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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—But few passengers arrived on Tuesday's steamer.

—The barkentine Webfoot and brig Orient arrived at San Francisco on the 19th.

—The United States steamer Shubrick returned from Shoalwater bay Monday evening.

—Thomas Bramell is preparing to open an oyster saloon in Brown's block, Cheamus street, to-morrow.

—When you arrive in Portland, if you want a good cup of coffee call at Frank Faber's stand—Central Market.

—The hose carriage for the new Amoskeag steam fire Engine, for Columbia Engine Company No. 3, of Portland, arrived Tuesday.

—The telegraph from Prescott to San Diego will be completed to-day. If a line can be constructed there what is to prevent one being built here.

—Mr. L. S. Wass of this city, has been appointed we understand, to fill the vacancy of assistant light house keeper at Cape Disappointment occasioned by the transfer of Mr. Anderson to Shoalwater bay.

—Sea-lion are plentiful—Messrs. J. P. Miller and H. H. Jackson, coming over from Grays river a few days ago met a very large one in the Columbia river, above this city.

—Mr. Turpin of Cornelius arrived Monday evening, and left Tuesday morning, for the purpose of completing the preliminary survey of the Washington county and Nehalem wagon road.

—With a tri-weekly mail to bring us telegraphic and other news from the Atlantic States, it frequently occurs that Astorians get their latest dates from San Francisco papers, by the North Pacific Transportation Company's steamers.

—We understand that the visit of our friend H. S. Shuster to the State Fair caused sufficient attraction to draw him away from Astoria for the winter, and that he will take his departure next week. He is an excellent artist and will do well wherever he may go.

—Mr. Noltner, of the Oregon City Enterprise returned last Tuesday from attendance on the National Grand Lodge, of Odd Fellows at Baltimore. He has done good work for this jurisdiction, and will receive the verdict of well done good and faithful servant.

—We learn that about fifty sea otter pelts have been obtained this season on the ocean beach north of Grays harbor. The hunters have received from \$40 to \$50 apiece for the pelts. H. Blodgett, so far, is a head in the number taken. At last accounts he had taken fifteen.

—The British bark Vesta, from Liverpool, to Messrs. Janion & Rhodes, with a general cargo of assorted merchandise, and Capt. R. R. Thompson's mammoth steam plow, arrived direct from Liverpool yesterday. She had been 193 days out and fears were beginning to be entertained for her safety.

—The new Catholic church in this city, constructed through the energy and perseverance of Mrs. S. N. Arrigoni and other ladies, is now all enclosed, and has received one coat of paint. It is really a credit to the city, and, sitting upon a hill where it cannot be hid, like the Star of the Ocean it sheds a halo of peace over all. The contractors, Messrs. Bain and Gist, are deserving of credit for the superior work they have put upon it.

—The Flerchero has on board one hundred and fifty tons of copper ore as ballast taken from San Francisco.

—The United States steamer Shubrick returned from St. Helen bar last evening, where she has been planting buoys.

—Tame doves introduced into this city by the Chinese, are a perfect nuisance to people who wish to save rain water from the roofs of their houses for domestic uses.

—Capt. Flavel's family, wife and two children, will take their departure for San Francisco by the Ajax. Capt. F., who is now in Portland, also proposes going below soon.

—The new wharf of Capt. George Flavel is now ready for a steamship or a vessel to lie along side. Work of completion is progressing rapidly.

—The farmer's excursion from Albany was received here last evening with a hearty welcome and booming of cannon. The excursionists will remain in and about Astoria until the last of this week.

—The bark Vesta comes in pretty well covered with barnacles from the region of Cape Horn. They are of the thickest and largest kind, but the fresh water of the Columbia will soon let them out.

—The whole number of Fisheries on the river the past year were seven, which gave employment to about two thousand hands. Next year there will probably be four more fisheries in addition to those already established, which will increase the number of employes to not less than four or five thousand during the Salmon season.

—Otto Dufner, of this city, has proven himself a very competent workman by what he did for Mr. Louis Wilson this week, on a chronometer. Mr. Wilson has probably one of the best chronometers in this Coast survey, and it was recently broken. Until Mr. Dufner came here, it was necessary to send abroad to have such work repaired, but our city jeweler has done the work, Mr. Wilson says, equal to any in San Francisco, and at much less charges.

