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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—John W. Gearhart of this city receives about 250 sacks of flour a month to supply his customers.

—Mr. Wm. Dorian, one of the pioneer steamboat engineers in these waters, who has been in the employ of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company almost ever since its organization, is at present in this city recuperating shattered health. We trust that Mr. D. will return to his post on the finest steamer of the fleet, the Daisy Ainsworth, fully restored to that boon without which all would be poor indeed.

—Mr. John Badollet of this city who has been to Portland for several days informs us that Charles Brown's ice works, destroyed by the late fire, will again be in operation soon. Mr. W. H. Harris has become associated with Mr. Brown in the rebuilding. The works are being erected upon ground owned by Mr. Badollet. Before the fire destroyed the works ice of fine quality was produced in quantity sufficient to prove the success of the enterprise.

—Every season producers are taught on the part of buyers and grain speculators, to surmise that there is an almost insurmountable obstacle in the way of moving the crop in the lack of tonnage. Vessels may be scarce—but if so it is simply because they are not sought. If it is true that there are not ships enough afloat to move the Oregon grain crop with profit, does it not behoove Oregonians to construct a few barkentines for themselves? Take which horn of the dilemma you please, there is more clean cash to be made out of one first class ship yard at Astoria than all the first National Banks on the Pacific slope. We shall soon present the figures to establish this proposition.

—Capt. I. Stevens of this city has some of the gamest game chickens in the land—so game are they that they roost high, far up where they breathe rarefied air, but in substance they are about the same as tho' their perches were a little lower down. On Thursday chief engineer DeHuff, of the steamboat E. N. Cooke took a notion that he wanted a pair of those chickens to improve stock about Portland, where Spring-chicken is seldom known to attain a tender age, and procuring a block and tackle from the steamer, accompanied Irv to the henry, and between the two they succeeded in hauling down as fine a pair of Bramahs as ever left port. They will be placed on exhibition perhaps at the next State fair.

—When we look at the Wheat samples on our table, from ripening fields in this vicinity capable of yielding from fifty to seventy-five bushels to the acre, and then stroll through the city to find only Wallamet valley brands of flour in the market for our own home consumption, as well as for the surrounding country, taking in the scope of three hundred miles of sea coast, reaching back a hundred miles or more, we are forced to imagine that something is wrong; that the remedy to those grievances we are prone to complain of lies in our hands. If the Wallamet valley wish to ignore this region of country, if it is the preference of farmers in that division of the State to trifle away their substance in the vain endeavor to build up for themselves and Puget Sound what nature never designed—let us withdraw from the unpleasant and unequal contest, and by the erection of mills and construction of roads develop a community and a region fully as able to maintain commercial relations with the world, as the one we are now depending upon for our bread. This can be done, and it will be.

—The work of filling Benton street, by Mr. F. Sherman, shows a good job, and is a recommendation for future contracts in that direction.

—Spedden brothers new tug will be launched next week. The propeller has arrived and will be placed on the shaft before the launch.

—To-morrow being the 87th birthday of Mrs. Lamphire (Grandma), of this city, the ladies of Astoria will celebrate the event at her house by a donation party to-day. All are invited.

—A. J. Donaldson, late of the firm of Donaldson & Reed, of this city, is preparing for a trip to Sitka by the next steamer, with the expectation of engaging in business there. Jack has numerous friends, any of whom will wish him success where ever he may prefer to take in the slack of his lines.

—The barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg, Captain Brown, will start for Honolulu this evening, it is expected, on the return of Captain George Flavel, owner, who is absent on business to Portland. The cargo is well stowed, the vessel in fine trim, and a speedy and profitable voyage may be expected.

—The schooner Elnora, Capt. Fisher, arrived from Clatsop Thursday evening bringing forty-two head of mutton sheep, and seventy-five head of beef cattle for the Astoria Market. A portion of this stock was purchased in Tillamook by Mr. John Hobson, who scattered considerable coin in that county on his recent visit.

—Everything about the mill and barrel works at Knappton was in operation last Thursday. The steamboat E. N. Cooke, with George W. Weidler of Portland, and a numerous party on board, made the trip across the bay, and the visitors watched things with interest about the extensive premises.

