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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—The propeller is fixed in its place upon Spedden Brothers new tug in this city.

—New walks have been ordered in compliance with petition to the Council, on both sides of Main street.

—Col. Saxe informs Gen. Adair that he will remain in Oregon a short time longer, to dispose of some fine woolled sheep, received last steamer.

—Mr. A. Montgomery of this city is engaged in the construction of a new building to be occupied by Messrs Jackins & Co. as a stove and tin ware establishment.

—No survey will be necessary for the Margat Crockard, as she did not touch bottom when she missed stays going out Monday evening. Capt. Koner brought her to anchor immediately and she was in deep water all the time.

—The Checola, Hawaiian bark, has been chartered by Mr. Kinsey, agent and superintendent of the Columbia River Manufacturing Company, to come from San Francisco to load with lumber at Knappton for Callao. She is now on the way we are informed.

—R. B. Randall, C. E., attached to the United States engineer corps of which major H. M. Robert is chief in this department, is at present engaged upon a hydrographic survey of the hog's-back. When the depth of soundings is complete, he will make an estimate of dredging a channel 100 feet wide, to a depth requisite for the passage of vessels drawing—feet of water at low tide.

—A huge land slide started near the head of Jefferson street night before last, where Messrs Forner and Gray are getting earth to fill the Court-house block. The slide extends from a point about fifty yards up the side of the bluff, and takes in area nearly or quite one acre. The crevice opened by the slide was about twenty-five inches wide last evening.

—We have in our office a branch of a pear tree, twenty inches in length, from the orchard of E. C. Jeffers, esq., on Lewis & Clarke river, that had on it when taken from the tree one hundred and fifty pears, more than one hundred and thirty are yet on the branch, a few having fallen off by transportation. Other portions of the tree are quite as heavily loaded with fruit. Mr. Jeffers has a most abundant crop of the finest fruit in the county.

—Accidentally the paragraph given last Saturday concerning the departure of the Edward James for Australia, was left in the form and appeared again under date of Tuesday. This left the inference that the vessel did not get away until Monday when in fact she sailed Friday. The pilots inform us that she could have got away sooner, but Capt. Wagoner preferred to lie inside for a more favorable wind to take him off.

Real Estate Sales.

Following is a list of the transfers of real estate in Clatsop county for the month of August 1873:

William Lattie and wife to T. W. Wallace, 4½ acres town six north range ten west—consideration \$100.

A. Cloutrie and wife to the Oregon Real Estate Co., 16.48 acres, town six north range ten west—\$882.

Wm. Lattie and wife to same, 28.78 acres, same township—\$100.

Wm. H. Dunham and wife to James Quinn, lots 3 and 4, block 75 Olney's Astoria—\$500.

Elizabeth Brown to Daniel C. Raymond. Donation claim No. 39, 160 acres—\$800.

State of Oregon to Albert Aymore, 7.41 acres school land—\$14 80.

John Adair and wife to Mary Lieneweber. West ½ lot 3 block 17, Adair's Astoria—\$1.

United States to Henry Nice. Patent to 17.88 acres, town nine north, seven west.

Same to same Patent to 14 acres, town nine north, seven west.

Henry Nice to Joseph Hume, 31.58 acres town nine north, 7 west—\$111.

United States to Stephen G. Spear, 144.50 acres, town nine north, six west. Patent.

T. P. Powers to H. Lieneweber. East ½ block 59 Adair's Astoria—\$150.

T. P. Powers to C. Lieneweber. West ½ block 59 Adair's Astoria—\$150.

Joseph Hoberg and wife to Trustees of Wallamet University, lot 2 block 123, Olney's Astoria—\$1.

Geo. W. Warren and wife to John W. Gearhart, lots 3 and 4 block 10, Olney's Astoria—\$500.

Geo. W. Warren and wife to C. S. Wright, lot 3 block 11 Olney's Astoria—\$175.

