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### CITY INTELLIGENCE.

**THE WEATHER.**—No country in christendom can beat Astoria in the magnificence of the weather as we are having at present.

**PARKER HOUSE.**—The new Hotel in this city, known at present as the Parker House, because of its being built for Mr. W. W. Parker, is rapidly nearing completion.

**IMPROVING.**—The friends of Harry Spedden will be pleased to learn that he is rapidly recovering from his recent very painful and prostrating attack of pleurisy.

**WINSHIP CHOWDER CLUB F. AND F.**—The Constitution and By-laws of Winship Chowder Club, No. 1, Astoria, provide for a regular meeting on the fourth Tuesday in July, at the office of Commodore W. F. Kippen.

**PERSONAL.**—Among the arrivals at Arrigoni's yesterday, we note the names of Major Frank G. Smith and Dr. Spaulding, of Cape Disappointment.

**REACHED HIS PORT.**—Our Shoalwater correspondent informs us that Capt. Brown has completed his trip from Portland to Oysterville, on the little sloop "Strait"-Ticket. It was a most remarkable trip. We should prefer the weather-beach, with one of John Hunter's teams from Unity.

**FOR FORT STEVENS.**—Lieutenant P. Leary, Jr., of the United States Army, and Major Canby, were passengers by the John L. Stephens Tuesday. Lieut. Leary is of the Fourth Artillery, and we are informed will be stationed at Fort Stevens on his return from the interior. He is expected to-morrow.

**COUNTY COURT.**—The County Court for Clatsop county, Judge Moffit presiding, commenced the July term Monday. Very little business was transacted in the Probate and law line, but the regular business of the county was being attended to yesterday.

**GOVERNMENT BOAT.**—The Custom House officers at this port have just purchased of the builder, Mr. George McEwan, a very nice, oak timbered row boat, twenty-one feet in length, six feet beam, to be used in boarding vessels in the bay. It's a handy craft and will be very useful.

**ASTORIA BREWERY.**—Yesterday we paid the Astoria Brewery a visit of inspection. Mr. Myers has facilities seldom equalled for carrying on a successful business, and the orders on his books show his success. The buildings are perfect in all appointments, and the trade cannot do better than to patronize him.

**FISH.**—A. J. Megler of Astoria, accompanied by Mrs. M., returned from a trip to Shoalwater Bay Tuesday evening, bringing with them some fine fish from the Cape, caught by Mr. J. W. Munson, to whom we are indebted for a supply. In a very short time fishing in the briny deep about the Cape and off the Bar will be sport worth making a note of.

**EXPECTED.**—The steamer Gussie Telfair was expected from Victoria last night, in command of Captain Gardner. She has been thoroughly overhauled at Victoria.

**TIN WEDDING.**—Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parker of this city were made the recipients of numerous presents on the occasion of their tin wedding, the tenth anniversary of their marriage. It was a very pleasant event, and their new stock of tin ware will last for many years to come.

**DEATH.**—A little child, six months of age, of Masonic parents, from southwestern Missouri, died on the passage of the John L. Stephens to this place from San Francisco, and was buried here by the fraternity Tuesday morning. The grief-stricken parents, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, proceeded on their voyage inland, at the conclusion of the sad ceremonial.

**THE NEHALEM ROAD.**—We are not acquainted with the circumstances concerning matters spoken of by our correspondent from Nehalem Valley, but as he is a truthful man we publish the letter, remarking that Astoria has an interest in that road, and if the confidence of the people is being abused we propose to stand by the people in the controversy.

**SERENADE.**—The schooner Rough and Ready, Capt. Rhefeld, of Grays river, has been camped near the Astorian office several days, discharging a cargo of wood for Dr. Kinsey. The Rough and Ready carries a band of stringed instruments, and the music, as it was wafted through our open window, those pleasant moonlight evenings, was highly appreciated.

**FIRE.**—About half past 12 o'clock yesterday, fire was discovered in dust and shavings on the floor, in the joiner's room at Parker's new Hotel, foot of Main street, which was a fortunate circumstance as the wind was blowing fresh, and a few moments only would have been required to get up a first-class destruction. The fire was extinguished without a general alarm, without damage.

