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Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

**CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.**  
233 FRANKLIN ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.  
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**E. S. PROPOSALS FOR FUEL.**

Office C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., March 18, 1898. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here, at the office of quartermasters at Boise Barracks and Fort Sherman, Idaho, Portland, Ore., and Fort Canby, Spokane, Wash., until 11 o'clock, a. m., April 13, 1898, and then opened, for furnishing fuel therefor for fiscal year commencing July 1, 1898. Information furnished here or by said quartermasters. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for fuel at \_\_\_\_\_," and addressed to undersigned or to respective quartermasters, J. W. Jacobs, C. Q. M.

**SIMPLICITY ITSELF.**

A Simple, Harmless Remedy.  
Yet It Cures the worst Cases of Dyspepsia and Indigestion.

Dr. Jenkinson, who has made a life study of stomach troubles, says: "All forms of indigestion really amount to the same thing, that is, failure to completely digest the food eaten; no matter whether the trouble is acid dyspepsia or sour stomach, or belching of wind, nervous dyspepsia or loss of flesh and appetite, a person will not have any of them if the stomach can be induced by any natural, harmless way to thoroughly digest what is eaten, and this can be done by a simple remedy which I have tested in hundreds of aggravated cases with complete success. The remedy is a combination of fruit and vegetable essences, pure aseptic pepsin and golden seal put up in the form of pleasant tasting tablets and sold by druggists under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. One or two of these tablets should be taken after meals and allowed to dissolve in the mouth and mingle with the food in the stomach, digests it completely before it has time to ferment, decay and sour.

On actual experiment one grain of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will digest three thousand grains of meat, eggs and similar wholesome foods. It is safe to say if this wholesome remedy was better known by people generally, it would be a national blessing, as we are a nation of dyspeptics and nine-tenths of all diseases owe their origin to imperfect digestion and nutrition.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are not a secret patent medicine, but a fifty-cent package will do more good for a weak stomach than fifty dollars worth of patent medicines and person has the satisfaction of knowing just what he is putting into his stomach, which he does not know when widely advertised patent medicines are used.

All druggists sell Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, full sized packages, 50c.

A little book on cause and cure of stomach troubles mailed free by addressing The Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

**OUR GROUND WORK.**

Astoria, March 22.—Editor Astorian.—Now that the railroad is completed the thirty-year effort of the old Astoria citizen is accomplished. To reap the advantage of the road, new industries should be started, developed and fostered. If not done, then will the road become a drain instead of a builder up. The community will henceforth be in closer communication with the balance of the world, and if we do not supply ourselves with what we shall consume, others will at our cost. With few exceptions a healthy, growing community must be self-supporting. The ground work of such support is the ground—the agricultural and dairy interests.

Heretofore it has been thought, in this locality, that lumber and fish were the only things to look after, as they were in demand abroad, and brought in ready money; but whoever knew a person or community to be long prosperous simply because he or it made or received money? There is another factor in the question of prosperity—self-sufficiency. So large a factor is the matter of saying that those who receive but little and save it outstrip those who receive much and save nothing or very little.

The soil and climate about the mouth of the Columbia is sufficient to produce nearly all the dairy and agricultural products required for the citizens of this locality, and of some kinds of produce much more than is needed. We can even export some of the products. Much of the meat used here can be grown at home. All these products should be grown and produced at home by our own citizens. We should be self-supporting, and with a little attention and effort would be. The city and community never will be on a solid financial or prosperous basis until they are.

As the lack of a railroad can no more be made an excuse, as there is no other subject now of universal interest, let us cry for home production. Encourage efforts in the line of developing local interests and the growth of such agricultural products as are adapted to this locality and the raising of stock. The market is good and the attention to this work is our salvation.

—OBSERVER.

**TODAY'S WEATHER.**

Fair.  
**AROUND TOWN.**  
WEDNESDAY.

I hold the aim of life is less  
The search for my own happiness,  
Than the giving joy to others.

Try Schilling's Best tea and baking powder.

Midwife—Mrs. Mary Make, 702 Exchange street.

Choicest stock of candies in the city at the Parlor.

A. E. Honethen and wife were over from Chinook yesterday.

Mr. Joseph Bourne, of Rainier, is visiting in this city.

James Quinn, of Quinn's Landing, is a visitor in the city.

Mr. Henry Fleckenstein, of Portland, was in the city yesterday.

Frank B. Stokes was a passenger on the Telephone for Portland last night.

Mrs. H. E. Campbell has gone to Lawrence, Kas., on a visit to relatives.

Traveling Freight Agent R. B. Wilson was down from Portland yesterday.