—The young man Patterson, accidentally shot in the vicinity of Mr. Bearman's place on Clatsop plains, last Tuesday, died the following day. It appears that he was sitting on a log at the time of the casualty, and while endeavoring to draw the gun up to him by the barrel it slipped, and the hammer striking the log discharged the load which entered his right side and came out at the back. It was a very painful and distressing affair.

—The Varuna took a large party of excursionists, ladies and gentlemen, to the Cape yesterday. One of the most interesting localities about here is the light-house and fortifications, the immense guns, beautiful grounds, etc., to be seen at Cape Disappointment. Major Frank G. Smith, Dr. Sparling and Mr. Munson, all seem to add to the attractiveness of the place by courtesies extended to visitors, and the party yesterday all agreed that they never had a better time.

—The Coos Bay News, the editor of whom is Tom Merry, thus alludes to one of the commanders on the Columbia river; "Our old commander, Capt. Richard Hoyt, is now master of the elegant new steamer Emma Hayward, in the Portland and Astoria line. Dick is a genial young gentleman and has, as he well deserves, a legion of sincere friends. May clear weather and good fortune ever smile on his course down the river of life."

—Preparations for the next Salmon crop are being extensively made already, not only among the regular hands, but on the part of strangers. One gentleman who has been carrying on a large cannery at Collinsville, Sacramento river, expects to establish here next season. The California legislature has restricted fishing on the Sacramento somewhat, but here, where there are no restrictions and plenty of fish, so long as fishermen manage the business as they do now, there is a field open to the world for competition.

—Rev. Mr. Tenny has left at our office the top branches from one hill of the white Dimmie potato, raised in the garden of Mr. Swinson, about eight miles above this city, which is a curiosity. Like the branches of the early rose variety, left here by Mr. Smith, of Fort Clatsop, these are loaded down with the genuine potato, (not balls), nearly as perfect but not so large as any found in the hills. This curious product has in no manner interfered with the yield, as our informant states that from eight hills one bushel of the product was obtained, and the branches of every one of the hills were filled as the one above described. It may be that this business of raising the potato on both ends of the plant is peculiar to Clatsop county.

Youngs River Falls Again.

On Thursday the 21st inst. the steamers Mary Bell and Varuna, gave a happy and delightful trip to the Young's river Falls and back, each having on board about fifty ladies and gentlemen. The day could not have been more agreeable, nor the parties in better trim for such an excursion. We left Astoria at 8½ o'clock in the morning with an exchange of happy smiles, courtesies and waving handkerchiefs. We had soon turned the point and were winding our way through the turns of the river hurrying along slowly (while the little tug Varuna was hurrying along rapidly), towards our destination. At length, as waking from a dream, we found ourselves at the steamers landing, and taking the small boats as if we meant business more than pleasure, we entered immediately into the lovely scenes of the journey. Moss covered trees and limbs, the wildest profusion of undergrowth and overgrowth and foliage of all the colors of Spring and Autumn lining and over-arching the banks of the deep and dark blue river through which we passed with much thought, feeling and admiration. After footing it as usual from the landing of the small boats, we arrived at the falls in good time for lunch. Where, with logs for chairs and an upheaval of rocks for tables which nature had carefully and suitably arranged for us, the ladies served out a bountiful supply for all, of the very best things in this world. This important topic thoroughly discussed, the parties then subdivided into various groups, and the craggy, bushy, hilly, loggy trails and table rocks and projections, and nooks around and about the falls were lined and dotted with their wonder-gazing and nature-admiring guests leaping and darting across the stream and up and down the banks gathering various berries, moss, ferns and fish. Many also, visited the sulphur springs, a short distance above the falls, where the scenery itself so diversified and enchanting, doubly satisfied us for our pains. It is remarkable, however from the vast amount of slippery roughness and the large number of giddy and excited pedestrians, that there were so few illustrations (not more than three or four), of the principle of gravitation, i.e., a forcible contact of the head and limbs with the earth's surface including dry land and water.

