

PUGET SOUND ARGUS.



FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1877.

WAR IN EUROPE.

The progress of European troubles thus far seems to have resulted much more favorably for Turkey than any one at the outset supposed.

The Russian armies lack effective power more on account of being scattered over so large a country than any other fact. The failure of the Russian army in Armenia, where Makhtar Pasha showed such masterly generalship, has caused the Czar to recall his troops from that part of the Turkish dominions. These recalled troops will be available for work at other points as soon as they can be conveyed to their destination, but a long tiresome delay will preclude their active operations. A small river flowing north into the Danube is between the main bodies of the contending forces where the next hard fighting is expected. As there are no indications yet of a scarcity of men on the Turkish side, it is most probable that we have long hence to see the "beginning of the end."

England is firm in the attitude she has assumed, saying resolutely, "Thus far and no farther." However, as Russia evidently is determined to occupy Constantinople, and her occupancy will doubtless bring the English forces into immediate and active service, we may listen with some degree of interest for Great Britain's formal entree upon the scene of action.

Working Your Way.

In this age of progress and fast living, when many very many—go down under the pressure of overwork, and behold their sun sinking at noon; when all the world is striving with might and main for wealth, power and worldly eminence, there is nevertheless an overpowering disposition among the "model" young men of the day to shirk hard, honest labor. This feeling has been denominated a sickening lethargy, and as it shuts out the reward of true labor, and induces the belief that success in the world is only attainable by those possessing genius.

While it cannot be denied that some minds have infinitely greater power for grasping than others, it is equally true that in many instances diligence and application have more than compensated for the difference in natural qualifications. William Penn wrote that industry, patience and diligence, like faith, remove mountains. In fact, if we set ourselves to the task of studying the lives of great men we will find that they succeeded in an exact ratio to the amount of labor expended. It is quite true that if we point out such examples as Washington, Napoleon, Wellington and others, there are many ready to say "oh, these were born with the essence of greatness in their veins." Very true, but it was the essence of their capacity to work, after all. They fed their minds with the accumulated wisdom of ages. Yes, labor is the true magician's wand, the philosopher's stone. Go to our Grand International Exhibitions and see those works of art which dazzle the eyes of all beholders, and read there, not so much the record of genius immortalized in lauding verse, or crowned with unfading laurels, as the simple and indelible imprint of persistent toil.

No greater mistake was ever made than to suppose that the path of the discoverer and inventor lies through a hazy region devoid of difficulties, or that their additions to the world's knowledge have been inspirations rather than the result of labor, the flashings of genius instead of silent industry. The old maxim about necessity being the mother of invention is truly fraught with more than ordinary significance. Had there never been any incentive to labor, mankind would most assuredly have still remained a race of indolent, uncivilized beings. But having a choice of labor or death, to what magnificent points have they not pushed the developments of genius? The first settlers in the virgin forests of our land doubtless viewed their rude dwellings, formed of rough unbarbed logs, with a kind of satisfaction coming from the knowledge that present wants at least were supplied. A few hundred years afterwards, on the site of those dwellings rest an-

sions displaying the most exquisite taste, surrounded by all of the choicest flowers and plants that ever cheered the eye by their beautiful forms or diffused fragrance on the morning breezes. Around the now pleasant and desirable habitations are arranged the statues of the good and great of earth, traced with the utmost care and labor in the finest marble; the halls and rooms are supplied with the most unique and artistic forms of furniture, and stately walls are graced with the canvas which bears the choicest productions of Claude, Correggio and Raffaele; the library, stored with the wisdom of literary minds, is indeed the student's heaven; looking about in the warmth and light shed abroad by a subtle fluid conveyed thither by concealed tubes, one sees on beautifully corniced windows drapery woven in cunningly devised patterns; while the productions of the once despised silk worm, and the useful wool from the shepherd's flocks furnish comfortable and elegant apparel for the inhabitants.

