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OLDEN TIMES.

The recollections of the early days of Astoria, and of the pioneers who first began the work of settlement, seem to have a peculiar interest for those who followed along at a later date, and gradually added to the numbers of those, who though widely separated, were happy to consider themselves neighbors.

The pioneer informs us that parties with adequate means, are moving in the matter of erecting a paper mill at North Kingsville. The enduring and copious springs of that locality, render it an important particular in at least a very suitable locality. Should they not see fit to locate there, however, Astoria has one of the best water powers—40 feet fall, the pond spring fed—to be found in the region, and which may be had at a very low figure. It ought to be put to use.

The 800 feet of docking constructed for our friend Mr. KENZIE having been completed in his usually thorough and substantial manner, another contract is awarded of 12,000 feet more, just above Plum Point, where the space between the creek and the railroad will admit of cutting slips, similar to that on the west side, now in the course of excavation by the A. Y. & P. Co. The plans and estimates have been prepared, and orders only are awaited for beginning the work.

Geo. C. HUBBARD is negotiating a sale of his house and lot on Main st. to L. W. SMITH, the consideration being \$10,000. Should this purchase be consummated, it is the intention of Mr. Smith, we understand, to put up a hotel of such dimensions as will answer the prospective demands of Astoria, in appearance and accommodation. Mr. Hubbard proposes, in case of a sale, to put up another house on Elm st., on the lot lying between the Well's house and the residence of Maj. Hubbard—one of the pleasant and most eligible lots in the village.

WALTON & TALBERT, is a firm of Saginaw lumber dealers, who have located themselves in this village, and who insert their card in this number of the Telegraph. Their yard is now found at Bugbee's mill, but they have the purchase of a lot in contemplation, and the erection of a mill for the delivery of their work, and the building material to order. They have abundant business means and connections with the Saginaw lumber fields. Their supplies will be fully up to the demand. Should business prove encouraging, the prospect is that both members of the firm will make Astoria their permanent abode.

We were favored with a call last week from the Rev. H. H. WELLS, who informed us that his work at Chester had been closed, and that the number of conversions had been reckoned at one hundred. At the beginning of his work, he was met by the stubborn question of Sunday closing making, which was pretty well introduced, as there appeared to be very little sentiment to stand up squarely in opposition. The struggle through an earnest one, was successful in favor of right. His discussion opened the way for the progress of truth and righteousness, with the result stated. Mr. Wells goes next to Streetsboro, Portage Co.

A DEAD BEAT.—A fellow giving his name as C. L. Cummins, from Erie, Pa., arrived here on a western bound train a few days since, and put up at the National Hotel at the L. S. & M. S. depot. He claimed to be a detective sent here to look after a couple of men who committed a burglary at Erie a few days ago. Cummins was on hand at the arrival of all the passenger trains and passed through each car in search of his men. After spending five or six days in this manner the landlord of the National asked him for his board bill, but having no money he took a sudden departure, leaving his baggage, which consisted of a traveling bag, in the hands of the landlord.

The Reporter gives the following as the common experience of the editor. It is truthful and graphic enough for every one who ever had a place upon the editorial tripod to see in it the reflection and reproduction of his own amazing experience: "I thought you might want something to do up your paper, so I brought you along this piece, &c. How often the editor is thus addressed by innocent, well-meaning friends, and the editor, who, dear friends, never lack for matter to fill our paper. The question with us we've after work is not what we shall put in the paper, but what we shall not put in. In the article of 'original poems' alone, we have an immense and varied stock. Some of the 'poems' are one long in length, and some three. And O! how sublime some of them are."

The Prohibitionists of the State assemble in State Convention at Mt. Vernon on Thursday next—26th—for the purpose of nominating a State ticket of that persuasion. This we are to have a third party in the field, and probably a certain amount of offers of trade and dicker combination offers any hope of success. There is, perhaps, no reason to fear honest, practical prohibition, but this starting up a weak third party with the avowed object of furthering the cause of Temperance, while it puts itself in an attitude of paddling and cuddling with the worst enemies of that cause, as observation has shown is generally the case, is not the kind of tactics that is entitled to very hearty endorsement and support.

