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### CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—See fourth page for Poetry, etc.

—Capt. George Flavel is at present in San Francisco on a flying business trip.

—Dr. Kinsey has just laid in a large stock of very superior lard oil and Kerosene, which is selling low.

—The warehouse frame at the Farmers' dock is now up. It is a very imposing structure in its appearance.

—The City of Paris started out Monday but was obliged to return and repair anchors, which detained her here until Tuesday.

—The schooner Alice Haake has broken over the rules. Pilot Coner brought her in at the dead hours of night last Monday.

—Mr. A. Van Dusen has been absent several days, but the store is well attended to in his absence by the lady clerks, assisted by Brenham.

—S. N. Arrigoni has just added an assortment of the finest wines, liquors and cigars on the coast, to his stock, which he is selling in lots to suit purchasers.

—The sea fog, usual at this season of year, came in very thick Tuesday afternoon, but there was quite a fleet of vessels preceding it. The Prof. Airy, Ivanhoe, Cutwater and Gangner came in that day.

—A gang of forty Chinese came down from Portland Monday night for the purpose of clearing and chopping wood on the peninsula back of this city. The first contract calls for five hundred cords, for Capt. Flavel.

—Joseph and A. J. Knott of Portland, returned here Monday from Sitka. They have been up inspecting some of the Alaska quartz leads, and we learn are so well pleased with what they have seen that they conclude it will pay to take stock in them.

—Every lady in Astoria should call at least once a week at the millinery store of the Misses Spedden & Morrison. They have one of the neatest places of business in the State, and it is well stocked with a fine assortment of goods. See advertisement in another column.

—Mrs. Charles Stevens of this City manufactures large quantities of a labor saving soap which is rightly named the house-keepers friend. It is sold at wholesale and retail by J. W. Gearhart. Every family should try this soap. Directions accompany the boxes.

—There is a letter at the Astoria Post-office posted up "held for postage"—directed to "Miss Rosanna Hoyt, Moonsocket, R. I.," which cannot be mailed, because it has an old five cent Internal Revenue stamp on it, and no postage stamp. It will go to the dead letter office unless the person interested pays the postage.

—The top-sail schooner Alice Haake, Capt. Perkins, came in about two o'clock Tuesday morning, from San Francisco, consigned to Capt. Flanders of Portland. One case of small-pox was reported among the crew, and Dr. Dodd had the vessel quarantined. We understand she was chartered for a trip to South America. She has part of a cargo of lime on board.

—A friend calls our attention to a statement in the Portland Evening News, which says that the scow, about which the Merrimac suit was instituted, was lost while being towed over Columbia river bar. It is an absurd thing to put into print in a readable paper, we admit, but we despair of teaching them fellows any better. They must have Columbia river bar on the brain.

### LOCAL NOTES.

—We are indebted to Lieut. Bloom, of Cape Disappointment for favors.

—It will be seen from the shipping list on the third page that this is something of a port now.

—The school at Skipanon will be taught this Winter by Mr. W. H. Smith of Fort Clatsop.

—Megler & Jewett's new cannery establishment near Jim Crow Point, will be known as Brookfield.

—Reports of rich gold mines in Alaska were confirmed by the steamer California, which arrived Monday from Sitka.

—Capt. John West has recently purchased the steamboat Carrie, for use in connection with his fishery at Westport.

—A. B. Hallock esq., one of the fathers and Police Commissioners of our big sister city Portland, is on a visit to this part of the country, looking as well as ever.

—C. H. Dexter, mine host of the famous Seaside resort at Clatsop, returned from Portland Monday evening to look after interests at the Seaside this Winter.

—Van Dusen, ever mindful of the comforts of his patrons, has provided his stock with innumerable seasonable goods. Call and inspect his lot of blankets, quilted spreads, etc., etc.

—The ship Cutwater (arr) crossed the bar under sail Monday evening, but as a strong east wind was blowing, so as to prevent her coming up, to be on the safe side recrossed the bar and put to sea again.