Who says that these wonders are miracles, unless plodding, continuous and untiring labor may be so styled? When we hear of the successes of men, we are all ready to think they possess some special advantage over ordinary minds; but a careful study of facts will invariably dispel this idea. Napoleon devoted but four hours out of twenty-four to sleep; Lord Brougham did the same, when he was the greatest man in all England. Bishops Burnet and Jewell, and Sir Thomas Moore each rose and began the day's labor at five. Burke and Leibnitz were neither of them ever out of their libraries long at a time. Milton pored over his books with the zeal of a merchant, or an attorney, and Sir Matthew Hale studied sixteen hours a day. Sydney Smith said, "there is but one method for attaining distinction, and that is hard labor; and a man who is not willing to pay the price need not dedicate himself to the pursuit. There are modes of being frivolous, and not a few of being useful; there is but one mode of being great."

This, then, is the law from which there is no escape—whatever is worth having, comes at the price of work. The cloved effeminate who partakes of the most sumptuous banquet knows nothing of the pleasure of him, whose appetite for his frugal meal has been sweetened and strengthened by the healthy exercise of brain and muscle.

IMMIGRATION.

We have received a circular from Leo Crandall, of Machinery Hall, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pa., who invites attention to a few facts and suggestions in regard to the future use of Machinery Hall, a building covering 14 acres of ground. He proposes to establish a National Immigration Bureau, and speaks as follows: "In this building there will be exhibited, free of charge, all contributions the different States and Territories may see fit to make. These are expected to embrace specimens of minerals, vegetable products, manufactures, works of art; the law, statistics and rates of taxation of the different States; maps, charts, and full descriptions of lands for sale; together with an abstract of titles and specimens of all kinds, that will represent the resources of each State and Territory, so as to enable the manager of the Bureau to answer any question emigrants may want to ask. Everything contributed will be thoroughly exhibited free of charge, and without partiality or favoritism. The object of this Bureau is to foster and encourage immigration in all the States and Territories that desire it. Hence they should all be represented. Specimens of their resources should be on exhibition for the enlightenment of emigrants who are selecting new homes. Every route, by sea and by land, to and from all the States, individually and collectively, will here be presented to view as fast as received, and the rates of fare and other particulars given when required. Parties having inducements to offer immigrants, should be full and explicit in their descriptions, so as to be readily comprehended. Those who have lands to offer cannot be too particular in giving locations, descriptions, titles, prices, character of soil, &c. The authorities in all the States and Territories will readily see the importance of being represented in this Bureau, and of placing on exhibition specimens of their resources. There is abundant room for all will be shown to the best advantage. Newspapers and periodicals, when received, are carefully filed for inspection."

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PROBATE COURT.

THE REGULAR TERM OF THE PROBATE COURT of Jefferson county will be held in Port Townsend, on Monday, July 23, A. D. 1877, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

A. A. KYLE, Probate Judge.

Port Townsend, July 20, 1877.

Steele's Pain Expeller sells at every port on the Sound. It is the best Internal and External Cure for Aches and Pains in the world.

Just received at Jas. Jones' a lot of blotting, drawing, tissue gold and silver paper, card board, etc., etc.

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<p>Nic. Bark Transito Alvarez. NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR THE UNDERSIGNED Agents of the above named bark, will be responsible for debts contracted by the officers or crew. ROTHSCHILD & CO., Agents. A. DOMEL, Master. Port Townsend, July 15, 1877.</p>	<p>American Bark Penang. NEITHER CAPTAIN B. PATTEN, NOR the undersigned Agents of the above named Am. bark, will be responsible for debts contracted by the officers or crew. ROTHSCHILD & CO., Agents. B. PATTEN, Master. Port Townsend, July 15, 1877.</p>
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<p>Nicaraguan Ship Mathilde. NEITHER CAPT. E. GUNZEL, NOR the undersigned Agents for the above named ship, will be responsible for debts contracted by the officers or crew. ROTHSCHILD & CO., Agents. E. GUNZEL, Master. Port Townsend, July 15, 1877.</p>

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LOCAL NEWS.

