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ALONG THE WHARVES.

The Iris, the new steam tender of the I. R. & N. Co., is giving splendid satisfaction to her owners. Against a heavy ebb tide she has made the run from Chinook to the Telephone dock in less than forty minutes.

The Cleo, the pleasure craft of Mr. H. D. Thing, has been put in commission for the summer. She has been thoroughly overhauled and repainted.

The bark Western Belle sailed yesterday for New York, and crossed out about twenty-three hours after the ship Reaper. Captain McIntosh stated before his departure that with good luck he would overhaul the Reaper in less than ten days.

When the Reaper was going to sea yesterday she sailed through about twenty gill nets, taking a large section of one with her. Her speed will not be improved in consequence.

The British bark Norma, which sailed from Newcastle, N. S. W., February 11th, arrived at Mazatlan June 15th, being more than four months on the passage.

The ship Edward O'Brien, from Vancouver December 12th, with lumber for Cork, the British bark Invermark, from Tacoma December 24th, with wheat for Cork, and the British ship Macmillan, from Tacoma November 25th, with wheat for Cork, are all in the market as overdue. The Macmillan was spoken April 25th, in lat. 14 S., lon. 30 W., and the other two have not been reported since leaving.

The bark Chehalis is loading at South Bend. Her cargo will consist of 1,000,000 feet of lumber.

The cargo of the Western Belle included 128 spars, 165,600 shingles, and 584,593 feet of lumber. The whole is valued at $10,900.

The steamer Cricket came down from Portland yesterday morning, and crossed out shortly afterward for the Sound.

The steamer Mayflower is undergoing repairs at the Astoria Iron works.

A launch 36 feet long, 8 feet beam and 3 feet draught is being built by Louis Martin.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Following are the real estate transfers as reported for the Astorian by the Astoria Abstract, Title and Trust

Astoria, June 21, 1893.

State of Oregon to John Anderson, lots 6, 7, and 8, in section 31, township 6 north, range 8 west	136
The Astoria Land and Trust Co. to J. W. Seaborg, lots 1, 2, 19, and 20, in block 9, Irving Heights	600

NATURAL ENEMY OF THE SPIDER

The Ichneumon Fly of Ceylon and Its Method of Reproduction.

A writer quoted by Leisure Hour gives an interesting account of the curious habits of the ichneumon fly of Ceylon, the natural enemy of the spider. This insect is green in color, and in form resembles a wasp, with a marvelously thin waist. It makes its nest of well-worked clay, and then goes out on a hunting expedition. Its victims are invariably spiders of various kinds, but are all subject to the same mode of treatment. A scientific sting injects some poison which effectually paralyzes the luckless spider, who is then carried off to the nest and there fastened with a dab of moist clay. Another and another victim is brought to this chamber of horrors. Then the prescient mother ichneumon fly proceeds to deposit her eggs, one in the body of each spider, which can just move its legs in a vague, aimless manner, but can offer no resistance. This done, the fly returns to her work as mason. She prepares more clay and builds up the entrance to this ghastly cell. Then she commences a new cell which she furnishes in like manner, and closes; then she adds yet another cell, and so proceeds until her store of eggs are all provided for, and her task in life being accomplished, she dies leaving her evil brood to hatch at leisure. In due time these horrid little maggots come to life and find themselves cradled in a larder of fresh meat. Each poor spider is still alive and his juices afford nutriment for the ichneumon-grub, until it is ready to pass into its chrysalis stage, thence to emerge as a winged fly, fully prepared to carry out the traditions of its ancesters with regard to spiders, and fulfill the purpose for which they have been created, according to ichneumon belief.

NOT PROUD OF HIS ELECTION.

There is a case on record in Japan where the winner at the polls was not only sorry for his success but came through that success subsequently to wish that he had never been born. This was in the village of Awa, and the person honored—or dishonored—by the majority vote was a Jap by the name of Abi Tanihei. It seems that the village of Awa was harassed by a midnight robber whom nobody could detect. The head of the hamlet summoned the entire male population under his charge and directed every man to write the name of the person whom he suspected and to deposit the paper in a box. Fifteen ballots bore the name of Abi Tanihei, the rest being blanks. The man whom everybody distrusted was so much overcome with astonishment that he made a full confession and went to prison. In a more civilized country an incident of this sort could never happen, and it is to be hoped that it will never be tried. If Abi Tanihei had really been an honest man it would have made no difference in his fate, which would indeed have been a dreadful thing.—Harper's Young People.

SHE NEVER TOOK ADVICE.

