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### CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—The bark Edward James sailed for Melbourne from this port on Tuesday. The Forward crossed out on the same day.

—The schooner Kate L. Herron from Tillamook last Tuesday, brought a full cargo of an excellent quality of cedar lumber.

—Messrs C. E. Jackins & Co., burned out in the recent Portland fire, are re-establishing their stoves and tin-ware trade in this city.

—The steamer Annie Stewart took the place of the Dixie Thompson in the Portland line last Tuesday. The Dixie will undergo repairs.

—The sloop Hector leaves here for Portland to-day, with a cargo of first class helmlock tan bark, which will be sold to the highest bidder on reaching there.

—Wm. Harrington has shown us a very fine specimen of coal croppings—which he found on a recent hunting expedition in the vicinity of Tongue Point.

—If this paper should fail to reach any of our city subscribers regularly the matter will be corrected on information of the fact at this office. A change has been made in the carrier.

—The decision of Judge Deady in the Falkenburg salvage case gives the crew of the tug boat Astoria a share in the salvage. We understand that the counsel for the defense will appeal the case.

—In consequence of the arrival of Mr. Church, with the celebrated Prima Donna, Laura Anna Stevenson, the concert previously announced to be given by the ladies of this city, this evening, has been postponed until Tuesday evening next.

—Prof. Le Compt, of the Geological department of the California University, situated at Oakland, was in this city taking notes a few days ago. He spent some time among the fossil hills surrounding Astoria we understand.

—James Cook and son contractors on the street work in this city, put a blast in fossil hill Tuesday, but it didn't go off—when it does shatter things there, another mine of rare marine shells will be laid open for public inspection.

—As soon as Capt. Flavel completes his large pile driver, work will be earnestly resumed on his wharf improvements in this city. The new driver will work up some larger piles than usually go into the construction of wharves.

—Buoy now mark the spot for the Astoria Farmer's Company's wharf and warehouse. The material is being collected together for the work, and the Secretary advertises in another column for sealed proposals for the construction. This all looks like business.

—The boilers and machinery of the str Mary Bell which have been undergoing repairs, are now completed. She took the Oregian to Knappton yesterday to complete her cargo for San Francisco. The brig has on board 160 (long) tons of railroad iron from this port.

—W. L. McEwan Esq., and family, returned from a fishing frolic up the Klaskanine river yesterday, where they caught three hundred beautiful trout in three days—the samples left with us were excellent. Mr. McEwan tells us that both the north and south forks are swarming with young trout, which will be very nice in about one month.

—Mr. H. Trenkman, who is one of the finest toolmakers on the Pacific coast, solicits orders from this vicinity. See advertisement.

—The sch. Louisa Morrison from San Francisco arrived in Shoalwater Bay on the 22d, 17 days out. Her cargo was consigned to Orellen & Co.

—There is really nothing in the telegraphic dispatches the past two days worth reprinting. The telegraph is an expensive luxury for metropolitan dailies to sustain.

—Wm. B. Wilshire, esq., agent for the Pacific Branch of Hall's Patent Safe Company, was in this city on Tuesday, and succeeded in selling several of the safes. The safes actually recommend themselves.

—Yesterday the collection of grain and grasses on exhibition in our office attracted the notice of several parties here attending the County Court, among them W. Lair Hill of the Oregonian, and H. Y. Thompson, esq., of Portland. We shall be pleased to have others call.

—Dr. Kinsey is opening a superior quality of goods in his line at the Astoria drug store, including all the plasters made by the celebrated Novelty Plaster Works of Lowell, Mass., one trial of which is a sufficient guarantee of their merits. He also has a fine lot of all kinds of perfumery and notions. Buyers should call at Dr. Kinsey's and look at this stock. The lung protector's are particularly nice.

—The celebrated Prima Donna, Laura Anna Stevenson, is to appear at the Spiritual Hall in this city this evening. The Portland press assert that her equal as a vocalist has never yet been heard before a Portland audience. She has for years been a great favorite in Canadian cities. She deserves a crowded house, and we hope she will have one here; let our citizens show their appreciation of merit by greeting Miss Stevenson this evening.