A CIRCULAR, the receipt of which is acknowledged this week, contains valuable information to wool-growers. It comes from Falkner, Bell & Co's Wool Agency, San Francisco. The following are a few extracts: "Numerous complaints have been made by buyers of wool of the mixed qualities in parcels from the same ranch, and when clips have come to hand even in quality, they have readily been disposed of. Care should also be taken in the putting up of wools, and owners of sheep should endeavor to raise the estimation of their wool by affixing a brand, which, once known, will be a sufficient guarantee as to the general getting up and quality."

Inquiries this season have been chiefly for wools of the finer quality, with a small shrinkage and absence of gummy matter, and the regret amongst purchasers is, that there are not more of such clips sent to market. We should recommend growers, therefore, to aim for the production of a fine wool with sound, good staple and of even quality, as we think, for many years, there will be a large demand for clips of this description. Owing to losses through drought in the southern part of the State, a large decrease in numbers must be anticipated; consequently we look for a rise in value of all descriptions of Stock, and better times for those interested in the near future. Again, they will find it more to their advantage to pay closer attention to the breeding, and more especially to the grading of their flocks, by an office in the Good Templars' Hall. Mr. Galvin is a very pleasant gentleman, and carries with him that prepossessing affability which always captures.

Rev. I. Galvin, of Portland, was in Port Townsend a few days ago. On Sunday afternoon last, he preached in the Good Templars' Hall. Mr. Galvin is a very pleasant gentleman, and carries with him that prepossessing affability which always captures.

THE CASE OF HALL AND OTHERS AGAINST D. B. FINCH, known as the New World case, which has been pending in the District and Supreme Courts for many years, was recently dismissed on the ground of invalid judgment in the lower Court.

THE SEATTLE "DISPATCH" is indulging in a consoling reverie on the future of its native city. It sounds big to couple the prospective macadamized road to Lakes Union and Washington with the Cliff House drive, of San Francisco.

Mrs. Geo. Chambers, of the Washington Market, has been away for the week celebrating for the past two weeks. Last Monday he returned. Judging from appearances, the pleasures enjoyed left some of their lingering traces still.

THE DAKOTA brought the following list of passengers: Port Townsend, P. W. Shears and 6 in steerage; Seattle, Miss A. Dingsley, R. E. Whitney, H. E. Dwyer, H. B. Bonnell, Miss E. W. Phillips, Jas. Feuny, R. Blaney, Miss C. Livingston and 13 in steerage; Tacoma, Miss W. Kelley, Mrs. D. Johnston and 2 boys and 5 in steerage.

"THE COURIER" says a project is on foot, for stocking our Sound with Columbia river salmon. It is expected that an appropriation for that purpose will be asked from the legislature.

APPROPRIATELY SAID.—Reader, your first duty is to patronize your live home paper, and your next is to send ten cents for a copy, or \$3 for one year's subscription to the "Tacoma Herald," New Tacoma, W. T. It is a splendid paper, truly.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE GROWTH OF THEIR BUSINESS, should at once subscribe for **THE HERALD**, published in New Tacoma, W. T. It is one of the most wide-awake, newsy and influential papers on the Northern Pacific Coast.

George Sterling wishes to inform his patrons that he is still doing business in the Old World, as of old.

STERMING'S SALOON, Superior Quality of Foreign & Domestic Cigars Constantly on hand. Friends and Patrons are welcome. Port Townsend, Feb. 7, 1877.

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HARRY TILMAN, Proprietor.

PROPOSALS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT sealed proposals will be received by the County Auditor of Jefferson County at his office, in Port Townsend, Washington Territory, until August 4, 1877, for the care and maintenance of the indigent sick of said county, per diem, for one year. Bidders will be required to give a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, to provide good and sufficient food, medicines and medical attendance of some regular physician in good standing, proper lodging, care and nursing, clothes and washing for said patients.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Estate of Charles W. Howard, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE ESTATE OF CHARLES W. HOWARD, deceased, administrator of the estate of said decedent, that all persons having claims against said decedent, to present them with the necessary vouchers, within one year after the date of this notice, to me as said administrator, at my place of business at the corner of Third and Taylor Sts., in Port Townsend, W. T.

