were published in this country and Canada.

About 20,000 proverbs are in use among the nations of Europe.

A publishing house in New York has a press that turns out 5,000 an hour.

The current year is the centennial of the cotton gin, which Eli Whitney invented in 1793.

The oldest monument in the world is the mound covering the Tower of Babel, erected B. C. 2247.

The fata magana, or sea mirage, is most perfect at the Straits of Messina, between Italy and Sicily.

Victor Hugo's first novel was written in a fortnight on a wager. "Notre Dame" took him six months.

Narrow nails are said to belong to the mischief-maker and the person who delights in tale-bearing.

The largest single fortification in the world is Fortress Monroe. It has already cost over $3,000,000.

The largest building in the world is the Coliseum in Rome, which is 615 feet in greatest diameter, and 120 feet high.

Large hands give great attention to detail; small hands to the general effect; small hands plan, large hands execute.

Queen Victoria preserves a number of oil paintings that were executed by herself and the prince consort in their youthful days.

The manager of a western telephone office with an inclination for statistics estimates that about one in every eight telephone girls gets married annually.

The Victoria railroad bridge over the St. Lawrence at Montreal is two miles long and one of the engineering wonders of the world, and yet it cost only $5,000,000.

The anti-home rule has reached the hysterical stage. This advertisement is running in the Times, heading the personal column on the first page: "Personal, etc.,—To Irish loyalists and protestants.—Death before slavery."

The most curious animal in the world is the ornithorynchus paradoxus, of Australia. It is shaped like an otter, has fur like a beaver, is web-footed like a swan, has a bill like a duck, a tail like a fox, is amphibious and lays eggs.

The cocoanut tree is the most valuable of plants. Its wood furnishes beams, rafters and planks, its leaves umbrellas and clothing, its fruit, food, oil, intoxicants and sugar, its shells, domestic utensils, its fibres, ropes, sails and matting.

Japanese jinrikshas have gained a considerable footing in the towns of South Africa. In Cape Town, Durban and Pietermaritzburg they are well patronized and are crowding out the cabs and public buggies. Kaffirs furnish the motive power.

Thirty-one million four hundred and seventy-five thousand five hundred and nineteen barrels of domestic beer were consumed in the United States last year—about half a barrel for each inhabitant if it had been equally divided and all had "drank fair."

The largest slide in the world is at Alprach, in Switzerland, from Mount Pilatus to Lake Lucerne, eight miles. It is made of the trunks of 25,000 trees, laid at an angle of 10 degrees to 18 degrees, and logs placed in it descend to the lake in six minutes.

Whis'lin' Monday is the Monday following Whit Sunday and with the colored people of the South it is a holiday. They firmly believe that the name is derived not from Whitsuntide, but from the participle "whistling," and on whis'lin' Monday the idle negro whistles.

In the United States there are 32,000,000 men and 31,000,000 women. Men are in the majority in all the states and teritories except in the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Maryland, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina, Virginia and New Jersey, in which there are more women than men. The District of Columbia has the largest proportionate excess of female population, and Montana contains the largest percentage of men. In New Jersey the two sexes are most nearly equally represented.

Londoners are trying to show that Benjamin Franklin was not the first experimenter in atmospheric electricity or the inventor of the lightning rod. It is said tht a Catholic priest named Procopius Diwisch, as early as June 15, 1754, noticed that lightning was an electric spark and worked out a complete theory of atmospheric electricity. At this time he was living in a small Bohemian village and he constructed a rod having 324 needle points, connecting the bottom of it to the earth. Why he didn't advertise the fact at the time is not mentioned.

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### SOCIETY MEETINGS.

**Astoria Lodge No. 50, A. O. U. W.**

MEETS EVERY FRIDAY EVENING AT 8 o'clock in the Odd Fellows' Hall. Sojourning and visiting brethren cordially invited. J. T. ROGERS, Recorder.

**Scandinavian Benevolent Society.**

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THIS SOCIETY are at their rooms in Pythian building at eight o'clock P. M., on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
AUG. DANIELSON Secretary.

**Ocean Encampment No. 13, I. O. O. F**

REGULAR MEETINGS OF OCEAN Encampment No. 13, I. O. O. F., at the Lodge in the Odd Fellows Building, at seven P. M., on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Sojourning brethren cordially invited.
By order C. P.

**Astoria Building & Loan Association**

THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THIS ASSOciation are held at 8 P. M. on the first Wednesday of each month. Office on Genevieve street, south of Chenamus.
W. L. ROBB, Secretary.

**Common Council.**

REGULAR MEETINGS, FIRST AND Third Tuesday evenings of each month at 8 o'clock.
Persons desiring to have matters acted upon by the Council, at any regular meeting must present the same to the Auditor and Clerk, on or before the Friday evening prior to the Tuesday on which the Council holds its regular meeting.
K. OSBURN, Auditor and Police Judge.

**Board of Pilot Commissioners.**

THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THIS BOARD, will be held on the first Monday, of each month at 10 a. m. at the office of Robb & Parker.
W. L. ROBB, Sec



### NOTICE TO POLICY HOLDERS

Of the withdrawal from the state of Oregon of the State Investment & Insurance Company, of San Francisco, California.

Notice is hereby given to all persons in the State of Oregon holding policies in the State Investment & Insurance Company, of San Francisco, California, and to all other persons interested, that the said company has reinsured its business in the State of Oregon, in the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, of San Francisco, California, and has filed notice thereof with the secretary of state, of said state, and proposes to withdraw its securities on deposit with the treasurer thereof, and to cease doing business in said state.

Any policy holder in the State of Oregon, or any other person having claims against said insurance company, are hereby notified to file the same with secretary of tate of the state of Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the publication of this notice.

This notice is given pursuant to the provision of an act of the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon, entitled "An act to amend Sections 3564., 3568 and 3580, of Chapter L, of the Miscellaneous Laws of Oregon, as Compiled and Annotated by W. Lair Hill." Approved February 25, 1889.

THE STATE INVESTMENT AND INSURANCE CO.,
By George L. Brander, President.

Attest; Charles M. Blair, Secretary

### ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to and by virtue of the order of the honorable county court of the state of Oregon for the county of Marion, duly made and entered of record by said court on the 28th day, February, 1893, the undersigned administrator of the estate of W. J. Herron deceased, will on the 1st day of July, 1893, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said date at the front door of the court house, in the city of Astoria, in the county of Clatsop, in said state, sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of said deceased, to wit:—

Lots numbered nine (9) ten (10) eleven (11) and twelve (12), in block number one hundred and thirty-eight (138), in town (now city) of Astoria, as laid out and mapped and recorded by John M. Shively, in Clatsop county, Oregon.

Dated May 29, 1893.

J. J. SHAW,
Administrator of the Estate of W. J. Herren, Deceased.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

To whom it may concern. All persons having claims against the estate of Henry Powell, deceased, are requested to present them to the undersigned executrix of the last will and testament of deceased at the office of Judge Bowlby in Astoria, Oregon, within six months from date,

Astoria, Or., April 12th, 1893. 16-5t

MARTHA POWELL, Executrix.