

TODAY'S WEATHER. Forecast for Oregon and Washington, rain, southerly gales on coast.

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The Bare Facts.



After eight and a half years in business in this city I own more of my own goods than any other house, and at lower prices [new goods]. During the eight years and a half of my business here I have always paid 100 cents on the dollar [never have settled for 25 cents, nor 35 cents, nor 50 cents on the dollar]. While doing business in this city I have never used my creditors' money in politics, in log rolling or high rolling. I simply attended to business in the interest of the community, therefore am able in the Clothing War to hold my own, and will give better value than any other house in Astoria.

I. L. OSGOOD, The One Price Clothier, Hatter and Furnisher. 506 and 508 COMMERCIAL STREET, ASTORIA, OR.

The Finest and Most Complete Line of

Holiday Goods In the City!

At Prices to Suit the Times.

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THREE LOTS.

In a desirable location, 2 blocks from High School. A BARGAIN.

CHOICE LOTS IN HILLS FIRST ADDITION.

On the new Pipe Line Boulevard—Just the place for a cheap home.

A Block IN ALDERBROOK.

STREET CAR LINE will be extended this summer to within 5 minutes walk of this property—Will sell at decided bargain.

ACREAGE.

In 5 or 10 acre tracts inside the city limits, also adjoining Flavel.

GEORGE HILL,--471 Bond St., Occident Block, HILL'S REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE.

CLOTHING!

The Best Goods at the Lowest Prices Is at Oregon Trading Co

You will save from 20 to 25 per cent on your investment. We positively sell that much cheaper than any house in Astoria. It will pay you, before purchasing, to see our stock. It is best for you to have your understanding with the Oregon Trading Co. for Footwear, Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, Rubber Boots, etc.

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VICTORY!

The Republicans Win a Glorious Battle.

Large Majorities Rolled Up for All the Leading Candidates.

Kleber Osburn is a Political Corpse at Last.

GEORGE JOHNSON'S GRAND RUN

Frank Taylor Elected Mayor and Honest Citizens of Astoria are Vindicated.

Table listing candidates for Mayor, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney, Surveyor, Police Commissioner, Harbor Master, Street Commissioner, and Councilman for various wards.

There is always some satisfaction in a triumph, in a victory won after a long and difficult struggle against overwhelming odds. Such a triumph is ours today, and the Astorian in claiming its share of a great popular success gladly gives full credit to the workers of the Republican party who so nobly held their own in the various precincts of the city during yesterday's election.

The election has been full of incident and neither side has left any stone unturned to secure a victory. The course of this paper throughout the campaign has been dictated simply and purely by a desire to secure for the city of Astoria a clean and honest government. It is a matter of gratification to know that we have been almost entirely successful.

Mr. C. J. Curtis has been elected city attorney. We have done our utmost to defeat him. His opponent, an absolutely new man, running against a candidate who was conceded to be one of the strongest "pullers" of votes in this city, has not only run him a remarkably close race, but has actually beaten him in Uniontown, a part of the city which Mr. Curtis has for years claimed to have under his thumb.

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vious city election, was worked for all generally to come down in the afternoon, the heaviest vote in the city's history was polled—a total of slightly over 1500. Most of the prominent candidates watched the voting at No. 1 Engine House very closely during the early part of the day, and a great many ballots were cast there before noon. At 1 o'clock the clerks had tallied up 225 votes, and the close of the polls the figures were 440.

The following are the final returns from all four precincts. These figures while not exact may be subject to slight alteration though the majorities in all cases are approximately correct. It was impossible to obtain the judges' certified figures last night.

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Southern Pacific Influence Will Not Be Against Us.

Hammond Has Purchased the Rails for the Goble Road—Work to be Pushed.

