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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—The Free Trade leaves San Francisco for the Columbia river to-day.

—The Kate L. Heron sailed for Tillamook on Thursday.

—The grading of Benton street will be completed in a few days.

—Mr. John Adair, Jr., will return to California on the Oriflamme.

—The Hera, a three masted schooner, sailed for San Francisco on Thursday.

—The Melancthon is loading railroad iron at Oakland for the Northern Pacific Railroad.

—Spedden Bros. will take their new tug boat "Sedalia" to Portland to receive her machinery next week.

—Mr. Randall, C. E., expects to get through his survey on the Hog's-back in two or three days.

—A force of carpenters are busy laying side walks on both sides of Main street.

—We decline publishing the poetical effusion of M. P. T. which came to hand a few days ago.

—A force of men are busily engaged on the Catholic Church. They will soon have it enclosed and otherwise protected from the weather.

—New seats have been placed in the Congregational Church. They add materially to its appearance and to the comfort of the Congregation.

—Some person dropped a letter into the post-office a few days ago only mentioning the State (California) to which the letter was to go and omitting to mention the town.

—We are informed the A. F. Company's pile driver has been christened "Philip Low." It will commence work driving piles for the Company in a few days.

—The Emma Hayward has been engaged for the past few days bringing grain from Portland to load the Otago which came here from Portland on Wednesday.

—We are pleased to learn from one of the proprietors of the Hemlock Tannery in this place that the demand for his leather is constantly on the increase. He has had to decline filling several large orders lately.

—Mr. Spear, who recently sold a portion of his claim to the Oregon Packing Company, intends to build for himself a handsome residence about three hundred yards from his old home.

—The Oregon Packing Company have cleared about two acres of ground, and have already begun the erection of their canning factory. This company have a capital of fifty thousand dollars.

—A force of fourteen men were at work yesterday on the scow and pile driver belonging to the A. F. Company. They intend to complete it by the 20th inst. The scow will be 55 feet long, 20 feet beam and 3½ depth of hold. The gins of this pile driver will be 65 feet high.

—Mr. Joseph Eply has purchased the team belonging to Mr. Chas. Ross. Mr. Eply intends to employ his team in grading streets, and similar work.

—The steamer Idaho which sailed from San Francisco on Wednesday last with railroad iron for the Northern Pacific Railroad is expected to arrive here to-day or to-morrow.

—The schooner Adelaide went to the wreck of the John Francis on Wednesday and stripped her of everything of value they could find, such as ropes, chains, sails and anchors.

—The Puget Sound de-patch says the matrimonial fever has raged terribly among the mature bachelors and widowers of that section for the past few months and gives the following as some of the victims, Boon, Road, Stuart, Wingard, and Vernon. Miss Sallie Todd, Col. Vernon's bride, is a daughter of Alexander Todd, superintendent of the Castlenook Fishery, on Steilacoom Bay.

—The postmaster informs us that persons directing letters to Clatsop should either direct Lexington or Summer House, and not Clatsop Plains. When so directed he does not know which office to send to, and so considerable delay may be occasioned in the receipt of letters by such misdirection.

—Mr. Fred Colbert, who has been living in the vicinity of Chinook, had his Salmon house and its contents burned up on Wednesday last. The fire was evidently the work of an incendiary, as there had been no fire about the premises for months previous. There were ninety barrels of Salmon in the house at the time, all of which was consumed or destroyed. Loss estimated, about eight hundred dollars. Mr. Colbert offers a reward of \$100 00 to any person who will reveal the culprit.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

OCCIDENT, ASTORIA, SEPT. 12.

Thos. F. Tilden, W. Blasdbert, Miss B. Luedly, D. Dertz, Portland; Wm. Clements, and Miss Clements, San Francisco; John F. Bruder, Knappa; R. C. Nally and wife, Salem; T. S. Jewitt, Astoria; John Holman, Oysterville; Floyd A. Hanaker, H. F. Jessar, Charles Badish, Fort Stevens; Ludurig Landenberger, Strohsund, Germany.

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The United States.

PORTLAND, Sept. 4.—Gold in New York to-day, 111½; Portland Legal Tender rates,—87½ buying, and 88½ selling.