**NEAT STOCK.**—Colonel Peter Saxe, brother to the famous John G., paid us a visit last Tuesday. Col. S. visits Oregon with several head of fine blooded cattle and horses from Bourbon, Clarke and Fayette counties, Kentucky. It was from Col. Saxe that Gen. Adair, of this city, procured his fine short-horn Durham recently, and it was Gen. Adair who persuaded him to come to Oregon with this stock. We hope he will be successful.

**INCONVENIENT.**—Marshal W. Chance met with a heavy customer a few days ago in making an arrest, and as he lifted him up to step into the jail the fellow swayed o'er on top remarking that it was the d—st most inconvenient jail he ever attempted to enter, and he'd been in most of 'em in this country. It is true our city jail sets up rather steep, but the filling of the block will make it more on the level soon.

**STREET IMPROVEMENTS.**—There is no discounting the fact that at the present time there is very much work being done on the streets and vacant blocks of Astoria. A considerable force of men and teams are employed in this business. Court-house Square, Benton, Jefferson and Main streets are apparently receiving the greatest attention at present, but in other parts there are movements, which we will notice at another time, which indicate the thrifty enterprise that is to make this one of the loveliest cities that ever graced such a beautiful site on the banks of a noble river. Let the work go on! speed the day that brings Astoria out.

**COLUMBIA RIVER BAR.**—We are informed by pilots on the Columbia river bar, that there is a slight error in the statement concerning the depth of water on the bar. Or more properly at the entrance to this harbor. They say that there is now two bars in fact, and that while it is true there is a depth of even more water than is accredited, it is nevertheless true that thirty feet is the highest, and twenty the lowest after crossing to the inside in the vicinity of Clatsop spit. We wish to be correct in all our statements, and would invite the attention of the Chamber of Commerce to this matter, knowing full well that they wish only to have the truth said. The pilots are constantly hunting for deep water, and as thirty feet is enough, and they can find no more, let it be given at that. Another matter is that relating to pilotage and towage on the bar. The law provides that the charges shall be \$8 per foot for twelve feet, and \$10 per foot for all in excess of twelve feet. Hence, a vessel drawing nineteen feet, would be required to pay \$166 instead of \$190 as stated, and on 23 feet, \$206 instead of \$230. A difference in favor of Astoria.

**HEALTHY STRAWBERRIES.**—Astoria is just now in the midst of strawberry season. And such fruit, as was never seen elsewhere. Recorder Charles Stevens has left on our table a lot which average over four inches in circumference. The largest measures 5 1/2 inches. They are of the agriculturist variety. Twenty of them fill a good sized glass sauce dish.

### Vessels on the Way.

Following is a list of vessels on the way to this port, and a record of the arrivals and departures up to date:

British bark Vesta, sailed from Liverpool, April 12th.  
Bark Rival, from San Francisco, June 20th.  
British bark Shylet, Liverpool, via Victoria, Schooner—, from Melbourne.  
British ship Middlesex, 1,191 tons, from San Francisco.  
Brig Kolca, from San Francisco.  
American ship Confidence.  
Barkentee Oregonian, from San Francisco.  
British bark Onesta, 688 tons, McDowell, from Tyne via Molendo and Callao, arrived from Molendo at Callao 22d.  
British ship Loreta, 1,944 tons, from Tyne via Callao. Sailed March 6th.  
British bark Duncain, Chambers, from Tyne via Bombay, Arrived at Bombay prior to April 22d.  
British bark George A. Holt, Norton, from West via New Zealand, Sailed Dec. 20th, 1872 Passed the Lizard February 6th.

Arrived Departd  
Bark Garibaldi, Hong Kong.....June 20.....  
Bark Forward " ".....June 23.....  
Bkt Webfoot San Francisco.....June 25.....  
Bk Hermine Liverpool.....June 29.....  
Str Ajax Portland for S F.....July 6th.....  
Str John L. Stephens S F for P. July 8th.....

