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### CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—Eleven passengers came over from Skipanon by the sloop Mary H., Captain Poole, Tuesday evening.

—The schooner Hector is in with a cargo of Salmon from Woody Island; the Elno-rah is also in port with a cargo of wood.

—Another excursion to Youngs river falls has been made up, to leave to-day, we understand, by the steamer Mary Bell, Capt. Fisher.

—It is thought the barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg, loading here for Honolulu, and the bark Forward, loading for Melbourne, will both complete their cargoes to-day.

—We are informed that a lad of thirteen years, son of Mr. Patterson, working on the farm of Mr. Bearman on Clatsop, was dangerously if not fatally wounded by the accidental discharge of a gun, while out hunting last Tuesday. We could not ascertain particulars.

—Yesterday a party of seven ladies and six gentlemen left this city for a four days' trip to Saddle Mountain. The ladies left by the way of the Klaskanine in the sloop W. H. Twilight, while a part of the male portion of the party went by the trail with the horses and outfit, intending to meet at Camp No. 1 last evening. Full particulars of the trip have been promised for publication in the ASTORIAN.

—The low stage of water on the hog's-back, and several bars on the Columbia between this port and the Wallamet Collection District, has made it necessary for the Steamship Company to substitute the Oriflamme for the Ajax on the Portland and San Francisco route. This is unfortunate, inasmuch as freights are decreasing, incident to the closing of operations at the various fisheries, and there is considerable difference in favor of the Ajax in the running expenses of the two steamers. We like to see everybody making money.

—The panorama of Oregon and Washington Territory will be placed on exhibition in this city, we understand, prior to the departure of the Panorama for the east. The press, wherever it has been, speak in terms of highest praise of it, not only as a work of art, but as a true representation of scenes of interest in this State, the adjacent territory and portions of California. The artist, Colonel Reed of Salem, appears to have made a master piece of this work, and our citizens may calculate upon seeing something to admire when it is exhibited here.

—On Tuesday last there appeared suddenly upon the surface of the Columbia river in front of this port countless millions of a species of the Mediterranean herring family of fish, about the size of the Sardine but the picture and size of the anchovy. None were seen alive, but dead and floating upon the water the school spread across the bay from our docks to Cementville, a distance of seven miles, and Capt. Poole of the sloop Mary H., informs us that he struck the floating field about four miles below here, sailing through the mass for a distance of three miles, on his route from Skipanon. They seemed each to have a rupture just below the gills which produced death, and if not killed by some eruption of nature, akin to an earthquake, must have come in from the sea and overfed themselves swimming against the fresh current of the Columbia, which is not their native element. This same species of fish are found in abundance about the bays and coast of British Columbia, where the natives and others procure them and use them as a substitute for candles. The mass about here on Tuesday would have been sufficient to supply torches for a procession reaching from here to New York.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS.

ASTORIA, August 19th.  
Circuit Court—W. W. Upton, Judge.  
State of Oregon vs. Alexander Corno, A. Wandory, and Luke Taylor, and Edward Black, several suits dismissed, on motion of H. Y. Thompson acting District attorney, and defendants dismissed.

O. P. Mason vs. H. Lienenweber, Cause for ejectment. Came for trial, and jury empaneled. Evidence taken, but before submitting to the jury the case was dismissed on plaintiffs motion, defendant to have judgement for costs and disbursements.

Grand jury returned one bill of indictment.

Henry Lack vs. Wm. Blackmore. Judgement of \$200 for plaintiff.

Margaret Brown vs. Allen Brown. Decree of divorce granted to plaintiff.

Lloyd Brooke vs James Taylor et al. Leave granted to amend answer, and plaintiff has until the first day of the next term to plead to amended answer.

State of Oregon vs F. E. Howard. Defendant admitted to bail, and cause continued.

State vs. Lewis Carley. Defendant discharged, and bondsman exonerated.

Decrees of foreclosure were entered in various cases, the juries discharged, and Court adjourned for the term.

### Common Council.

A special meeting of the City Council was held at the Council room Tuesday evening, Mayor Kippen presiding.

Present, Messrs. Ferrell, Parker, Page, Hobson, Reed and Wright.