—Capt. Clem Simpson has arrived in San Francisco, with the bark Whistler from Bolivia. As soon as she can be loaded she is to come to Astoria. He made the trip up from the port of Cobiji in forty days, in ballast.

—Ben Holladay leaves Oregon by the outgoing steamer for a trip to the Atlantic seaboard, and possibly to Europe, before his return to Oregon. He is at present in poor health, but it is hoped the trip may do him some good in that respect.

—But very few days remain for our citizens to procure likenesses of themselves and families at the gallery of H. S. Shuster. He will probably surely clear for Salem next week. A word in time—"secure a shadow ere the substance fade."

—Nehalem valley supports a cutlery manufactory at which the very best knives etc., are produced. The proprietor, Mr. A. J. Adams, has left several samples of his work in this city. The materials are the best in the world, and one of Adam's knives will hold an edge that will do to shave a human face with. He also manufactures gold and silver rings, jewelry, etc.

—Sholwater bay is of so little importance in the eyes of the man that runs the machine in the Western Union Office at San Francisco, that departures and arrivals in that trade are never noted in the press dispatches. Will the management please attend to this matter. A region calling for three or four vessels a month is certainly important. We see by San Francisco papers that the schooner Ida Florence, Bethje, sailed on the 6th for Shoalwater.

—The Bulletin a few days ago contained a lengthy notice of the clothing manufactory of Messrs. Fishel & Roberts, corner of First and Washington streets, Portland. The buyer for that establishment has just returned from the East with all the most fashionable materials for gentlemen's dress, consisting of Suits, Plain and Fancy Coatings, Vestings and Trimmings, and the firm offer about two hundred patterns to select from, so we infer that no difficulty will be experienced in pleasing even the most fastidious. As gentlemen cannot procure newer, more fashionable, or more stylish goods than those—whatever price they pay—we anticipate a large accession to the number of those who look with favor on that system of business, and who can appreciate a first-class article at the "minimum" price. Give them a call.

**School Books.**—Now is the time to buy School books to conform with the new law. For first introduction there is a discount of 35% per cent. from retail prices, as follows:  
Pacific Coast—Retail. Introductory.  
First Reader..... \$ 25 ..... \$ 16 25  
Second Reader..... 50 ..... 33 25  
Third Reader..... 75 ..... 50  
Fourth Reader..... 1 00 ..... 66 25  
Fifth Reader..... 1 25 ..... 83 25  
Speller..... 35 ..... 23 25  
Hopkins' Manual of American Ideas, (in place of Sixth Reader)..... 1 50 ..... 1 00  
All of which may now be found in Astoria, at the store of I. W. CASE, Chenamus street, Oct 16ed

### GLOSSY SHIRT BOSOMS.

As most men like to wear a clean, glossy shirt bosom, and as the following has been tried by one of our subscribers who recommends the process, we give it for the benefit of the public by special request:

Put a little common white wax in your starch, say two ounces to the pound; then, if you use any thin patent starch, be sure you use it warm, otherwise it will get cold and gritty, and spot your linen, giving it the appearance of being stained with grease. It is different with collar starch—it can be used quite cold. Now, then, about polishing shirts; starch the fronts and wristbands as stiff as you can. Always, starch twice—that is, starch and dry, then starch again. Iron your shirt in the usual way, making the linen nice and firm, but without any attempt at a good finish; don't lift the plaits; your shirt is now ready for polishing, but you ought to have a board the same size as a common shirt-board, made of hard wood, and covered with only one ply of plain cotton cloth. Put this board into the breast of your shirt, damp the front very lightly with a wet sponge, then take a polishing iron which is flat, and beveled a little at one end—polish gently with the beveled part, taking care not to drive the linen up into wave-like blisters; of course, this requires a little practice, but if you are careful, and persevere, in a short time you will be able to give that enamel-like finish which seems to be so much wanted.