Steve Campbell, who cut his foot while riding a bicycle Monday evening, is rapidly improving.

W. J. Heekard's full-weight creamery butter and butter-milk and thick cream at the Parlor.

P. J. Meany, the leading merchant tailor, 137 Tenth street. The highest price paid for fur skins.

New crop dried-fruit, new crop raisins, figs and assorted nuts—all extra fine quality, at Ross, Higgins & Co.

In the county clerk's office yesterday a marriage license was issued to John A. Strand and Anna Lisa Ward.

Mrs. C. E. Tyler, who has been east for the last year visiting relatives, returned from Jackson, Mich., yesterday.

The sad news was received yesterday of the death in San Francisco of the only child of Mrs. Florence Peary nee Lewis.

The lighthouse tender Columbine has received a black coat of paint and can no longer be distinguished by her white hull.

Don't forget that you can do your washing with half the work if you use Felix Naphtha Soap; 10 cents at Roger's drug store.

J. S. Gibson, of the Lewis and Clark, Carl Johnson, jr., of Seaside, and F. Olson, jr., of Olney, were in the city yesterday.

Customs Inspector George McBride, who was taken sick Monday threatened with pneumonia, was reported as improving last evening.

Mr. Henry W. Goddard, assistant general agent of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy railroad, Portland, called on his Astoria friends yesterday.

When going east travel on the Northern Pacific railway. Quick time and the only line serving dining cars. Train leaves Portland daily at 11 o'clock a. m.

The ladies of the Norwegian M. E. church, Upper Astoria will give a social entertainment on Saturday evening, March 20th. Friends are cordially invited. Further notice will be given.

L. Williams Dornier, H. W. Goddard, R. B. Wilson, W. A. Fouch, L. S. Doble, Portland; J. D. Frey, F. A. Rust, San Francisco; J. G. Bourne, dumber; Charles Stall, Young's River, are at the Occident.

A harbor boat for this port is now an assured fact. The same push, energy and influence which has secured the public park and the promise of a quarantine station will be exercised for the harbor boat.

The Born steel ranges are asbestos lined and equal to any in the market. They can be bought for from 17 to 19 cheaper than any other range sold in the city. For sale only by W. J. Scully, 41 Bond street.

Recorder Jack Williams was the recipient yesterday of a handsome bouquet of daffodils. The soil of Oregon grows flowers in all seasons of the year, and Jack feels proud of his gift and prouder of the gift donor.

Any one having articles of old clothing to give away will greatly assist the work of the relief committee by sending them to the W. C. T. U. parlors on Thursday between the hours of 2 and 3:30 in the afternoon.

The trial of C. P. West, accused of assaulting a Chinaman with a broom handle, was continued in the justice court yesterday until this afternoon, when it is expected the injured Chinaman will be able to appear to give testimony.

Mr. A. B. Hammond, president of the A. & C. P. E. R. Company, will leave New York today for Astoria, having completed many business matters of importance to this port. He expects to be here in time for the opening of the railroad.

If you have hides, wool furs, rags, bottles, lead, brass, copper, iron, or any kind of junk for sale, ship it to R. M. Gaston, 125 Fourteenth street, Astoria, Oregon, or write him and he will call at your place and get it. He pays cash.

The increasing popularity of the Louvre under Mr. Krutz' management is becoming marked. He aims to have up-to-date amusements, lunches, and the very best grades of liquors. Yesterday he received a large consignment of Cyprus Noble and Shaw's Malt.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that our draft No. 357, on Simpson Lumber Company, San Francisco, for \$200.47, has been obtained without rendering an equivalent, and payment of the same has been stopped. Johannes Mills, Knappton.

The ship yards at the foot of Fourth street where both the Astoria Iron Works and Dick Leathers are engaged in doing work, have established a good reputation. Another boat was turned from there yesterday, the Queen, which left in the evening for Alaska.

No news has been received of the success of efforts made for temporary raised lights at the mouth of the river, but it is understood that the push club has the matter well in hand and will meet with the same success in that as it did in the public park question.

Best of All—To cleanse the system in a gentle and truly beneficial manner, when the springtime comes, use the true and perfect remedy, Syrup of Figs. Buy the genuine. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only, and for sale by all druggists at 50 cents per bottle.

Mr. Clark Bell, the well-known and popular young man who for several years has been bookkeeper at the Columbia Iron works, will shortly start for Dawson

**Some Prices . . .**

Fresh Country Eggs  
15c a Dozen.

Large Fancy Naval Oranges  
35c a Dozen

Lemons  
15c a Dozen.