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—Portland gives Dingley (Republican) 1,571 votes for Governor; Ticomb (Democrat) 956; Williams (Liberal Republican) 114. Sixtythree towns give Dingley 13,864; Ticomb, 9,127; Williams, 488. Majority for Dingley, 4,294. This indicates a majority of 12,000 in a vote of about 80,000. The returns are still too few to judge fairly. The Republicans have elected their Representatives. Lack of interest in the election makes returns meagre.

CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—The most remarkable game of billiards on record was played here to-night between George Slosson and John Bessunger, both of this city. The game was the four-ball on a carrom table two thousand points up, for a stake of \$250 a side, and was won by Slosson in fourteen innings, he scoring 2,001 to Bessunger's 216. Time of game one hour and fifty minutes. Slosson's largest runs were 363 in the second inning, 444 in the third and 534 in the sixth.

LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 9.—A private dispatch from Shreveport reports 264 cases of yellow fever.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 9.—Some excitement was caused here to-day by a band of negro strikers, who visited the principal mills of the city and by threats of violence forced the hands to strike for \$2 per day. The employers declined to accept, throwing nearly 2,000 laborers out of employment.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—F. Alexander & Sons, of New York, received a telegram from Havana to-day, advising them of a great conflagration there, and of the destruction of a large number of inhabitants, and appealing to Americans for aid.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has received a telegram from Deputy Commissioner Sweet, of Springfield, Illinois, stating that he has arrested Deputy Collector Smith, and has warrants issued for several others on charge of being implicated in frauds with Collector Harper.

MONROE, Sept. 9.—Judge T. S. Crawford and District Attorney Arthur H. Harris, of the Twelfth Judicial District, were assassinated yesterday by an escaped convict, twelve miles southwest of Winnsborough, in Franklin Parish, while on their way to hold Court at that place.

Pacific Coast Items.

MARYSVILLE, Sept. 10.—There is a large attendance at Agricultural Park. In the trotting race, best three in five, for a purse of \$500, the entries were: "Jerome," "Geo. Treat," "May Davis" and "Oregon Jake." "Treat" won the first money, "Jerome" the second and "Davis" the third.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 10.—Preparations for the State Fair are rapidly pushing forward.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—The Farmers' Jute Manufacturing Company was incorporated to-day. Capital, \$200,000.

Detective Lees and Chief Crowley begin to believe there is some truth in the statement of Irving relative to the Nathan murder. Lees says Irving has told some things which he could not have known had he not been connected with the murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—Jack Shepard will accomplish his walking feat of 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours on Sunday at 3 P. M. if he lives. He is now reduced to a mere walking skeleton.

The twenty-second anniversary of the admission of California into the Union will be properly celebrated to-day.

The work of reconstructing the steamer Vanderbilt into the ship Three Brothers is nearly completed. She will be ready for sea by the middle of November.

SEATTLE W. T. Sept. 10.—The United States steamer Tuscarora, which has been detailed to make the surveys and soundings preliminary to laying the telegraph cable from this coast to Japan and the Asiatic continent, arrived here last evening from San Francisco. She will make Cape Flattery the initial point of the survey.

Foreign News.

MADRID, Sept. 9.—Several officers have thus far left the Government service because military laws are not enforced. Generals Gonzales, Ceballos and Pavia have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General.

PARIS, Sept. 9.—A party of Mormon emigrants have just arrived here on their way to America. They have been notified by the Prefect of Police that if they attempt to hold their religious exercises in public they will be expelled from the city.

—An exchange says that Mrs. Wilson, wife of the late Hon. Joseph G. Wilson, has accepted the position of one of the teachers in the Dalles public school.

(Communicated)
VANITY.

Vanity means emptiness, inflation, self-conceit.

Of all things, we would most dislike to be called empty-headed; to avoid being so called, we should be constantly trying to improve our minds, and to impart what knowledge we may have to those around us, so that, the youth of our land, may not grow up with their minds "full of emptiness."

Inflation is another phase of Vanity. Whenever we see a person who pretends to know so much that his knowledge seems to be painful, both to himself and all around him, such a display of learning, reminds us of a soap bubble—which if it be handled or examined too closely, will vanish; then my young friends (as this article is written for the young) let us never pretend to know that which we do not, and never ashamed to own our ignorance, or ask information upon any subject.

As self-conceit is classed under the head of Vanity, let us examine ourselves, and see if we cannot find, a little, at least, concealed about each one of us. We are very certain that, by a close inspection, we can. With some it may be very nearly smothered by good sense. It is said a plant will not grow or flourish without air, then, give your self-conceit as little air as possible, and you may be able to kill it altogether.