### Tide Table for Astoria.

July	High Water.			Low Water.		
	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.	
7	10 54	10 25	4 49	4 15		
8	12 04	11 12	5 55	5 12		
9	1 08	12 08	6 58	6 12		
10	2 07	1 55	7 51	7 10		
11	2 59	2 38	8 37	8 00		
12	3 45	3 19	9 29	8 48		
13	4 23	3 53	10 25	9 37		

**Notice to Pilots, (and Ship Masters).**—Every Pilot or Ship Master who shall bring into the port of Astoria any ship or vessel having on board any persons or goods infected with Small-pox, Cholera, Leprosy, or other contagious diseases, or which shall have had on board any such infections during the voyage, or which he suspects, from the bad sanitary condition of the vessel may be capable of propagating disease, shall anchor such ship or vessel below Smith's Point, and give immediate notice to the Health Officer. In any violation of the foregoing regulations the law will be strictly enforced. S. W. DODD, M. D., Health Officer, Astoria.

**BAV VIEW HOUSE.**—One among the finest retreats on the Pacific Coast for Summer visitors is that region surrounding the Bay View House, at Unity, presided over by John Hunter and his estimable wife late of Oysterville. Fishing for salmon and landers of the rocks amidst the fall of breakers, or trout in the brooks, dipping Clams on the weather bench, deer hunting or duck shooting, surf bathing or beach driving, on a twenty mile stretch, are some of the sports to be found there. It will be seen by the advertisement of Mr. H., in another column, that passengers and visitors are to be well provided for this season.

### Letters from the People.

**From Oysterville.—Remarkable Trip at Sea—Other Items.**

EDITOR ASTORIAN: OYSTERVILLE, July 5, 1873.

Thinking you might wish to hear something from this corner of Uncle Samuel's moral vineyard I will address you a few jottings. The new Inspector of Customs was duly installed in office on the 2d inst. and took charge of affairs in (oriental) style. But he is much in want of a boat, as his predecessor failed to pass over his four legged craft—claiming it as his own private property—so the new incumbent is at a loss how to perform his duty, unless he buys a beef, and would be very greatly pleased if Uncle Sam would make a small appropriation in that direction, (under the head of supplies.)

The Fourth passed off very quietly, the day was delightful and ere the morning sun had cast its radiance towards the West the booming of cannons, and the ringing of the school bell awoke the village slumbers to behold the ushering in of the glorious ninety-seventh anniversary of National Independence.

The sloop "Strait"-Ticket, Capt. John Brown, left Cape Disappointment Wednesday, 7 o'clock P. M., and arrived at Shoalwater Bay Thursday, 7 P. M. The boat is under five tons burthen and had no one on board but Capt. Brown; a feat unknown in the annals of the past, and probably will not be repeated by any one for years to come. In making the entrance to Shoalwater Bay, an ebb tide and the wind blowing a gale from the Northwest caused a very heavy sea, but the Captain plowed his little craft through to safe anchorage within the bay.

The Washington Oyster company will have a schooner from San Francisco some time in August with a full cargo.

There was a ball on the evening of the Fourth at Espy & Co.'s hall. All who participated enjoyed themselves hugely the floor having been waxed for the occasion in scientific order by Prof. Holborg, who knows how to do such things. Astoria, Unity, and Cape Disappointment were represented on the floor, the Cape furnishing the music.

There are two hotels in Oysterville with very accommodating proprietors, who keep their tables well furnished with the good things of this world, and who, in anticipation of a bright future, play Yankee Doodle, on the triangle in the night time. More Anon, OMEGA.

### Nehalem Valley Correspondence.

NEHALEM VALLEY, July 2, 1873.

EDITOR ASTORIAN: Knowing that you and a great number of your readers are deeply interested in the Washington county, Nehalem valley and Astoria Wagon Road company, and the manner in which the appropriation made by the last Legislature is being expended, I would say, that the settlers of this valley are convinced that the management conducted by the chairman of the Road Company will result in the appropriation being expended without any road being built. Since the Commissioners have taken their oath of office and the Board organized by electing Walker chairman they have forced the bonds of the road upon the market which is now down to thirty cents on the dollar \$7,000 or \$8,000 of these bonds have been issued and sold at this sacrifice by the chairman of the board and were the money thus secured by sacrificing the bonds at this low rate, appropriated to conduct the survey going on at the present time, we would not complain, but we learn that this money is used to purchase wheat and in other speculations in the town of Cornelius where the chairman has located his office, and is drawing his five dollars per day for every day in the month, although the bill expressly states, that he is to receive this compensation only for the days actually employed. The other commissioners who are engaged in the survey have been very much delayed by not receiving their supplies from the chairman (who no doubt has the money invested in other speculations), and have been compelled from time to time to leave their work and come into the settlements for supplies which were promised by the chairman to be forwarded to certain points and on reaching these places found the supplies had not been forwarded and were compelled to get along as best they could without them. And would rather say, that had the

chairman of the board fulfilled his promise the road would at the present time be located the entire distance from Cornelius to Astoria.

