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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—Capt. Hustler has some of the dust from the mines on the Stikeene.

—Mr. J. C. LaDow, one of the pioneers of Umatilla county, is spending a season at Arrigoni's in this city.

—A vessel was seen outside yesterday morning supposed to be the Vesta, bound in. She was far north.

—The Edward James got over the bar yesterday. If she had taken a tug she might have crossed the bar last Tuesday.

—The bark Webfoot was taken to Knappton yesterday to load with lumber for San Francisco. The Orient is loading there also.

—Rev. T. A. Hyland being absent to Portland, at Convocation, no service except by the Sunday school will be held at Grace Church to-morrow.

—Dr. J. Welch, Dentist, will visit Oysterville on Tuesday, certain, and remain not to exceed one week or ten days. Persons in want of work should be prepared to call early.

—The Public Schools of Astoria commence next Monday morning, under the direction of Prof. W. L. Worthington, assisted by Miss Maggie Gearhart and Miss Aurelia Raymond.

—Col. James K. Kelly, United States Senator from Oregon is in the city. Senator Kelly is visiting his constituency—paving the way, we presume, for the march of Democracy next October. He left his family at Newburyport, Massachusetts, while he made this trip.

—Mr. Lewis Wilson has put a gauge in the Oregon Steamship Company's office, attached to a tide float on a line with the hog's-back, by which Capt. Hustler is enabled at all hours to tell the exact amount of water on that obstruction to navigation between this city and Portland.

—Mr. Bagster, of Princeton, Illinois, who has been here on a visit to Messrs. D. K. Warren and brothers for nearly a year past, leaves for his home in the west by the out going steamer to-day. He takes with him some of the proofs of the productions of this region, in the shape of grain, grasses, fruits, etc.

—Two political conventions will be held in this city to-day. The old style of mass Convention has been adopted by the Democrats to select delegates to the State Convention, and the delegates to the Republican County Convention, selected at the various precincts last Saturday will do the business for the Republicans.

—A fishing excursion by the Varuna up the Klaskanine Thursday was quite successful. The finny tribe were not the only sufferers as grouse and pheasant were bagged numerously by some of the party, who could as well have secured quail, but preferred, like sensible men, to let that class of game live, to multiply and replenish the land.

—At Spiritual Hall on Tuesday evening next Sept. 2d. There will be given by ladies of Astoria, a parlor entertainment consisting of charades, tableaux, music, etc., etc., for the purpose of procuring funds for an Organ, for the new Catholic church now being erected in this city. Like every thing else the ladies of Astoria undertake, this entertainment is certain to be a success, and a half dollar cannot be better expended. Go.

Our Trip to Saddle Mountain.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:

I am very well aware of the fact that in this country a trip to the mountains is not often a matter of general interest to the readers of newspapers for the reason that scarcely a man, woman or child can be found who has not, sometime or other, enjoyed such scenes for themselves, but "our trip to Saddle Mountain" had more of the variety about it, perhaps, than such trips usually have; at all events, your correspondent and those accompanying feel that four or five days enjoyment like this was time well and profitably spent, not alone for the recreation it afforded, but for the opportunity of more closely inspecting a region as yet unexplored, but which is almost daily within the range of our eye. The lovely and the picturesque are here blended with the practical, and as one of your correspondents recently expressed it: "Familiarity with scenes of rare beauty inevitably accustoms the eye to their claims for admiration, and doubtless the citizens of Astoria do not look upon their surroundings with the same spirit with which a stranger's eye would view them." For years we look upon Saddle Mountain from our homes, but do not realize its beauty.

Our party of thirteen persons, previously mentioned, six ladies and seven gentlemen, left Astoria at 8:45 A. M. Wednesday last. The preparations for the departure were enough to remind one of the work of setting out for an Industrial Fair, and the parties having articles to be sent would spare no expense nor trouble in forwarding them. The morning was lovely, clear, still and warm, forcibly reminding one of the poetic description of almost such another—

"Sweet day, so clear, so calm, so bright,
The bridal day of earth and sky."

At 3 o'clock P. M. we reached the Klaskanine's secluded shades, amidst the carolling of feathered songsters, and surrounded by the blossoming of many varieties of beautiful flowers, where we met those who had gone by land with the horses. Lunch was soon prepared in good style, and having concluded to make this the camp for the night, Mr. Chance and others constructed a spacious bower on the bank of the river in a very nice place which became the headquarters of the bivouac. The ladies spent the day in rambling, picking berries, and viewing the scenery. They returned to camp, however, in ample time to prepare dinner. This finished Mr. Wm. Chance was elected captain of the expedition. A large fire was made, musical instruments brought into headquarters, and all enjoyed themselves in dancing for several hours, after which we retired for the night.

