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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—Assessor Chance reports two hundred and ninety-nine collections of poll taxes in Clatsop county—\$299.

—A peck of potatoes to the hill is an ordinary average of the crop in portions of Clatsop county this year.

—The next regular meeting of the city Council will be held on the evening of the first Tuesday in October.

—It is reported that Ben Holladay is having a tug boat constructed at Coos bay for use on the Columbia river.

—The Etta May is still at Westport. She is to be rigged as a schooner by Messrs. Stevens & Howe, owners and builders.

—E. D. Towle, agent of Reeds Panorama, in a letter from Puget Sound, informs us that he still contemplates visiting Astoria before going East.

—Mr. H. S. Shuster is taking advantage of the beautiful weather (or something else that is beautiful), as he is now producing some prize photographs.

—Capt. James T. Gray of the steamer Carrie, plying between Portland and Vancouver, has been on a visit to his relatives and friends in this city for several days past.

—After discharging the Northern Pacific Railroad Company's freight at Kalama and a steamboat load or two for Portland, the steamship Idaho resumed her voyage inland.

—The schooner Rough and Ready, Capt. Raffeld, is engaged in bringing lumber from Knappton for Astoria and Skipanon improvements being made by Capt. Richard Hobson.

—Col. James Taylor left for the Waiilatet valley on a business trip Tuesday morning. Mr. A. S. Mercer is also in the valley. Both gentlemen will truly represent Astoria.

—Piling will soon begin for a new dock to be constructed by W. H. Twilight, near the foot of Jefferson street. The wharf will be forty feet by fifty. Capt. Flavel's new driver will do the work.

—Our friends will please bear in mind, that advertisements, communications and other matters, intended for the ASTORIAN in order to insure insertion, should reach the office early the day previous to publication.

—Our fellow townsman Joseph G. Megler, who is on a trip to the Atlantic States to make purchases for the fishery at Jim Crow Point, writes on a postal card that he was in Chicago on the 10th and would reach New York the following Friday.

—Mr. Chapman, one of the department surveyors at work at present in this vicinity and who was for several years engaged in similar pursuits on Puget Sound, we understand says that he has found more good land in two townships here, than the nine townships recently surveyed over there, and is confident from what he has seen that this is a region far superior to the Sound for agricultural purposes.

—Capt. John Faunce, now in this city on a tour of inspection in the United States Revenue Marine, is well known to all by reputation, being an "old salt" of the first water, as well as an "old war horse," having served as an officer through the Florida war. His attention is specially called to the necessity of establishing life-saving stations on the Pacific Coast, to which duty he has been assigned by the Secretary of the Treasury, in connection with Capt. J. H. Merriman, formerly stationed at this place.

—We understand that Charles Parker is going to Bay View fishery to take charge of the neat little steamer Oneatta, recently purchased by Mr. R. D. Hume of that place.

—The schooner Three Sisters arrived in Shoalwater bay from San Francisco September 14th with a cargo of merchandise for the Shoalwater bay Oyster Company, and departed on the 17th.

—We would specially ask the attention of ladies to the card of Misses Morrison and Spedden in another column. They are now well prepared to accommodate patrons with almost any style of millinery goods. Patronize home industries first.

—Cougars in the vicinity of Knappton are so tame that they walk right into the sheep fold and make a mess of the stock at any hour of the night. Mr. J. B. Knapp has lost several head of fine sheep and goats the past week by such animals.

—Capt. Gilman informs us that the Clara Louise was not compelled to anchor on account of low stage of water coming down from Columbia City last Friday, but in consequence of winds against which the steamer Maria Wilkens had not power to propel.

—We noticed large invoices of new goods landed by the Ajax last Tuesday and yesterday for Messrs I. W. Case, and a Van Dusen of this city. Judging from the amount of goods these houses are constantly receiving, we infer that it pays them to advertise.

