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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—We understand the Idaho is to make a special trip here soon.

—Mr. F. C. Carr of this city is lying very ill at his residence from a sudden attack.

—Our Public School opened on Monday with the attendance of over one hundred pupils.

—The bark Sarah Scott, from this port last February loaded with grain for Liverpool arrived at that port on the 5th ult.

—The County Court was in session all of yesterday, Judge Moffitt presiding, and commissioners Hill and McGuire present.

—The second lot of Oysters from Shoalwater bay arrived here last Tuesday. The business promises to be good this winter.

—Several good situations are open to active young men in this city who may desire an education and would be willing to "chore" for board, while attending a course of studies either at our Public or private schools.

—We met a gentleman yesterday who has a job of winter wood sawing he wanted done, and he informed us that he could find nobody willing to do it unless it was chinamen. Where are the idle boys and men?

—The steamer California, Capt. Hayes, left for Puget Sound and Sitka loaded to her full capacity. She left enough to load the Gussie Telfair, and that steamer is expected to sail to-day for the same ports.

—Business begins to loom up in Astoria, and if all the contemplated improvements here are started this fall mechanics and laborers will be in greater demand than ever. Six wharf petitions were presented to the Council Tuesday evening, and the Board were not able to complete the business on the table, but adjourned until the next evening.

—John J. Valentine, esq., General Superintendent of Wells Fargo & Co. express business, on this coast, arrived last evening, intending to spend a few days in this part of the country. Accompanied by Mr. A. Van Dusen, agent at Astoria, he visited the Seaside last evening, going by the Varuna. They will return this evening.

—The barkentine Portland, constructed at Simpson's ship yard, North Bend, Coos bay, was successfully launched on the 23d ult. From information gleaned privately, we are informed that she is a perfect beauty and the best built craft ever put up on this coast. When completed she will cost the builders about \$40,000. We have evidences of the superior grade of crafts that can be constructed of Oregon fir, in the Melancthon, Oregonian, etc., and of their sailing capacity none can be better. We shall hail the appearance of the Portland in these waters with proud satisfaction.

Common Council Proceedings.

A regular meeting of the City Council was held at the Council room Tuesday evening, Mayor Kippen presiding.

Present, Messrs. Ferrell, Parker, Page, Reed and Wright.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The special committee on rules for the government of the Board reported a set which were read and adopted.

Petition of Col. James Taylor and associates for permission to construct a wharf from West Ninth street, to run North to 24 feet depth of water, thence Easterly along the edge of the channel carrying the same depth of water to the center of West 8th street, was referred to the committee on streets and public property with instructions not to report until a survey of the harbor can be had.

Petition of Capt. Richard Hobson for permission to construct a wharf in front of lot three, block five, to run to the ship channel in the Columbia river, with privilege to collect wharfage on merchandise etc., landed, was referred to the same committee without instructions.

Petition of F. Ferrell for the privilege of constructing and adding to his present wharf, commencing at a point in the center of West Ninth street, running thence in a straight line with his present wharf, for the space of sixty feet long by forty feet wide in a northerly direction to such point as may be established as the wharf line of the town of Astoria, thence West about 250 feet by 40 feet to a point of intersection with the East end of block 57, Olney's Astoria; also asking that that portion of West Ninth street, already wharfed and improved, shall be recognized as a legal roadway from the contemplated wharf, to be commenced within 60 days, was referred also to the same committee without instructions.

Petition of H. B. Parker, and Col. James Taylor for permission to build a substantial wharf across the North end of lots one and two, block seven, wharf not to be less than thirty feet in width North and South, and to extend on the front from the range of East line of lot two, was referred to the same committee.

Petition of Ben Holladay by J. G. Hustler agent, for permission to roof over the North Pacific Transportation Company's wharf at the North end of Main street, leaving an open space of thirty feet for city purposes, was referred to the same committee.

A report was received from Messrs. Case, Gray and Snow, a committee appointed by Astoria Fire Company No. 1, asking the Council to purchase for the use of said fire company 40 fire buckets, four light strong ladders, etc., with hooks, spikes, etc. was referred to the committee on fire and water.

The special committee appointed to select room for use of the Council, reported favorable to fitting up rooms in the house of Astoria Engine Company No. 1, in connection with the Company.

Mr. S. N. Arrigoni was granted license for two billiard tables at the wine room of the Occident Hotel.

Petition of the Astoria Farmer's Warehouse Company, presented at a previous meeting was taken from the table, and discussed.

Messrs. A. S. Mercer, Col. James Taylor and James Welch, by permission of the Council, addressed the Board upon the subject.

Pending this discussion upon the bill which was read a first time, the whole matter was referred to the committee on streets.