Disregarding the Young Man's Warning She Stepped Into the Slush.

He who had much occasion to be abroad on the day when the snow, rain and wind made merry with the population of this town, saw some queer sights and heard some queer things, says the New York Times. One of the worst crossings in the lower part of the city was at the intersection of Broadway and Fulton street, where the slush and snow formed an expanse of something which told nothing of the depth of the mixture. Here and there was a hummock which might furnish solid footing, but probably wouldn't. A young man essaying the crossing stopped half way between the curbs, and, deciding that the rest of the ford was impassible, turned back. As he did so he ran into an elderly woman who was close behind him.

"Beg pardon, madam," said he, "but you'd better not try it."

The lady gave her skirts an extra twitch and glared at the youth.

"I want you to know," she responded, "that I never needed a man's advice, and I don't need it now. Lemme by."

The young man jumped aside and she who would not be befriended went ahead. There was a splash, a half-smothered cry, a wild scramble and she stood on the sidewalk. But the slush had gone above the tops of her stout walking shoes. Grimly she looked back at her adviser, and the wind brought her remark to his ears:

"I never took a man's advice, but I wish I had that time," she said.

People who have taken the Lake Superior steamers at Port Arthur have noticed the high, long dike of basalt that pushes into tthe water from the northern limit of Thunder bay. The Indians believe that this ridge is the grave of Hiawatha, or as he is called there, Manibozho, and few redmen pass there without dropping beads or a pipeful of tobacco in the water as an obligation to his spirit.

The Bon Marche in Paris is said to employ 100 men who do nothing but watch for shop-lifters. This one establishment alone arrests on an average from twelve to fifteen thousand people annually who have been caught stealing. Probably if thirty or forty thousand more who don't get caught are added an idea can be formed of the way kleptomania flourishes in France.

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. Herron, Deceased.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I have been appointed administrator of the estate of Thomas Shay, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate, are notified to pay the same to me, at the office of Robb & Parker, at Astoria, Oregon, forthwith; and all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to present the same to me, at the above place, within six months from the date hereof.

F. L. PARKER,
Administrator of the above estate.

Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 13th day of May, 1893.

NOTICE!

Use Zinfandel wine intead of coffee or tea. 50 cents per gallon. Dont forget Peach and apricot brandy, also French Cognac and wine at Alex. Gilbert's.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the estate of P. W. Larsen, deceased, are requested to present them to me at the office of J. Q. A. Bowlby in Astoria, Oregon, within six months from this date.

May 31, 1893.

MARIA C. LARSEN,
Administratrix.

Wing Lee has just received a full line of Japanese curiosities and fancy goods. Will sell at cost. 529 Third street.

NOTICE TO POLICY HOLDERS

Notice is hereby given to all persons in the State of Oregon holding surance Company, of San Francisco, California.

Of the withdrawal from the state of Oregon of the State Investment & Inpolicies 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

SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop.

C. H. Page, Plaintiff, vs. J. H. D. Gray, Laura W. Gray, J. Q. A. Bowlby, Wiley Ballew as executors of the last will and testament of Louis Wilson Deceased and the Astoria Box Company.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of and under the sale of the above entitled court in the above entitled cause on the 29th day of May 1893, upon a decree of foreclosure and judgment duly made and rendered therein on the 22nd day of May 1893, which said execution and order of sale was to me directed and delivered, I did on the 31st day of May, 1893, levy upon all the right, title, claim and intereest of the above named defendants in and to the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots number six (6), seven (7), twenty (20) twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23), of tract numbered one (1), and lot thirty-two (32), of tract numbered two (2), all of and in block numbered twenty-seven, in Olney's addition to the Town of Astoria as laid out and recorded by J. G. Hustler and H. S. Aiken, executors and devisees of the last will and testament of Cyrus Olney, deceased, as said block is sub-divided and recorded by J. H. D. Gray and recorded by him in plat book, numbered one, at page number 26, Record of Town or City Plats, in and for the county of Clatsop, and State of Oregon, and all of said land being in said county and state, and I shall on Monday the 3d day of July, 1893, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., of said day ,in front of the county court house door, in the City of Astoria in said county and state, proceed to sell the same, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy the sum of $892.41 with interest on said sum from May 2d, 1893, until paid, and the further sum of $22.60, costs and disbursements, and the accruing costs of this suit, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand in United States gold coin at time of sale.

H. A. SMITH,
Sheriff of Clatsop County, Or.
Dated Astoria, Or., May 31, 1893.