The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

SATURDAY.....DECEMBER 20 1884

THE FIRST STEAM PRINTING PRESS.

At this time of the year and month, seventy years ago, the first newspaper in the world was printed by steam.

That this newspaper should have been the London *Times* is the most natural thing imaginable, since we are accustomed to think of that journal as having led the world for many years, until one of our own papers took the word out of its mouth, as we may say. It sounds like a fabulous statement, in the light of its immense circulation of to-day, and that the *Times* should have had an issue of only about four thousand copies: but more than that number would have been impossible with the restricted means and methods of hand presses, as by the time any increased number of sheets could be struck off in the old slow way the news would be no longer news, but would be common report.

The second John Walter, the father of the second proprietor of that name, was much dissatisfied with the old process, its slow laboriousness, its diminutive results in comparison with what might be, and its far too small returns; for he was a man of energy and forecast, and he saw what were the possibilities in regard to circulating the news, and saw also, upon the receipt of increased profits, the opportunities of increasing the amount of news, with agents everywhere collecting it. Giving the subject a great deal of thought, and convinced that the plan was feasible he had allowed Thomas Martyn, one of his compositors, and various others as well, the use of his money freely to work out their ideas or models of a self-acting printing press. But whether their ingenuity failed or their courage—for the pressmen were violently opposed to such a novelty, and determined that their handiwork should be superseded by no machinery, even if obliged to resort to violence, as men at similar work have always done—nothing came of their endeavors, earnest although they were. At last a Saxon by the name of Konig, with his assistant, Bauer, enlisted Mr. Walter's attention, and in order that they might prosecute the business successfully he afforded them use of premises adjoining the *Times* printing office, where they worked industriously for three months, privately perfecting their machine. It would have been impossible that they should use the *Times* offices, on account of the indignation of the workmen, who saw their livelihood about to be snatched away from them, although nothing was further from Mr. Walter's intention than this, sure as he was that the increased facilities of the new methods—if his collaborators succeeded in bringing their great ideas to fruition—would make such a demand for news, and bring so much more news into the market, that there would be employment for more men rather than for fewer. The same causes endared it necessary to surround the experimental work with caution and secrecy.

One can well imagine what an exciting night it must have been to Mr. Walter, that night before the pronounced success of the new machine. There was not merely the natural interest in an experiment, the natural curiosity concerning it, but it was the turning point of his own fortunes, and perhaps of civilization as well. All the pressmen had threatened destruction to any and every one who interfered with them. But that night these same pressmen remained idle, having been instructed, in order simply to throw them off their suspicion, to suspend their work until some foreign news which was expected should arrive. It was very foreign news indeed—foreign to the hopes of the poor fellows—when it did arrive. It needed the resolution and daring that he possessed when, at six o'clock in the dark of the morning, Mr. Walter went into the old press-room with a completed sheet—the work of the new machine—in his hand and quietly told the men that if they used violence he had a force ready sufficient to quell any disturbance; that that was a copy of the morning paper printed by steam; that the trial of the machine had met with a success exceeding his hopes; that they must needs submit, since there was nothing else for them to do. But, he added with characteristic generosity, that if they were peaceable he should continue their wages till they could all find similar employment or till the expected enlargement of his own business should give them employment at his own hands again. Mr. Walter was right; there was nothing else but acquiescence for the men, and in the immense and sudden increase of business they of course lost nothing by it at all.

Konig's machine placed the form, inked it, adjusted the paper, stamped the sheet, delivered it to the form for fresh use, all so quickly that it could work off eleven hundred sheets an hour. It was no less a revolution because now it is replaced by one that works off eleven thousand sheets an hour, to speak loosely. That night makes one of the epochs in the advance of humanity, and is a season to which commemoration is owed both by those who contribute to the press and by those who enjoy the work it gives the public: for without it much of the world that is now in light would be in darkness, since it was the initial of those greater ideas in the matter which have made the work of the press almost as free as the universal air.

There is a man in Washington who won $30,000 on Cleveland's election. Now he wants an office.

Beef and mutton at retail at 24 cents a pound in London.

DIED

In Astoria, December 19th, 1884, Laura E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gerchen, aged 5 years, 7 months and 23 days.

Portland papers please copy.

