

THE MORNING ASTORIAN. Established 1873.



RATES.

By mail, per year \$6 00
By mail, per month 50
By carriers, per month 60

THE SEMI-WEEKLY ASTORIAN.

By mail, per year, in advance \$1 00

ASTORIAN PUBLISHING COMPANY.

MIGHTY BAD BUSINESS.

One of the brightest advertising men on the coast, H. W. Gowell of Seattle, has committed suicide at Portland because he lost his money gambling at the different houses there.

Gowell expressed the conviction in his letter to the Journal that the gambling houses, in view of the circumstances, should return to his widow enough of the money lost by him to enable her to settle some obligations which can not well go unpaid.

The suicide of this intelligent man points a moral that ought not escape any man with a desire to gamble. It would seem from the letter left by Gowell that he was a faro fiend; and that he should have lost \$1100 in an effort to win enough to settle claims amounting to \$360 indicates very bad judgment.

Gambling is mighty bad business, not alone for the man who plays the game, but as well for the owner of the game and the man who deals it. Once its feelers are entwined about a victim, it is difficult for him to free himself.

The sympathy of everyone will go out to Gowell and his unfortunate wife. His was surely a sad ending, and the circumstances surrounding his death were indeed lamentable.

The big fair is open and St. Louis is beginning to realize her conspicuous position. The exposition has attracted hundreds of conventions to the fair city and a steady stream of delegates will pour into St. Louis until the fair closes.

A distinguished party of railroad men and millionaires traveling west as guests of E. H. Harriman came near being mixed up in a bad accident near Ogden a short time ago. Had the worst happened a lot of probate business would have been in store for courts throughout the country.

St. Petersburg advices tell of the blowing up of a Japanese troopship by a Russian submarine boat. Possibly an easy way of satisfying the Russian mind that although their navy has done most of its fighting beneath the surface of the water some of it is effective.

The old monitors have been sold for junk. One thing in their favor was that, unlike the modern battleship, they were not top-heavy and liable to turn turtle. There will doubtless be some modifications of the battleship to cure this established defect.

The Russians, after careful investigation, have decided that the mine which blew up a Russian battleship the other day was really laid by the Japanese. The Russians, as usual, are behind hand. The Japanese knew this all along.

There is something of the barbarian left in people who gloat over the sinking of transports with all on board. That is not the kind of naval action that appeals to the admirers of the heroic in war.

ELEMENTS OF LIFE.

Ten years ago the injection of salt water as a restorative to patients dying from loss of blood aroused general interest. The discovery of this quality of

salt water probably suggested to the French savant, M. Quinton, a long and patient research concerning sea water, the conclusion of which throws unexpected light on and adds support to the Darwinian theory of evolution.

M. Quinton maintains that sea water is the natural source from which, as Professor Haeckel believes, elementary bodies rise which develop into all the species, including the human. The environment wherein the anatomical elements of living creatures exist is neither more or less than a marine one. Our tissues and cells continue to exert their functions in a fluid where the composition bears the closest resemblance to that of sea water.

Hitherto the number of elements entering into the composition of the living body was considered about 15. M. Quinton has shown the existence of traces of at least 14 others, which are also found in sea water, such as copper, lead, silver and gold. Further, if an animal is bled to the point of exhaustion and the place of the blood supplied with sea water the animal regains its strength in one day, and there is complete recovery in five days.

QUEEN'S ENGLISH.

The following specimen of Babu English, extracted from the report of a Punjab civil service employe, is going the rounds of the press: "The sub-postmaster reports that last evening a mice came out from behind the office door, and, after walking a little, stammered and breathed its last in the presence of the sub-postmaster there.

John Sharp Williams, the minority leader in congress, is one of America's brightest men. His ability is recognized by his republican opponents at Washington, who have frequently found it difficult to successfully cope with him in his administration of the affairs of the minority. Recently Mr. Williams was asked if he would be a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination. He replied that he was aware a southern man could not yet hope to become president, but expressed the conviction the day was not far distant when a southerner would be available.

A 12-year-old boy has been arrested in Palouse for burglary, and the correspondent who sends the story remarks that "This habit has been growing on the lad for some time." If not taken promptly in hand it is barely possible that this precocious child may cultivate the bad habits of murder and arson as well.

The old monitors have been sold for junk. One thing in their favor was that, unlike the modern battleship, they were not top-heavy and liable to turn turtle. There will doubtless be some modifications of the battleship to cure this established defect.

The Russians, after careful investigation, have decided that the mine which blew up a Russian battleship the other day was really laid by the Japanese. The Russians, as usual, are behind hand. The Japanese knew this all along.

There is something of the barbarian left in people who gloat over the sinking of transports with all on board. That is not the kind of naval action that appeals to the admirers of the heroic in war.

