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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The bark Clara Louise arrived yesterday from Honolulu loaded with sugar and molasses for Portland.

ON THE BEACH.—The tug boat Ben Holladay is on the beach fixing the bearings for her propeller shaft.

LAUNCHED.—The new boat built by Mr. Geo. McEwan for the use of the Custom House, was launched a few days ago. She is said by judges to be a fine boat.

RECOVERING.—Mr. Harry Spedden is rapidly recovering from his recent severe illness. Judge Callender is also convalescent.

TRAVELLING.—The Hon. B. A. Bayly, of Tillamook, reached Astoria a few days ago by the Dixie Thompson, having come over the new wagon road to Portland, and is now returning to his home by the way of Clatsop Plains.

GRADING.—The grading of Benton street is being pushed forward vigorously. The Town Board and Scripture say the "valleys SHALL be filled." We are agreed.

Bark Rival cleared yesterday at this port for San Francisco with 3,832 cases of salmon, 107 barrels salmon, and 60 tons of rail road bars, in addition to her cargo taken on in the Wallamet district.

JUDGES OF ELECTION.—At a special meeting of the Common Council the following named gentlemen were appointed Judges of Election for the 4th of August: H. S. Aiken, David Ingalls, and W. W. Parker. The judges will appoint their clerks.

CHURCH FAIR.—The fair for the benefit of the Catholic Church, to be held soon in this city by ladies of the Church, will be a grand affair. Very much preparation is being made to make it a success.

FISHING CLOSED.—Megler & Jewett of the Chinook fishery, closed active work on the 21st. They run a little later this year than last, and have put up about 150,000 cans of salmon, besides 200 barrels of choice bellies. Other fisheries will be closing soon, to prepare for another year.

FOR SAN PEDRO.—The brig Kolon, which arrived here from San Francisco on the 21st inst., after spending ten days up the Columbia river, returned on Wednesday loaded with lumber for San Pedro, from the mills at St. Helens. The steam tug Astoria, Capt. Wass, hitched to her, and she proceeded to sea, crossing the bar the same evening.

SAILED.—The bark Hermine, sailed yesterday from this port for Cork, with 26,683 bushels of wheat valued at \$24,660 and 1,500 cases of Salmon valued at \$12,000. This vessel though small and drawing but 17 feet of water was detained about 12 hours for the proper tide to cross the Hog's-back.

—We learn that the Oysterville Regatta, which was to have come off on the 24th, was postponed in consequence of very light winds, until yesterday when they had a "quantum sufficient" if old Boreas dispensed his breezes with as liberal a hand as he did here. And in our next we expect to give our readers an account of the finest regatta and the best time ever made on the Pacific Coast.

EXCURSION.—The steamer Mary Bell will go on an excursion to Clatsop on Sunday morning next at 7 1/2 a. m., and return in the evening of the same day. Passage for the round trip, \$1.00.

Also, on Monday next, at 7 a. m., the Mary Bell will leave for Nat Creek on a Blackberry excursion. Passage for the round trip, \$1.00.

GUARDIANSHIP.—Mr. C. Crosby, of Tumwater, W. T., has been appointed the guardian of the children of the late Capt. Alfred Crosby. He has given the necessary bonds, and, we understand, will remove the children to his home in Washington Territory in the course of a month.

Master Alfred Crosby has gone with his uncle to Tumwater, W. T.

TIME FOR FILING CLAIMS.—R. R. Spedden, County Clerk, requests us to say for the information of settlers on the Nehalem that the time for filing on such land claims as were taken up previous to the survey, will expire on the 7th day of September next.

ABSENT.—The editor and proprietor of the ASTORIAN has gone to Shoalwater Bay to attend the regatta, which was to come off yesterday. He will return to Astoria some time to day when his many friends will be pleased to extend to him the welcome.

REMOVED.—The Post-office has been removed from the old stand in Mr. Parker's store to the magnificent quarters prepared by the Government in the new Custom House building. Astoria now has the best furnished and most capacious post office in the State. It is admired by all who examine it, and travelers say they never saw a more complete establishment. The amount of mail coming to this city is very large for the population and the prospect is that although the present post office is larger than we just now require, it will not be too large in a year or so hence.

Astoria, July 24th, 1873.

EDITOR ASTORIAN,

The last issue of the Wallamet Farmer, contains a communication from Portland signed B. (which means Buncomb) interviewing the report of the committee appointed by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, which report has been published and extensively circulated to good effect, judging from the state of mind manifested by "Buncomb" in his communication. He starts off on a high horse. Hear him. "The report of a self constituted committee of Astorians, to a Mythical Chamber of Commerce." Now Mr. Chamber of Commerce, ain't you kilt, dead? can you survive such a shock, if indeed, you ever had an existence, you didn't get authority from Portland, or from Buncomb, to form any such association, or appoint any such committee, and therefore, no confidence can be placed in your doings or representations: every thing is a myth, but Portland and Uncle Sam's twenty-four foot drudger.

