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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

BUILDING COMMENCED.—The frame work for the new Catholic Church at this city has been commenced. The side walls were raised on the 22nd.

—The Varuna experienced the heaviest blow of the season, on her trip to the Cape last Tuesday.

DISCONTINUED.—The Post office at Gray's River, Pacific county, Washington Territory, has been discontinued.

—We wonder when the telegraph will get through announcing the departure of the Melancthon for Astoria? now they say she left on the 19th.

—The ship Confidence, the second vessel in the grain fleet for 1873, passed up from here on the 12th instant, to receive her cargo at Portland. After nearly two weeks we understand she has commenced receiving cargo.

—The Evening News, of the 21st noting the arrival of the sloop W. H. Twilight from this port, with a cargo of Chinook Salmon, says: "These little sloops are staunchly built and are of great benefit to the people of Astoria, as they can be chartered or hired at a much less figure than the larger ones, and still their capacity for freight or passengers is astonishing."

—It is somewhat amusing to read the articles about Tacoma and terminus in various News papers. It reminds us of Kalama, when that town first started. Hundreds piled over one another, hither skelter, like a flock of sheep going overboard. Then Kalama was reported by telegraph to have a house going up every two hours, and would have 25,000 inhabitants in six months.

—Mr. T. P. Powers, of the upper town met with an accident a few days ago while working with a horse staked in his orchard, that has caused considerable pain to his right arm. He was standing with his foot upon the rita, when the horse gave a sudden spring throwing him to the ground violently, striking on the arm and shoulder.

—"Nita" writes a letter to the Bulletin from Clatsop beach. "Nita" tells of "forty waiters if necessary to look after each one" of the Seaside guests. We shouldn't notice such an absurd statement as that were it not for another of the same piece. "Nita" says: "Those of us who in times past have undergone martyrdom at Astoria in seeing one waiter vainly trying to feed forty hungry mouths, now sit back at perfect ease." We know that in Astoria there are hotel accommodations superior in fact to any other part of the coast, in proportion to the place, and if "Nita" has witnessed such things as referred to, it must have been in times past, and before making such statements now should take a look in at Arrigoni's.

—Mr. C. H. Bain of this city has just finished as fine a hay press as could be imported. It was made for G. N. Dagget, and has a capacity for baling three hundred pounds in a bale.

—We learn that the British bark Hermine, which came in on the 29th, of June, and proceeded to Portland for a cargo of wheat twenty-five days ago, is nearly ready to start down again.

—The bark Rival from San Francisco, left here for Portland on the 12th, to load wheat and flour, is expected here this week to sail on the return voyage.

RELICS OF ANTIQUITY.—Several ancient stone implements have been exhibited in this office, by Rev. W. A. Tenney, which excite considerable curiosity. One is evidently trap-rock, 22 1/2 inches long, 2 1/2 inches wide and 1 1/4 inches thick in the middle, and is beveled each way to an edge. On one end is a circular enlargement perforated by a hole 1/4 of an inch in diameter, while the other end tapers from the middle to a point. Another specimen is 17 inches long 3 1/2 inches wide and 2 inches thick in the middle, beveled and tapered like the one mentioned above. This is of a light brown stone interspersed with black spots, and is about the hardness of lime stone. This kind of rock is not found in this region of country. The latter instrument is delicately finished especially at the upper end, where a hole, beveled at the sides, is cut with singular exactness. These implements with quite a quantity of others, of different structures, were exhumed by S. W. Talman, while he was digging a cellar under his house near Westport, some twenty-five miles from this place. The face of the mountain about a mile distant, appears as it had been broken off, at some remote period, and fallen over upon the old tide-land. Mr. Talman built his house on a slight elevation above the creek and the neighboring tide land, and dug his cellar about eight feet deep when he struck the old tide land mud and these implements. The ridge of land is composed largely of fragments of rocks interspersed with soil, and in many places is covered with fir trees of great size and age, some of which cannot be less than 300 years old. How long this mass of rocky debris remained a barren heap, after it was thrown from the mountain side, no one can tell. These stone relics must have been buried, where they were recently found, at least 1000 years ago. Who constructed them? and for what use? These curiosities can be seen at the house of Rev. Mr. Tenney.

