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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Astoria has about 1,000 inhabitants.

Mr. Parker's new wharf is being pushed ahead with all possible speed.

The city of Astoria is out of debt, and there is a coin balance in the Treasury.

A force of men are at work on Mr. Gray's wharf. They are now capping the spiles.

There are three schooner on the way to Shoalwater Bay from San Francisco.

The Varuna brought to this city last evening from Knappton 66 thousand feet of timber for Mr. Parker.

The steamer Jane West is on the stocks at Westport receiving a new coat of paint and other improvements.

Mrs. James Welch, was taken quite sick last Saturday morning and is confined to her bed.

The typos of this office desire to thank Miss Ida Brown for a nice lot of plums.

Reed's Panorama is doing a heavy business on Puget Sound. Mr. Towle writes us he will be here on the 15th inst.

A large force of men are at work in Westport making extensive improvements in and around the canning factory.

Gen. Hardie, recently here on a tour of inspection, is lying in Camp Bidwell, having been seriously injured in a late accident.

The rise in flour has reached the Astoria market. The store keepers now charge \$1.75 per quarter sack for the best brands.

The annual election of the Astoria Fire Company, No. 1, will take place this evening at the Company's engine house.

The Gussie Telfair for ports on Puget Sound, sailed Sunday morning with a full cargo. She will return in the course of ten days with a load of coal.

The lumber for the gunnells, gins, and other timbers necessary for the construction of a new pile driver for the Farmers Warehouse Company arrived here last evening.

A large force of men are at work grading Wall street. When this work is completed Wall street will be the finest thoroughfare in town. It is already the most popular promenade in this city.

We learn that the British bark Spirit of the Dawn, is under charter to load in the Columbia river with wheat for Cork. She is 691 tons burden, and her charter rates are £4 10s.

The time for receiving contracts for the building of the farmers wharf and warehouse expired last Saturday. The bids will be taken under consideration by the directors at their next regular meeting, Sept. 13th.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

ACCIDENT, ASTORIA, Sept. 8.
F. Gere, D. F. Fox, Klaskanine; J. Miller, Knappton; W. Krzyzanowski, Port Townsend; Henry Morgan, England; W. Currier, J. S. Miller, Geo. Weidler, Mr. Kenzie, James Taylor, Thomas Black, N. Chapman, Portland; Ed. Rosene, John Rentz, Survey party; A. G. Allen, John S. Moore, Sargent Ellis, Fort Stevens; Mrs. M. P. Deady and family, Portland; Mrs. Conner, San Francisco.

Dr. J. Welch is expected back from Shoalwater Bay on Friday next.

The schooner Adelaide arrived yesterday from Young's River with a load of wood and bark.

Speden Bros. new steamboat will be launched to-morrow at three p. m.

The first piles for the new wharf to be built by the railroad company at Tacoma have been driven.

The hydrographic survey in the vicinity of the Hog's-back is being pushed forward with all speed under the direction of Mr. Randel.

The barkentine Webfoot went to sea on Saturday last. The tug Astoria took her over the bar, where she met a fair wind which will probably take her to her destination (San Francisco) in less than a week. The Webfoot loaded with lumber at Knappton.

After the middle of this month the Portland river steamers will only run to this place three times a week. A petition ought to be gotten up and sent to the Postmaster General asking for a daily boat to this place from Portland. We believe it can be had by asking for it. Surely the importance of the two cities demand it.

Astoria is badly in need of a lumber yard, where all kinds of lumber might be had. This would be a great convenience, and would greatly facilitate building. At present it is very inconvenient to get some kinds of lumber, especially lumber that is well seasoned.

Yesterday afternoon, about 3 o'clock p. m. an alarm of fire was given in this city which proved to be at the Occident Hotel. It seems as if some person in passing along the street, had set fire in two places—one about twenty-five feet from the other, fortunately some person came along and discovered it in time to extinguish the fire before any damage was done.

The new schooner Annie arrived yesterday from Young's River with a load of hard wood. This is the first time the Annie has been in this port. She was built this summer by Mr. Peter Severs, who has spared no pains to make her as substantial a craft of her kind as floats in these waters. Peter, may you always have fair wind and tide, and may your new craft be the means of replenishing your treasury.

A soldier from Fort Stevens discovered a dead body on Clatsop beach on Saturday last and brought word to town to that effect on Sunday. Several chinaman immediately started for the beach, as they expected this body was that of chinaman Charley who was lost off the Mary Bell some four weeks ago, but the body proved to be that of Indian Jim, who has been missing for the past three weeks.

