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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

John Welch has been appointed constable for Astoria precinct. He will make an efficient officer. The schooner Abe Lincoln, wrecked about three years ago, near the ship yard, is plainly visible at low tide. One mile of the new road from Fort Clatsop, on Lewis and Clarke river, is now finished and ready for use. One of the biggest forest fires of the season was burning furiously in the vicinity of the entrance to Grays river last Saturday. It is not known who set fire to the drift pile below Chinook point. No damage resulted from it, though it was rather tropical for a day or two. C. H. Dexter, mine host of the Seaside, was in the city Saturday, and he reports everything perfectly lovely at that elegant retreat, and everybody happy. The British ship Middlesex was released from custody by the Deputy United States Marshal Tuesday evening. The claim upon which she was held was one of D. Stimson & Co., for lumber furnished for damage. Mr. A. B. Mullett, Supervising Architect of the United States Treasury Department, came a passenger to Oregon by the last steamer. He stopped at Astoria a sufficient length of time to make an inspection of the new Custom-house and Post-office, which, by the way, we learn he was well pleased to find so neatly finished as it is. Mr. Solomon H. Smith of Clatsop Plains has left at our office an emblem of the industrious habits of the people of his neighborhood in the shape of a mattox handle, of hickory, half worn out by use in a man's hands the past year. In California, where they have an idea Oregonians never do any work, this implement would be regarded as a curiosity. The American ship Confidence was ready to clear from this port for Cork for orders, last evening. She will go out in command of Capt. Howe, who came up on the last steamer to take her. Capt. Rowse, who has been in command of her, we learn incidentally goes to China to assume a position as agent in the Oregon Steamship Company's line. During the month of July there were entered at the Custom-house fourteen arrivals and the same number of departures at this port from the sea. This included six ocean steamers. Up to this time in August we have had four steamers and two ships. Regular coasters do not enter at the Custom-house under the new law, and of this class of vessels a number are employed in the San Francisco and Columbia river trade. Peace and prosperity seems to have ultimately settled on the operations of the Columbia River Manufacturing Company at Knappa. The property was turned over to the creditors not long since in San Francisco, and the creditors organized a committee, with Mr. R. Kinsey as General Agent, to work out the problem as to whether the establishment, which cost over \$100,000, is worth saving from bankruptcy. This committee have taken hold of the work in earnest, and we are glad to hear with a fine prospect of success. A pack train of mules and horses was loaded in this city Monday for Nehalem valley. The train was owned by Mr. R. L. Jones, who informs us that if the trail was opened from Astoria to Klaskanine farm the settlers in Nehalem valley could reach here in ten hours at any time. This is a matter that should be attended to at once by Astorians. The settlers have opened twenty-one miles themselves, now if Astoria cannot turn out six men for a week and open the trail ten miles on this end of the route it should be regarded a disgraceful state of affairs. Put the ASTORIAN down for one day's work and send out a delegation to do the job.

Council Proceedings.

The regular session of the Common Council was held Tuesday evening at the Council Chamber at the usual hour, President I. W. Case in the chair. Councilmen present: Messrs. J. Badollet, A. Van Dusen, G. W. Warren and D. K. Warren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Petition from W. H. Gray and others, asking permission to construct a wharf and warehouse, was granted. It was ordered that license be issued to S. N. Arrigoni on filing papers, etc. City Marshal Chance reported sale of lot 4 block 144 for delinquent taxes on street improvement, and returned the warrant which was placed on file with the report and return of sale. Street Commissioner's report for July, showing the amount of work performed on roads, (\$165), tax collected (\$79 27), and the progress of work on Wall street. The two former matters were placed on file, and the latter laid over for the new board. The treasurer was allowed until next Monday to file his report. The street committee reported Benton street satisfactorily graded by Messrs. Corno and Ellis. The subject of cemetery lots was laid over for the new board. Warrants were ordered in payment of claims against the city as follows: D. C. Ireland advertising \$17 50; Judges and Clerks of the election \$29; M. S. Sessions, street work, \$20 60; C. H. Bain, setting grade stakes and monument \$3 50; Wm. Chance, street Commissioner, \$80 25; Marshal fees \$2 50; J. M. Chance, labor on streets \$10 80; George Flavel, merchandise \$9 45; C. L. Parker merchandise \$1 75; Charles Ross, hauling, \$5 50; F. Ferrell, lumber \$31 68. An ordinance permitting W. H. Gray and others to construct a wharf, as petitioned for was adopted. Wm. Chance tendered his resignation as city Marshal, which was adopted. On motion the Council adjourned.