—The Bulletin of the 26th says: "The schooner Mila Bond, Capt. Paul Cormo, about which so much conjecturing has been indulged recently, as to the date of her launching, etc., happily surprised the Astorians by sailing into their harbor last Monday evening. She made the run from Tillamook to the Columbia River Bar, forty-five miles, in three hours and a half." For information we should like to ask where the Bulletin obtained its news? No person about here has been surprised by the sudden appearance of the Mila Bond.

**To Investors.**—The Northern Pacific Railroad Company has now built and equipped and put in operation, nearly 517 miles of its main line of road through an excellent country and along what is known as the Valley Route to the Pacific. The finished portions already enjoy a large and fast increasing traffic. The sections approaching completion connect the chain of Lakes with the navigation of the Upper Missouri and Columbia rivers with Puget Sound, secure at once a large and profitable business and enable the Company to about 10,000,000 acres of excellent average land in fee simple.

With these accomplished results, the Company offers, and is now rapidly selling, its First Mortgage Bonds, for completing the construction and equipment of its road across the Continent. After careful investigation, we recommend these bonds as a well secured and unusually profitable investment. They have 30 years to run; principal and interest are payable in gold; the interest (seven and three-tenths per cent.) is equal now to about 5% per cent. in currency. The coupon and registered bonds can be exchanged for each other, at the pleasure of the holder. Gold checks for the semi-annual interest on the registered bonds are mailed to the post office address of the owner.

These securities have the following elements of strength and safety: They are the obligation of a strong corporation; they are also a mortgage on the Road, its right of way, equipments and franchises, and a first lien on its net earnings. In addition to this usually sufficient security, there is pledged for the payment of the principal and interest a Grant of Land, averaging about 23,000 Acres per Mile for the entire length of the Road. At the average price per acre at which other Land Grants have thus far been sold, this real estate security will yield more than \$161,000 per mile—more than three times the possible issue of bonds.

The Company has already begun the process of redeeming and cancelling its first mortgage bonds, as they are now being received, at 110 in payment and exchange for the Company's lands. JAY COOKE & CO., Philadelphia, New York & Washington, Financial Agents N. P. R. Co.

**COME TO THE FOUNTAIN.**—One of the most attractive establishments in Portland is the drug and perfumery store of our old friend Samuel M. Smith, corner of Ash and First streets. Mr. Smith was for many years senior partner of the firm of Smith & Davis. And besides being a thoroughly practical druggist and chemist is, withal, as genial a gentleman as ever grasped a hand in friendship. His store is fitted up and stocked in a magnificent manner with everything usually found in a complete stock of drugs, chemicals, perfumery, etc. But the feature par excellence is the soda fountain, one of the famous Art's patent, an immense affair, a monument reared in marble and silver to the health of the thirsty. It has delivery, on opposite sides, and can accommodate a rush. It is stocked with Kissenon, Congress, Vichy, Seltzer and different kinds of syrups. The cooling apparatus is the most perfect in use, and the product of that fountain a draught that surpasses "the nectar of the gods."

—The croakers who predicted disaster to the crops in the spring must go into their holes. The wheat crop is ripening in excellent condition, everywhere, and promises a large yield. Spring wheat promises to be also excellent, the late weather having been of the most favorable kind for grain. In short, the farms never looked better.

—The Oregonian has come out in favor of a telegraph line to Astoria. We tell the people that a line here would pay from the start, and it would not cost so much as the Dalles line. The whole business of Oregon is interested in a line to Astoria. The shipping interest alone would support it. Give her another jog up, Brother Hill.

—St. Helen's Hall and the Bishop Scott Grammar School, Portland, will open for the Christmas term Monday, September 1st. The corps of teachers at St. Helen's Hall will remain the same as last year. At the Grammar School the Rev. D'Estang Jennings will take the place of Senior Master, and Wm. B. Barker, of the University of Pennsylvania the place of Junior Master.