Much comment was evoked yesterday from the publication in the Astorian of the announcement made by the Oregonian that the Southern Pacific had purchased the rails for the Goble Road and Eastern Road in its fight against the O. R. and N. was because Huntington is behind Hammond in both of the latter's railroad enterprises, the intimation being that when Hammond's lines were completed their combination with the S. P. would be used in the fight against the Navigation Company, or at least the competition of the Eastern could be stopped, and that for the present it was not worth while to notice the Eastern's road's competition, although that line by its Yaquina route to San Francisco has given the Southern Pacific many hard days.

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EUROPE'S "SICK MAN"

Still the Center of Interest on All Sides.

SETTLEMENT OF TWO QUESTIONS

Has Not Abated the Watchfulness of the Powers—Missionaries' Lives Still in Danger.

(Copyrighted, 1895, by Associated Press.) Constantinople, Dec. 10, via Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 11.—The two incidents which have constituted the center of sensational interest, viz.—the refusal of Kustanik, Said Paslia, ex-grand vizier, in the British embassy, and the refusal of the sultan to grant firmans for the passage through the Dardanelles of additional guardships, demanded by the powers, are practically relegated to history through their settlement by the return of Said Paslia to his own residence and by the final granting of the firmans by the sultan.

How unimportant these incidents were in themselves is indicated by the fact that the tense condition of the public mind is not abated by their closing, and the thoughtful gaze of diplomats is still so much as before. Intimate connection with the peace of Europe with the fate of the Turkish empire is not to be forgotten, nor is it to be lost sight of that this peace is dependent, as it has been for the past eighteen years, on the accord of the powers as to the methods and limits of the British, and the latter's exercised upon the "sick man" of Europe. How great labor and stress is necessary to the maintenance of this accord has been indicated by the long-drawn-out conduct of the guardships incident, the sultan refusing to concede a single step voluntarily, and leaving the powers to their own devices to patch up the complicated jealousies and conflicts of interests before an agreement could be reached to unite a demand upon the sultan.

Outrages upon Armenian Christians seem to be receding into the background, except as they constitute a technical case upon which the powers base their action at international law for the settlement of larger questions.

New York, Dec. 11.—A cable dispatch received by the Christian Herald today from the president of the Red Cross Association at Washington, offering to contribute \$25,000 for relief if the Red Cross assumed the responsibility of the work in that country.

BODIES RECOVERED.

Nothing but Blackened Bones to Be Identified. Seattle, Dec. 11.—The rescue party at the Franklin Hotel, today recovered the bodies of George W. Smalley, John Adams, James Stafford, and John H. Glover, the four men who descended to close the door during the most tragic incident. The ceremony was held in the little chapel at the hotel, and the bodies were identified by articles known to be the bodies, such as a watch, two keys and a rule.

CALIFORNIA MISSED IT.

Would Have Had the Convention but for Free Silver.

Portland, Dec. 11.—"San Francisco made a great effort to secure the Republican National Convention," said Joseph Simon, Oregon's national committeeman, today, "had it not been that the Californians in Washington, who were pressing the claims of San Francisco, were identified with the free silver movement in a greater or less degree, I think, despite the opposition raised on account of the difference in time and inadequate telegraph service." San Francisco would have won, he thinks, had the Republicans not forever divorced themselves from this free silver heresy.

"Oregon will have eight delegates in the next Republican national convention who may be safely counted upon on the subject of sound currency. The Republicans of Oregon will distinctly repudiate any inflation of the currency, degrading the standard of value to a silver basis."

FARM BURNING.

Pierce Fire Raging Underneath It for Months.

Farmland, Ind., Dec. 11.—Just over the Delaware county line, and a few miles south of Lima, for many years a large tract of wet land, covering thousands of acres, but since the advent of the tide and other artificial means of drainage, it has been redeemed from its former state and converted into fine farming land as one could wish to own. It is covered to a depth of several feet with black loam so dear to a farmer's heart, and produces its 30 bushels of corn per acre, regardless of the season. But underneath this layer of loam extends a massive peat bog, which the continued drought of the past summer had, in places where exposed, revealed of all nature. Consequently, when John Jackson, the owner of a farm situated in this low tract, early in July, set fire to a pile of brush, he little dreamed that he was kindling a fire that would literally burn up his fine farm. The fire soon took hold of this underlying bed of peat, and has been continually burning ever since. From a thousand crevices dense smoke is daily issuing, and the recent rains seem to have increased rather than diminished the substerranean fire. As it is, about 100 acres of fine land as Delaware

HERE'S A FAST TRAIN

440 Miles, With Three Stops, in 494 Minutes.

THE NEW YORK CENTRAL LEADS

Demonstrates Its Ability to Keep the World's Record Against Heavy Odds.