Returning from the grand, the beautiful and picturesque at 3 o'clock we passed along some luring agricultural scenes of various kinds of vegetables in the thriftest conditions together with wild cucumbers and tame oats. The day's trip afforded a little of the cream of romance and a good deal of gay and wild delight in general. And if we consider the getting up of the outfits it represented very clearly and forcibly the idea of muchness. Both parties, however, intermingled with a wonderful amount of good grace and cordiality and no discord except the unearthly yells of the steam whistle of one boat against the sweet and gentle voices of song and conversation in the other. The little rivalry however was much more pleasant and agreeable than otherwise and the parties landed on their return at 5 o'clock P. M. with mutual good cheer and satisfaction.

—The steam tug Varuna proved her capacity for speed on the trip to Youngs river falls, Thursday, and established her reputation among the excursionists as a fast craft. One of the passengers congratulated Captain Gray on the improvement in her time since a new propeller had been cast! Considering that the new propeller is still on the wharf a question arises as to the extent of further improvement when it is placed on the shaft for use.

—Fishing is said to be good at the Cape since the demise and departure of the herring family last Tuesday, as chief engineer Fox, of the tug Astoria, on that day, caught twelve pogies at one haul of a tomcod line. The leisure hours at that place can now be profitably employed.

—Capt. Hamblin of the sloop Eliza took a jolly load of Portlanders to Unity a few days ago. W. H. Harris, Clerk of Multnomah county acted as recorder of the log while Charley Watkins took the surveys and settled the accounts with Neptune for all. He was generous, to a fault. The party returned last evening, from Shoalwater bay.

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The United States.

PORTLAND, August 22.—Gold in New York to-day, 115; Portland Legal Tender rates,—85½ buying, and 86½ selling.

NEW YORK, August 19.—A petition was signed yesterday by a number of prominent stockholders in the Panama Railroad, expressing confidence in the sufficiency of security offered by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, for the loan of a half million dollars, and demonstrating that it is to the interest of the Panama Railroad Company to assist the P. M. S. S. Co., urging upon the Trustees the propriety and advantages of loaning money required by the Steamship Company upon a mortgage on the steamers Colorado and Acapulco. Per contra, a protest is in circulation, to-day, for signatures of the Panama Railroad stockholders, announcing, that in case of loss from such loans, each director will be held personally responsible. The protest sets forth, in detail, the financial distress of the P. M. S. S. Co., and considers it morally certain that sooner or later, the Company will go into bankruptcy.

Vicenzo Motto, of Crosby street, an Italian padrone, was brought before Commissioner Osborne to-day, charged with violation of the civil rights' law, in holding Italian boys in involuntary servitude, and inflicting on them punishment not allowed by the laws of this State. He was committed in default of bail.

Among the awards at the Vienna exposition yesterday, were the following for the Pacific coast: Joseph Neumann, California, for cocoons; C. G. Watkins, of San Francisco, for photographs; G. P. Kuptel, of California, for minerals; Sutro-tunnel Company, of Nevada, for mine models.

August 20.—A number of gentlemen from England and Scotland will start for Kansas to-day, in company with George Grant, of London, who has purchased a county in that State for the purpose of founding a colony. The main purpose of the project will be agricultural and the principal features stock raising. It is stated that the Mennonites, who have gone West, brought with them to this country \$340,000 in gold, of which sum, one man, Peter Isaacs, own \$140,000.

The Stock Exchange was thrown into a fever of excitement this morning by a renewal of the rumor of the serious illness of Commodore Vanderbilt, and still later reports that he was dying. For a time there was a great rush to sell stock. Dealings in Vanderbilt stocks were large and advanced with the excitement. Inquiry showed that there was no foundation for the rumored illness of the Commodore, and there was a short reaction from the lowest point of the day.

CINCINNATI, August 19.—An excursion to the Pacific coast by about 30 prominent citizens, among them the Mayor of this city, is under consideration, and at a meeting to-night a committee was appointed to make inquiries concerning facilities.