—The long promised to be published "in the Farmer" communication of Mr. A. S. Mercer of this city, in reply to an article from the pen of B. (in that same paper), some weeks since criticizing the report of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, has at last appeared in the Albany Democrat, with the explanation that the Farmer depends too much upon Portland for its bread and butter to propose giving her battle.

—The subject of the hog's-back buoys still continues to agitate the pilots. We are satisfied that Capt. Jasson has only obeyed instructions so far as he is concerned in it, but we hope the manipulators of red tape will not be so grasping as to insist upon managing this business in future without at least consulting the pilots about it. If the Oregon pilots are not capable of having any voice in the matter we should like to know the reason why?

—Last Tuesday afternoon a man named McLane at work on the roadway to the farmer's wharf in this city very narrowly escaped sudden death. He was engaged with other men in hoisting one of the heavy posts—a stick of timber about eighteen inches in diameter, fifteen feet long, when the block strap gave way letting the stick fall back upon him. Fortunately for him he fell between two logs and his life may be said to be saved from this circumstance, as the post fell exactly over him across the logs. His face was badly cut from coming in contact with a stick beneath him, just as the falling timber struck his shoulder.

—It will be seen by referring to our list of vessels on the way to this port that a large number are en route, and really more are coming than our informants are willing to report to us. It has always been said that when Oregon began to produce earnestly for export there would be plenty of vessels here to carry it away. The class of vessels coming are all smaller than it is profitable to employ in the business, but they are adapted to present emergencies. When large amounts of grain are stored in this city for export then will there be plenty of the larger class of vessels coming for it—as do these small ones now.

NEW SCHOOL BOOKS.—I have just received all the different kinds of New School Books required to be used in this State, that can now be found in San Francisco. Also, Slate pencils, Blotting pads, a good assortment of Stationery, Drawing paper, CARD BOARD, Perforated board, Ink, (Carmine, Purple and Black). Likewise a new stock of Crockery, Clocks and a large assortment of Lamp Chimneys, all of which will be sold cheap for cash.
I. W. CASE.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—"Talk about the jaws of death," exclaimed a hen-pecked husband; "they are no circumstance compared to the jaws of life."

—A boarding house fiend tells the story that in a recent thunderstorm the warring of the elements was so awe-inspiring that hair, in a dish of butter in the pantry turned completely white during the night.

—Cannot something be done to prevent young ladies being insulted on our streets at night? asks a Cincinnati paper. There can. Just have the little girl's mother tuck her into her little bed, about eight o'clock in the evening, and lock the door on her."

—A gentleman, in search of a man to do some work, met on his way a lady, not so young as she once was, and asked her "Can you tell me where I can find a man?" "No; I cannot," she replied, "for I have been looking these twenty years for one myself."

—Decidedly the newest device for promoting salvation was practiced during a religious revival at Chittenango, New York, where it was announced that "refreshments would be served to converts gratis." This suggests the query whether churches could find it to their advantage to borrow any thing else from the saloons.

—Kate Field "looks arch and mischievous." She is "versatile, accomplished, growing handsomer every day, proud of the touch of mercury in her Irish blood, born an actress, ought to be herself on the stage, and would make a 'schoolmarm' that no prudent and skin-valuing urchin would ever think of playing truant from."

—An inventor has attached to a pair of barber's shears an elastic, hollow ball, which is compressed by the operation of cutting, and a current of air, forced out from the ball, is directed along the blades, and blows away the fragments of hair as fast as they are cut.—Ex. Why couldn't this thing be made to work on a saloon picknife?

—Preserved fruits and vegetables should be stored in glass, and no metal of any kind should be brought in contact with them. Fruits contain more or less of vegetable acids, and others that are highly corrosive are often formed by fermentation, and metallic vessels are considerably acted upon. Tin cans are held together by solder, an alloy into which lead enters largely. This metal is easily corroded by vegetable acids, and poisonous salts are formed. Undoubtedly many persons are greatly injured by eating tinned peaches, etc., which have been placed in tin cans, and we advise all our friends who put up fruit to use only glass.

—Eight inches of snow have fallen in Wyoming and Utah. Trains are delayed by the storms.