J. G. Hustler and H. S. Aiken, executors of the estate of Cyrus Olney deceased, release of mortgage property to G. W. Warren.

Stephen G. Spear and wife to James W. Cook, Portland, part of lots 2 and 3 sec. 5 town eight north range, six west—\$500.

United States to Henry Marlin and wife. Patent for land in section 2, 10, and 11, town eight, north range nine west—\$89.17 acres.

C. A. Hughes to M. T. Cunningham, lot 5 block 159, Olney's Astoria—\$50.

State of Oregon to Thomas A. Hyland, north west ¼ sec. 36 town eight north range, nine west, 160 acres school land—\$200.

State of Oregon to W. H. Smith. Lot 2 sec 16 town eight north range, six west, 34.45 acres—\$88 90.

—Buildings "to-let" are scarce in this city, but lumber is in plentiful supply, and more houses are under way. Immigrants "will take notice" none need stay away for want of houses of any kind, for residence or business purposes, our citizens have the wherewithal to construct, and the cheerful sounds of hammer and saw are to be heard now on all sides daily.

—The world renowned Cantatrice, Madame Anna Bishop, assisted by noted musicians who accompany her, gave a concert at Spiritual Hall in this city last evening. Owing to the very brief notice given of the concert not so many were out as might otherwise have been in attendance. It is not necessary for us to make any extended remarks concerning the concert, which was fully up to the standard which has given the madame such wide spread fame, and Astorians feel complimented by her visit.

—The Oregon Packing Company have commenced operation for next season's Salmon fishing on a large scale at a new establishment to be put up a short distance below Westport. Mr. J. W. Cook of Portland, is one of the principal parties in this new company. A gang of workmen were landed on the spot to begin operations last Thursday.

—The Council granted the application of Ben Holladay, by his agent Capt. Hustler, for permission to make desirable improvements at the wharf owned in this city by the North Pacific Transportation Company.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY Sept. 3, 1873.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Present, Judge J. W. Moffitt, C. A. McGuire, S. H. Smith, Commissioners. Road District No. 14 was established and E. Van Dusen appointed Supervisor.

Warrants were ordered on the Treasury in favor of various persons for claims held against the county.

In consequence of the failure of the litigant paper for Clatsop county, (the Oregon Herald), Sheriff Twilight was not able to make his return of sales of delinquent taxes until this date. The return shows that the whole taxes on the levy of 1872 were collected without loss to the county.

The levy on the assessment for the year 1873, was made as follows: For State purposes 5½ mills; for schools 3 mills; for County purposes 11½ mills—total 20 mills. The assessed valuation is \$850,000, making the tax for the year \$11,000.

License to sell spirituous liquors in quantities less than one quart, was granted to C. H. Dexter of the Seaside House, Clatsop Beach.

Court adjourned for the term.

Common Council Proceedings.

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

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Considerable business was brought before the board, but none completed, except ordering new walks on Main street, and the board adjourned to meet again at 7½ o'clock last evening.

—A magnificent gold-banded Lillie is to be seen at the residence of A. J. Megler of this city.—(Astorian, Sept. 2d.)

PORTLAND, Sept. 3d, 1873.

Friend D. C.—When you speak of Miss Lillie as being "gold-banded" do you mean that the "old man" has plenty of tin? Is n't it rather familiar in you to call her Lillie?

"I would look better, I think, to say Miss Megler."

Wish I was not spoken for—I would seek her and the tin! Yours, etc., T. L. R.

If Lillie is derived from lily, and tells of peculiar fairness, then has Astoria many who deserve the name of Lillie. And they have golden-bands, more beautiful than bands of gold, which they twine around their heads, or let fall in wild profusion on their shoulders. And these Lillies, with such golden bands, no doubt make many a poor fellow wish he were not "spoken for." If our correspondent insists that every Lillie with golden bands shall have a rich "old man" for a back-ground, before they can move him from his allegiance, his Lillie, or his Rose, will surely be deserved.