—The State Board of Equalization should be classed a State Board of mutilization. They are getting fits for some of their doings through the valley papers. The Benton Democrat, referring to their orders to increase certain assessments there says: "The people of Benton county have been outraged by an unjust and unwarrantable increase of the Assessor's levy. We have had our property assessed by a sworn officer; that assessment examined and certified to by a County Board of citizens of this county, also sworn, and deeply interested in the welfare of the whole county. People who live here certainly are far more capable of judging of the value of stock in Benton county than a member of the State Board who, perhaps, never was in the county. We fear the Board has gone out of the way, and possibly exceeded the spirit of the law itself, in its efforts to 'equalize' matters."

—Men are walking about New York, says an exchange, with pockets full of silver taken in change. Astonished conductors on street cars receive silver quarters, ten and five pieces for fares. Silver does not command a premium over legal-tenders, if one wants to sell silver, but if one wants to buy it—well, financiers must live.

—Alexander H. Stephens writes to a friend denying that he and Herschel V. Johnson are to start a newspaper in Washington, in the interest of refunding the cotton tax. He says neither have any intention of starting such a paper, or have anything to do with a paper of that kind.

—The patrons of husbandry, it is stated, bind themselves never to go to law, but to have all disputes settled by arbitration. First, the case comes on without delay, and, each man telling his story, a jury of picked neighbors and mutual friends decide what is right.

—The British Government has thus far spent three hundred thousand pounds on the Tichborne case, among the expenses being the importation of live Australians as witnesses, each of which costs one party or the other one thousand pounds.

—Two of the trans-Atlantic companies have given free passage from Liverpool to New York to Americans who were rendered penniless in Europe by the failure of American banking-houses in London.

### TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

#### The Price of Gold.

PORTLAND, Nov. 12.—Gold in New York to-day, 106 1/2; Portland Legal Tender rates,—92 1/2 buying, and 93 selling.

#### Miscellaneous News.

President MacMahon's powers will probably be prolonged by the French Assembly for five years.

The nail and iron manufacturers of New England will reduce the wages of their employes 10 per cent. on the 1st December.

Several adults have died of scarlet fever in San Francisco within a few days. The disease is still very prevalent and very fatal amongst children.

Prescott and Yuma were joined by telegraph on Wednesday. Yuma will be connected with San Diego next week; Tucson with Manitoba soon after.

The funeral of General Hardee took place at Selma, Alabama on the 8th. There was a very imposing procession, the largest ever witnessed in the State.

The Cincinnati Clearing House Association have taken up all certificates issued at the time of the panic and fully resumed currency payments.

It will cost eight and a half million dollars more to carry on the New York City and county government in 1874 than it did in 1873. We thought the thieves were all captured.

There is said to be every possible evidence of the speedy resumption of business by the house of Jay Cooke & Co. The houses will be able to resume within a few weeks, as soon as the confidence of a majority of creditors is assured.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad Company have reduced the wages of employes in their shop at Sedalia, Missouri, from 10 to 20 per cent. It is said the men will refuse to work on these terms.

Chas. W. Wilson, Grand Chief Engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, says the present strike of the engineers in Tennessee is without the authority of the Brotherhood, and will not be sustained by them.

The railroad trouble in Tennessee continues. The company sued one hundred of the strikers in the Circuit Court for \$500,000 damages, and another hundred in Chancery, and have obtained an injunction restraining them from obstructing their business.

At a meeting of the Panama Railroad Directors Saturday, a report of the condition of the company was presented of a favorable nature. A resolution was passed requesting the resignation of President Stockwell, but he positively refused. It is understood that a resolution will be passed that the position of President be made only honorary, and that the Vice President and Treasurer be entrusted with the management.

The Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company do not deem it advisable for Vice President Tom Scott to resign in consequence of his connection with the Pacific Construction Company.

When the Company found it necessary to issue paper in anticipation of negotiating a loan of \$20,000,000 on bonds of the Railroad, which negotiated they regarded good, Thomas A. Scott having conducted it near complete that the contract in London was drawn and agreed to for ten millions more, and the signatures only were wanted. Before they were affixed, however, news of the failure of Jay Cooke & Co. and of our panic reached London, and the whole negotiation was upset.