—We are now able to understand the chief industry of the American Indians. They are chiefly engaged in raising hair.

—At the great Convention of the Grangers in San Jose, California, October 15th, Daniel Clark, of Salem, master of the Oregon Grange and Fraternal delegate to the Convention, was introduced with a grand welcome and an address in his honor.

—In the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, a few days ago, ex-United States Senator Breckalew, referring to the course of Senator Morton, of Indiana, upon the proposed amendments as to the manner of selecting Presidential electors, said Senator Morton deserved the thanks of the Nation, for his course in that regard.

—The Central Grange Association perfected a permanent organization on the 14th, Albany, by electing Dr. W. F. Alexander, President; A. W. Stanard, Secretary; C. P. Burkhart, Treasurer; F. Shedd and F. Powell, Trustees; Elias Fanning, Gate Keeper; J. B. Stump, Agent. The association adjourned to meet on the second Tuesday in November.

—The Domestic Sewing Machine took the first premium at the State Fair—also, four blue ribbons for work. It also took the blue ribbon at two of the county fairs. I. W. Case is agent for Clatsop county. Call and see it for yourselves. 15t

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The Price of Gold.

PORTLAND, Oct. 23.—Gold in New York to-day, 108½; Portland Legal Tender rates, —90½ buying, and 91½ selling.

Miscellaneous News.

NEW YORK, October 18. The Evening Express, in an article on the financial situation, declares that the present condition of the banks of this city is a disgrace, and insists upon the necessity of an immediate resumption of currency payment as the only means of restoring confidence, and bringing out greenbacks, now hoarded in safety in the deposit company's vaults, and elsewhere.

Inquiry at the offices of the principal steamship lines shows that the foreign export trade, at one time seriously broken by the financial panic, is in a healthy condition; that large shipments are made by every outgoing steamer, without any material alteration in trade.

They are having a "Revolution among the Natives" at Panama. Hostilities began on the 24th between Ueira, the present President, and Gen. Carrozo, recently deposed from that office. When the firing was going on Admiral Almy, of the U. S. Navy, arrived and landed 150 men at the railroad station, and at the request of the Government placed sixty men in the city square. The government ordered all the trains approaching the city to stop, and passengers to be searched. Admiral Almy placed a guard of United States Marines on the trains, with orders to shoot down all armed men who should attempt any interference, thus relieving passengers of annoyance and interruption. The troops assigned by the government of Colombia to protect transit across the Isthmus have joined the rebels. The Constituent Assembly is now in session, endeavoring to restore peace, but the insurgents outside the city do not recognize its authority, and ordered a forced loan, (theft), of \$20,000 on the city, and \$40,000 on the provinces. It was hoped Admiral Almy would continue to give protection to non-combatants, and that the United States and Colombian authorities would come to some understanding, whereby a repetition of the outrages may be prevented.

Pacific Coast News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—Duret's balloon went up this afternoon, but Duret did not go with it. Austin, of the Chronicle, and Clough, of the Call, were the ones who undertook to find the celebrated eastern air current. Austin controlled the balloon. They found an air current but it took them rapidly to the northwest. Austin saw the tug Neptune in the bay and pulled the valve rope, and the balloon descended low enough to allow him to leap into the water, when the boat's crew rescued him, but poor Clough went up again like a rocket. He climbed into the netting, got hold of the broken rope, opened the valve, and down she came, close to the water, and the crew of the tug got him safely out. The balloon then re-ascended. When last seen it was going toward the north pole, over San Rafael.

VISALLA, October 19.—Last night the stage between here and the railroad station was stopped by three masked highwaymen—one, with a shot-gun, headed the team, while others with revolvers, attended to the coach on each side. Five passengers were aboard, and all being unarmed were easily persuaded to disburse their valuables. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s box, containing but \$515, was robbed, and probably \$150 was obtained from passengers. The Sheriff and deputies are in pursuit, with a good prospect of success, as the robbers are said to be well known. One having dropped his mask exposed his face. The mail and express letters were not molested.

SAN FRANCISCO, October 19.—A very great excitement exists in the western part of the city by the appearance of ghost pictures on that quarter. A large crowd of people are there to-day. The pictures are very distinct, and are changed every little while. The family occupying the house are much alarmed, and propose to move away.