Sinclair Fidelity Hams  
12-1-2c Pound.

**Star Grocery Co.**

City. His place here will be filled by Mr. William Young. Mr. Bell's host of friends wish him every success in his new field.

Good whiskey is both doctor and tonic. Better looking than many doctors, better tasting than all medicines. For general family use, nothing equals whiskey and Harper's Whiskey is pre-eminently the family whiskey. Sold by Fouch and Stokes Company, Astoria, Oregon.

Shares of the Alaska Transportation and Development company of Chicago are the most desirable investment before the public. Safer than savings banks and bank stock. Paying large dividends. Shares one dollar. For information address W. L. Dudley, general agent, Halber building, Seattle, Wash.

Northern Pacific railroad trains leave Portland daily at 11 o'clock a. m. for Tacoma, Spokane, and the east. Close connection made at Spokane for Hoquiam, Nelson, Sandow and British Columbia mining camps. For maps and information call on or address C. W. Stone, Astoria, Oregon.

There is now a good opportunity for Chief Hallock to put the hoses at work in the new public park. Roads are to be built, grass planted, stumps pulled out and tourist Johnson's trees set out. There is no use paying out money for this work when the city boarders are in competition with cheap labor.

The revenue cutter to be constructed for the Columbia river under an appropriation of \$250,000 is expected to be named The Chinook. The boys who have just joined the naval reserve are anticipating many pleasure and practice excursions on this cutter. Uncle Sam provides some play for his seamen as well as work.

Not for a good many months has it happened that no vessels were sighted off the river, as was the case yesterday, and the preceding day. The shipping rush for last year's grain crop is on the wane, and the remainder of the grain fleet will gradually arrive between now and the middle of June.

The Elder sailed for Alaska yesterday carrying 15 passengers and a full freight list, about 40 tons of which was from this city and including two horses shipped by Dyea by Ross, Higgins & Co. The only addition to the list of passengers published yesterday was Joseph Kippo, who left for Dyea in the employ of Post & Stokes Company.

The information comes through a private source that the efforts of the Push club for the establishment of a quarantine station at the mouth of the Columbia river have been successful. Work was done on the subject and through the influence of a personal friend of the chairman of the house committee having the matter in charge there is now every prospect of the speedy passage of the bill establishing the station.

Contractor Jacobson is spending a day or two in the city. He reported yesterday that his company was finishing the bridges on the middle section of the railroad and that so far as they are concerned everything will be ready for the opening of the line on the 1st of April. Mr. Jacobson is not to mean the operations, will probably ride on the front of the first through engine for the benefit of all snap-shot artists.

The trim little steamer Queen left out yesterday evening for the Sound from where she will go to Alaska. As she passed along the water-front she took her whistle bidding adieu to the steamers at the docks, the salutation being answered by the boats as the little steamer passed them by. The crew of the Queen are: Captain Masney, Oscar Wilson and William Worsley, engineers, and a deckhand whose name could not be learned.

Articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office yesterday of the Astoria and Dyea Trading Company. The incorporators are: A. C. Fisher, F. A. Fisher, B. S. Olson and P. C. Olson. The capital stock is \$500, divided into 50 shares of \$10 each. The purpose of the company is to carry on a general merchandise business between this city and Dyea. Sydney Campbell, of Warrenton, will be the manager. The store to be erected in Dyea will be 20 by 8 feet and have a ball storey high. On the next trip of the Oregon 1896 worth of groceries and general merchandise will be sent to the new store.

The members of the Progressive Association are making great preparations for the re-opening and re-enforcement of the Industrial Exposition of Clatsop county for the work of the republican convention. About that time Industrial Agent Johnson, of the O. R. & N., will be here and take up matters of prime importance to the entire community. These events, together with the opening of the railroad, will make such an activity in business and politics as has seldom been seen in this county. A little later will come the 4th of July and the regular session of the convention of 98 promises to be an exceptionally lively one.

Mrs. Mable W. Briggs, grand chief of home of the Ladies, organized Pacific lodge, No. 1, Degree of Honor, and the following officers were duly elected and installed: Past chief of honor, Mrs. Viola Pollard; chief of honor, Mrs. Hattie Selstrom; lady of honor, Mrs. Frieda Abuse; chief of ceremonies, Mrs. F. M. McCreary; lady usher, Mrs. H. E. Perden; recorder, Miss Kate Wirt, financier, Mrs. J. Wirt; receiver, Mrs. Mary M. O'Connell; public watch, Mrs. Anna Watson; outside watch, Nat Jones; medical examiner, Dr. J. W. Tottle. The ladies then served a delightful lunch of coffee and cake. It was decided to keep the charter open for 30 days.