The Mayor submitted a revised list of special and standing committees which is as follows: On Rules and Regulations, Parker, Page and Wright; Streets and Public Property, Parker, Page and Reed; Health and Police, Wright, Page and Ferrell; Finance, Hobson, Ferrell and Reed; Fire and Water, Reed, Ferrell and Wright.

It was ordered that the Recorder, with the Committee on Streets, post notice for proposals for filling the crossing at the intersection of Benton and Concomly streets.

Ordinance No. 74 was so changed as to extend the time to the 15th of October for completing the work on Benton street.

Astoria Fire Company No. 1, by I. W. Case Secretary, applied to the Council for a supply of buckets, hooks and ladders, for the use of the department.

Col. James Taylor, President of the Farmer's Warehouse Company, petitioned for the privilege of constructing a wharf and roadway, etc., which was referred.

Council adjourned.

—Two handsome wax emblems of the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternity, prepared by the skillful hand of Miss Fannie Arrigoni, and donated to the purposes of the late fair for the benefit of the Catholic Church, were put up for raffle at the close of the fair—the latter at C. S. Wright's and the first at Arrigoni's. That one at Mr. Wright's was raffled on Tuesday evening, and was won by Mr. Nightingale of the United States steamer Shubrick. That one at Mr. Arrigoni's will probably be raffled soon, as the chances are nearly all taken now. They are beautiful specimens of art, and the fortunate winner whose chances to come in possession of them will set a double value upon his purchase if a member of the fraternity the emblem represents.

—The Occident Hotel kept by S. N. Arrigoni in this city, has for two weeks past been the scene of an active life among the numerous visitors—too numerous to mention,—from other parts of the State. The wants of guests have been bountifully supplied, and to the delights of our climate are added the praises of mine host, who is equal to almost any emergency, and by his assiduous attentions has proven that Astoria can and will furnish accommodations equal to any point in the Union. It has been stated to us by one who is constantly traveling far and wide, that this is true—and we feel a certain pride in the fact.

—Mr. Wm. McEwan Divinity Student at Bishop Scott Grammar School, who is here on a visit to his relatives and friends on Clatsop, called on Tuesday. Mr. McEwan will return to Portland before the opening of the school again on the first proximo.

### TRIP TO OYSTERVILLE.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:  
We started for Shoalwater Bay on Saturday last and arrived there on the evening of the same day at 6 P. M. The ride was a pleasant one in every respect. The river was smooth and hence none of the many passengers aboard were troubled with Sea-sickness. A few hours after arriving at Unity we were notified that the stage for Shoalwater bay was ready and in a few minutes all were aboard. The mile and a quarter drive over the portage was not near so rough as we were led to suppose it would be. In fact it is a good road. The amount of labor that has been put on it has been immense. At the end of this road we came in sight of a small but very curious cave, which we inspected for a few moments, and then started for a fifteen mile drive along the sea beach. This we enjoyed hugely. The wind from the Northwest was light, and the day was comfortably warm. The wheel of the stage scarcely made an impression on the sand, and owing to the absence of hills or rocks we passed over this portion of the route without a single jolt except once or twice when some monster crab failed to clear the track. The innumerable quantity of marine fowls which frequent this beach helped to vary the monotony. We speculated on their manner and customs. Some thought they had a hard time of it scratching for a living, others that they fared about as well as most of us, as they looked plump and sleek. When they took a start to fly at our approach we were moved to laughter by their sidling motions. After a few hours drive, we find our team making for the sand hills and a sign-post tells us Oysterville is to the right. So to the right we go. As the sand was very soft, the male passengers preferred walking and as the driver appreciated our preference, he stopped the team and we alighted. We walked a little (it was hard work), we then tried running, which was harder still, we then "slowed down" to an easy gait and kept on until the driver notified us that we were over the worst of the road and invited us to a seat, which we accepted very readily as you may well imagine. In a few minutes more we were in Oysterville.