I did not take up my pencil to answer B.'s communication, (for his reasoning cannot be comprehended by ordinary minds) but to call the attention of the committee to the blunders they had made throughout their report. Ain't the committee aware that a man up the creek can tell better where the Windward was blown over, than those who saw it, and the number of vessels that have crossed the Columbia river Bar, than the committee can know from the records.

How the farmers of the valley will be rejoiced, when they learn from Buncomb, that they will be able to save three cents a bushel by shipping their wheat from Portland, and that they have been saving it all the time. This of course, will knock the farmers ware-house, where Uncle Sam's twenty-four foot Drudger is to knock the Hog's-back in Cathlamet bay.

Now, seriously, Mr. Editor, I am rejoiced that we have a medium, through which false representations can be met, and Truth sustained, and I think Truth has finally got her boots on, and will be after all such shallow pated fellows, I hope the "self constituted committee" will attend to this self constituted Buncomb.

On the whole Mr. Editor, on a second reading, I think Buncomb's only intention was, to draw out more information on the subject of commerce from this committee.

OLD SETTLER.

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 Melanethon, 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 Onesta, 588 tons, McDowell, from Tyne via Molendo and Callao, arrived from Molendo at Callao 22d. British ship Loretta, 1,944 tons, from Tyne via Callao. Sailed March 6th. British bark Duncairn, Chambers, from Tyne 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 6th.

Arrived Departd Bk Clara Louise Honolulu July 25th. Brig Kolon San Pedro July 25. Bk Hermine Portland for Liverpool July 25.

Tide Table for Astoria.

July.	High Water.		Low Water.	
	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
24	9 05	1 51	7 55	7 08
25	9 48	2 29	8 27	7 50
26	1 24	3 53	8 59	8 29
27	2 01	3 21	9 25	9 07
28	2 37	3 44	9 44	9 44
29	3 16	4 07	10 08	10 27
30	4 05	4 34	10 29	11 30
31	4 50	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 violations of the foregoing regulations the law will be strictly enforced. S. W. DODD, M. D., Health Officer, Astoria.

A Masonic Lodge in Jerusalem.

The attempt to organize a Masonic lodge in the city of Jerusalem, under American auspices, which has been long on foot, has at length succeeded. Advises were received a few days ago from John Sheville, who was sent out last spring for that purpose, that on Wednesday, May 7th, he organized the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, No. 293, in due and ancient form, in the Great Mark-Masters' Quarry, under the city of Jerusalem, and initiated a candidate.

Under authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Rev. John Sheville left New York April 18th; Egypt, May 2d, arrived at Jerusalem May 6th; finally, on the 7th of May, the day named in the warrant, organized the lodge.

Collecting together twelve of the resident and visiting Masons of Jerusalem, Mr. Sheville entered the vast and gloomy vault of the "Cotton Megara" at 2 p. m., and proceeded with guides and lighted torches to "the Chamber of the Brotherly Covenant," where the Masonic emblems, engraved by Dr. Morris in 1868, remain to designate the place. Upon a square pillar which marks the centre of the chamber, the essential objects constituting the "great lights" of Masonry were displayed in traditional order. A proper arrangement of officers and members followed, and the well-known forms of organizing the lodge and dedicating the work to the royal patron, King Solomon, were proceeded with. On the same evening, a resident of Jerusalem, a gentleman of distinction, was initiated. The first act of the new lodge, after the Grand Marshal had pronounced the organization perfected, was to declare that "all Master Masons who are members of the American Holy Land exploration are hereby recognized as honorary life members of No. 293, with corresponding rank." The number of these is some 2,000.

To the Past Grand Master of Kentucky, L. L. D., is due the inception of the plan, and to the liberality of some two thousand of the Masonic fraternity, under his earnest appeals for five years, its successful accomplishment.

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.

—In looking over the large amount of land owned in this city by non-residents, the thought suggests itself that with such a diversified interest there ought to be a greater concentration of effort to build up the city. Lots and blocks are owned here by parties all over the country. Among the desirable tracts are those owned by Mr. McNulty, of New York City, W. P. Burns of Oregon City, R. P. Knapp, and others too numerous to mention. The late General Canby held some desirable lots at the time of his death, and contemplated making handsome improvements upon them.

THE AGUE.

Once upon an evening bleary,
While I sat me dreaming dreary,
In the sunshine, thinking o'er
Things that passed in days of yore;
While I nodded, nearly sleeping,
Gently came in something creeping,
Creeping upward from the floor
"Tis a cooling breeze," I muttered,
"From the regions 'neath the floor;
Only this and nothing more."

Ah! distinctly I remember
It was in that wet September,
When the earth and every member
Of creation that it bore,
Had for weeks and months been soaking
In the meanest, most proceking
Foggy rain that, without joking,
We had ever seen before,
So I knew it must be very
Cold and damp beneath the floor—
Very cold beneath the floor.