PROSPERING.—Our friends, especially those of this community who are interested in the success of a live paper in their midst will be glad to know that our subscription list is looming up. Our circulation is daily increasing; we are gratified to know that the farmers, and business men generally of the community appreciate our efforts to publish a paper which will conduce to the prosperity of our favorite locality and be appreciated at home and abroad. This continued manifestation of approval encourages us to double our efforts. Our patrons may expect to receive a good, live paper devoted to the interests of the community at large and they shall not be disappointed. We shall endeavor to gain such information, from time to time, relating to the resources and advantages of this vicinity as will answer the many inquiries made by persons at a distance with a view to settling in our midst. We would suggest that those of our readers who have friends East or elsewhere to send them copies of our paper. We have set to work in earnest to build and settle up our town and county, and if our readers will perform their part it will not be long ere we can look back with pride upon the good we have accomplished.

WORM EATEN WHARVES.—While in Victoria recently we observed the destruction going on among the wharves by worms in the piling. Heavy timbers are so badly eaten that they become perfectly honey-combed in a few years. The wharves at Astoria are never troubled in this way. Piling will last in the waters of our bay from fifteen to twenty years. The old Flavel wharf shows this, being yet in a good state of preservation after fifteen years service.

—An accurate record of all the arrivals and departures of vessels at this port, or that may have crossed the Columbia river bar, since September 1st 1853, a period of nearly twenty years, has been kept by Mr. A. Van Dusen of this city. As a matter of reference it is a valuable record, and will figure conspicuously in the future, to show what proportion of losses this vast shipping has sustained, a brief synopsis of which is given in another column.

—A few months ago the press of Oregon had much to say referring to the steam tug Astoria as a detriment to the commerce of Oregon. From an Astoria standpoint, the detriment to Oregon commerce is to the other end of the line.

Movement of Vessels.

Following is a list of vessels on the way to this port, and a record of the arrivals and departures up to date: Barkentine Melancthon, from San Francisco sailed July 17th. British bark Vesta, sailed from Liverpool, April 12th. British bark Shylet, Liverpool, via Victoria. Schooner—, from Melbourne. British bark Oneata, 588 tons, McDowell, from Tyno via Molendo and Callao, arrived from Molendo at Callao 22d. British ship Loretta, 1,944 tons, from Tyno via Callao. Sailed March 6th. British bark Duncairn, Chambers, from Tyno via Bombay, Arrived at Bombay prior to April 22d. British bark George A. Holt, Norton, from Wear via New Zealand, Sailed Dec. 20th, 1872 Passed the Lizard February 9th. Arrived Departed Erig Koloa San Pedro July 23 Bk Hermine Portland for Liverpool July 23

Tide Table for Astoria.

July.	High Water.			Low Water.		
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
21	0 06	1 51	7 55	7 08		
22	0 48	2 25	8 27	7 50		
23	1 24	2 59	8 59	8 29		
24	2 01	3 21	9 25	9 07		
25	2 37	3 41	9 43	9 46		
26	3 16	4 07	10 08	10 27		
27	4 05	4 34	10 29	11 30		
28	4 59	5 12	10 57			

NOTICE TO PILOTS, (and Ship Masters).—Every Pilot or Ship Master who shall bring into the port of Astoria any ship or vessel having on board any persons or goods infected with Small-pox, Cholera, Leprosy, or other contagious diseases, or which shall have had on board any such infections during the voyage, or which he suspects, from the bad sanitary condition of the vessel may be capable of propagating disease, shall anchor such ship or vessel below Smith's Point, and give immediate notice to the Health Officer. In any violation of the foregoing regulations the law will be strictly enforced. S. W. DODD, M. D., Health Officer, Astoria.

Prospectus of the Astorian.

The Paper will be independent of politics in all its views, expressed or implied, and will be conducted with the aim in view to make it wholly and solely devoted to the best interests of this State. The Commerce of Oregon, its Agricultural, Manufacturing and Mechanical interests, the progress and prosperity of the people, will receive special attention. The ASTORIAN will recognize the Farmers and Mechanics of Oregon as men of thought and judgment, and will respect their efforts to make their influence known and recognized in the marts of trade, in the counting rooms of business, and in the halls of legislation. We shall neither make nor encourage a war upon, nor wage any conflicts with, any enterprises, associations or men engaged in legitimate pursuits where success depends upon the interest and continued earnestness of the people. While we shall endeavor to show the truthfulness of the old maxim, that "the laws favor the diligent," we shall strive to harmonize interests calculated to be of direct benefit to the State.