—On the last trip of the steamship John L. Stephens to this port from San Francisco on crossing the bar she encountered a whale just as she was rounding the outside spit, and there not being water enough for his whaleship to make the turn from where lay he came in so close that the starboard wheel of the steamship struck him a pretty heavy blow, the stunning effect of which was sensibly felt on board. Whale are seen frequently on the bar, but seldom met.

—The society of Oregon Pioneers, the office of which is in this city, have received files of the Oregon Spectator the first newspaper printed on the Pacific coast, at Oregon city, by John Fleming deceased, to be placed in their library. The book is now a very interesting volume, and the value of it will be increasing with time. Mr. A. Van Dusen has given us an opportunity of perusing its pages. The first number was issued February 5th, 1846. Mr. Fleming was printer, W. G. T'Vault Editor, and the "Oregon Printing Association" were owners. Even at that date the editor speaks of "old settlers in Oregon," and modestly suggests that some such persons ought to write an article for the Spectator giving "an account of the climate, soil and productions of Oregon, particularly describing the location of the country, its extent and all other particulars that would be of interest to the people of the United States."

—We were shown yesterday a specimen of the fossil ammonite, found in this city by Mr. Wm. L. McEwan, a student attending the Bishop Scott Grammar School. The ammonite is now a very rare specimen indeed. This one corresponds with that described by writers descriptive of the original unknown Egyptian god Amun. The shell belongs to the tribe of the nautilus and cuttle-fish, of which there were many species, but all are now extinct, having existed only in the secondary period, or age of reptiles in geology, when they were exceedingly numerous. Dana informs us that they differ from the nautilus in having the margins of the siphuncle very much plaited, and the siphuncle dorsal—this is so as proven by the specimen before us. They are also called serpent-stone and cornu-ammonis. The specimen was found in the bank at the rear of Mr. Myer's residence. It is quite a rare and valuable curiosity. Mr. McEwan intends placing it in the cabinet of the Bishop Scott Grammar School. He has also gathered a large collection of other curiosities.

## TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

PORTLAND, August 27.—Gold in New York to-day, 116; Portland Legal Tender rates,—85½ buying, and 86½ selling.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 26.—The independent anti-monopoly mass meeting at Platt's Hall was very largely attended. The gallery was filled with ladies. M. M. Estes delivered a carefully and ably prepared speech on the political issues of the day, and received frequent and hearty applause.

Wm. R. Sprague, on board the Revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott, struck Henry Quinton with a capstan bar, fracturing his skull. He lies in a critical condition at the hospital. Sprague was arrested.

BELFAST, (Me.), August 25.—A relief committee has been organized to distribute such supplies as may be furnished to the sufferers by the fire of the 24th, which destroyed 150 frame buildings, an aggregate loss of \$500,000. Generous offers from Portland and Bangor have been received. Mayor Marshall accepts with gratitude whatever pecuniary aid may be offered. This is the second conflagration for Belfast.

NEW YORK, August 26.—Some one who affects to know, gives this story in connection with the Goodrich murder, the interest in which has been revived by the recent action of the police authorities. Kate Stoddard, when she was known by her true name of Betsy King, went to school where there were four Spaniards. One of them was called Roscoe. She was attached to the young man, and before she disappeared from her parents' abode she was regarded as his betrothed. She is said to have renewed this acquaintance afterwards in New York, and this, too, when Goodrich appeared on the scene. This Roscoe is probably the one to whom Lucette Myers points as the one who killed Goodrich for robbing him of the affections of Kate Stoddard.

INDIANAPOLIS, August 25.—To-morrow's papers will state authoritatively that Senator Morton's back pay was put into the United States Treasury some time since.

HALIFAX, August 26.—A severe storm, accompanied by thunder, passed over this city Saturday night and Sunday morning. The gale was the heaviest for many years. Several small yachts were smashed at their anchorage. The frigate Powhattan dragged her anchors and drifted to the ordnance wharf, where she was secured. The schooner Momento, which left St. John's June 29th, is believed to be lost with seven persons—all on board. The body of a passenger has been picked up in that harbor.