Thursday morning we were on our journey by half past eight o'clock. Nothing unusual occurred on the march that day, except that the horses were stung by hornets making thing lively for a short time. The bushes all along the road were completely filled with berries. We reached the foot of Saddle Mountain during the day. There is a great deal of beauty to be seen in the rough region traversed by us. Two of the party Messrs. Lowe and Logan hunted Elk on this part of the trip, but failed to find one. After the evening meal, the horses having been cared for and another headquarters established, dancing was resumed where we had left off the night before, and the evening was spent in a very sociable way until time for again retiring. Some of the party did not sleep their quota, however, being disturbed during the night by wolves.

Friday morning breakfast was served at the early hour of three o'clock,

but the duties of the camp prevented a start up the mountain until 8 A. M. The first peak was reached at 9:45 A. M., the highest peak at 10:45 A. M. There are some traces of civilization to be seen even on the summit of Saddle Mountain. Plants have been put out, seeds of fruit scattered, and a wind vane erected. Our party having set out for a good time carried their music to the summit with them and inaugurated dancing on the top of the level height 3,360 feet above the level of the sea which makes a good floor, 225 feet long by an average width of 25 feet, (for 12 feet perhaps 30 feet wide), very smooth and nice. At the close of our dancing the party viewed the surrounding scenes in admiration for some time, and started on the return for camp again, which was reached the same evening. * * * Saturday morning we left camp about 8 o'clock for home, and the return trip being almost a repetition of the trip going out it is unnecessary to say anything further than that we all enjoyed the excursion highly, and would recommend parties in search of recreation and pleasure to take a trip to Saddle Mountain. Respectfully yours, ONE OF THE PARTY.

—Cathlamet is to have a live entertainment next Wednesday evening. See advertisement.

—The Gussie Telfair yesterday brought the United States mails and twenty-nine tons of furs from Sitka.

—The tug Merrimac is now kept busy at and about Knappton. Yesterday she started out for three rafts of logs.

—Last evening the Portland steamer brought the last of the canned Salmon for shipment this season we are informed.

—Col. Miller, of Fort Stevens, whose numerous friends in this region are glad to see him back once more from the front, was in the city yesterday.

—The assessed valuation of this county, as equalized by the Board this week, is \$545,000. The levy will be made by the County Court next week.

—Madame Laura Agnes Stevenson won the hearts of Astorians on her visit here last Thursday evening, on which occasion she gave us a taste of finished operatic gems, sparkling wit and beautiful ballads, in a truly pleasing and artistic manner. Her audience was one of the most appreciative, and were the lady to visit Astoria again we feel certain the hall would be literally filled.

—Ed. Hallock and Fred Munson, while searching for a stick for a sloop mast, on the site of Pacific city, on Baker's bay, once the rival of San Francisco, came across a dray which is perhaps the only thing left to mark the spot where the avenues and buildings of that famous city once were seen. The wood work of the vehicle had all rotted away leaving only the iron, and this is very greatly corroded and rusted. Pacific city finally winked out about fifteen years ago.

THE NATURE OF LIGHT.—According to the theory generally received at present, the whole universe is an immeasurable sea of highly attenuated matter, imperceptible to the senses in which the heavenly bodies move with scarcely any impediment. This fluid, which is called ether, fills the whole or space—fills the intervals between the heavenly bodies as well as the pores of interstices between the atoms of a substance. The smallest particles of this subtle matter are in constant vibratory motion. When this motion is communicated to the retina of the eye, it produces, if the impression upon the nerves be sufficiently strong, a sensation which we call light. Every substance, therefore, which sets the ether in powerful vibration is luminous; strong vibrations are perceived as intense light, and weak vibrations as faint light, but both of them proceed from the luminous object at the extraordinary speed of 186,000 miles in a second; and they necessarily diminish in strength and proportion as they speed themselves over a greater space. Light is not, therefore, a separate substance, but simply a motion of the imponderable ether.

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The United States.

PORTLAND, August 29.—Gold in New York to-day, 116; Portland Legal Tender rates,—85½ buying, and 86½ selling.

NEW YORK, August 26.—Nearly 2,000 people assembled at the Seventh Regiment Armory to-night to witness the San Francisco Cadets' drill. General Shaler, Commander of the National Guard of the State of New York, Col. Emmons, Clarke, and other officers of the Seventh Regiment were present. The movements of the Cadets were executed with extreme promptitude and precision, and excited frequent applause.

SAN JOSE, August 27.—A Chinaman from San Francisco has procured the arrest of the Dubois family on a charge of murder, who reported that a China boy had shot at one of the young ladies and afterward killed himself. The testimony at the inquest showed that some holes in the girl's clothing, supposed to have been made by bullets, appeared more as if cut with scissors. Other parts of the testimony contradict the story of the family. It is said Dubois owed the China boy between \$400 and \$500. The general belief in town is quite strong against Dubois.