The settlers of this valley would most respectfully call the attention of his excellency Governor L. F. Grover, to the management of these funds, appropriated to construct said road—as expended by the chairman. MANY SETTLERS.

### Compliments to the Astorian.

PORTLAND—ON WALLAMET, July 5th, 1873.

EDITOR ASTORIAN: Your excellent Tri-Weekly Astorian of the 1st inst. lies before me. Success; we say, to you—and to your select sheet!

Half a century ago, when I was a school boy in my native valley village in Central New York, in the Northwest corner of my School Atlas, near the mouth of the Columbia river, on its Southern banks, in the then unexplored Indian territory, was dotted your Astorian which to my seven-year old eyes looked to be at the jumping off place of North America, so far away that I never expected to be able to see it, though I might live to be a Centenarian.

But fifty years time and Yankee brains and enterprise have worked wonders, and most marvelous matters, so that to-day you are the proprietor of the Tri-Weekly Astorian, a twenty column, neat sheet, with a tip-top start on the Newspaper Race Course, dressed up in the neatest style of Typographic Art, of whose origin, rise and progress the Poet has so well versed it:

"Th' Inventor of this noble Art to find, Has long engaged the Anti jury's mind; To question dates on books, and records pore, To draw the veil obscuring's cast o'er. Vain are his efforts, 'tis beyond his might To fix in truth on man or place the right; Doubts still exist to whom the palm is due, Partisans for each their claims pursue,— But metal types the honor all confer On both the Guttembers, Faust and Schoffer." Success, we repeat, attend Oregon's "Ocean Gateway," Astoria! and its live and will-awake proprietor. Truly yours, P.

### Boat Capsized—Rescue of the Parties

COLUMBIA RIVER, July 3, 1873.

Bony Graham, and another man, while ploughing the raging Columbia to-day upset near Jackson's Fishery, about six miles below Westport. Bony says they were hanging to the boat in the water about two hours, and that he was nearly strangled—hauled up several rope kinds of stuff,—and was just on the point of "handing in his checks," when he felt something like a set of fingers, "a kind a winding in his hair." It was a couple of fishermen who had come to the rescue and set them right side up with care! Their oars and some clothing was lost, no other serious, damage except an uncomfortable bath, and a big scare. Yours truly, ANNEX.

**VISITORS.**—The Dixie arrived from Portland at 1:30 P.M. yesterday, among the visitors for summer resorts we noticed Gen. Babbitt and family, and H. L. Hoyt and family.

**OMITTED.**—The name of Miss Maggie Hustler should have been inserted in the roll of those who passed creditable examination at the Astoria public school. The name was inadvertently left out, and the error just been detected by us.

**VALUABLE CARGO.**—The value of the salmon part of the cargo of the Ajax, which went out from here last Sunday morning, was \$40,166. Of this amount 5,760 cases, valued at \$39,320, was for parties who will re-ship it direct to Europe from San Francisco.

**THE MULE PUZZLE.**—Van Dusen has it. Yes, sir; he can by a simple process transmogrify a black, homely looking, very long eared mule, into the symmetrical proportions of a beautiful white horse. Every subscriber to the ASTORIAN who has paid his money in advance, is entitled to call and get one of these neat parlor entertaining puzzles.

The Webfoot completed her cargo of lumber for San Francisco, at Knappton yesterday.

**SHOCKED.**—The worst shocked man we have seen in some time was a citizen who made the discovery, Friday, that the neighbor from whom he had borrowed a paper for the past four years, had not paid for it. He learned the facts from an agent of the publisher, and it grieved him. He said: "To think that I should have been so imposed upon at my time of life. I tell you, a man don't know who to trust in these times. The world is full of corruption, and deceit, and devilry, stuck full of it."