Herman Wise yesterday made the excellent score of 22 at the A. F. C. alley. This is the second best score ever made at the club, M. M. Picken's 26 standing as the record. Mr. Wise fell down in his one place, throwing a wild ball in the seventh frame and getting but one pin. However, he made the spare and piled two strikes on top of it. He made but seven strikes in the game, excluding three pins made on a spare in the tenth frame. C. H. Cooper once made nine strikes in a game, but finished with only 9. Mrs. Normie was high for the ladies yesterday, with 48. The contestants are getting well along in the 30-game try-out, but numerous centers are pulling the averages down greatly.

**MARCH, APRIL, MAY**

For Blood and Nerves in Spring.

**Paine's Celery Compound**

Secretary D. A. McLean, of the naval reserve, wrote to ex-Commander Lombard, of Portland, yesterday, informing him of the number of amendments for enrollment in this city, and also of the fact that the application which now number over 40, will hold a meeting at the court house next Friday evening when ex-Commander Lombard is expected to be present to give such information and instructions as may be necessary to proceed with the organization. Only thirty-nine are necessary to organize and that number being now secured it is probable that organization will be perfected at the meeting Friday night provided Mr. Lombard will be in attendance. However, the roll is always open for all that are willing to join. There should be two divisions or a brigade of the naval reserve in Oregon.

The increase in shipping at this port and at Portland is due to a large extent to the activity on the part of the O. R. & N. Co. in developing commerce with Alaska and the Orient. The extraordinary crop of grain crop of the state has been a prominent factor in this year's shipping but in addition to this the promptness with which opportunities were grasped by Oregon's great transportation company to advance trade has in a large measure kept the Columbia river in line with competing ports. Traffic with foreign countries in general merchandise has to be nursed and built up and Astoria can feel well satisfied that it has made the progress it has. The next spring steamer will arrive early in April and if all accounts are correct this summer will see the establishment of a regular line of steamers and sailing vessels between Japan and this port under the auspices of Japanese merchants. When once a city starts on the upward grade every push sends it a few notches higher.

The property-owners and hotel men at Seaside are figuring upon a very lively and prosperous season this summer. New cottages are being built, hotels are being enlarged, parks and bathing grounds improved, and when visitors can take the cars at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at Portland and reach Seaside for dinner the Washington beaches will not be in it. It is stated for a fact that property on North beach is now being offered for sale at a large discount on original cost with out buyers. It is evident that Oregon people propose to develop the Oregon seaside resorts. With the increased transportation facilities Cannon beach will also come in for a share of the larger patronage and it may be stated without fear of contradiction that on the entire Pacific coast there is not so beautiful, picturesque and grand a stretch of ocean beach as is found immediately south of Tillamook Head. Here is found a pleasing combination of rugged mountains reaching to the ocean's waves, dense forests, fresh water streams filled with trout and long reaches of level "singing" sandy beaches. Huge rocks of fantastic shape stand out from shore and with the great waves forever beating against their furrowed sides offer a never tiring exhibition to the seer. When the railroad is pushed to this beach it is sure to become the resort of thousands of visitors from the east and neighboring states every season.

The town of Hammond is to be improved with much needed sidewalks.

**NEW ASTORIA NOTES.**

Mrs. E. M. Philolaum has gone to Portland.

Miss Amelia Larsen and Miss Kate May are visiting in Portland.

Mr. Alfred Kinney and wife spent last Monday at New Astoria.

Frank Mason, of the Warrenton Tribune, was in our town Saturday.

Mr. H. S. Gile, of Portland, visited his old friend, Captain Munson last Friday.

Mr. Dave Hood, representing Mason, Ehrmann & Co., called on Mrs. Lilly last Wednesday.

Mr. August Brown has resigned from the U. S. R. and is leaving for Alaska on the next trip of the Oregon.

Miss Gusdie Kindred and Miss Clara May returned from a two week's visit to Shoalwater Bay last Thursday.

Captain George B. Reiter, Inspector Thirteenth Light House District, visited Point Adams light station last Tuesday.

Isaac Morin and Sam Hansen have left the works at Fort Stevens and gone to New York. Mr. Hansen will go to Denmark.

Dr. Bartel gave a very interesting lecture and entertainment at Ford's hall last Wednesday. Hypnotism was his theme.

Lieutenant A. E. Miller, now in command at Fort Stevens, is the son of Colonel M. Miller, who was commanding officer of this post many years ago.