Mr. Woods, Mr. Jordon, of Knappton, W. T., and Mr. Miller of Knappa, Oregon, has purchased the Saw-mill near Bruce Port, belonging Capt. Redell and will put it in running order immediately. A saw-mill in the vicinity of Shoalwater Bay has been needed for a long time. We hope these gentlemen will meet with success; they certainly deserve to as they are industrious and economical men. This mill was constructed about four years ago, and has been lying idle almost ever since.

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A private letter from Fort Klamath says that Captain Jack and the rest of the Modocs are all well except Curly-headed Doctor, who is ill most of the time. Capt. Jack gives no signs of fear as to his ultimate fate.

The Concert.

Madame Anna Bishop and her troupe made this city a visit on Friday evening last, when the music loving population turned out in large numbers to hear her. Mr. Frank Gilder opened the concert with a musical piece that displayed the performer's talent and proved him to be a pianist of beautiful touch and wonderful execution. Mr. Alfred Wilkie then gave a cavatina—"Come into the Garden, Maud"—which affords his flexible tenor voice a fine opportunity for display. Madame Anna Bishop then appeared upon the stage and sang Donizetta's "A Luce di Quest' Anima," which was well received by the audience, and an encore being insisted upon she reappeared and gave "Comin' thro' the Rye," in so pleasing tones and style that at its close she was greeted with a storm of applause. Mr. L. G. Gottschalk then rendered "Infelice by Verdi" in a manner that evinced his capability as a baritone to be first-class. He has a voice of great volume and compass and was a favorite after he had sung a single stanza. He was also encored, as were all the members of the Troupe thereafter as they appeared in the different parts assigned them. A piano solo, in part second, by Mr. Gilder was a marvel of execution and glorious music. At its close the pianist was again called to the front by an imperative encore, and then gave "God Save the Queen," with variations and as finale that grand old piece and Yankee Doodle at the same time. The duet, "Sunset," by Madame Anna Bishop and Mr. Wilkie, and the closing trio by these two and Mr. Gottschalk, were received with marked favor by the auditory, and were each heartily encored. If the applause bestowed upon the performers during the entertainment be a criterion to judge by there can be no opinion except that it was a complete success.

The people of this place were afforded another opportunity to hear the Madame and her troupe on Saturday evening. The house, as on the former occasion, was full, and the entertainment gave equal if not greater satisfaction than on the previous evening. Madame and her party were highly pleased and surprised with the reception they met with in our small but growing city, and carry away with them kind recollections of the place.

Common Council Proceedings.

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

All the members of the Council were present except Mr. Hobson.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

An ordinance was passed granting the Astoria Farmer's Wharf Co., the right to build a wharf at the upper end of this city.

The petition to make a side walk on the South side of block 24 was referred to the committee on streets.

The Council adjourned to meet the first Tuesday in October.

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TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The United States.

PORTLAND, Sept. 4.—Gold in New York to-day, 116; Portland Legal Tender rates, \$5½ buying, and \$6½ selling.

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 5.—At the burning of the Fashion Stead Farm Stable here, many valuable horses were lost, including Budd Doble's Harry B., and President Grant's Cinderella and Blackhawk Maid, worth \$10,000. Among those saved with great difficulty were Goldsmith Maid, Lucy and Rosland.

BOSTON, Sept. 4.—Col. C. H. Russell, of Milton, has purchased the celebrated Kansas stallion Smuggler at a price above \$50,000.

A late edition of the Journal today claims that Washburne is six ahead in the number of delegates, as follow: Washburne, 192; Butler, 186; doubtful, 14.

The billiard match between Daly and Garnier for the championship and diamond cue has been postponed to the 28th of October.

The Tribune commenting on the California election says a majority of legislators elected are opposed to the railroad monopoly, and the probabilities are that the Senator chosen to succeed Casserly will be independent of the great railroad interest that has so long controlled the politics of the State, and made such selfish and tyrannical use of its power. The Legislature being of that complexion, George C. Gorham's public service will continue in the capacity of Secretary instead of member of the U. S. Senate.