NEW TO-DAY.

Grand Concert

AT

OCCIDENTAL HALL!

Monday, Dec. 22nd, 1884.

To be given by the Congregational Church Choir, assisted by some of the

Leading Musical Talent of Astoria.

Reserved Seats at the City Book Store.

Tickets - - - - - 75c
Gallery, - - - - 50c

☞ No extra charge for Reserved Seats.

Teachers' Examination.

REGULAR QUARTERLY EXAMINATION for Teachers' Certificates will be held at the Court House, on the 26th and 27th inst., commencing at 9 A. M. each day.

J. E. HIGGINS,
County Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Picked Up.

ABREAST OF KNAPPA, A LARGE white skiff about 16 feet long; two pairs oarlocks and two pairs oars. Owner can find me in Knappa.

F. M. JOHNSON.
Astoria, Or., Dec. 19th, 1884.

Improving Mouth of the Columbia River, Oregon and W. T.

Proposals for Constructing Wharf and Barges

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE,
PORTLAND, OREGON, Dec 16, 1884.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR EACH WILL be received at this office until 11 A. M., January 16 1885 for construction of a wharf and trestle at Point Adams, Oregon; and of 3 stone barges to be delivered at Astoria. Further information can be obtained upon application at this office.

CHAS. F. LOWELL,
Captain of Engineers.

WANTED.

TWO GOOD, ACTIVE YOUNG MEN TO work on Klaskanine Farm, Clatsop county, by the month or year. Their habits: First, total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, tobacco swearing, gambling, and a pledge not to spend their wages for intoxicants of any kind, or to abandon themselves to disreputable pastimes. Wages, in winter, $20; summer, $25, $30, with board and a loafing house.

W. H. GRAY,
d-w Agent Klaskanine Farm.

AT

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A

GREAT HOLIDAY STOCK

OF

Boots and Shoes, Children's and Ladies' Wear,

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF

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Headquarters for Holiday Presents

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FOR

Toys, Fancy Goods, Stationery,

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Fresh Fruit Received Daily

A Full Stock of Smokers Articles.
NEW GOODS CONSTANTLY ARRIVING.

CHAS. A. MAY,

Chenamus street, south side, one door from Cass.

Annual Meeting.

STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PACIFIC Union Packing Company are hereby notified that the third annual meeting of the company will be held at their office, in the city of Astoria, Oregon, December 22nd, 1884, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors, and such other legal business as may come before the meeting.

By order of the President.

J. R. GILSTRAP,
Secretary.

Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 12th, 1884.

Situation Wanted.

CLERK OR BOOKKEEPER. APPLY AT this office.

School Tax Notice.

SCHOOL TAXES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 9, are now due and payable to J. E. Higgins, at office of Hadelet & Co.

MRS. MARY L. INNSWEBER,
School Clerk District No. 9.

Upper Astoria, Dec. 17, 1884.

Assignee's Sale.

The undersigned Assignee of the Estate of

J. E. THOMAS,

OFFERS AT PRIVATE SALE

ALL THE STOCK OF

Drugs, Toilet and Fancy Articles, Medicines, Etc.

BELONGING TO THE ESTATE.

ALL ARTICLES AT COST PRICE.

Special Inducement to the Trade.

F. P. HICKS,
ASSIGNEE.

Important Notice!

Oregon Improvement Co.

Great Reduction in Price of Coal.

On and after December 1st until further notice the price at the bunkers will be as follows for

SEATTLE COAL.

Clean Domestic per ton, 2240 lbs	$7 00
Average Steam " " "	6 00
Screenings " " "	4.00

On hand a constant supply, at market rates, of first-class

CUMBERLAND.

F. A. NOYES, Agent.

Dissolution of Co-partnership.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE partnership heretofore existing between H. D. Newbury and Irv. Stevens in the business known as the City Book Store is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All bills due by the firm and all accounts owing are to be paid to or collected by the undersigned. The business has been purchased by Messrs. Griffen and Reed who will have charge of it in the future.

H. D. NEWBURY.
IRV STEVEN.

Astoria, December 1, 1884.

Referring to the above the undersigned would respectfully announce to the public of Astoria and vicinity that they have this day purchased from Messrs. Newbury & Stevens the stock, fixtures and good will of the City Book Store, and hope for a continuance of the generous patronage accorded the retiring firm.