Astoria is the sea port of Oregon, has an excellent harbor, and vessels of the deepest draught enter in perfect safety at all seasons. Comparative statistics show less per cent. of losses on the Columbia River Bar for the past twenty years, than at the entrance to any other port in the United States, and the facts may be easily produced to show the fallacies of such wide discriminations by underwriters and insurers, in favor of other ports, and against the port of Oregon. It was the Gold Mining excitement of 1849 that built up California so rapidly as to overshadow and outstrip this part of the northwest possession, at a time when the first propositions for communication between New York and Astoria were about to be inaugurated. The gold discovery of 1849 set Oregon back and made our sister State what she is. Now things are upon a more equal footing, with lands and Agriculture for a basis of future operations—with the difference in favor of Oregon in her cheap lands and varied natural resources yet undeveloped. Temporarily there is a stringency in the money market, but business generally continues good, and as many vessels are employed in the carrying trade, if not more, than in past years of our prosperity. A few more acres planted, a few more fish and oysters marketed, a few more tons of coal and iron mined, more home resources developed and manufacturing establishments, will improve the outlook very much.

The history of Astoria is full of interest from the arrivals of Captain Gray in the Summer of 1792 to the present time, all of which will receive due attention. The arrivals and departures of vessels at Astoria, and the business of the surrounding country, having no journal to correctly represent the interest, has of necessity been neglected, to the detriment of the entire State. With the view of supplying this want the undersigned has concluded to enter the news-paper world at this venerable old city, on the banks of one of the noblest rivers entering any ocean, and relying for my support upon an appreciative people, among whom I am not as a stranger, having been connected with the press of the State for ten years, it is with the utmost confidence of success that I issue this brief outline of the purposes actuating me, and solicit your patronage. D. C. IRELAND.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Gold in New York to-day, 115 1/2. Portland Legal Tender rates, 85 1/2 buying; 86 1/2 selling.

—The trial of the Tichborn claimant, on a charge of perjury, was resumed on the 21st in London.

—A destructive fire occurred at Jackson, Tennessee, last Sunday. Total loss estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The American Oriental Topographical Corps has sailed from Madrid post returning to the United States.

—Crop reports from Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama, continue favorable. The greater portion of Mississippi is suffering for want of rain.

—Seattle continues putting in her claims for the terminus. She produced a first class "to the front" shooting affray Saturday evening only the man didn't die.

—The State Department at Washington have decided, after a careful review of the proceedings before the United States Commissioner there not to issue a warrant of extradition in the case of Carl Vogt, the alleged Belgian murderer.

—The 12th of July, the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne, passed off quietly in Great Britain.

A NEW IDEA IN BUILDING.

Wire netting for plastering is being rapidly introduced to take the place of laths. It takes less labor to place them on the walls, is more continuous, and will not burn. Coarse netting, with one-inch mesh, and made of strong wire, is found to answer best. For ornamental cornice work it is especially valuable, for it can be bent into any desired form. Secured to iron studding in a brick building our greatest danger on account of fire would be removed. A still further application of this plan is to make round bags of wire, resembling barrels, and to coat them inside and out with cement. When it hardens they resemble stone barrels. Filled with sand and sunk in rows and mases, they make excellent material for breakwaters. Another extension of the idea has been tried in England. It consists in making iron framed buildings, covering them with wire netting, and spreading concrete on both sides. It is claimed that a house—walls, floors, roofs, doors, partitions, and all—has been built, that is strong, firm, and absolutely incombustible. Various applications of the use of wire netting, and plaster or cement, readily suggest themselves, and the matter is worthy of the attention of mechanics and builders.