**TRESTLE, TURNABLE FOUNDATION, ROUND HOUSE, AND MACHINERY SHOPS.**

Proposals will be received by the undersigned at their office in Astoria until noon, March 24th, for the furnishing of material and construction of pile trestle work, pile and concrete foundation for turn table, also a round house, in Astoria, Oregon, and machinery shops on wood side. Plans and specifications may be seen and blank forms for proposals will be furnished at the office of the undersigned, Astoria. Approved bonds will be required of the successful bidder. The undersigned reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

**NORTHWEST CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.**

**ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has this day been appointed assignee of Rebecca Strauss, an insolvent debtor. Creditors of the said assignor are hereby notified to present their claims under oath to the undersigned within three months from this date at his place of business at No. 575 Commercial street, Astoria, Oregon.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1897.  
N. SCHLASSER,  
Assignee of Rebecca Strauss, an insolvent debtor.

**TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.**

Clatsop County Teachers' Institute will be held at Astoria, March 24, 25 and 26 instant. Evening session at Methodist Episcopal church; day sessions at High School building. State Superintendent G. M. Irwin, Superintendent A. P. Armstrong, of Multnomah county; Hon. John Minto, of Salem, and Prof. J. Burnham, of Portland, are expected here. All teachers will be present. Parents, friends and the public generally invited.

H. S. LYMAN, Superintendent.

How perfectly idiotic you feel when you encounter a woman who is undecided hereby request all those interested to meet at the rooms of the Astoria Progressive Commercial Association on Monday evening, the 21st inst, at 7:30 p. m.

I. BAAC BERGMAN, Mayor.

**A BUSY MAN.**

LUBRICATING OILS  
A SPECIALTY  
SELL  
SHIP CHANDLERY  
HARDWARE  
IRON AND STEEL  
COAL  
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS  
FLOUR AND MILL FEED  
PAINTS, OILS AND VARNISHES  
LOGGERS' SUPPLIES  
FAIRBANK'S SCALES  
DOORS AND WINDOWS  
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS  
WAGONS AND VEHICLES

Amongst most business men today the time spent at the table is the most they can give their families. This ought not to be so, but it is, and being so, the table should be the rallying point for all that is pleasant in the family life, and should hold all that is appetizing and nourishing in the food world. We would like to help in the latter cause, dried and fresh delicacies constantly arriving.

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FOR THE REGATTA.

To the citizens of Astoria: Believing that the Regatta, held annually, is of much benefit to our city, I hereby request all those interested to meet at the rooms of the Astoria Progressive Commercial Association on Monday evening, the 21st inst, at 7:30 p. m.

I. BAAC BERGMAN, Mayor.

**The reason for it.**

We have been in the Shoe business

In Astoria for many years, during which time the wants of our customers have been thoroughly studied and adequate preparation made to meet their every demand. We carry the Largest stock in the city. . . and every purchase we make has the approval of our many years' experience.

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**The Choicest Table Wines...**

For Families Also for Medicinal and Cooking Purposes

Private Stock, Cream Wine, Old Hickory, Prize of Kentucky and Hermitage; Resold California Brandies.

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That's an argument that's conclusive—a demonstration. Ours will stand the test.

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**WHITE COLLAR LINE**

Columbia River and Puget Sound Navigation Company. Steamer Telephone leaves Astoria daily, except Sunday, 7 p. m. Leaves Portland daily, except Sunday, 7 a. m. Telephone tickets good on steamer Thompson. R. R. Thompson tickets good on Telephone.

U. B. Scott, President. E. A. Beoley, Agent, Portland. C. W. Bonn, Agent, Astoria. Telephone No. 11.

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Mrs. K. Ramussen is prepared to do up curtains in satisfactory style. Good work guaranteed. Leave orders at Cleveland's bakery.

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ASTORIA...  
LOCKE KEYS AND SEWING MACHINES...  
Also all Light Machinery.

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Corner of Ninth and Astor Streets, Astoria.

**Robust Shoes for boys**

These Stout Shoes at low prices are sure to interest you. Our

**Steel Shod Shoes...**

For boys and youths are the best and most durable to be had. The United Workmen's

**"Seal Rock"**

Was particularly selected for the Astoria trade.

**Petersen & Brown.**

FOR SALE.  
A sailing boat with hogs 2x30; is only one year old, and in good condition. Price one hundred dollars. Apply to J. D. McFarlane, Knappa, Or.

**BOARD AND ROOMS.**

Three or four rooms, with board, at reasonable rates. Table boarders can be accommodated. Mrs. E. C. Holden, corner Ninth and Duane streets.