Page McCarthy, who killed Mordecai in a duel, cannot be tried at present, owing to the severity of his own wounds. He will give bail in \$10,000.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Information has been received that the mail steamship plying between Hongkong and Yokohama has been beached at Swatow, and will prove a loss. Her mails and passengers are saved.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 5.—F. M. Vardi, late Deputy U. S. Collector at Kansas, has been indicted by the grand jury at Jefferson City, as a defaulter in the sum of four thousand dollars, and was arrested yesterday by the U. S. Marshal.

PORT BRIDGER, Sept. 5.—The exploring party of Prof. Marsh, of Yale College, returned after an absence of six weeks in the regions of the Uintah mountains. The trip was very successful, and many important discoveries of extinct animals were made. The party leaves this morning via Salt Lake for the Pacific.

Pacific Coast Items.

NEVADA, Sept. 3.—Work has commenced on the new Court House, which promises to be one of the finest buildings in the State when completed.

Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped to New York yesterday and to-day 690 pounds of Golden Chariot bullion, valued at \$15,198.

Parties arriving from Silver City, Idaho, report the mines looking exceedingly well in that section.

SUTTER CREEK, Sept. 5.—Twelve men were suffocated by foul air here to-day. The workmen in the 300-foot level of the Lincoln Gold Mine, tapped the old mine this morning. The gas immediately filled the mine, and only five men out of seventeen escaped. The bodies have not yet been recovered. Most of the victims are men with families.

Otis is ahead on the count for Mayor, and McKibben for Sheriff. The chances for Murphy for District Attorney are improving, and he may be elected by 200 majority. Crowley

is falling off. Roach (Democrat), for Senate, claims a majority of 300. Halladie (Tax-Payer) will be elected. About 8,000 ballots are yet to be counted.

The Clay street endless chain railroad cars made their first trip to-day in the presence of an immense crowd at the Kearny street terminus.

In Kern county Lindsey and Canfield, for Senate and Assembly, respectively, carried the county. The balance of the county ticket is half Republican and half Democratic.

In Eldorado, Frazer (Republican) for the Senate, is defeated. The contest for Assembly is close, and will have to be determined by official count.

In Tulare county, Fowler, for Senate, has carried the county.

Lindsey, (independent) has carried Kern and Fresno counties, and is undoubtedly elected.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—Crowley, for Chief of Police, admits his defeat to-day by an estimated majority of 2,500.

It is possible that Barlett, for Senator, on Tax-payer's tickets, is defeated, as well as Widber for School Superintendent. Bauer, for Treasurer, is probably beaten. No complete ward returns yet.

Foreign News.

ITALY, Sept. 4.—J. W. Wetzel, a former resident of St. Louis, committed suicide by taking strychnine, last night. Financial trouble was the cause.

HARLIFAX, Sept. 5.—Five letters from Sydney, Cape Breton, say the settlement of the West Bay, Grand Lake, has been almost demolished by the recent gale, as was Baydale. Twenty houses were blown down in Port Caledonia. About twenty five American schooners were more or less damaged. Fifteen of the crew of the steamer Saltwell have arrived at Halifax. Fifteen more of the crew are missing. It is supposed that they were drowned. The Captain's boat is the only one known to have reached shore.

HAVANA, Sept. 4.—The Captain-General has published a decree ordering immediate institution of proceedings for the public sale of all estates, properties and effects taken possession of by the administration, and being the property of the State in consequence of the former owners participating in insurrection.

A decree has been issued that on and after October 1st one-half of duties on articles of luxury imported must be paid in gold.

VALENCLIA, Sept. 4.—The Socialists have been sentenced to death by the Tribunal of Justice in this city.

Why Is It?

EDITOR ASTORIAN:

Wheat is now quoted in San Francisco at \$2 17½ to \$2 20 per cental. As Oregon wheat is the best quality it should be worth at Astoria \$2 20 per cental if placed upon the same shipping terms. But admit that owing to the very recent beginning of our foreign trade, vessels cannot be had immediately from foreign ports, but must be secured from the disengaged tonnage of San Francisco, then wheat should rate at \$2 00 per cental here as the vessels will come from San Francisco to this port in ballast for 20 cents per cental, or \$4 00 per ton on their carrying capacity. From Salem to Astoria wheat can be brought in barges for 10 cents per cental, leaving \$1 90 per cental for its value there, yet the Portland papers quote it worth but \$1 70 at Portland.

Who gets the farmer's loss of 30 cents per cental?

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The Philadelphia man who won a fortune in the Havana lottery has been getting crazier and crazier ever since his good luck. His latest investment is a cemetery.