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John F. Handley & Co. are our Portland agents, and copies of the Astorian can be had every morning at their stand, 124 Third street.

The "Astorian" hereby offers to donate ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS to St. Mary's Hospital, payable on demand to Father Delman, whenever legal evidence is produced showing that any afternoon newspaper published in Astoria has printed within the last ninety days anything before this a single "special" or other kind of "telegraphic press report," received over the wires entering either of the telegraph offices in Astoria, from any point outside of Oregon.

The draft of the Pacific cable commission has been signed by the British, Canadian and Australian governments. That cable should be built by this country and be kept under American control.

Captain McCoy's promotion is in every way an honor worthily bestowed, but it will be a source of regret to his many Astoria friends that the service at the mouth of the Columbia is thus to lose a sailor who is at once an accomplished officer and a perfect gentleman.

The Portland Telegram says that the platform of all parties endorse the Nicaragua canal. The Telegram is mistaken. There is not a line or a syllable in any platform but that of the Republican party on this subject, nor has Mr. Cleveland in any communication he has sent to congress since his last election made any mention of the matter.

The daughter of Claus Spreckles recently married a poor young man because she loved him. Her father objected to the marriage, but the girl was adamant, and said she had enough money to care for them both. Spreckles refused to be reconciled, and the spoiled young woman returned to him all the property and money he gave her, and the young couple start into married life to make their own living. There is a girl with the true American spirit. Her husband has a jewel, and if Claus Spreckles does not think more of his daughter than he ever did, he is wanting in the qualities which go to make up a man and a father.

Earthquakes seem to be such ordinary and casual occurrences in Oakland that the press reporters of that city never think it worth while to send out any account of them unless they can be coupled with some such interesting or humorous story as the description of the consternation and panic which took possession of one of the most fashionable church congregations in the city during the last visitation of that character. It must have looked right funny to see the worshippers, deacons and minister tumbling over each other to get out from under the falling roof of their church building last Sunday morning; but we wonder what the citizens of the village who were otherwise engaged at that hour must have thought of an earthquake shock of such severe nature.

According to Bradstreet's, there were 15,112 business failures in the United States in 1896, "an increase of 16 per cent over 1895, when the total increased 2 per cent compared with 1894, in which year failures fell off 18 per cent from 1893, when the total was 15,569, the largest on record." Dun & Co. put the number of failures at 14,890, against 13,157 last year, "with liabilities of about \$225,000,000, against \$173,196,000 last year, an increase in number of about 12 per cent, and in liabilities of 29 per cent." A period of prolonged depression all ways works that way. After the first crash, in which the weak business concerns go to the wall at once, there is a decline in the number of failures, followed, as time goes on, by an increase. The latter is due to the fact that firms have to yield finally to the pressure. If a revival had speedily followed the crash of 1893, they would have recovered, but the long-extended depression finally compelled them to yield to the inevitable.

What do the people of Clatsop county now think of their folly in sending Populists to represent them at Salem? Neither Messrs. Gratzke or Svendsen have any interest in the senatorial problem, even if their refusal to attend to the business they were sent there to do could be excused on this ground. They even have nothing to gain as partisans or individuals in the speaker's middle. The house is overwhelmingly Republican, and whoever is ultimately elected speaker must be a member of that party. What are they doing, therefore, but neglecting their public duty in order to add the schemes and advance the political ambition of their boss, Mr. Jonathan Bourne? Were these men sent there to represent Mr. Bourne, or are they supposed to be the servants of the tax-payers of Clatsop county? It serves Clatsop county exactly right for her supreme exhibition of idiocy in sending two such specimens to Salem to perform the respon-

FREE TO EVERY MAN

THE METHODS OF A GREAT TREATMENT FOR WEAKNESS OF MEN.

Which Cured Him After Everything Else Failed.

Painful diseases are bad enough, but when a man is slowly wasting away with nervous weakness, the mental forebodings are ten times worse than the most severe pain. There is no let up to the mental suffering day or night. Sleep is almost impossible, and under such a strain they do. For years the writer rolled and tossed on the troubled sea of sexual weakness until it was a question whether he had not better take a dose of poison and thus end all his troubles. But providential inspiration came to his aid in the shape of a combination of medicines that not only completely restored the general health, but enlarged his weak, emaciated parts to natural size and vigor, and he now declares that any man who will take the trouble to send his name and address may have the method of this wonderful treatment free. Now when I say free I mean absolutely without cost, because I want every weakened man to get the benefit of my experience.