Proposals for filling the intersection of Benton and Concomly streets were opened, and the contract awarded to F. Sherman for the sum of \$194 00.

Council adjourned until last evening at 7 o'clock.

—The Columbia River Manufacturing Company dispatched the brig Orient Tuesday with 200,000 feet assorted lumber for the San Francisco market. To-day the schooner Superior will clear with 200,000 feet, and on Monday the Webfoot will clear with 400,000 feet. Besides this Mr. Kinsey, General agent and Superintendent of the company has leading engaged for one ship foreign, and is in want of another vessel for the San Francisco market. Since his arrival here the Knappton mills are kept busy. The lumber for the Astoria Farmer's Warehouse will be got out at Knappton.

—The Oregonian learns that the Webfoot has completed her cargo of lumber at Knappton. Capt. Gage will be pleased to hear it, no doubt.

—Gold in New York on the 2d was 115 1/2. In Portland yesterday legal tenders were selling at 80 1/2, buying at 85 1/2.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

—Pursuant to notice members of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce assembled at the rooms of that organization Tuesday afternoon, and completed the incorporation. Nearly the whole of the stock was subscribed, and the shareholders elected a Board of Directors as follows: Col. James Taylor, D. K. Warren, Capt. J. H. D. Gray, A. S. Mercer and D. C. Ireland. The Directors met immediately after these proceedings and chose the following officers for the ensuing year; President, D. K. Warren; Vice President D. C. Ireland; Secretary A. S. Mercer; Treasurer Dr. S. Kinsey. The Board was well attended, and the session lasted from 2 P. M. until nearly 5 o'clock. Short addresses were made by Judge Philo Callender, Judge Moffitt, Messrs. I. W. Case, Dr. Kinsey, James Welch, Capt. Gray and D. C. Ireland, all tending to a consolidated effort in behalf of Astoria as the future great city of the north west. It was shown that whenever the Courts, Legislature, or even Congress, desire to know anything concerning the commerce of Oregon, Astoria is called upon to furnish the facts and figures, and it is for the purpose of collating, publishing, and disseminating abroad, statistics of this character, with a view of attracting attention to this port, and correcting errors concerning it, that the Astoria Chamber of Commerce is organized and established.

—The parlor entertainment given by ladies of Astoria at Spiritual Hall Tuesday evening, was largely attended, and the well prepared programme was enacted in a highly satisfactory manner. Such amusements might be given frequently with profit to all. The ladies succeeded so well this time we hope they will try again.

—The ship Roswell Sprague from this port for Liverpool with wheat last winter, is reported at Valparaiso July 15th discharging for repairs. The Roswell Sprague encountered a severe gale on the passage, some account of which we published.

—A very powerful donkey engine to be used in the pile-driver being constructed for the Astoria Farmer's Warehouse Company, arrived on the steamer Tuesday from San Francisco. This all means business, evidently.

—Mr. Thomas Smyth and wife were passengers by the schooner Louise Morrison, which left Oysterville for San Francisco on Sunday last. They go to remain in California.

—The United States paid \$7,000,000 for Sitka, and yet it becomes necessary to ship hay from Oregon to keep cattle alive, after they are imported there for soldiers beef.

—Two distinguished professors, who have been for some time past occupied exploring the northwestern territories, are called "bone sharps" by the avidity with which they collected fossil remains.

—It is suggested that railroad trains in Iowa, in future, be provided with a mitrailleuse, and an experienced gunner to work it, as a protection against the possibility of another occurrence similar to that which took place there.

—A lady in western New York blames the postoffice department because no one came to her picnic. She issued a bushel or so of invitations, and had got the grounds, music, etc., all ready, but no one came. Puzzled and chagrined beyond measure, she went to the post-office and found that all her invitations had been sent to the dead-letter office because they bore a one instead of a two-cent stamp, as required by law.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—A Boston paper comforts bathers with the assurance that "Sharks are now plentiful off the Massachusetts south shore."

—It is said of some of the prisoners in the New York Tombs that they are men of many trials, but they seem likely to survive them all.

—A Western pugilist says he has lived near a river all his life and never went in swimming. He must be one of the "heavy weights."

—A hero of Rock Island, Ill., has challenged the Mayor of the city to fight with scythes. This must be an edifying example of Scythian customs for the citizens.

—George March, Paymaster of the iron works at New Albany, Ind., is among the latest defaulters. He was a prominent church member, much respected, active in charities, enjoyed everybody's confidence, etc.

—Southerners are quite numerous at Cape May, it being the nearest sea-side resort for them. The ladies are easily detected by their beauty, and the gentlemen by their saggfroid, somewhat careless costumes, and huge sombreros.