—The heaviest treasure that has been brought to Oregon for years at one shipment, came in on the Ajax last Tuesday. Wells, Fargo & Co. brought about a quarter of a million dollars, and we understand there were large amounts on the ships account, and in the hands of passengers.

—The North Pacific Transportation Company's steamer Ajax, drawing sixteen feet, came in Tuesday when there was but fifteen feet of water on the hog's-back, (at four o'clock P. M.), and as a consequence was compelled to remain here over night and until noon on Wednesday waiting for tides before proceeding on her voyage inland.

—The Privateer has had a pretty rough time of it, getting up to Portland and back—having grounded ten times in all, six times going up and four coming down. Capt. Cox is very grievously concerned about his ill luck—but it is no more than must be expected to result from the present suicidal way of sending out wheat from Oregon.

—But three or four persons in Portland out of hundreds were able to write the following correctly. It is to be given verbally to the person writing. Mr. Sifton, at Skidmore's Drug Store, Dr. Parker and one other gentleman are said to have written it correctly: "Tis an agreeable sight to perceive the unparalleled embarrassment of a harassed peddler attempting to gauge the symmetry of a peeled onion which a Sibyl has stabbed with a poniard regardless of the innuendoes of the lilies of the cornelian hue.

—Friend J. W. Munson we owe you one. That Sturgeon with a tag to our address, weighed nearly two hundred pounds. He was properly dissected however and divided around amongst friends who are partial to "Sea bass." We shouldn't have felt hurt in the least; only, a small boy was sent down to the dock to get "a string of fish" brought up to us from the Cape with your compliments, and in his zeal to earn that bit we had promised on his return with the fish, his left shoulder was dislocated and the right hip thrown out of joint. He is now threatened with Cerebro-Spinal-Meningitis or something of the sort, and we feel very bad about it.

—The abstract of the assessment roll of Clatsop county, for the year 1873, shows the following facts and figures:

	No.	Value.
Acres of land.....	50,650 1/2	\$199,733
Town lots.....		231,467
Merchandise and impts		231,848
Furniture and wares, etc.		37,865
Horses and mules.....	180	7,805
Sheep and goats.....	1,301	3,931
Cattle.....	2,081	40,684
Hogs.....	289	980

Gross value all property.....	\$902,734
Indebtedness.....	\$274,246
Exemptions.....	53,894—\$928,140
Total taxable property.....	\$574,504

—The Oregonian of Saturday says the force of men employed on making out the assessment rolls for Multnomah County got down to P. Friday evening. The total valuation embracing names up to that letter, above all debts, etc., amounts to \$7,250,000.

Arrival of the Ajax

The North Pacific Transportation Company's steamship Ajax, which arrived here from San Francisco on Tuesday, brought 183 passengers, as follows:

Gen R H K Whitely, U S A; Capt J Faunce, U S R M; S I Kibell, U S R B; Capt J W White, USRM; E L Hastings, J Strauss, S Frohman, P Goldsmith, E A Hawley and wife, S N D Martin and dau, Rev S Doe, P J Martin, W Beal, L P Bryant, J Levy, P J Hart, G P Terrill, Dr G W Brown, G S Hongle, J Wheeler, Miss M E Woodruff, Mrs C D Folger and two ch, W W Miller, Mrs H Meyer, Mrs M Shoemaker, L B Nash wife and two ch, E Schofield wife and dau, W Keefe, J J Lowry, J Kenran, L G Adair and wife, A Dougherty, B Brenner, W Pierpont wife and two dau, S Seller, Wm Currier, N B Scott and wife, Miss E Giltner, Miss E Ramsdale, J M Adair and wife, G H Paddock, H A Close, A B Hinkley, Mrs William, J N Fuller, C E Johnson, G Haywood, H B Tingle wife and ch, E Godfrey, wife and five ch, I A Gallick and wife, Miss E Campbell, Miss E Lake, L H Patterson and wife, P M Barton, Mrs H Brown and 2 ch, and 100 others.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

OCCIDENT, ASTORIA, SEPT. 24.

