

If we were abundantly supplied with coin we should not ask patrons to remit, but one of the very hardest things to do in this world, is to run a printing office on "promises."

Scraps of Fancy.

Compiled from our Exchanges. A woman may not be able to sharpen a pencil or hold an umbrella, but she can pack more articles into a trunk than a man can into a one horse wagon.

Blond hair is coming to the front again as the most fashionable color. Ladies who gave their blonde switches to the grasshopper sufferers will soon regret their generosity.

The wife of Chief Justice Waite is credited with having said, when she heard it reported that Mars has three moons, "Think of your people living in a planet where there is no shady side of the street at night."

An invalid Frenchman who hired a horse every evening from a livery stable, particularly desired the hostler to see that the horse had nothing to eat for dinner. "Because," he remarked, "Monsieur le docteur he say I mus' tak' ze gentle exercise on ze empty stomach."

A Scotch keelman's prayer in a storm: "O God, ye ken this is the first favor I ever axed ov ye, an' if ye'll let me ashore this time it'll be the last. Aw wad na trouble ye now, but things is looking, very bad. The mainmast is split to rags, an' the jib sheet was carried away the last squall. I never troubled ye afore, ye ken that, an, so help me Jemmy Johnson if ever I trouble ye again if ye let me ashore this time. Aw dunna want t' go to the deil—though the deil's no a bad fellow—fair play say I, man t' man! Dinna think I'm gaun t' run ye doon, deil, my lad, for I winnit do it. So now, God, ye see how I'm situated, and if ye'll only gie me a lull for half-an-oor ye can let her blaw like h—l; Amen."

The United States war steamer Huron pounded to pieces on rocks north of Norfolk on the 24th. Out of 134 officers and men but 34 were saved. The story of those well acquainted with the coast is that the Huron got caught in the height of the gale, and while trying to hold on head to the wind, her machinery gave way, her sails were useless and she drifted ashore.

Something is the matter with our sister city all the time. The Telegram says that now, since the river has become so swift and drift has commenced running, the steamers find it difficult to navigate. Tuesday the bark Strathern got her anchors fouled, and it was late in the afternoon before they could be raised. The ferryboat seem to have the most trouble, being unable to run a good part of the time. Some good sawlogs have floated down, and loggers are keeping a sharp lookout.

EASTERN OREGON—The Astorian is doing more for the interests of Eastern Oregon than any other paper in the State. If you have a friend or a relative in that section of this country, send him the paper on trial. Only one dollar for four months.

LETTER LIST. Following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the Astoria Post-office, Nov. 25, 1877: Blakely, Geo. C. Noble, John Davis, Miss Maggie Sommer, Ambros Holmes, W. E. Stone, John Hubbard, Miss Flora Slusser, Mrs. J. Johnson, Matthew Tatton, Mrs. James Johnson, Erik Wood, Miss Clara McKay, Catherine Warner, Charley Martz, Wm. C. F. Wavor, E. W. Montandon, Fried' Whitney, D. A. Mounamake, Warren, Wm. E.

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