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Jos. F. Handley & Co. are our Portland agents, and copies of the Astorian can be had every morning at their stand, 21 Third street.

We are unalterably opposed to any scheme that will give to this country a depreciated or debased currency. We favor the use of silver as currency, but to the extent only and under such restrictions that its parity with gold can be maintained.—Wisconsin Republican convention.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

If ever there was an impudent, barefaced attempt to take from a portion of the American people their constitutionally secured right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, it is in the manifesto of a lot of Greek, Italian and other European peacemaking calling themselves the Fishermen's Union of the Columbia river. Like their practical ancestors, they propose to take by force the property of others, that is, in this case, the labor that supports the fishermen. With the assumption of power neither the national nor state governments would dare to exercise, these fellows recently decreed that no fisherman could catch fish except for his own consumption, and that if he took more than he could use he must divide the catch with his neighbors. Fishermen would be allowed to sell to the markets or private individuals. No non-union fishermen or other persons whatsoever would be allowed to fish on the river for profit or pleasure. If any are caught violating this agreement they will be dealt with by committees, and if they could not handle them the union was to be called upon. It would be not allowed to fish for an individual earnerman, even though he agreed to pay 5 cents, unless the same price was paid for all the packers on the river. Highwaymen who hold up trains and stages are shot down for their temerity. If officers or citizens are on hand brave enough to make the fish, and that is the end of it. The Oregon and Washington authorities should act accordingly, and have boats armed with machine guns to restore the public peace. It would be more salutary than a trial, in fact the only way to suppress this brigandage.

The above is from the San Francisco Daily Commercial News and Shipping List of April 23.

There could hardly be a more culpable instance of reckless and indiscreet newspaper scribbling, and its writer deserves a vigorous overhauling at the hands of his superiors in this reputable and usually careful journal. He knows absolutely nothing about the subject he attempts to discuss, and thus violates the first rule of a responsible and conscientious newspaper editor. If he is troubled either with a surplus of money or space which he must somehow fill, let him turn his attention to the extraordinary crimes and audacious class of criminals for which the Bay City has lately attained so much unenviable notoriety. The most deplorable effects of the News article will be its reproduction in reliable papers distant from the coast where its exaggerations are liable to be received with perfect credence. There is a certain class of papers infesting this coast which are always glad to print such tirades on the slightest provocation, and it is to be regretted that papers of the supposed standing of the News should set them such an example. The evident design of such publications is to create the impression abroad that the striking Columbia river fishermen are wantonly destroying the property of every canner and unympathetic fisher on the river, and that they have armed patrols continuously on the bay to see that no fish is taken. It would take the entire time and space of an ordinary newspaper to refute these rabid misrepresentations.

However, in order that the News may not plead ignorance of the true situation, and with the hope that it may be induced to repair some of the mischief it has perhaps unwittingly created, the Astorian will make a brief statement in reply to the article in question. In the first place, the "Greek, Italian and other European peacemaking calling themselves the Fishermen's Union of the Columbia river" are the men upon whose labor the welfare of the city of Astoria under present conditions mostly depends. Accident of birth is no crime. In any case, these men are not responsible for their nationality, neither does it follow that, because they are "European peacemaking," they are outlaws and pirates. The fishermen have struck because the cannery would not agree to pay 5 cents per pound for salmon. The packers say the market is demoralized and that they cannot afford to pay the price demanded. The fishermen claim they cannot make living wages unless they receive the price demanded, and are simply refusing to do any fishing. This is the sum total of the whole difficulty.

The News says "these fellows recently decreed that no fisherman could catch fish except for his own consumption, and if he took more than he could use he must divide the catch with his neighbors fisherman who did not so out." No fishermen would be allowed to sell to the markets or private individuals. "These fellows" decreed nothing of the kind. They did decide in a mass meeting comprised of more than five-tenths of all the fishermen on the lower river that a certain appointed committee should wait on those who were not in attendance at the meeting and endeavor to persuade them to stand by the action of the meeting. The members of the union did not

sanction, nor resort to, any violence "like their practical ancestors." On the contrary, it expressly forbade any violence, under severe penalties, on the part of any of its members, and unanimously decided that for the common good of all fishermen the price of fish ought to be kept up. To that end it has used and intends to use only honorable means, and the actions of its members will so far withstand any impartial criticism. The News should know whereof it speaks before it maligns such a large class of tax paying citizens of Oregon.

As to getting boats with machine guns to "suppress this brigandage," the News is guilty of a most foolish utterance, which could have only originated in the mind of a densely ignorant or prejudiced penny-a-line scribbler. The fishermen are in the main an honest and law-abiding set of men, who toil by day and by night upon the turbulent waters of the Columbia, risking their lives in an honest endeavor to feed and clothe their little ones, and that they should be so maligned in such a manner is an outrage which cannot be too forcibly denounced.

In San Francisco striking painters lately killed a man for working for less than union wages. The writer in the News, despite his endeavor to indirectly make it appear so, cannot truthfully attribute such a spirit to the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union. For a compact and unanimous body of over 2,500 strikers, the fishermen have displayed wonderful patience, which goes to prove that they have agreed to submit to the action the level-headed officers of the union have decided is best for them to take.

Let the News man study the situation a little before he again indulges in such ridiculous absurd representations and unadvised vituperations. He willfully misrepresents the condition of affairs, and must himself be a maliciously inclined man to indulge in such a tirade of vilification without first making the slightest preliminary investigation.