With a continuation of the valuable advertising she is receiving, Madame Nordica, the noted Wagnerian singer, can soon begin making farewell tours.

The real facts about that engagement on the banks of the Yalu are wanted.

Pears' soap brings health and the color of health to many a sallow skin.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident is related by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at Charles Rogers', druggist.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company will place round trip tickets from Portland to St. Louis and return on account of the world's fair on sale as follows:

- May 11th, 12th and 13th.
June 16th, 17th and 18th.
July 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
August 8th, 9th and 10th.
Sept. 5th, 6th and 7th.
October 3rd, 4th and 5th.

The round trip rate to St. Louis and return from Portland will be \$67.50. Tickets will be good for return via any direct line.

A round trip rate of \$72.50 will also be made from Portland to Chicago and return.

If a passenger desires to take in both Chicago and St. Louis the round trip rate will be \$75.00.

All tickets will be good for 90 days from date of sale. Tickets will be good going ten days from date of sale so that a limited stop-over can be had on the going trip and on the return trip passengers can stop at their pleasure west of the Missouri river or St. Paul. These rates apply via direct lines, but if passenger wishes to return through California tickets can be sold accordingly, but at an increased rate of \$13.50 added to above.

For any additional information desired, call or address A. D. Charlton, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Northern Pacific Ry., 255 Morrison street, corner of 3rd, Portland, Ore.

O.R.&N. OREGON SHORT LINE AND UNION PACIFIC 70 hours from Portland to Chicago. No change of cars.

Table with columns: Depart, TIMES SCHEDULES From PORTLAND, Arrive. Lists routes to Chicago, Atlantic, St. Paul, etc.

OCEAN AND RIVER SCHEDULE

From Astoria. All sailing dates subject to change. For San Francisco every five days. Steamer Nahcotta leaves Astoria on tide daily except Sunday for Ilwaco, connecting there with trains for Long Beach, Tiega and North Beach points.

PENNYROYAL PILLS. Original and Only Genuine. SAFE. Always reliable. Ladies are Druggists or CHEMISTS. SINGLES in R.C.D. and Gold Seal boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse Dangerous Substitutions and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies" on letter, by post to Small, 18,000 Testimonials, Road by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Middlesbrough, ENGLAND.

Dr. VAUGHAN, DENTIST. Pythian Building, Astoria, Oregon. Dr. T. L. BALL, DENTIST. 324 Commercial street, Astoria Ore. Dr. W. C. LOGAN, DENTIST. 578 Commercial St., Shanahan Building. C. J. TRENCHARD, Insurance, Commission and Shipping. CUSTOMS HOUSE BROKER. Agent Wells-Fargo and Northern Pacific Express Companies. Cor. ELEVENTH and BOND STS.

GASOLINE ENGINES. Marine and Stationary. From 1 1/2 to 50 Horse power. An absolutely First Class ENGINE at a Reasonable Price. Let me send you a catalogue and prices. R. M. THORNBURG, KNAPPTON, WASH.

ANDREW ASP, BLACKSMITH. Having installed a Rubber Tiring Machine of the latest pattern I am prepared to do all kinds of work in that line at reasonable prices. Telephone 291. CORNER TWELFTH AND DUANE STREETS.

HOTEL PORTLAND. The Finest Hotel in the Northwest. PORTLAND, OREGON.

FRESH AND CURED MEATS. Wholesale and Retail. Ships, Logging Camps and Mills supplied on short notice. LIVE STOCK BOUGHT AND SOLD. WASHINGTON MARKET - CHRISTENSON & CO.

Something New. Ranges, Stoves, Iron Beds and Furniture of all kinds. Also a good assortment of Second Hand Goods at Lowest Prices. L. H. HENNINGSEN & CO. 504 BOND STREET, ASTORIA, OREGON. PHONE, RED 2305

Scow Bay Iron & Brass Works. Manufacturers of Iron, Steel, Brass and Bronze Castings. General Foundrymen and Patternmakers. Absolutely firstclass work. Prices lowest. Phone 2451. Corner Eighteenth and Franklin.

ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD. The World's Fair Route. Those anticipating an eastern trip, or a visit to the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis, cannot afford to overlook the advantages offered by the Missouri Pacific Railway, which, on account of its various routes and gateways, has been appropriately named "The World's Fair Route." Passengers from the northwest take the Missouri Pacific trains from Denver or Pueblo, with the choice of either going direct through Kansas City, or via Wichita, Fort Scott and Pleasant Hill. Two trains daily from Denver and Pueblo to St. Louis without change, carrying all classes of modern equipment, including electric lighted observation parlor cafe dining cars. Ten daily trains between Kansas City and St. Louis. Write or call on W. C. McBride, general agent, 124 Third street, Portland, for detailed information and illustrated literature.