So I sat me nearly napping
In the sunshine, stretching, gaping,
And a feeling quite delighted
With the breeze from 'neath the floor,
Till I felt me growing colder,
And the stretching waxing bolder,
Older than I felt before.
Feeling that my joints were stiffer
Than they were in days of yore—
Stiffer than they'd been before.

All along my back the creeping
Soon gave place to rushing, leaping,
As if countless frozen demons
Had concluded to explore
All the cavities—the varmints—
"Twixt me and my nether garments,
Through my boots into the floor;
Then I found myself a shaking—
Gently shaking more and more
Every moment more and more,

'Twas the Ague, and it shook me
Into the heavy clothes, and took me
Shaking to the kitchen—every
Every place where was warmth in store,
Shaking till the China rattled,
Shaking till my molars rattled;
Shaking, and with all my warming,
Feeling colder than before;
Shaking till it had exhausted
All its powers to shake me more—
Till it could not shake me more.

Then it rested till the morrow,
When it came with all the horror
That it had the face to borrow,
Shaking, shaking as before,
And from that day in September—
Day which I shall long remember;
It has made diurnal visits.
Shaking, shaking, oh! so sore!
Shaking off my boots, and shaking
Me to bed if nothing more,
Fully this if nothing more.

And to-day the swallows fitting
Round my cottage see me sitting
Moddily within the sunshine
Just inside my silent door,
Waiting for the Ague seeming,
Like a man forever dreaming,
And the sunlight on me streaming,
Shades no shadow on the floor,
For I am too thin and sallow
To make shadows on the floor
Nary shadow—any more.

Already the Chinese employed in the shoe factory at North Adams, Mass., have from \$400 to \$700 apiece in the savings banks. They are waiting to take it home.

THE LATEST NEWS.

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

DES MOINES, Iowa, July 22.—A thousand conjectures are current as to the persons who robbed the train on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad last night, the most generally received belief being that they were persons living in the neighborhood. Vigilant parties are scouring southwestern Iowa and it is confidently believed that the robbers will be caught if they remain in the State. A telegram received late to-night says they crossed the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad last night at midnight. The railroad company offer a reward of \$5,000 for their detection. Gov. Carpenter has issued a proclamation to-day offering a reward of \$500 for the arrest of each person engaged in the robbery.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Second lieutenant M. Frank Gallagher, Second Infantry, recently tried before a Court-Martial at Columbia, S. C., for killing John McAnnely, a discharged soldier, in Spartanburg, S. C., has been dismissed from the service and the sentence has been approved by the president. The civil authorities will take cognizance of the murder, the army trial being on a charge of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

CARSON, July 23.—The first lot of trade dollars was coined at the Carson Mint yesterday, and a portion of them forwarded to San Francisco last evening.

It is stated that the Tax-payers of San Francisco have tendered Mayor Alvord the nomination for reelection to the office which he now holds, and that he will accept.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24th.—The Democratic Convention, last night, nominated Captain C. M. McDonald, of the Pacific Bank, for Mayor, and adjourned until next Monday.

Another earthquake in northern Italy. Slavery was abolished in Khiva by the Khan on the 24th.

The steamer Tigress which went in search of the Polar is has arrived at St. John.

The Government are going to open a wagon road from Fort Stevens to the site for the new light house on Clatsop beach.

The Emma Hayward took the place of the Annie Stewart on the Astoria mail route yesterday.

MARRIED.—By H. B. Parker, Justice of the Peace, July 24th, 1873, Fred. Bartoldus to Emelie Schaub.

The Olympia Tribune says "the indignant people of Seattle, to get even with the Northern Pacific Railroad Company for not giving them the terminus, are going to organize a company and build an opposition railroad. The capital of this new company is to be \$10,000,000. If Seattle, with a population of less than fifteen hundred souls, can raise \$10,000,000 to build a railroad across the mountains, surely Olympia should be able to raise two or three hundred thousand dollars to build the short branch she so much desires."

BRINE FOR KEEPING BUTTER.—Make a brine strong enough to bear an egg; then put in two handfuls of salt to a gallon of water. Add half a pound of white sugar and two teaspoonfuls of saltpeter. Boil well and skim until perfectly clear; then strain six or eight times. Always keep a large bag of salt in the brine with the butter. This is said to preserve butter for a year or two. Be sure that the butter you attempt to put away is in the first instance fresh and well made. Wrap each roll separately in muslin cloth, tying up as you go. Pack them as closely as you can in a large, empty stone jar, until it is filled to within a few inches of the top. Weigh the butter down with a clean stone or something of the sort. Then pour over the brine until the whole is submerged. Tie up close, and the butter will be just as good when wanted for use as when first put in brine.

The individual who is eternally complaining of dull times, you will find upon examination, is one who never advertises his place of business.