OROVILLE, October 18.—The great bar of gold bullion, valued at over seventy-one thousand dollars, taken from the mine of the Spring Valley Canal and Mining Company, has to-day been on exhibition at the banking house of Rideout, Smith & Co. It is the largest bar ever made in America.

By Atlantic Cable.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—From extract information it appears that the Monarchical portion of the Assembly have come to an absolute agreement. Count De Chambord has made concessions which are satisfactory to the Liberal Monarchists, and there will be submitted, at the opening of the Assembly, a proclamation of hereditary constitutional monarchy, the prospective king promising liberty of conscience and equality before the law as the right of all. The Monarchists are confident of a majority in the Assembly. It is said 416 deputies are pledged to support a restoration of royalty. Universal suffrage, reasonable lib-

erty of the press and the Tri-color to be maintained as the flag of France. The last point, however, is open to mutual concession. The Assembly is called to meet not later than the 27th instant.

The Deputies from the Department of the Seine have signed a manifesto protesting against the attempted restoration of royalty, and declaring that they will energetically resist all such schemes.

Ninety-six thousand pounds Sterling of bullion were shipped for New York from London and Southampton on the 18th. The Bank of England has fixed the rate of discount at 7 per cent.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—A London telegram of the 3d says, we understand the new monthly mail line will be opened between England, New South Wales and New Zealand via San Francisco, commencing about the 16th of January next. Hon. Saul Samuel, Postmaster General of Sydney, and Mr. Thomas Russell, acting of New Zealand, are now in London making arrangements for that purpose. It is understood the mail steamers, which will be very powerful and of great speed, are to call at Honolulu and the Fiji Islands.

MADRID, Oct. 19.—A British Dispatch boat from Cartagena, arrived at Alcante last evening with the news that the insurgent frigate Numanca fired into and sunk the Fernando el Catilico because she parted company with and refused to obey the signals to rejoin the former. Minister Marins has resumed command in person of the squadron at Gibraltar, which sailed yesterday for Cartagena.

PARIS, Oct. 19.—The Republicans are working with great activity and energy to counteract the designs of the Monarchists. Ex-President Thiers in conversation with friends yesterday, spoke confidently of the result. The Deputies of the extreme Left will hold a meeting Monday, and the moderate Republicans on Tuesday. They will probably unite in proposing to the Assembly that the question of the restoration of royalty be referred to a commission. An article in the Journal des Debats to-day regards the restoration of royalty as certain.

ROME, Oct. 20.—The General of the Society of Jesuits was to-day officially notified by Government that the Order must immediately vacate the premises occupied by them in this city.

VIENNA, Oct. 19.—Prince-Bismarck arrived to-day. He has been in close conference with Emperor William. A change in the Prussian Cabinet is rumored. It is not improbable that the Prince will resume his position as President of the Ministry of State in place of Von Roon.

—The daily demand for postal cards is now about 400,000. There are 7,000,000 cards now on hand.

—Philadelphia officials who recently visited San Francisco, tendered a banquet to Donald McLellan of that city. The latter declined.

—Ben Holladay, J. J. Comstock and A. G. Cunningham, have organized a company for coal mining in Douglas county. The coal is said to be first class.

—The latest fires were at Oswego, N. Y., loss \$40,000, Oct. 20th; Madison, Wisconsin, Oct. 20th, loss \$120,000, and at Topeka Kansas, Oct. 20th loss \$100,000, Victoria, Oct. 20th \$5,000.

—Senator Carpenter is in Washington. His friends are predicting already that he will make a successful defense of the Long Branch scandal, in which his name was so prominent. This is promised, it is claimed, to save the Senator from being deposed as presiding officer of the Senate.

—The Progress Club reception given at their hall Portland last Thursday evening was a grand affair. The reception committee consisted of Messrs. G. L. DePrans, M. T. Cuninghame, Isam White, J. D. DuBois, E. C. Lord, I. Blum, Alex Mayer, Maj. Eggleston, Charles Lancaster, Emil Frank, Joseph Bachman and F. A. Thompson, who, by their attention to the comfort of the guests, succeeded in making everyone feel perfectly at home.