The cargo of the Confidence was completed yesterday. It amounts to about 40,000 bushels of wheat, (19,429 sacks), valued at \$37,150. The sloop W. H. Twilight was dismantled in a heavy gale of wind going to Clatsop last Tuesday. The mast was broken in two places. The steamer Mary Bell brought the barkentine Melancthon to Cementville on the 5th, where she will complete cargo for San Francisco. The Schooner Adelaide arrived from Deep river with a cargo of wood yesterday. She was becalmed and it took several hours to cross the bay. Bishop Morris is expected here tomorrow. Saturday he will visit Clatsop returning here to officiate at Grace church Sunday. Monday he will leave for Shoalwater bay, spending some time at Oyster-ville. Wm. Fox, of the 23d Infantry Band, writing to his father Peter H. Fox, of this city, from Prescott, Arizona, under date of July 21st, gives an account of two suicides recently committed there. One of these, Quartermaster Sargeant Honney, was formerly well known here, as Sargeant Major of the Fourth Infantry at Fort Vancouver. The other man, Collins, was a member of Company K, 23d Infantry. A petition was presented at the Council meeting of Tuesday evening last, and an ordinance passed granting W. H. Gray his associates and assigns, the privilege of erecting a wharf along the city front 100 feet East from Benton street. The wharf to be uniform in height and front to that erected by Ben Holladay at the foot of Main street. Commencing at the West end of said wharf running westerly two blocks, including the privilege of wharfing the East half of Benton street, from low water line to high water. HANDSOME SLOOP.—A few days ago, while at the Cape, our attention was attracted to a very handsomely modeled sloop now in process of construction there for Government use, by Mr. J. W. Munson. This new craft is 28 feet in length, (31 feet over all); 12 1/2 feet beam, provided for large cockpit, ample cabin, and roomy lockers. The workmanship is of the best order. The decking being put down of 3/4 inch boards edgewise, dressed to 1 1/2 inches, and the keel and other parts proportionally neat. She is to be rigged with a 27 foot sail—28 feet hoist, 12 feet on the gaff, 32 feet boom; (16 1/2 feet on the foot), and as she has an excellent model will possibly make some fast time.

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. —The Ajax arrived at San Francisco on Tuesday. —A detachment of troops which left the Forts in this vicinity for the Modoc war, have returned. Col. Miller, of Ft. Stevens, who took an active part in the war, is again at his home. One and all will be gladly welcomed. —It is reported that the Ku-Klux in Owen and Henry Counties are getting very bold. They visited the Louisville packet with the evident intention of doing mischief and were only deterred by threats of the officers of the boat who were well armed.

Movement of Vessels.

Following is a list of vessels on the way to this port, and a record of the arrivals and departures up to date: Schooner Hera, from Melbourne. British bark Lieut. Maury, sailed from San Francisco July 30th. British bark Vesta, sailed from Liverpool, April 12th. British bark Shylet, Liverpool, via Victoria. British bark Oneta, 588 tons, McDowell, from Tyne via Molendo and Callao, arrived from Molendo at Callao 22d. British ship Loretta, 1,941 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 Wear via New Zealand, Sailed Dec. 20th, 1872. Passed the Lizard February 6th. Arrived Departd

Tide Table for Astoria. Table with columns for High Water and Low Water, and sub-columns for A. M. and P. M. for August 7th through 15th.

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 violations of the foregoing regulations the law will be strictly enforced. S. W. DODD, M. D., Health Officer, Astoria.

To Investors.—The Northern Pacific Railroad Company has now built, 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 entitle 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 8 1/2 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 2,400 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 \$10,000 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 1.10 in payment and exchange for the Company's lands. JAY COOKE & CO., Philadelphia, New York & Washington, Financial Agents N. P. R. Co.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Gold in New York to-day, 115 1/2. Portland Legal Tender rates, 85 1/2 buying; 86 1/2 selling. Two deaths from cholera were reported in Indianapolis. An incendiary fire was kindled in San Francisco Monday night. The Prefect of Lyons has issued an order closing the public gardens in that city at nine in the evening. —The Republican State Central Committee will meet to-morrow for the purpose of calling a State Convention. Track-laying is fairly commenced on the road from Wallula to Walla Walla. About a mile is now down. With their present force they can lay about the third of a mile per day. There appears to be in San Francisco a regular organization of hoodlums to set places on fire for the sake of robbery. The total number arrested is eight; their ages range from 10 to 14. The cholera has appeared at Union Hill, N. J., opposite New York. Two cases were reported, one of which proved fatal. One fatal case is reported at Pleasantville, on the Harlem Railroad. In consequence of the exciting events the last few days trade throughout Portland has been almost wholly suspended. Contributions in aid of sufferers by the Portland fire come in liberally as they should. A fleet of Italian war vessels has been ordered to proceed to Carthage to protect the Italians there and co-operate with other foreign vessels in whatever measures may be deemed necessary. Lieut. General Sherman says the Indians who committed the depredations at Mud River Valley belong to the Northern Cheyennes and Arrapahoes about Fort Fetterman, who were represented in the Peace Council at Red Cloud Agency. The Official Gazette of Nicaragua announces the termination of the labors of the United States exploring expedition for the canal route, under charge of Captain Lull who says his labors have ended with most brilliant results, and he will be able to show that this is the best route yet.