Sheriff's Sale. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, Sheriff of Island County, W. T., will offer sale at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Court house door in Clatsop, Island County, W. T. On Monday, 23rd day of JULY, 1877, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M., and 5 P. M. of said day, the following delinquent lands unless the taxes, accruing interest and costs be paid before said day, to-wit: MISS M. WATSON, Sheriff of Island County, W. T. Clatsop, June 23, 1877.

Name	Description	Tax due
Bradford, Chester	Chf of sq gr nw qr of sq gr of sec 17 tp 23 r 3 e, 10 acres	3 12
Brown, M	1/4 sec 17 tp 23 r 3 e, 22 acres	3 74
Chisholm, Colin	Estate of lots 1 and 2 Sec 17 tp 23 r 3 e, 22 acres	4 29
Chisholm, Colin	Lot 4 in sec 17 tp 23 r 3 e, 22 acres	4 29
Chisholm, Colin	Sec 25 tp 31 r 3 e, 10 acres	2 29
Gillis, John	E of wf of sq gr sec 13 tp 31 r 2 e, 30 acres	4 63
Grover, Wm	Chf of sq gr of sec 17 tp 23 r 3 e, 10 acres	6 81
Harris, Syllian	Sw qr of sec 14 tp 23 r 3 e, 30 acres	3 2
Lamb, Francis H	Nw qr of ne qr of sec 5 tp 23 r 2 e, 40 acres	1 14

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DRS. MINOR & POWER. PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS. OFFICE ON WATER ST. PORT TOWNSEND - - W. T.

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The Wife's Revolt.

O Heart of mine, is our estate—
Our sweetest love—of joy assured?
It came so slow, it came so late,

The Fortunes of a Fugitive from the Field of Paltowa.

The disastrous battle of Paltowa had
been fought and lost. The Swedes were
in full retreat toward the Dnieper river.

Among those captured there was a
young Swede, who purposefully inquired
of his captors, "What do you intend to do with me?"

"Have sympathy for me, and give the
dying rest!" she exclaimed. "He is
our countryman and a warrior at that."

Swede, though he lived in Russia. Mrs.
Hessen was also a Swede and Maria's own
aunt. Maria's parents died when she was
but a child, and Mrs. Hessen brought her
up. Three weeks had elapsed since Mr.
and Mrs. Hessen left their pleasant
home.

"You know how very dangerous it was,
both here and where we were."
"This you knew, and yet did not risk
leaving Maria," said Mrs. Hessen, in a
bewildered tone.

"I think some one did," said the
general, surprised at the unexpected answer.
"Your name is Charles Cameen?"

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find the owner. You will not be offended,
Adam, will you?"
"Why, no, certainly not."
"Will, then, remember—in the morning."

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"No Vacancies."