The melancholic doubts and perplexities engendered by the progress and prospects of that narrow gauge enterprise, are such as to lead our usually generous friend of the Painesville Advertiser to make ungenerous things at the advantages and prosperity of his neighbors. These things can only be accounted for under a fit of "dyspepsia," or "dyspepsia," and we are disposed, in view of that velociped arrangement, coupled with the Red Sea, highway between himself and the lake, to make all due allowance for the little displays of the petulant and irascible. However provocative of good nature they may be, they will not, we trust be allowed to disturb our gravity and self-possession in the presence of one whose heart we have so uniformly found in the right place.

The Exchange Hotel at the Harbor, though not near its completion, is expected to be in readiness for the opening of business in the spring. Already there have been several applications for it, none of which, however, have made any definite arrangements for it yet. We understand that the proprietors are not so much in haste to rent the property, as to secure the right kind of a tenant. The object is to secure, first, a competent landlord and then to guard the whisky question, as we conclude the premises would be allowed to stand empty some time before they would be suffered to go into the hands of any one who would appropriate them to the traffic in hard ware. That it will prove a good place for business, in the season of navigation, there can be little doubt, and as permanent and regular business shall spring up there, as is confidently expected, it will also prove a steadily paying institution.

The ICE PROSPECT for the past few days has been more encouraging in this vicinity. The steady cold weather of last Tuesday and Wednesday gave the ice a thickness of 7 inches, and the cutters at the harbor were hard at work. James Thorpe has a contract to furnish 20 tons to Pittsburg parties.

SURPRISE.—Our friend and neighbor, O. A. AMES, whose contemplated trip to the Pacific Coast, with his lady, was mentioned some weeks since, left on Tuesday afternoon last. On Monday evening, he was taken by surprise by a sort of apoplexy, which he has not yet recovered from. He has for years been a member of the Astoria Band, of which he was the leader. We have to recognize his social and membership worth, his fellow members of the F. A. M. society, and his distant journeying, and sojourning, and therefore, dropped in upon him, in some of our columns.

ORIO PROHIBITION STATE CONVENTION.—A State Convention will be held at Mount Vernon, Knox County, on Thursday, February 26th, 1874, commencing at one o'clock P. M., for putting in nomination Prohibition Candidates for State officers to be chosen at the next ensuing State Election and also to transact any other business towards the suppression of the crime of making and selling alcoholic beverages in this State. While this will be necessary to the Convention, yet the Central Committee would have the honor of selection of Delegates in the usual order of such Conventions so far as they can be constantly appointed. None who are supporters of Prohibition, will be rejected, however, as delegates, if they shall come unauthorized by appointment. Let there be a large and enthusiastic Convention of those who desire protection against the evil traffic in intoxicating liquors, and let the Convention be held in the trade in alcohol.

By Order of the State Executive Committee. JAY ODELL, Chairman.

JEFFERSON ITEMS.

From the Sentinel. A change has occurred in the Board of directors of the Second National Bank. Mr. Talbot retires and Mr. C. E. Warner is appointed in his place.

A contract has been made, we learn by the first congregational church of Wayne, for a Church building, on the site of the one recently destroyed by fire, for \$5,000 above the foundation.

William Henry Jones, a colored boy, of Jordan, one of this town, who had been employed in the mill with the 10th Ohio, and was supposed lost, now a member of the Legislature of Mississippi.

Ion M. C. Canfield, our Common Pleas Judge is still at the Thompson House, confined to his room, but able to see his friends. He thinks he is improving and expects to return home on Friday.

The Directors of the County Agricultural Society met on last Friday at the Secretary's Office. They fixed on the 9th, 10th, and 11th, of September as the time of holding the next Fair.