Miss Bird and her party of one hundred destitute English children have arrived.

—Eugene Semple has been appointed, Democratic Committeeman for Multnomah county, in place of Dr. J. A. Chapman, resigned.

—A "tidal power machine" has been devised by Mr. Edward W. Morton. It consists of a gigantic float which by its rise and fall with the tide develops the power to move the machinery to which it is attached.

—Hon. Thomas Harris, ex-Mayor of Victoria, B. C. is the largest man over there, weighing 407 pounds. In company with Messrs. Marsh French and J. M. Bird, he is up in the Yakima valley, where he expects to buy a band of horses. He is a contractor on the Dominion railroad across the continent.

—The San Francisco stock market is fluctuating some. A friend here felt \$3,000 better off on reading in the Bulletin of Friday an account that Raymond and Ely had gone up to 90%, but he couldn't account for his good luck. On finding the Oregonian of the same date he felt better (if not richer), the quotation should have been 70%.

—The News is discussing the question, raised by itself, whether Mayor Failing has adopted the most correct and practical way of assisting the Portland sufferers. We don't pretend to know all about this matter, says the Salem Statesman, but we observe that Mr. Failing puts up \$2,000 coin for their relief. If the News has done as well, it is entitled to go on with its criticism.

## A NEEDED ENTERPRISE.

One of the needs that have been felt by our merchants for some time, is a telegraph from Portland to Astoria and Cape Disappointment. Arrival and departure of ships is a matter that always interests business men, especially merchants. With a line of telegraph between this city and Astoria this intelligence would always be at hand. And besides this, the growing business and population of Clatsop county render Astoria an important point of general trade. A wire between this city and that point would have a very considerable amount of business to do, if indeed it would not pay from the first. And it is well known that the business of a telegraph line, in any section of the country, increases more rapidly for a long period after its erection than the general business and population of the particular locality. Thus it is that places which furnish but little occasion for the use of the telegraph, when it first comes, afterwards and without any remarkable growth in other respects become points of considerable business in telegraphing.

To connect a line from Astoria with that already in existence far down the Columbia on the Washington Territory side would, we are informed upon what we deem pretty reliable authority, cost not to exceed \$12,000. One estimate puts it as low as \$10,000. Whether the investment of that amount of money in the enterprise would pay in direct receipts, no one can say with absolute certainty, but the probabilities are against the proposition. The great convenience of such a line to both Portland and Astoria, and especially to the farmer should be regarded as some consideration for the investment. Both these places could afford to contribute to aid in the accomplishment of the enterprise.—Oregonian.

—A western editor, in acknowledging the gift of a peek of onions from a subscriber says: "It is such kindness as this that bring tears to our eyes."

—The city council of Portland has authorized mayor Failing to expend \$1,000 in the effort to ferret out the incendiaries who set fire to the city and caused so much destruction recently.

—Disgusted terminus hunters are returning home with a face on them longer than a shadow of themselves. They are moody, reticent and rather inclined to profanity when you talk "terminus."

—The new trade dollars has the valuation of three-fourths of a grain more of pure silver than the Mexican dollar, which fact will doubtless make it a preferred coin. The same as gold notes are preferred greenbacks.

—The corner stone of the State Capitol building will be laid with Masonic ceremony, on the 8th day of October, at Salem. All Masons of other Jurisdictions, in good standing, are invited to be present. The occasion will be one of great importance in the history of our State.

—Mr. T. Dittenhoeffer, well known in the state, has been absent for some time, has again returned, bringing with him a very large stock of tobacco, cigars, etc., for the trade. Mr. D. having had a great deal of experience in this line of business, will retain his old reputation, of being the best tobacconist in the city, by the present large stock of the finest brands. He has rented the building lately occupied by Baum Brothers, which is filled from floor to ceiling with his elegant selections of fine goods. His old customers need no reminder of his liberal terms, and prompt attention to business, but to new ones, we can only say leave an order with him and satisfy yourselves.—See advertisement.