"Mac" sends the following story of de-
partment life in Washington. Postmaster-
General Key having officially and re-
peatedly made the announcement that
there are "no vacancies" in his depart-
ment, an old post office clerk reminded
of the following story told by the
late John C. Rives, of the Globe. He says
that Rives used to tell the story on
Major Hobbie, who for many years was
the first assistant Postmaster-General,
and who, like our present officials, was
ever ready with the fatal answer, "no
vacancy," to all applicants. Rives said
the Major had promised to appoint a friend
of his to the first vacancy, and he had
called on him repeatedly to fulfill that
promise; but the invariable answer, "no
vacancy," was the excuse until he had
about concluded to relinquish the matter
as a bad job. At length, one day, his
friend called on him out of a breakfast
room, and told him that Mr. Payne, a
post office clerk, had just been drowned
in the canal, at the same time begging
that he would go with him to secure his
place from Major Hobbie. Rives said he
had a sure thing this time, Mr. Rives said
they both fastened to the major's office
and confidently renewed their applica-
tion. "No vacancy," said the major,
and "Pay there is," said the applicant.
"Pay there is dead—drowned in the canal—and
I have just seen his body on the bank
awaiting the coroner's inquest." Where-
upon Major Hobbie sent immediately for
the post office clerk, Mr. Marr, (who
has acted in the same capacity for every
Postmaster-General since), and to the
satisfaction of all present, Marr confirmed
the stereotyped reply, "No vacancy."
"But yes there is," the applicant insisted.
"Pay there is dead; I just saw his dead
body fished out of the canal." Said the
major, "How is this, is poor Payne really
gone?" "Certainly," said Marr, "drowned
in the canal; and his place was filled an
hour ago by appointment of the major,
who saw him fall in!" Mr. Rives said,
after this, he never tried again.

An African Belle.

Lieut. Cameron found one tribe in Af-
rica where women were much more re-
spected than in that country.
The deference of the male sex had, how-
ever, the usual effect. The "respected"
women became much more addicted to
fashion than their less-favored sisters.
One of the belles of the tribe is thus
described by the traveler:
She is a merry sort of a person, this
"Mrs. Pakwany," and really ladylike
in her manners. It was great fun show-
ing her a looking-glass. She had never
seen one before, and was half-afraid of
it, and ashamed to show that she was
afraid.
She is a very dressy body—double
trains of brown ribbon for her bust, besides
copper, iron and ivory stuck in her hair,
and just above and in front of each ear
a tassel of red and white beads. A large
necklace of shells was round her neck,
and round her waist a string of coral
colored sango-mazzi, and a rope made of
strings of a red-colored bead.
Her front apron was of a leopard skin,
and the rear one of a colored grass-cloth,
with its fringe around her bust, and
corries sewed on it in a pattern; bright
iron rings were round her ankles, and
copper and ivory bracelets on her arms.
Her hair was shaved a little back from
her forehead, and she wore, about a
quarter of an inch wide, were painted
beads.
The one nearest to the hair was red,
the next black, and the next white; and
to crown all she was freshly-anointed
with oil, and looked sleek and shiny.
Her upper lip was perforated and had
a piece of stone inserted, until the lip per-
forated a couple of inches, giving a
hideous expression to the face, and mak-
ing her articulation quite indistinct.

The French Exposition.

The Boston Journal's Washington cor-
respondence says: The managers of the
French Exposition of 1878 have informed
our Government that if the United States
is to take any part in the exhibition it
will be necessary to take immediate steps
for representation in the American sec-
tion. To delay action until the meeting
of Congress in October would be to
practically render impossible any proper
representation of the United States. The
difficulty has been that there have been
serious doubts as to the constitutional
right of the Executive to take any meas-
ures in the absence of a formal vote in
Congress. The Cabinet has considered
the question, and will probably decide
to-morrow or during this week. Sec-
retary Evarts's position is understood to
be this: That an American Commission
should be appointed provisionally upon
the understanding that the Commission-
ers shall not have any compensation un-
less Congress shall ratify their appoint-
ment. After careful inquiry it is stated
that there is no constitutional objec-
tion to such a course, and nothing
which could prevent the President from
accepting the invitation of France. In
the case of the Vienna Exposition there
was an objection to the invitation to
participate in the Exposition on the part
of the Department of State before
there was any action taken by Congress.
The French Government has notified the
State Department, through the Secretary
of our Legation at Paris, that the space
reserved for the United States is still
available, awaiting acceptance. The
minimum expense supposed to be neces-
sary is \$300,000.

The Homes of Mice.