WASHINGTON, August 26.—The Treasury Department received to-day from the Syndicate in London, five millions in five-twenty bonds, and cancelled coupons.

Official dispatches from General Stanley confirm the report published on Monday in relation to Gen. Custer's fight with Indians.

The back pay of Senator Morton has been received by Treasurer Spinner and paid into the Treasury.

The steamer Belle Vernon, Captain James Keniston, going from Cincinnati to Memphis with a full cargo, struck the Jennie Howell below Shawnee and sunk quickly in twenty feet of water. A number of lives were lost.

The Supreme Court of Georgia decided to-day that the law forbidding the validity of judgements for notes whose consideration was slaves is unconstitutional, and unless barred by statute of limitation such judgements can be made operative. The Court was divided, Judge McCoy dissenting.

Foreign News.

HAVANA, August 26.—Rumors are again rife of expected disturbances. The Insurgents, 300 strong, burned a small coffee establishment in Biaz de Canto. A very severe engagement between the Insurgents and Government troops is reported near St. Iago de Cuba. Loss heavy on both sides. The Spaniards admit losing 60 killed.

LISBON, August 26.—The expedition for laying the cable between this city and Rio Janeiro, after having proceeded 383 knots, was stopped by the discovery of a fault in the wire. Lists have been made from which it is believed that the fault is near land. The expedition will continue paying out until it reaches Madeira, when the cable steamer will probably have to return to repair the fault.

MADRID, August 26.—The fleet under command of Admiral Lobos, which commenced to bombard Cartagena, was compelled to withdraw out of range of the guns of the Insurgents on account of the inferior armament of his vessels. They cannot cope with the artillery of the forts. Further reports of a battle near Estelle on Sunday are to the effect that the Carlists, who were in large force and under their favorite leader, were completely defeated by the Republican troops. The Carlists have withdrawn from the neighborhood of Berge, having apparently abandoned the idea of its reduction. A Carlist force fired the town of Froga, in Aragon. The village of Tortilla was also entirely destroyed by the Carlists.

LONDON, August 26th.—The storm on Sunday was unprecedented in severity. Accounts from Cambridge, Peterborough, Newark and other towns represent the lightning as appalling. Thousands of people refused to go to bed lest their houses should be overturned while they slept. Numbers of fires were kindled by the lightning, and many deaths are reported. Childerly Hall, near Cambridge, historically connected with the reign of Charles I., was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

The Bank of England forgers have been found guilty and sentenced to penal servitude for life.

QUEBEC, August 26.—Terrible gales have prevailed in Quebec and New Brunswick. Several vessels were wrecked, houses were blown down and bridges carried away. Three lives were lost.

ANTWERP, August 26.—A great conflagration was caused here last night by lightning, which set fire to one of the largest warehouses in the city. This with the surrounding buildings was soon wrapped in flames and an entire block destroyed.

VIENNA, August 26.—Of the 30,000 medals awarded to exhibitors at the Exposition 400 go to America. There is much dissatisfaction with the results of the Exposition. It is charged that a number of articles which were never entered for competition received medals, and that several firms who had none of their goods on exhibition were awarded diplomas through the juries. The quantity of goods and specimens which will be returned home from the American Department will be very small.

BERLIN, August 27.—Carl Wilhelm, the composer of the famous German war song, the "Watch on the Rhine," died to-day at Schwenkender.

VIENNA, August 27.—The Emperor Francis Joseph yesterday visited the American department of the exhibition and inspected the educational system of the United States, to which he awarded high praise.

—The New York correspondent (a lady) of the St. Louis Daily Globe writes: "The only novelty I can think of are the dagger fans, which are the most abominable inventions that were ever flopped in the face of mankind. They are made with a hilt, and fit into a shaft. When drawn out two elastic bands expand the fans, and the instrument is complete. The idea is good, but the result is detestable. The wretched little thing opens out with a slap that discomposes the strongest nerves, and it is of as much use as a quill pen would be to waft a cooling breeze. The bouquet fans were bad enough—the dagger-fans are far worse; but they are semi-fashionable, and the half-world have taken to them. Correct people are old-fashioned, and carry the two-foot furs I referred to in my last letter. They are pleasant and easy to use, and the only objection is the price. Yesterday I inspected some, and could get nothing respectable under \$50. I thought it best to invest in a Japanese fan at ten cents, but I suppose that the other will have to follow, and that the capital I have disposed of in the Jap won't count."

—Innumerable postal cards containing a printed description of Barclay Lawrence, defalcating freight collector from Louisville, and embellished with his photographs, are making it extremely unpleasant for that gentleman.

—Mr. J. M. Shively leaves here to-day for Owyhee, to look after valuable mining interests there, in which he is interested.

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-fourths per cent.) is equal now to about 9½ 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 franchisees, 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 25,000 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 \$151,000 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.