C. N. Terry Salem, E. Rea Freeport, J F Saunders, M P Miller, Fort Stevens, H E Bright Portland, Maj F G Smith Cape, W H Lenniger, A S Bralley, P J Martin J Strauss, S Seller, W Currier, Portland, L C Brandt, U S A, A R McCall, J B Forsyth Salem, Mrs Folger and children, L B Nash and family, Little Rock, Ark., G G Hoyle, U S A, Capt John Faunce, USQMs S I Kibell, G T Gerritt, Washington City, D. C., Dr Sparling, A V Allen, Cape, C Loughery Knappta, A Wing Oysterville, H Stoop, "Seaside" House, J D Coughlin, San Francisco, John Wood Knappton, Gen W W Miller H G Struve Olympia, Geo H Johnson str Ajax, E A Hawley and wife Portland, J S Coulhart, Centralia, Wis., H J Stevenson and family, Portland.

—The schooner Hera, hence for San Francisco, reached her destination on the 20th.

—The ladies of Astoria will give another parlor entertainment at Spiritual Hall to-morrow evening.

—F. Ferrell has a fine tract of land he is offering for sale at very reasonable rates. See advertisement.

—The British ship Middlesex, Capt. Massey, from this port last month with wheat for Europe, was spoken August 28, in latitude 18 30 north, longitude 124 30 west.

—Mr. John Berthold met with a serious accident last Wednesday, while engaged with Mr. Turner's Thresher, at the Graves' farm, in Linn county. His left hand was caught in the machinery and terribly crushed.

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 Arctic patent, an immense affair, a monument reared in marble and silver to the health of the thirsty. It has deliveries, on opposite sides, and can accommodate a rush. It is stocked with Kissengen, 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."

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

Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F.

Meet every Thursday evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock, in the Odd Fellow's Hall, corner of Cass and Jefferson streets, Astoria. Members of the Order are invited to attend. By order, N. G.

Temple Lodge No. 7—A. F. & A. M.

Regular Communications first and third Saturdays in each month, at 7 o'clock P. M., at the Hall in Astoria. Members of the Order in good standing are invited to attend. By order of the W. M.

—A Western paper tells us that a favorite hotel is to be kept this season by the widow of Mr. —, who died last summer on a new and improved plan.

—A strange and fatal disease is very prevalent at Kelton, producing great consternation among parents. It resembles fever.

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The Price of Gold.

PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—Gold in New York to-day, 112 1/2; Portland Legal Tender rates,—87 1/2 buying, and 88 1/2 selling.

FINANCIAL TROUBLE.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—President Grant arrived in Washington this afternoon, and had a conference with Secretary Richardson and determined that the Treasury should come to the rescue of the New York market to-morrow, by purchasing largely of bonds and depositing a portion of the Treasury balance in National Banks on deposit, in order to stop the panic. The President is fully determined to meet the emergency at once and expresses his determination to use every power of the Treasury to the extent of the \$16,000,000 balance and \$44,000,000 reserve. There is a general feeling of confidence, to-night, that the trouble is over, contracts were made for money at 7 per cent., gold interest.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Twenty-eight million four hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars in bonds have been accepted at 9 to 11 1/2. All offers of bonds under 11 1/2 are accepted by the Government.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20.—The excitement over the failures has abated and matters are beginning to assume some shape. Although the stock market was somewhat feverish to-day, affairs on the street were more settled, owing, no doubt, to the promise of the Secretary of the Treasury to make use of the \$44,000,000 reserve fund, if necessary. Several failures and suspensions are announced in St. Louis, Chicago, Iowa, and Indiana.