Whoever would admire our Lillie must do it with both eyes. He must not look upon her with one eye, and send the other round in a cross-eyed fashion for the "old man."

But we will relieve the perturbation of our friend. It was not of the flowers of the genus homo that we intended to speak; but this subject always had great attractions for us, and we admit that that we are likely to drop into it at any time. We intended to speak of "a magnificent golden-banded lily." The reason we were not more definite was that we did not know whether to class it a *hemerocallis fulva*, a *hemerocallis flava*, a *hemerocallis japonica*, or a *hemerocallis ovata*. We could not be positive that we ought to call it a *hemerocallis*, not having Vicks' Floral Guide at our hand. It might be a *lilium album*, a *lilium bulbiferum*, a *lilium philadelphicum*, a *lilium curandense*, or a *lilium superbum*. If we must venture an opinion we choose the last.

—This city is just now entering upon the most important epoch in its history. The period of the growth and prosperity of Astoria as a grand Commercial city will date from the last half of the year 1873. The place has commenced to grow, permanent improvements are contemplated and some started. It is proper that these improvements be commenced right, and it is for this purpose that the harbor and streets should be accurately surveyed and platted. Begin the work as it should be done and the hereafter will be less expensive, and objections which may be raised can be averted. There is now pending before the Common Council in hands of the committee sundry measures in which the petitioners themselves are not alone interested—they are measures for the good of the city, and the action of the board is impeded for want of a survey of the harbor, to mark the limits of extension toward the channel. The work should be done without delay.

—The private school in this city under the management of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hyland, will open on Monday next.

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The United States.

PORTLAND, Sept. 4.—Gold in New York to-day, 116; Portland Legal Tender rates,—85½ buying, and 86½ selling.

WASHINGTON, September 2.—Robert L. Hickman, known throughout the country as "Beau Hickman," died at the Providence Hospital this morning.

New York, September 2.—To day another counterfeit \$500 greenback was received at the Sub-Treasury, making thirteen received since Saturday. It is believed at the Sub-Treasury that the counterfeit bills came from the West, and that there are but few in circulation in New York. The bills have been examined by experts of the American Bank Note Company and pronounced by them to be the best counterfeit bills that ever came under their notice. George W. Master, of the Sub-Treasury, says the paper on which the forged bills are printed is lighter than that of the genuine. He also says that the face of the bills cannot be distinguished from the genuine, but that the letters on the back are tinged with green, where they should be perfectly white, and that the blue tint, peculiar to the genuine, is not perceptible in the counterfeit.

M. Denny, Chairman of the governing Committee of New York Stock Exchange, said to-day that he was confident no other bonds than those of the Buffalo, New York and Erie, and New York Central had been counterfeited. The Treasurer of the New Jersey Central Road says he has neither seen nor heard of any forged bonds of that company. The Secretary of the Western Union Telegraph Company makes a similar statement with regard to the bonds of that company.

A Washington dispatch states that the Manitoba question will be brought before a British tribunal in a few days, the Court holding a special session therefor, and no other case will be tried. Minister Thornton says the British Government is firm in its conviction that the action of its officials was strictly in accordance with law and expresses his conviction that the decision of the Court will be adverse to the parties now in custody. The Court will be held at Fort Garry or Winnipeg. Meanwhile a proposition to release American prisoners on bail will be rejected.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—A Washington dispatch says the Treasury Department has under consideration the question of means whereby the banks now believed to be aiding the gold conspirators can be detected and punished. The Comptroller of the Currency has made an examination of two suspected banks in New York without tangible result.

Foreign News.

TORONTO, Sept. 2.—The registered letters stolen from the Post-office some weeks since, have been found, hidden in the woods. Letters with drafts and checks all recovered, but no money.

MADRID, Sept. 2.—Socialistic troubles have broken out in Andalusia. Farm laborers band together, demanding and endeavoring to force a division of property. They have burned forty farm houses of those who opposed them, and committed other excesses. Some of the rioters have been arrested.