GRIFFEN & REED.

Astoria, Or., December 1, 1884.

The Northern Pacific Express Co.

FURNISHES

The Shortest, Quickest and most Reliable Route between ASTORIA AND ALL POINTS.

If you have Anything to Send by Express, Send it by the

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Order your Express packages sent to you by the

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Prompt Delivery, Low Rates, Satisfaction guaranteed

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Brick, Cement, Sand and Plaster.

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Draying, Teaming, and Express Business

The Seaside Bakery

FRESH BREAD

Delivered in any Part of the City

CHRISTMAS CAKES:

Home-Made Candy Made Daily:
The Trade Supplied:
Fine Pastry:

A First Class Establishment. Prices to suit the times.

F. B. ELBERSON, Prop'r.

Change of Agency.

We have appointed

MR. O. F. MORTON

Our Selling and Collecting Agent at Astoria

All those wishing to purchase a first-class *SEWING MACHINE*, or to make payments due us will please call on Mr. Morton. Headquarters at B. S. WORSLEY'S Sales-room.

The Singer Mf'g Co.,
22 Morrison Street, Portland, Or.

For Rent.

TWO FRONT ROOMS; SUITABLE FOR offices; centrally located; apply at ASTORIAN office.

For Sale.

FINE NINE-ROOMED DWELLING-house with two lots, corner Main and Seventh streets. For further particulars apply at THE ASTORIAN office.

Elegant Rooms.

SUNNY AND CONVENIENT, IN WM. Hume's building.

Apply to SAMUEL ELMORE.

Lost.

COUNTY ORDER NO. 582 dated July 10th, 1884, drawn in favor of Clatsop Mill Co., for $2 60. Payment on the above has been stopped. Finder will please return to this office and be rewarded.

Public Auction.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO WHOM it may concern and the public generally, that I will cause to be sold at public auction in front of the Parker House in Astoria, Oregon, on Saturday, the 27th day of December, 1884, the following articles of personal property, to-wit:

Forty Trunks and Fifteen Valises,

To satisfy my legal charges and lien against and upon the same. Said articles have been in my hands unclaimed for more than three months, and will be sold unless said are they are to the highest bidder for cash in hand according to law.

Dated Astoria, Or., Dec. 6, 1884.

H. B. PARKER,
Proprietor Parker House.

MERRY XMAS!

WHATEVER YOU WANT FOR A

Christmas Present!!

YOU WILL FIND AT

ADLER'S

My Headquarters are

There never has been in Astoria such a wonderful assortment of Holiday Goods of all description as I have.

No matter where you purchase look through my stock before deciding.

at Adler's Crystal Palace.

Buy where the goods are the newest and Cheapest!
Buy where the assortment is the largest and most varied!
Buy where the attention is polite and you can look without being pestered to buy!

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Carl Adler, Sole Agent, Astoria.

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Everything First-Class. All Goods **GUARANTEED.**

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In the Newest Tints and Shades,

To the lowest priced article in this line. We are determined to dispose of our stock of Carpets within the next four weeks, and to that end offer special inducements, precluding the possibility of **Being Undersold by any of our Competitors.**

—IN THE—

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At Greatly Reduced Prices,

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SASH DOORS AND MOULDING.

First Class Work at Prices to Suit the Times.

PLANS AND ESTIMATES FURNISHED.

C. H. Bain & Co.'s

Steam Planing Mill and Sash Factory

Boat Building a Specialty.

Notice to Stockholders' Fishermen's Packing Co.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Fishermen's Packing Co. will be held at the office of the company, on Monday, Dec. 29, 1884, at 9 A. M. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as shall legally come before the meeting.

By order of the President.

H. K. NELSON,
Secretary.

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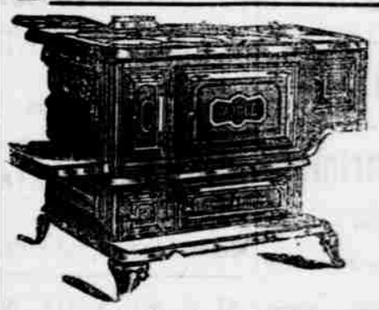

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