FORT SCOTT, August 20.—A special to the Monitor from Lescygnes, the county seat of Linn county, represents that there is a great excitement at that place. A mob of 400 men had taken possession of the town and arrested the Sheriff. They declare that they will hang the Sheriff and burn the town unless he delivers the person of Killard to them. Killard is the man who murdered his wife and two children and his wife's sister at Twin Springs last Sunday night, and afterwards burned their bodies. The Sheriff has been keeping the prisoner hid since the arrest and still refuses to tell where he is concealed. The mob are determined and trouble is apprehended.

WASHINGTON, August 19.—A number of letters have been received here from Quakers and other friends of the Indian peace policy throughout the country, asking executive clemency in behalf of the Modoc Indians. Many of the letters raise the question that the trial of offenders was illegal under a decree of the Supreme Court in the Milligan case to the effect that in cases where civil courts are near at hand, a military tribunal had no jurisdiction. Another question raised is that Gen. Canby was killed while acting as a Peace Commissioner and not as an officer of the army in war. These questions will come directly before the President for his action.

Foreign News.

LONDON, August 19.—A Herald correspondent at Cairo reports the break down of a steamer with Sir Sam'l Baker on board, near Shaduan Island. A tug had gone to her assistance.

August, 20.—Bombay dispatches report that destructive floods have recently afflicted the Province of Agra and that 3,500 native houses have been swept away. There has been some loss of life.

The cholera has broken out in the Province of Bosnia.

A desperate engagement has just taken place between a force of Carlists numbering 240 men and three columns of Spanish Republicans. The battle was fought in an open country between the towns of Berga and Cazaras and resulted in the defeat of the Republicans with a loss of two hundred men and one gun.

MADRID, August 20.—It is reported that in the event of a recess or adjournment of the Cortes (which is regarded as not improbable), Castelar will visit London, Berlin, Vienna and Rome, to endeavor to bring about the recognition of the Spanish Republic.

HALIFAX, August 19.—On Sunday last Peter, a mail man of Bridgewater is supposed to have lured his wife into the wood, murdered her, and then set fire to the woods with a purpose of destroying all traces of his crime. The remains of a woman supposed to have been his wife have been found in the burnt district in the woods and the mail man is now under arrest.

Pacific Coast Items.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 20.—Chas. Burrows, a well known gambler, fell down the stairs at Congress Hall to-day and fractured his skull. He died at 9:30 this evening.

The steamer Arizona arrived this evening from Panama and way ports. She reports two additional deaths among the steerage passengers—both on the 18th inst.—named Henry Herbert and John Dee. This makes three deaths, from natural causes, and one suicide on the passage from Panama.

SHASTA, August 20.—A terrific fire has been raging at Trinity Mountain, 25 miles north of this place, for a week past, destroying a great amount of timber and extending for miles on each side of the telegraph road, injuring the Western Union line considerably, rendering repairs on it daily and making it dangerous to passing freight teams. The fire is still raging.

EUREKA August 20.—C. B. Green, who formerly lived at Walla Walla, has been missing from the stock range where he was attending his horses. It is supposed he has been murdered for the purpose of getting possession of his stock, as two of them were sold by a party who had been lurking around there. The officers have had a party of Indians searching for the body—so far without success.

TRUCKEE, August 20.—The Eastern bound passenger train ran off the track at Camp Eighteen, ten miles east of here. Cause, imperfect frog. The engine, express, mail and baggage cars and one sleeping car were ditched. No one injured.

—The Statesman learns that Capt. Corno did not succeed in launching the Mila Bond, but would on the next tide. Indefinite, rather.

—The Olympia Water Pipe company is shipping 8,000 feet of pipe on a San Francisco order, by the brig Perpetua, via Seattle.

Church Notices.

Grace Church, (Prot. Episcopal) Rev. T. A. Hyland Rector, Divine services every Sunday at 10½ A. M. and 7 P. M.; Sunday School at 1 P. M.
Congregational Church, Rev. A. W. Tenny Pastor, Divine services every Sunday at 10½ A. M. and 7 P. M.; Prayer Meeting every Thursday evening, Sunday School meets at 12 M.

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, perfumeries, etc. But the feature par excellence is the soda fountain, one of the famous Arcti 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."