—The two murderers who were hanged in Baltimore the other day are reported to have ascended the scaffold, "beaming with smiles." Some of their beams, it is stated, were preserved by the Sheriff, to be used in the construction of a new gallows.

—Lecturers on phrenology who subsist on collections taken up among their audiences, had better keep away from Louisville, where the hat is filled with nails, peach stones, buttons and bananas. Chiropodist, however, never leave the city without ducats.

—One of the workmen in the Portsmouth Navy Yard in going from his work lately dropped his dinner basket and dropped a quantity of Government copper. An order being given to weigh the copper in the yard, it was discovered that not less than six tons were missing.

—One fine evening, not long since, a brilliant company that had assembled in a Roman theatre to witness a new play, felt more astonished to see a lady dressed in the extreme height of fashion, blue from the bows on her towering, well-powdered coiffure to the diamond-decked shoes on her tiny feet, enter one of the first boxes with a "skip and jump," followed by a number of young men in full uniform and evening dress. Her extravagant style and general "loudness" soon betrayed her identity, and the name of Cora Pearl began to be whispered about the house. All eyes were upon her, and she seemed to enjoy the sensation, for, learning far out of her box, she shook her fan and smiled to her acquaintances, while the ladies glanced at her in astonishment, and the men gazed at her liberally displayed charms. All the while she kept up a loud and impudent chatting with her admirers in the box, which, as soon as the novelty had worn off, became an intolerable nuisance to the well-bred audience. So while Cora was laughing her loudest, a gim and gigantic gendarme appeared in the box, and informed her that the syndic of the city had required her to return to her lodgings. This she did, reluctantly; but next day, unabashed and loud as ever, she astonished and aroused the good Romans by riding out in all her absurd splendor, blue throughout, even to her poodle dog, which had been dyed over night. But he paid dearly for his adornment, for, disgusted with the azure tinge of his usually iron-white hair, he licked himself clean during the night, and the poisonous dye killed him.

A Bit of Romance.

[Which is Something Rare for Quebec.]

Just thirty years ago this summer, a little child three years old, was playing on the stoop of its father's house, in Quebec. The house was in Richardson street, and in what are known as St. Roch suburbs. For some reason the child's nurse was out of the way for a time, and no one kept watch of its movements. When the family came to look for the little one, a great favorite with them all, it was gone. Inquiries were instantly made in every direction, but in vain. Weeks, months, and years rolled away, and the child was unheard of. At last the family mourned their treasure as dead. One morning last May a gentleman went from Quebec to Montreal, and, being in the latter city, stepped into a shop to buy a hat. This gentleman was a friend of the family who had lost the child, and whose name was Richard. He observed, on entering the shop, that the keeper's name was Richmond. This trifling and partial coincidence would have made no impression had he not noticed a surprising resemblance between Richmond, the hatter, and the Richard family in Quebec. Going home to his lodgings, he wrote the adventure to his mother, who lived in that town, and, after posting the letter, felt strongly removed to return and cross-question Richmond touching his origin. This was done and to some purpose, for Richmond declared that he had been reared from infancy by an Indian woman, whom he had been taught to regard as his mother. She had always been kind to him, but never, until her death-bed, confessed the fact that she had stolen him from his parents' door when he was an infant, and brought him into the forest among her own red brethren and raised him for her own. His family name she said she had forgotten, but gave him the name of "Richmond" as something like it. After the squaw's death, the young man went to Quebec and tried to find his people. But the change of name, and his own extreme ignorance and great simplicity, and the probable absence, at the time, of his parents, prevented his success. Afterward he made his way to Montreal, and got into the trade he was following when discovered. The story was quickly conveyed to the Richard family, and the mother came to Montreal, where, by certain birth marks, known to herself, she was able to corroborate the identity of her long-lost child. The process, being the opposite of that employed with an equally mysterious hatter in "Box and Cox," is pronounced entirely satisfactory by the Canadian press, which is consequently in the enjoyment of a sensation of strictly home manufacture, combined with the rarer merit of strict veracity. If a hatter, with anything like lyric propriety, can be transformed into a tenor, we have here the structure of an opera at least as good as that of the "Bohemian Girl," and enterprising native composers should hasten to make use of so promising an indigenous growth.

—The lovers of "a good glass of Port wine" will rejoice to hear that the vintage of 1873 promises to be one of the most remarkable that has been known for many years. We refer to black currants.

—The results of Miss Faithful's recent visit to this country are four lectures which she is now delivering in England on the following subjects: "Eight Months in America," "English and American Orators," "American Poets," "The Present Aspects of the Woman's Movement in America."