I am not a philanthropist, nor do I pose as an enthusiast, but there are thousands of men suffering the mental tortures of weakened manhood who would be cured at once could they but get such a remedy as the one that cured me. Do not try to study out how I can afford to pay the few postage stamps necessary to mail the information, but send for it, and learn that there are a few things on earth that are worth a fortune to some men and mean a lifetime of happiness to most of us. Write to Thomas Slater, Box 358, Kalamazoo, Mich., and the information will be mailed in a plain, sealed envelope.

COTTON ASKS PROTECTION.

The cotton states of the South have for years been a stronghold of free trade ideas. But there has come a change of view among the cotton planters. Time was when to talk of importing raw cotton into the United States was as silly as "to carry coals to Newcastle." But that time has gone by. The cotton raised in Egypt is imported into the United States and used by our manufacturers. Raised by fellah labor, among the cheapest in the world, it can be sold here at a good profit.

This Egyptian cotton comes into direct competition with the "extra" or long staple cotton of the South; and the competition has become so severe as to threaten to drive the Southern long staple out of use in our own mills. During the fiscal year ended June 30, last, American cotton mills used 43,000,000 pounds of Egyptian cotton. Hence it is not strange that representatives of the cotton-planters of Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas appeared before the ways and means committee, asking for a duty of three cents per pound on imported cotton.

Some of the Southern mossback politicians are horror-stricken at this move, but the politicians have always been a curse to the South, and it is a cheering sign that the men of affairs down there are beginning to look on the tariff question in the right light—as a business proposition and not as a political tenet. In the early days of the republic, before the blighting slavery question arose, a duty was imposed on imported cotton, and John C. Calhoun was its champion. There is no reason why cotton planting should not be properly protected, the same as wool-growing and other similar industries.

THE IDEAL PANACEA.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an ideal panacea for Coughs, Colds, and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations." Rev. John Burgess, of Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief, as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. Trial bottles free at Chas. Rogers'.

One of the largest glacial bowlders lying above the ground in the state of Pennsylvania is on the farm of Enos Stump, near Quakertown, in Bucks county. This monster relic of the great "ice age" is 46 feet long, 46 feet wide and 14 feet thick.

IT MAY DO AS MUCH FOR YOU.

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so-called kidney cures, but without any good result. About a year ago he began use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters are especially adapted to cure of all kidney and liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price 50c and \$1.00. At Chas. Rogers'.

Filled teeth, crown and bridge work, exhumed in various parts of Italy, Greece and Egypt, with ancient instruments, were shown in large numbers at the Columbia exposition.

Not one minute elapses between the taking of One Minute Cough Cure and relief. Why shouldn't people take One Minute Cough Cure. They should. They do. Chas. Rogers, druggist.

The women who are hardest on others are generally the ones who ought not to throw stones.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

ROYAL Baking Powder has been awarded highest honors at every world's fair where exhibited.

FREE TO EVERY MAN

THE METHODS OF A GREAT TREATMENT FOR WEAKNESS OF MEN.

Which Cured Him After Everything Else Failed.

When a graduate of Cambridge university, England, commits a crime the authorities of the university take his degree from him and strike his name from the rolls of the alumni. It is a big thing to say, but nevertheless true, that a great multitude of people have crowned Simmons Liver Regulator the "King of Liver Medicines." There is nothing like it for Malaria, Biliousness, Chills and Fever, Constipation, Indigestion and all troubles arising from a sluggish or diseased liver. Simmons Liver Regulator is the prevention and cure for these ailments.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, eczema, and all skin eruptions, and positive cure for piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by Charles Rogers, Odd Fellows' building.

Queen Victoria now rules 367,000,000 people, a greater number than ever before acknowledged the sovereignty of either a king, queen or emperor.

Chloro, Pa., "Herald." Richard Vessel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success in medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, and after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vessel said it assisted his children through a very bad stage of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectation very easy and rapid. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Simon Maccabees, in the year 143 B. C., struck the first regular Hebrew coins of which we have any authentic record.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor, delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

A GREAT BOOK FREE.

When Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., published the first edition of his great work, "The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser," he announced that after 80,000 copies had been sold at the regular price, \$1.50 per copy, the profit on which would repay him for the great amount of labor and money expended in producing it, he would distribute the next half million free. As this number of copies has already been sold, he is now giving away, absolutely free, 500,000 copies of this most complete, interesting and valuable common sense medical work ever published—the recipient only being required to mail to him, at above address, twenty-one (21) 1-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent postpaid. It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. Contains 1008 pages, profusely illustrated. The Free Edition is precisely the same as that sold at \$1.50 except only that the books are in strong manilla paper covers instead of cloth. Send NOW before all are given away.

It is said that a hurricane holds the best time record for one mile, covering the distance in half a minute. Then a balloon has done the distance in 40 seconds. The third place is held by a railway engine in 23.5.

BEAMING WITH SMILES.

Are the countenances of people who have found speedy and thorough relief from malarial, kidney, bilious, dyspeptic, or nervous troubles through the aid of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Such countenances are very numerous. So are letters from their owners attesting the efficacy of the great family medicine. Among the signals of distress thrown out by the stomach, bowels and liver in a state of disorder, are sick headache, heartburn, nausea, loss of appetite, sallowiness of the skin and eyeballs, and an uncertain state of the bowels. They should be heeded at once. If the bowels are resorted to the way we began to look which accompanies sickness will give way to cheerful looks produced by renewed health. If you are drifting on the coast of disease, throw an anchor to windward by summoning the Bitters to your assistance. It will keep you in safety.

The number of persons in Great Britain and Ireland who use Gaelic as their native language is much larger than is commonly supposed. It includes 600,000 in Ireland, 250,000 in Wales and 250,000 in Scotland.

Don't think that your liver needs treating if you are bilious. It doesn't. It's your stomach. That is, your stomach is really what causes biliousness. It has put your liver out of order. See what's the matter with your stomach. Sick stomach poisons liver and then there's trouble. Shaker Digestive Cordial cures stomach and then all's well. That's the case in a nut-shell. Shaker Digestive Cordial is no secret. Formula's on every bottle. But it's the simple, honest way it's made, the honest Shaker herbs and other ingredients of which it's composed, that make it so efficacious. Any real case of indigestion and biliousness can be cured with a few bottles of Shaker Digestive Cordial. Try it. Sold by Druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

The famous Mastral, who lived in the first century B. C., speaks of a Roman dentist, Calceolus, as "in the habit of fastening as well as extracting teeth."

CASTORIA.

Use Webfoot Corn Cure. No cure no pay. For sale at Estes-Conn Drug Store.

OUTWARD BOUND OREGON GRAIN FLEET—1896-7.

(Revised and Corrected every Friday)

Table with columns: SAILED, FLAG, NAME, TONS, ARRIVED, ONTARIO, VALUE, SHIPPERS, RATE. Lists various grain ships and their destinations.

INDIO

Absolutely Dry and Pure Tropical Climate

Pronounced by Physicians the most Favorable in America for sufferers from Lung Diseases and Rheumatism

Many Remarkable Cures

Commodious and Comfortable Cottages

Is 612 miles from SAN FRANCISCO and 130 miles from LOS ANGELES

VESSLS ON THE WAY TO OREGON.

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Table with columns: PORT SAILED FROM AND NAME, CAPTAIN, TONNAGE, CONSIGNEES, DATE. Lists various ships and their routes.

Total tonnage on the way—27,377. Same time in 1895—43,300. Same time in 1894—43,300.

Hustler's Astoria

Twentieth St. and McKee Ave.

Situated on the south side of Astoria's hills. Twenty degrees warmer and vegetation 30 days in advance of the North side. Magnificent sites for residences, overlooking river and bay, sunny and sheltered. Easy and natural grades; little or no grading needed.

Good Reason Why Lots ...Are Selling...

ASTORIA INVESTMENT CO.

482 Bond Street.

Advertisement for Manhood Restored "Cupidine" featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the product's benefits for men's health.

Advertisement for Steel Rails and Rock Ballast, highlighting the quality and availability of materials for the Burlington Railroad.

Advertisement for Pennyroyal Pills, describing its effectiveness for various ailments and its safety for all ages.

Advertisement for Astoria Public Library, listing the reading room, hours of operation, and subscription information.