The size of the town and the view of the bay from the hill took us by surprise. It was a larger place than we expected to find. The houses are substantial and neat, the garden spots lovely, and the people healthy and cheerful. Shortly after our arrival we learned that most of the people of the town, as well as those of the surrounding country, were attending a camp meeting at Goose point a place some eight miles distant from Oysterville. We found that the few remaining people would like to join the crowd at the Point—on the following day, so the writer consented to make one of the number. The thing was agreed upon, boats engaged, and everyone was notified, so on the following day some forty of us started for the camp grounds. There were six boats in the fleet. It was a lovely Sunday morning, with a strong wind from the northwest. We took passage in the Artimesia, (Mr. Loomis' boat), Mr. Doane at the helm, Mr. John Crellen before the mast, and Judge Barr on the look out. Our boat "leaned" some—yes, considerably. At first we stood up straight, then as the boat "leaned" so did we, but in the other direction; then we "held on," then she leaned more, and so did we, and braced at the same time. But she leaned more yet, we could "stand it" no longer, our center of gravity was no where, so we lay down—lay down flat—crowded under the guards to avoid the spray, and felt the new situation a great improvement on the old one. We shipped many a sea, and were it not for Judge Barr, who acted as a kind of breakwater, we would have had all the starch taken out of us—out of our linen we mean. Thanks to the Judge. May old Neptune never treat him worse than on this occasion. We were the first to arrive at the camp grounds, although others had the start of us. The other boats followed us closely. Here we found over two hundred people. Preaching was going on—we waited until it was over—got introduced to many pleasant people, and through the politeness of the Rev. Mr. Dennison, made arrangements for a service in accordance with the customs of the Episcopal Church. We had a good congregation—good singing—good responses, and a good time generally; renewed many old acquaintances—made some new ones—admired the spot selected for the occasion—got bitten by mosquitoes and gnats—grewled some consequently, and gave them anything but a blessing.

At four we prepared to return, and in about twenty minutes we were all aboard and under way for Oysterville where we arrived in forty minutes. On the home stretch our fast sailing craft did not do so well, as we came in second best. But it was Sunday, and as boat racing is not legitimate Sunday work, this accounts for our slow gait. At 7½ P. M. we held service in the Methodist place of worship, where about fifty persons had congregated. On Monday we started for Astoria, and arrived at Unity early in the afternoon. Here we remained twenty-four hours for the Astoria steamer, but the detention was not wearisome. Mr. Hunter, the proprietor of the Bay View House, is a genial and generous fellow. He provided us with the very best, and gave us oysters and fish to our hearts content. On the whole, our trip to Oysterville was as pleasant a one as we have ever made, and we would advise pleasure seekers and tourists by all means to go over this route. A.

### TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

#### The United States.

PORTLAND, August 20.—Gold in New York to-day, 115½; Portland Legal Tender rates,—85½ buying, and 86½ selling.

CHICAGO, August 18.—An accident took place at 10:30 last night, 25 miles southeast of Chicago, on the Chicago and Alton Railroad, a freight train almost entirely demolishing a south bound passenger train, killing nine persons and fearfully wounding over thirty, many fatally. The cars caught fire and badly burned some of the injured, while others were scalded with hot water. The passenger train was twenty minutes late when run into by the freight train, which pulled out from Lemont without orders. They met on a low prairie in very thick fog.

PATTERSON, N. J., August 16.—A freight train ran off the track here last night, owing to a broken wheel. Five cars were scattered over both tracks, delaying travel three hours. The westward bound passenger train, due at the time, fortunately was a few minutes late, or a terrible disaster would have certainly occurred.

NEW YORK, August 18.—The gold operations in Wall street on Saturday have given rise to a feeling that the Gold Clique proposes trying again the tactics which led to Black Friday, and the bears are preparing an appeal to the President to interfere on this occasion in time to prevent the bulls from succeeding.

AUSTIN, August 18.—The Reveille this evening publishes several letters received by parties here from friends at Cornucopia, all giving most unfavorable accounts of the new district, and in most cases announcing the intention of the writers leaving it.

WASHINGTON, August 17.—The Board of Indian Commissioners have made arrangements for holding a conference with Ute Indians some time during the present month.

George Gerches is appointed Postmaster at La Conner, Whatcom county, W. T.

The office at Rock Creek, Stevens County, W. T., is discontinued.