—A London dispatch of the 19th. says: "The steamer Arctic brought to Dundee ten members of the Polaris expedition. All are in excellent health. Three others were transferred by the Ravenscraig to the whaler Intrepid, which is expected to arrive in Dundee in two or three weeks. After the separation from Tyson and his companions, the Polaris was finally abandoned in a sinking condition by Captain Buddington and the remainder of the expedition. The party lived in Long Boat Cove, where they built timber houses which they covered with sails. Winter passed without any notable event except the breaking out of the scurvy, which however, was unattended by severe symptoms. Plentiful supplies of walrus liver for food were obtained from the natives, and to this diet is attributed the mildness of the disease."

—A young man in Galveston Texas, by birth a German of noble family, but who had gradually grown so poor as to have become a helper in the kitchen of an inferior hotel, was recently convicted of stealing. He begged that he might be sent to the penitentiary, where he would be taught a trade by which he might earn his living, which was accordingly done.

—The financial crisis in New York is said to have postponed the fruition of narrow gauge railway schemes in Utah for months. The banks at Salt Lake are reported entirely unaffected, though speculative mining operations will be seriously crippled.

—All bulbs with annual roots, which includes nearly all the lilies, can be taken up as soon as the leaves fall because the roots will die if the bulbs are allowed to remain in the ground. After taking them up, let them dry in the shade a few days.

—Thomas Nast has one hundred and twenty lecture engagements.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—George Francis Train has an income of \$28,000 yearly from rents alone.

—The wife of Senator Schurz is mentioned as having inherited \$170,000 from her uncle, lately dead, in Hamburg.

—An unsuccessful attempt was made at Buenos Ayres to assassinate Dr. Sarmiento, President of the Argentine Republic.

—The New York Tribune says Miss Neilson, the actress, is the best female swimmer that ever buffeted the waves at the Branch.

—A ragged and sickly looking boy, who was taken to a Baltimore infirmary last week, proved to be a German girl about 16 years old.

—A Louisiana paper states that the inscription "for sale," or "for rent," is posted on more than 6,000 houses and stores in New Orleans.

—Cullen Bryant, in the eightieth year of his age, is starting for a voyage around the world. He is not quite ready to wrap the drapery, etc.

—It is officially reported that there have been 1,755 cases of cholera in Vienna since the outbreak of the disease. Of this number 1,110 were fatal.

—Cerebro-spinal-meningitis is a tough word for telegraphers to get hold of on the wires. A Sioux City lightning-jerker wrote it out "Carabo Spencer's Menagerie."

—The suspension of forty-nine firms is announced in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore and Washington, since the suspension of Jay Cooke & Co.

—Dispatches from Frankfort, Hamburg, Bremen and Vienna, say that no failures occurred in those cities on account of the New York panic, but much anxiety is expressed.

—Eighty-eight women will study in Michigan University during the next college year. Nine will take the law course, thirty-seven the medical, and 42 the academic.

—A western paper explains Joaquin Miller's frenzied style by saying that he has had three wives. Some men die under it, and some go crazy and write poetry.

—It is said that A. T. Stewart, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and William B. Astor are each worth \$100,000,000, and that their estates are increasing in value at the rate of \$10,000,000 per annum.

—When Horace Greely visited Yosemite he picked up in the trail a horse-shoe, and hung it on the knot of an oak tree for whoever might choose to use it. No one took it, and in time the knot grew over the horse-shoe, and recently the portion of the tree containing it was cut out and brought to San Francisco as a memento of Mr. Greeley's economy.

—Recently a schooner came into Cleveland having on board an anchor and 15 fathoms of chain, which became entangled with her own anchor while lying at Put-in-Bay, in the exact locality where Commodore Perry's fleet lay at anchor in September, 1812. The anchor is of different construction from those used at this time and is believed to have belonged to one of Perry's vessels.

—A number of telegrams have been received at the Philadelphia Post-office requesting the Postmaster to withhold from delivery letters bearing stamps of firms sending messages, and which were addressed to Jay Cooke & Co. The Postmaster could not comply with the request, as the postal regulations provide that after a letter has passed from the mailing office the delivery of it cannot be prevented or delayed by the alleged writer.