The news of the execution of General Ryan and several other Cuban officers has not created much excitement. Ryan was generally regarded here as an adventurer of very small calibre—one who was an injury rather than a help to the Cuban cause. The Virginus is regarded at the State Department as in no proper sense an American vessel, and it seems certain that those who made her capture a pretext to try and involve our Government with Spain will meet with very poor success. Both Ryan and Verona left for Cuba in pursuance of an order purporting to be from the President of the Cuban Republic, directing absent officers to return. The order was believed to be a forgery simply for effect. The greater portion of the cargo of the

Virginus was thrown overboard or burned before her capture.

Carl Schurz has come back from Europe well satisfied with the relative prosperity of America. He says Austria is rotten, France haggard, Spain hopeless, and North Germany debauched with the sudden influx of money. His view will offset that of George Francis Train, who recently left America disgusted.

In the Bazaine court-martial Monday Marshal Canrobert and General Admiral testified that to their knowledge no dispatch was received at Metz from Marshal MacMahon on the 23d of August. They also swore that MacMahon's advance was not alluded to by Bazaine at a council of war held on the 26th of August.

Police Commissioner Charlick, who was expelled from the Tammany Society the other night on motion of John Morrissey, has issued an order to have all the gambling houses and policy shops in the city closed up immediately, under pain of dismissal from the Police Department. He says if the Tammany Hall General Committee want reform in the city they shall have it, if the Police Department can give it to them.

The obsequies of Mrs. Mary Custis Lee, widow of the late General Robert E. Lee, took place at Lexington on the 8th. The remains were deposited by the side of those of her husband in the Memorial-room. Mrs. Lee was 67 years of age. Business was entirely suspended, and many places were draped in mourning.

At Gilroy, California, on the 8th a meeting of citizens was held and a Vigilance Committee formed, for the purpose of ridding the town of thieves and vagrants. They elected a Captain and Lieutenant, and went to numerous saloons, called out such men as they wished to leave the town—nine or ten persons—formed them into line and escorted them four miles outside of the city limits. Others have been warned to leave.

**How Boys are Lost.**—A five year old boy, who attends the primary school, one day failed to come home at the usual hour, much to the alarm of the household, and, after a long search, he was found, sometime after dark, at the Providence depot. And this was his explanation of the circumstance: "I'll tell you, mamma, how it happened. After school I went part way home with Mary—and at the corner of a street, where she left me, I kissed her, and she kissed me, and then I found I was lost." It is suspected that this is not the first young gentleman who has been lost under similar circumstances—but they do not always go straight home and tell their mothers about it.—Exchange.

—The new Parker House, hotel and Restaurant, corner of Main and Concomly streets, will be opened to-day by Messrs. Farleman & Lawson late of the Globe, who will attend to the business. We wish them every success. Mr. Fred Colbert will succeed them in the Globe.

### Post Office Notice.

The General Delivery at the Astoria Postoffice will be open daily, (except Sunday), from 8 o'clock A. M. until 6 P. M. On Sundays from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M. Money Orders issued from 8 A. M. to 4.

### MAILS CLOSE:

For Portland and intermediate offices, at 5 1/2 o'clock A. M. daily.

For Skipanon, Seaside house, and Tillamook, daily on arrival of the mail from Portland.

For Fort Stevens and Cape Disappointment, Unity, Oysterville, and Olympia—Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 7:30 A. M.

For Knappton, Grays river, Klaskanine, Youngs river, Lewis and Clarke, Nehalem valley, etc., irregular.

### NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

1. Any person who takes a paper regularly from the post-office—whether directed to his name or another's, or whether he has subscribed or not—is responsible for the payment.

2. If any person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrearages, or the publisher may continue to send it, until payment is made, and collect the whole amount—whether the paper is taken from the office or not.

3. The courts have decided that refusing to take newspapers and periodicals from the post-office, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.