The following managers were chosen. Manager of Grounds—E. O. Peck, Richmond. Mr. L. R. Griffiths and S. A. Northway. Horses—E. G. Hurlbut. Cattle—Henry Bowman. Sheep, swine and poultry—J. J. Dodge.

Vegetables and Farm implements—Ezra Rawdson and T. E. Yates. Accident.—Mr. Babcock of Wayne, informs us that on Saturday morning last, Mr. Philmore Matthews was found lying on his barn floor, in an insensible state, where he had probably lain all night. Medical aid was called, and it was concluded that his skull was fractured, and that there was little hope of his recovery. On Sunday, however he rallied sufficiently to say that he fell from the scaffold to the floor. Whether he will recover is not yet known.

The Astoria News is provoked by the paragraph in our Orwell correspondence, published in the most reading matter, and asserts that the News contains 44 feet of columns of reading. That may be, as it is made up of the most interesting matter, and is called a patient inside, made up and printed some where else. Usually, these patient insides are made up of the most interesting matter, and is called a patient inside, made up and printed some where else. Usually, these patient insides are made up of the most interesting matter, and is called a patient inside, made up and printed some where else.

The mention of the "Anti-Clinker Standard" in the Bashful Lover, was so satisfactory to the compounder thereof, that he laughed, snapped his fingers, and otherwise testified his joy, and his belief that he was on the high road to fame, forming a little play, not in the programme, but infinitely amusing to the lookers on.

ORWELL. Ed. Tel.—The officers of the Orwell Agricultural Society have recently held a meeting and arranged their premium list for the coming fair. The premiums range very nearly with previous ones—the exceptions being on blooded cattle and trotting horses, which are doubled. A special list of premiums in the departments, and liberal premiums will be awarded to those patronizing this department.

At the recent meeting spoken of in the Sentinel, in this place, of newspaper readers at which it was declared by actual measurement, that the Sentinel had the most reading matter, the longest columns of advertisements, the most solemn abstractions, and the most philosophical and statesman-like leaders, is laughed at hereabouts, and is doubted by E. L. Gibbs, whose head is generally level on weighty subjects. One of our merchants, in speaking of the Sentinel remarked that most of the Sentinel ads. were obtained at the Sentinel Store, and very unkindly stated that Howells would not furnish that Ohio map if the margin was not in favor of the Sentinel's bill. The article in question, originated in the cloudy brain of Billy Williams. It is generally admitted that Bro. Howells is a man of somewhat ponderous moral ideas, and it is in contemplation to send him an invitation to be present at the next love feast held in Billy's parlors.

The Theosophical Society, which gave its first exhibition last week, was well patronized, and far exceeded the highest expectations of its friends.

MORGAN. The break up last week threw Rock Creek into a rampant mood, and as is usual when its waters become much swollen, they trench upon the village. The road running south, only a few rods from the central portion of the village, was wholly submerged. The gorge above, that produced this, fortunately gave way after a few hours and the waters subsided to live on the south side of the creek, such an emergency, if of any considerable continuance, might prove quite embarrassing, as it would leave the incorporation not only without a soul, which, however, is not uncommon, but also, without a responsible head, which is not so uncommon. His health at best, is feeble, but a complication with erysipelas gives the matter a more serious turn.

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ON A SUPERIOR IN THE PLACE OF THE PRESENT ONE—E. M. Curtis, Dufring his connection with the Infirmary, Mr. Curtis has made many friends, and will bear his retirement from that institution with deep regret, whose only wish will be, that his place may be as well and ably filled by his successor. G. February 13, 1874.

Books, Magazines, etc.

AN INTERESTING MAGAZINE.—We are in receipt of the first number of The Progressive Ship Builder, published by John W. Griffin, 40 Burling Slip, N. Y. It is a large, 32 page magazine, finely printed, and contains many interesting and useful articles on ship building, and is well worth a subscription. Price 50 cents per number and published by subscription only.—The work will be completed in sixteen numbers. Specimen copies can be seen at this office.

"PLUCK"—No. one and two of this series of chromos, published