A sea-faring man, who was recently married, gives the following description of his bride and her apparel, which we think would put some of the "society" papers to the blush: "My wife is just as handsome a craft as ever left millinery dry-docks, is clipper built, and with a figure-head not often seen on small craft. Her length of keel is five feet eight inches, over all five feet eleven inches, displaces twenty-seven cubic feet of air; of light draught, which adds to her speed in a ball-room; full in the waist, spars trim. At the time we were spiced she was newly rigged, fore and aft, with scudding rigging of lace and flowers, mainsail part silk, with forestaysail of Valenciennes. Her frame was of the best steel, covered with silk, with whalebone stanchions. This rigging is intended for fair weather cruising. She has also a set of storm sails, for rough weather, and is rigging out a small set of canvas for light equals, which are liable to occur in this latitude sooner or later. I am told, in running down the street before the wind, she answers the helm beautifully, and can turn round in her own length if a handsome craft passes her."

Very few persons escape the great mistake of planting trees too close together. This is especially observable in a majority of cases where trees are planted in groups upon lawns. While the trees are small they look too scattering, therefore few persons can withstand the temptation of crowding them, on account of the improved appearance at the time of planting, forgetting that in a few years a portion must be removed.

The young married man who found himself the other evening with feet encased in steel-colored boots, from a liberal application of stove-blackening in the dark, wants to know "how long this house-cleaning business is going to last, any way?"

"Oh?" said a poor sufferer to a dentist, "that is the second wrong tooth you've pulled out!" "Very sorry, sir," said the blundering operator, "but, as there were but three when I began, I'm sure to be right next time."

"How far is it to Cub Creek?" asked a traveler of a dutch woman. Only a little ways." "Is it four, six, eight or ten miles?" impatiently asked the stranger. "Yes, I think it is," serenely replied the unmoved gate-keeper.

Church Notices.

Grace Church, (Prot. Episcopal) Rev. T. A. Hyland Rector, Divine services every Sunday at 10 1/2 A. M. and 7 P. M.; Sunday School at 1 P. M. Congregational Church, Rev. A. W. Tenny Pastor, Divine services every Sunday at 10 1/2 A. M. and 7 P. M.; Prayer Meeting every Thursday evening, Sunday School meets at 12 M.

WARRANTS ORDERED.—Warrants were ordered to be drawn on the city treasurer yesterday for the payment of claims held against the city by Sheriff W. H. Twilight and Mr. I. W. Case. A full board was present with the exception of Councilman G. W. Warren.

—Maple sugar direct from Vermont, is for sale at H. B. Parker's any yankee who wants this dish can leave an order for it.

Hotels.—We invite the attention of our readers, especially travelers and strangers in the country, to the list of hotels published in this paper. They are all reliable, well kept houses, and we personally recommend them all.

—The steam revenue cutter Shubrick with supplies for various lighthouses in this district, is expected here soon. T. J. Winship will be along we understand.

—A little daughter of Samuel and Julia Walker died of the measles in the Grays river settlement last Saturday. The child was about three years of age.

—Mr. A. Smith of this city received news Tuesday evening that one of his sons had been shot at St. Helen, but to what extent injuries were inflicted, or how the accident happened he could not learn.

PIANO TUNING.—Albert Bartsch, one of the best Piano Tuners in Oregon, is at Arrigoni's. It would be to the advantage of all persons owning Pianos to give him their orders in this city.

—Mr. S. G. Caudle, with a party of three young men from St. Helen, reached Astoria Tuesday overland by the way of Nehalem valley. They proceed to-day by way of Clatsop Plains to Tillamook county. Mr. Caudle has given us a few notes of his travels thus far which will appear on Saturday.

—Col. Vernon, whom we thought away on his overland tour to Washington City, again put in an appearance Tuesday evening, having been arrested in his escape by a dispatch from Washington which will detain him here several days yet on official business. Well, he will be well kept.

The Mary Bell is the first steamboat to ascend and descend Skipanon creek, to Lexington landing, without the necessity of "slowing down". Capt. Fisher found out this can be done last Tuesday evening.

CURIOS.—Dr. Anderson, of Scotland, says he found by practical analysis, in one instance, that the last cup of milk drawn from the cow's udder contained sixteen times as much cream as the first one. This separation of cream from milk takes place in part in the udder of the cow, particularly if the cow is suffered to stand at rest some time before milking. If there are people who doubt that there is any difference in the richness of milk first drawn from the cows and that last drawn, their doubts will be speedily removed by milking a half-dozen cows and setting the first half drawn from each cow separate from the last.

—Sheriff Twilight of this city has got a cow with a voice like a bell. She uses it too.