Lieutenant Colonel Brackett reports from Camp Stambaugh, Wyoming Territory, that the Indians made an attack on the settlement of old Camp Brown on July 28th and killed Mrs. Richards and Miss Hall. First Lieutenant Whalen, with Company B, Second Cavalry, has gone in pursuit of the marauders. Last Sunday some vandals entered old Christ Church, Alexandria, famous as the place where Washington worshipped, and turned the furniture upside down, destroyed all the music, saturated the cushions and prayer books with oil and removed the silver plate from Washington's pew, besides committing other depredations. Ex-President Theirs, in the course of his reply to Madame Koechlen, who presented him with a gift from the ladies of Mulhausen, declared that the attitude of France toward foreign Powers should be strictly neutral; that the difficulties in Spain were purely internal, and if France claimed her Territory inviolate she ought to respect that of Spain. At Valparaiso a great earthquake was felt July 8th. The shocks were worse than those of 1837. A great deal of damage was done to many houses and churches, though the affair was nothing compared with the late earthquake at San Salvador. Some few lives were lost by the falling of walls. One lady died from fear. A Washington special says Governor Austin and Senator Ramsey, of Minnesota, had an interview with Acting Secretary of State Davis, regarding the imprisonment of the Minneapolis officers at Fort Garry. Mr. Davis said that the State Department would endeavor to secure the release on bail of all the parties on their pledging that when so released they shall appear to answer in the Canadian Court when the case is called. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala has addressed a note to the United States Consul complaining that the steamer General Sherman had been sold to the enemies of Guatemala, who were making use of her and the American flag to transport men and munitions of war to attack Guatemala. The Consul, in reply, promised to call the attention of the authorities at Washington to the

abuse of the flag and to advise the Admiral commanding the Pacific Squadron.

A grand reception concert and ball will be given at the Ocean House, Long Branch, next Saturday evening, for the benefit of the Portland, Oregon, sufferers. President Grant, who is a former resident of Portland, will be in attendance.

The break reported in the mountain division of the Union Pacific Railroad has been fully repaired. The storm is reported as fearful, with rain, sleet and hail combined. The hail in some places was piled up two feet high.

—Mr. G. Summers is fixing up very convenient apartments at his store for the manufacturing of clothing, etc., on the Secor Sewing Machine run by water-power.

"ONE FOR HIS NOB."—Yankee passenger—"Why on airth do you put blinders on the horses in this benighted old country? We've long given 'em up in America, I reckon!"

British "Buss Driver"—"Well, I'll tell you wot it is. If them 'ere' osses was only just to catch a sight of you a sittin' be'ind 'em they'd just smash the 'ole blessed 'buss all to pieces!"

—False speech is probably capable of being the falsest and most accursed of all things. False speech; so false that it has not even the veracity to know that it is false—as the poor, commonplace liar still does! I have heard speakers who gave rise to thoughts in me they were little dreaming of suggesting! Is man, then, no longer an "Incarnate Word," as Novalis calls him,—sent into this world to utter out of him, and by all means to make audible and visible what of God's message he has sent hither and made alive even for that, and for no other definite object? Is there no sacredness, then, any longer, in the miraculous tongue of man? Is his head become a wretched, cracked pitcher, on which you jingle to frighten cows, and make bees hive?—Carlyle.

—One of Barnum's tapirs has been seized, because the authorities say it was smuggled into the port of New York. The captain of the ship that brought the animal first obtained a free permit from the custom-house clerks by representing that the animal had no market value, and then sold it to one of Barnum's agents for \$550. Now it happens that the duty on tapirs is twenty per cent. ad valorem, and this particular individual is appraised at \$800 by the Government examiner of tapirs, hence the seizure. The tapir, which is a large black one, is exceedingly mortified that any unpleasantness should attend his debut upon our republican shores, and thinks the press should not make light of the matter.

—A Little girl in New Orleans has won, after a patient labor of three months, a prize of a silk dress, by successfully accomplishing the feat of multiplying nine by nine, and eighty-one by eighty one, and so on, using each succeeding product as its own multiplier, until the operation was performed nine times. The prize has been offered for several years, but never before earned. It is said the work comprises 262 numeral compounds and 90,000 figures, and the whole covers four or five square yards of paper. A nice specimen of productive industry.

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 1st streets. Mr. Smith was for many years senior partner of the firm of Smith & Davis, Arch, besides being a thoroughly practical druggist and chemist is, without, as general 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 rock 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 deliverers, 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."