The President arrived at Bangor yesterday, and was warmly welcomed. He attended divine service today at the Granite Church. He will leave for Portland by special train tomorrow. On Friday next he will celebrate his silver wedding at Long Branch, on which occasion there will be present not only his immediate relations, but several members of the Cabinet and his friends from New York.

A letter from the Yellowstone expedition says a stir was created by the arrest of General Custar by General Stanley, and that Custar marched in the rear of his command one whole day before he was released. Curtar's men denounced the arrest as an act of tyranny, while Stanley's men sustained their commander. General Stanley also caused the destruction of all the liquors in camp.

#### Foreign News.

LONDON, August 17th.—Mr. Gladstone has been legally advised that his re-election to Parliament is not required by his assumption of the Chancellorship of Exchequer.

Many of the coal pits in Leicestershire have been closed. Several thousand miners struck in consequence of dissatisfaction with the weighing system.

The Herreta correspondent at Cartagena telegraphs that Martinez Campos besieged the city with 6,000 soldiers, 2 batteries and 12 mortars. The fleet continues to guard the rebel frigates. The German and British Consuls have left the city.

MADRID, August 17.—Carlists in the vicinity of Bilbao have fired up-

on Spanish, French and English vessels. Several men on board were killed and wounded.

There is no truth in the dispatch to the Carlist Junta at Bayonne reporting the capture of Berga. The insurgents' attack was gallantly resisted by the Republicans, who, after a severe contest, defeated the insurgents and drove them from before the town. The Carlist Junta, of Bayonne, announces the receipt of a second dispatch, which says by the fall of Berga the Carlists captured 1,800 prisoners and much ammunition.

NEW YORK, August 18.—A letter from Rome says the Syndic has posted up a notice prohibiting all persons under pretence of making pilgrimages, whether singly or in groups, from passing through the city. It is regarded as a fanaticism not to be encouraged, and as means used in keeping up political excitement as well as detrimental to public health.

SEAFORTH, Ontario, August 17.—A man named Scott, a school teacher, arrived from Detroit on Friday, and went to his father's house, five miles from here, where he met his wife and child. They started on Saturday morning for Mrs. Scott's father's place. This morning a man passing a wood near by heard a child crying. On searching he found the father and mother quite dead, with their throats cut. It is supposed that Scott cut his wife's throat and then his own. No motive can be assigned for committing the horrible deed. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

#### No Small Pox There.

A report reached this city a few days ago that Fort Stevens was infected with small-pox. A correspondent thus disposes of the rumor, with credit to the Fort:

FORT STEVENS, OREGON,  
August 19th, 1873. }

#### EDITOR ASTORIAN:

Having understood that it is currently reported in Astoria that the small-pox is prevalent in this place, I take pleasure in disabusing the minds of the public in that respect. I may state that I have been a resident of this place for the past six years, and there has never been a case of the kind here. Nor is sickness in its simplest form of common occurrence—in fact, there has not been a death from natural causes, since the post was established here, now ten years. Yours truly,  
SANITARY.

—The steamship John L. Stephens, Commodore Francis Connor in command, arrived from San Francisco on Tuesday. Among the passengers for Astoria were Capt. J. W. White, of the U. S. A., on a visit to his family and friends in this city, and Mr. Frank Taylor, son of Col. James Taylor, who has just returned from a course of law studies at Albany, N. Y., where he was admitted to the bar.

—Dr. J. Welch Dentist, who has opened an office across the street from the ASTORIAN office, will remain here until Tuesday next, when he will take his departure for Oysterville. Persons in want of first class Dental work should call upon Dr. Welch before he leaves.

—The Varuna leaves this morning at 9 o'clock with an Excursion party for Young's river Falls, and Klaskanine. Returning will arrive at Astoria by 5 P. M. Fare for the round trip gentleman and lady, one dollar.

—W. D. Pittenger, county Clerk of Washington county, who is on a visit to Astoria called yesterday.

—The report that Captain Jack is pining away, etc., is emphatically denied by parties who have seen him recently.

—Cartagena is preparing for a long struggle. All males above 16 years of age are enrolled. The streets are almost deserted, shops are closed, and the insurgents are issuing paper money.

—Bret Harte begins his last poem with the lines, "which it is not my style to give needles pain." Persons who don't desire to endure needless pain needn't take pains to read it.