An Eastern paper says: On the recent trial of its new train the New York Central today demonstrated its ability to run upon its regular fast-train schedule in the world, although it failed in this particular run to finish upon the schedule time laid out for it. This failure was due entirely to an accident, the other portion of the run showing conclusively that the fast scheduled time can be accomplished and even exceeded.

Tip to six months ago the train known as the Empire State Express had as the world's record as a regular train for fast running. The London railway of England, running from London to Aberdeen, began to run a trifle faster than the Empire State's record of 51 miles an hour.

Washington, Dec. 11.—In the new schedule calls for the regular Empire State Express had added to it a special car of Vice President Webb, weighing 10,000 pounds. In addition to this extra weight a drizzling rain was falling, making the track exceedingly slippery, and the extra weight was carried on the end of the train instead of next to the engine, making the resistance greater. The run from New York to Albany, a distance of 142.5 miles, was made in two hours and thirty-six minutes. And the train rolled into Albany depot four minutes ahead of the new schedule time and nine minutes ahead of the old schedule.

Leaving Albany on schedule time—11:30 a. m., and with a change of engines, Engineer Chase at the throttle of engine 99 pulled the train through to Syracuse, the end of the Central division, so that she rolled into the station two and a half minutes ahead of the new schedule, and twelve minutes faster than the record.

At Syracuse the engine 99, Engineer Williams took charge of the train and pulled out of the depot two minutes late. Half way between Syracuse and Rochester the drizzling rain turned to snow, and the wind, which had been with the train so much of the distance, changed to a head wind of great resistance. The train could not be brought to a standstill. It was fourteen minutes before the damage could be repaired, and at least three minutes had been lost in stopping. When the train was again started, after a loss of seventeen minutes, it was close upon the long, heavy grade running to Batavia, and, lacking the tremendous momentum which it usually has, lost three minutes more on this up grade. The slippery tracks also added to the delay, when the Batavia station was passed the train was 25 minutes behind time.

The run into Buffalo from Batavia, a distance of 40 miles, was made in about thirty-one minutes—very fast time. And the train rolled into Buffalo twenty-three minutes behind the schedule time and two minutes ahead of the old schedule.

General Passenger Agent George H. Daniels expressed himself as pleased with the result of the trip, despite the unfortunate accident, and declared that the new schedule is not a bit too fast for the regular Empire State Express.

In Third Vice President Webb's car there were General Passenger Agent Daniels, General Superintendent Yager, Head West Commissioner Theodorick Chapin and Richard, Superintendent Butterfield, of the R. W. & O., and several newspaper men. The party returned to New York on the limited. The entire run of 440 miles, including three stops and exclusive of a delay of twenty-six minutes, was made in 84 minutes.

GRAVE ROBBER. Kansas Students Have Created an Up-roar.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 11.—Three cases of grave robbing at the Rochester Cemetery here have created an up-roar among the students of the Kansas Medical College, in the past three days, and popular indignation reached a crisis in North Topeka tonight, and it is feared an effort will be made before morning to either burn or otherwise damage the college. The cemetery is in possession of a large gang of potholes. A detail of militiamen from Batavia, of this city, is stationed at their arsenal.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Populist senators held a final caucus today and decided to place a full ticket in the field for senate offices, for whom they will vote one and then step out and allow the Republicans to proceed with the organization. They will vote for Kyle for president pro tem, Theo. Watson of Georgia, for secretary of the senate, and H. P. Taubeneck, of Illinois, for sergeant-at-arms.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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