Vanity is generally applied to those who are vain of their dress or beauty. You certainly know that your clothes will go out of fashion, and that time will fade the fairest face, therefore, we would advise you to give the greater part of your time and attention, to clothing, decorating and beautifying your mind and heart, for that part of us which outlasts time, and grasps eternity cannot be said, to go out of fashion or fade away.

SELAH.

THE OUTLOOK.

The amount of work that at present is going on in Astoria is very cheering to the citizens of this far-famed and rapidly growing city. While scarcely anything is heard of in other parts of this State and the adjoining territory but dull times and forced sales, with us times never were better, as is evidenced by the fact that property is almost daily exchanging hands at advanced rates. This extraordinary prosperity, considering the times, is mainly owing to the settling up of the adjacent country, and the increased amount of shipping from this port, and also the many canning factories in and adjacent to this county which have been erected in the past few years. These are some of the causes to which we owe our present growth and prosperity. Never was there a better opening for immigrants in any country than there is in this, especially in the vicinity of the Nehalem Valley. The land there is rich; the climate is the very best. Chills and fever, which abound in other parts of the State, are unknown there.

To the manufacturer this section presents attractive openings. Hemlock bark abounds here in limitless quantities, which as every one knows, is very valuable for tanning purposes. Spruce timber also largely abounds, and is being much sought after for the manufacture of boxes and barrels, and is now being shipped from this port constantly to foreign as well as domestic markets.

Here the woodsman may find constant labor in getting out cord wood, and strange to say, notwithstanding the complaint throughout the State generally about hard times, a gentleman who is engaged in the wood

business tells the writer it is impossible to find white men to cut cord wood at \$1 25 per cord. So he is compelled to hire Chinamen in order to keep his wood yard supplied.

In view of these facts, there are no people who have more reason to feel encouraged than the residents of Clatsop county, and we heartily invite others, who are looking for a place to settle, to come among us, and we will assure them that their labors, if properly directed, will be well rewarded.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Govern your thoughts when alone, and your tongue when in company.

The fellow who said "Strike, but hear," goes about with his head bandaged, and wishes he had said, "Strike, but not here."

A sense of humor serves many people in lieu of wisdom, and keeps them from making themselves ridiculous through print.

Josh Billings says: "I have often been told that the best way is to take a bull by the horns; but I think, in many instances, I should prefer the tail hold."

A Western critic, noted for his softness of style, speaks of an "Indian poet who was recently sent to the penitentiary for three years for plagiarizing a horse."

"Pure love is monarch of all difficulties. Beautiful and light-footed, like the leopard it leaps the chasms of seperation, and crouches delighted at the feet of his own!" Just so.

There's many a person who tries to be religious, but never tries to be noble-minded, tolerant, polite and agreeable.

Down at Beaufort, S. C., the men take partners for surf-bathing as for a dance. A handsome young fellow plants himself in the water and opens his arms as the breaker is coming. A young lady flies to his clap, and there remains safe until all danger is over.

A Bennington daughter, whose domestic nature is equal to her natural simplicity, was invited by an Advent exhorter to join his sect, get her white robes ready, and prepare to ascend. "I can't," the maid replied "father and mother are going up and somebody must stay and see to the cattle."

—"The Father of His Country," was something of a land grabber, if owning a princely domain constitutes one a member of that fraternity. The Lynchburg Republican thus describes his immense possessions, which in their vast area rivaled those of Friedlander in California. "In 1792, Washington owned 61,244 acres of the best land in Virginia. His home tract numbered more than 8,000 acres, and was washed by ten miles of the Potomac; and other large portions of his possessions were in Fayette, Washington, Ohio, and other counties in West Virginia. A very large part of this immense estate, of course, was uncultivated. The riparian extent alone of his possession, 79½ miles. The number of hands employed in 1792 to work that portion that was under cultivation one hundred and twenty-six. His proceeds from it were remunerative."

Unclaimed Letters.

Letters to the following persons remained unclaimed at the post-office in Astoria, Sept 12, 1873:

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| Olof Benson, | Patrick Burke, |
| W. W. Gray, | York E. Hime, |
| Michael Lawler, | Mr. Len Norman, |
| Mr. Len L. Norman, | Z. N. Warren. |

—The distance between Astoria and Cape Disappointment is fifteen miles, and from Astoria to Clatsop is seven miles.