BERLIN, Sept. 2.—Yesterday being the anniversary of the German victory at Sedan, a monument commemorative of the event, was unveiled in Konigstadt, amidst the enthusiastic acclamations of thousands of citizens. The city was gaily decorated, and the day was given over to festivity.

HAVANA, Sept. 2.—Yesterday evening, while a party of Republicans were holding a meeting in their club rooms, the Chief of Police arrived and arrested about forty and placed them in jail. They had been notified that it was contrary to law for them to hold a meeting.

BOMBAY, Sept. 2.—A ferry boat on the Indus, while crossing the river near Kairah, capsized and sunk in deep water. She was crowded with passengers, of whom 90 are reported drowned.

PARIS, Sept. 2.—The Figaro publishes a proposal to the Royalists of France to rebuild the Tuilleries. The editor of that paper offers to head the subscription with 8,000 francs.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—The wife of Captain Travers, commander of the yacht Deerhound, has made an appeal to the public for assistance in procuring the release of her husband and others, captured on board that vessel by the Spaniards.

Miss Emily Faithful proposes to organize an Industrial Bureau to procure employment for women here, in connection with similar institutions in New York and Chicago.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—The voting power of the Granges in Iowa is estimated at 67,666.

—One Delaware farmer expects to make \$20,000 out of his peach crop.

—The Methodist Church, the world over, claims an aggregate of 15,000,000 members.

Some of the property-holders of Georgetown, are trying to get the name of the place changed to West Washington.

—A large sum lost by the Wilberforce family in past times was said to have gone in a scheme for supplying London with milk through pipes.

—The genuine tea plant grows abundantly at Jacksonville, Fla. The people there dry it and use it. It is as good as any common imported black tea.

—A Roaring Branch (Pa) woman has peeled 200 cords of bark this summer. Women who can peel 200 cords of bark in one season are getting mighty scarce.

—A girl between seven and eight years of age was found in a New Haven cemetery last week weeping bitterly over the grave of her mother. The child was two miles from her home.

—A Troy couple who were engaged for over two years insisted upon being married by moonlight in the park, and, because the parents objected to such publicity, they refused to be married at all.

—Now Rock County, Wis., is mad. They have been without a courthouse for ten years, until last year they decided to build one to cost about \$30,000. The confounded thing cost \$160,000, and now they say it was the "ring-worm" that did it.

—"Kate," of Brooklyn, has been to Saratoga and just returned home. Kate learns something everywhere, and what she learned at Saratoga is that the people who spend most money at watering-places are the old men with young wives.

—A tame bear went over the Falls of Minnehaha the other day, fell fifty feet, and struck on a rock. He acted as though he thought the ways of Providence were mysterious and past finding out, but he wasn't hurt bad.

—Young Frank Crouch, the inventor who has won fame by his late experiments in California upon a new steam engine, returned to Oregon, the place of his birth, by the last steamship. Frank has had a pretty rough time of it, living on a bit a day and sleeping in a shavings pile, while working out his destiny, but he is rich now and friends are counted by scores. Last winter, it seems by an account in the Oregonian, he and his father were in Portland imploring assistance by means of which his ideas could be brought into practical use, but it remained for him to work his passage as a coal heaver to San Francisco, where he obtained that aid. California journals now claim him as one of California's sons. Perhaps, under the circumstances, that state is entitled to the credit. His first friend was Mr. Huntington, 18 Fremont street, San Francisco. Bishop & Moore advanced the \$5,000 which constructed his first large engine, referred to in the dispatches last week.

—The California election for the Legislature and the next United States Senator passed off on the 3d. The thing is yet badly mixed, and we are unable to decide, from information at hand, as to who the successful parties are. Several tickets were in the field, all for "reform"—of course.

Mr. Green Briget, of Lincoln, Ky., owns a six-year-old steer which is seventeen hands high and weighs three thousand pounds.