The field mice make snug beds in old
stumps, under logs, inside staves of barns
and bundles of straw; dig out galleries
below the grass roots; occupy the aban-
doned nests of birds and the holes made
by other animals; and even weave nests
of their own in weeds and grasses. They
live well in captivity, and you can easily
see them at work if you supply materials.
In tearing down old buildings the car-
penters often find between the walls a
lot of pieces of paper, bits of cloth,
sticks, fur, and such stuff, forming a
great hole, and know that it is the work
of the home of a mouse. You have
heard anecdotal tales of how a shop-keeper
missed small pieces of money from his
till, and suspected his clerk of taking it;
how the clerk was a poor boy who was
supporting a widowed mother, or a sister
at school, and the kind-hearted shop-
keeper shut his eyes to his suspicious
conduct, and waited for more and more proof be-
fore being convinced that his young
clerk was the thief; but, as the money
kept disappearing, how at last he ac-
cused the clerk of taking it. Then the
story tells how, in spite of the boy's ve-
hement and tearful denial, a policeman
was called in to arrest him, and when
everything had been searched to no pur-
pose, and he was about being taken to
the police-station, how, away back in a
corner was discovered a mouse's nest
made of stolen pieces of ragged cur-
tains—ten, twenty-five and fifty-cent
pieces. The mouse was caught by mice-
traps, and the story ended with a capital moral.

More than one stolen mouse they
have really built, and sometimes their
work has destroyed half a hundred dol-
lars and caused no end of heartaches.
Their little teeth are not to be despised,
I assure you. I believe one of the most
disastrous of those great floods which in
past years have swept over the fertile
plains of Holland was caused by mice
digging through the thick banks of earth,
called dykes, which had been piled up
to keep the sea back. In this case, of
course, the mice lost their lives by their
misdeeds, as well as the people who were
in the great catastrophe. They hardly
intended this; but

Sometimes the house-mouse goes out-
door to live, and forms his civilization;
while, on the other hand, the
woodland species occasionally come in-
doors and grow tame. At the fur-trad-
ing posts about Hudson Bay, wild mice
live in the trader's houses.
All mice are full of curiosity. They
poke their noses into all sorts of places
where there is a prospect of something
to eat, and often meet the fate which
ought to befall them, especially in the
noises into other people's affairs—of
get caught. I remember one such case
which Mr. Frank Buckland has related.
When oysters are left out of water for
any length of time, especially in hot
weather, they always open their shells a
little way, probably seeking a drink of
water. A mouse hunting about for food
found such an oyster in the garden, and
put his nose into it. He was so much
pleased with the taste of the oyster's
beard; instantly the bivalve shut his
shells, and held them together so tightly
by his strong muscles, that the poor
mouse could not pull his head out, and
soon died of suffocation. The incident
has been known.—Ernest Ingar-
soll, in St. Nicholas.

KNEW HIM TOO WELL.—Romein, a
well-known Parisian, was a skillful
mimic. One day, thinking he would
amuse himself by a joke, he went into
the shop of a Palatin clock-maker,
to whom he supposed he was a stranger,
and undertook to pass himself off as a
gentleman from the country, of a very
simple type indeed.

Romein (with strong provincial ac-
cent)—"Pray, sir, can you tell me what
are those little round machines hung up
in your shop-window?"
Clock-maker.—"They are called watches,
sir." (Under his breath he shows it.)
"Ah, watches, and what are they for,
please?"
"To indicate the time, sir."

THE BISHOP OF London refused to con-
secrate St. Agnes Church, Kensington Park,
last January, unless a certain figure
in the large stained glass window above
a chancel was removed. The figure was
a full-length representation of the Virgin,
surmounted by a crown of glory, and
surrounded by a halo, placed side by
side with a figure of the Saviour, also
surrounded by a halo. The objection
was that in the figures as shown in the
window the same honor was shown to
the Virgin Mary as to the Saviour. The
objectionable figure was removed, and
space was filled in with plain glass, and
the church was consecrated. During the
first week of April the figure was re-
placed in the window with the Bishop's
consent. The crown about the halo
had disappeared, but the halo re-
mained.

THERE have been eight extra sessions
of Congress.