According to the census of 1890 the amount of wages paid annually to mechanics, artisans, and laborers in the United States was \$1,500,000,000. Besides this over \$300,000,000 was paid to piece workers and about \$60,000,000 as salaries to officers, clerks and other employees of firms and corporations. In all the enormous sum of \$2,260,000,000 is shown to be paid out every year in salaries and wages to those who work day by day and month by month, for the support of themselves and families. It is a sum so vast that the imagination can hardly grasp it, and it exceeds by more than a third the whole amount of the national debt. It is sometimes supposed that bondholders, shareholders and mortgage-holders form the principal creditors of the country, but they do not compare in number with the vast array of workers in every vocation of life to whom the billions above mentioned are due and payable every year. These are the true creditors and the people whose interests demand the greatest protection. Every day some person or firm or corporation becomes more and more in debt to them until the time of settlement comes around and then each worker wants his money. A bond or a note is not more prepotent in requiring settlement at the appointed date than is the daily, the weekly or the monthly wage of the worker for hire. He is a creditor, he is entitled to prompt payment, as much as if he held a bond or a note, and in the best money that the world affords. Can it be possible then that the workmen of this nation, who receive every year these millions and millions of dollars for the labor of their hands and brains, desire that they shall be paid in cheap money, in depreciated currency? How can they be thus gulled?

And here is another consideration. Of this great sum thus paid to the workmen nearly one-third finds its way to the savings bank, where it draws interest and is kept for emergencies. Are we to understand that this army of depositors are willing to enact laws or enforce a national policy by which the officers of these savings banks may return them a currency worth scarcely more than one-half of what they deposited? As it stands today these deposits have the value of gold and each depositor can demand gold or its equivalent. Should a free coinage bill be enacted these deposits would be paid in silver dollars of only half value in the currency of the world. Is this not a subject worthy of thought on the part of the wage earners? Most assuredly there ought to be no free silver voters among them.

When a Democratic daily paper has 126 inches of advertisements from "males" who are seeking employment, and only 23 inches of advertisements from employers who want help, as was the case in New York on April 14, is it very easy to understand the effect of Democratic tariff legislation upon the American labor market. There are practically six men after every job in the Empire city upon that basis, but there are hundreds of others out of work who have not even the money necessary to pay for an advertisement. A ratio of 16 to 1 would be a moderate estimate.—American Economist.

Judge—Have you anything to say before the judgment of the court is passed upon you? Tough Prisoner—Buzgin' yer honor's pardon, hev you heard the score, Judge?—Philadelphia Record.



A High Flyer. The largest piece of GOOD tobacco ever sold for 10 cents.

FLUG. The largest piece of GOOD tobacco ever sold for 10 cents.

BABY BROTHER. Mrs. Humphrey Ward says women have been hampered heretofore as writers of fiction owing to the fact that they could not travel and explore things out of doors. She expects great things of women in literature now that the old prejudices are passing away.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she became a Child, she clung to Castoria. When she is a Woman, she still uses Castoria.

Andrew D. White will deliver the oration before the literary societies at the commencement of Roanoke college, Salem, Va., on the evening of June 3, and on the following day Secretary J. Sterling Morton will deliver the commencement address.

It is not a miracle, it won't cure everything, but it will cure piles. That's what DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will do, because it has done it in hundreds of cases. Chas. Rogers.

Dr. William H. Wahl, secretary of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, has received the decoration of officer of the academy, in recognition of his merits as a scientist.

All the patent medicines advertised in this paper, together with the choicest perfumery, and toilet articles etc., can be bought at the lowest prices at J. W. Connor's drug store, opposite Occidental Hotel, Astoria.

Prof. Albert G. Emerick has given to the Philadelphia Library Company his valuable collection of musical literature, much of which cannot be duplicated in this country.

Job Printing

The Astorian invites attention to its Job Printing Department

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Notice is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 202, of the city of Astoria, confirming the assessment on Roll No. 1, for the construction of a drain in the city of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John Adair, commencing at a point in block 8 and having its outlet in Thirty-third street, between block 16 and 17, in Adair's Astoria, and known and designated as "Drainage District No. 1," will be due and payable on the 15th day of May, 1896, in 10 cent gold or silver coin, at the office of the city treasurer, and if not so paid within the before said time, the common council will order warrants issued for the collection of the same. The assessment is as follows:

- LAURA J. ADAIR, lot 4, block 18, Adair's Astoria, \$2.41
LAURA P. ADAIR, lot 6, block 18, Adair's Astoria, \$2.41
MARY L. ADAIR, lot 12, block 18, Adair's Astoria, \$2.41
MARY L. ADAIR, lot 14, block 18, Adair's Astoria, \$2.41
MARY L. ADAIR, lot 16, block 18, Adair's Astoria, \$2.41
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MARY L. ADAIR, W. half lot 15, block 8, Adair's Astoria, \$4.08
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Table listing property owners and their addresses in Astoria, Oregon, including names like Adair's Astoria, Hiram Brown, and various lot and block numbers.

Advertisement for THE GREAT 'M' DE KEY WEST, featuring 50¢ HONEST GOODS AT HONEST PRICES \$60. CAL. SPOT CASH MERCANTILE COMPANY, 320 MARKET ST. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Advertisement for Scott's Emulsion, featuring an illustration of a man carrying a large fish on his back. Text: Children should grow in weight and strength; eat heartily and have plump cheeks. Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil, with Hypophosphites fills out the sunken cheeks and gives color to the lips.

Advertisement for WEAK MEN CURED AS IF BY MAGIC. Victims of Lost Manhood should read this. ERIE MEDICAL CO., BUFFALO, N.Y.

Advertisement for The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others. Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.