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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—Wanted, a boy to do office work and to carry the papers.

—Deeds for five transfers of real estate in upper Astoria were filed for record this week.

—Several communications, and a contribution from the pen of "Selah," will receive attention in due time.

—The new seats in the Congregational Church are receiving a coat of varnish, hence there will be no service to-morrow.

—The American ship Otago is now all ready for sea, we understand, and will cross the bar to-day. Her cargo has been reported.

—The Maria Wilkins, one of the independent steamers plying about Portland, paid our harbor a visit yesterday, bringing the bark Clara Louise in tow.

—The crew of the Otago got up a sensation Tuesday night in this city in their efforts to desert, but Capt. Thorndike was too smart for them and none got away.

—Messrs Williams & Myers, old, true, and tried, men of business—again seek the trade of Clatsop county through the columns of this paper. Give them a call.

—Charles Binder of this city, who has been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, returned from the Klaskanine Thursday evening feeling very much improved.

—The British barks Gemini and Tamaya from Astoria with wheat for England last March and April, are both reported as having arrived at Queenstown and Bristol on the 22d and 28th ultimo, in the order here set down.

—Capt. Thorndike of the American ship Otago, left with Capt. Snow of this city a very handsome small boat, as a token of remembrance. The parties were old acquaintances, and followed the sea together many years ago.

—Gen. Miekler, it is said, is the gentleman who is to succeed Maj. H. M. Robert, chief of the corps of engineers, U. S. A., for this district. Major Robert will report at Milwaukie, Wis-consin. Gen. Miekler comes here from California.

—Wm. Hatley, of one of the Portland tanneries is in this vicinity looking after Hemlock bark for use at his works. We should like to see Mr. H. move down to carry on his business here, where the material is so plentiful and so much more convenient to be got at.

—A petition is in circulation asking for mail services in the direction of the Nehalem valley. We hope Postal Agent Underwood will visit this part of the country soon, and grant these requests. It is important that those interests be inquired into. The petition will be at this office today and we invite signatures to it.

—The bark Clara Louise, for Honolulu, Capt. Forbes, carries a full cargo, as follows: 20,000 feet lumber; 406 barrels, 64 half barrels, 71 kists, and 47 cases salmon; 2124 sacks bran; 59 sacks wheat; 596 sacks oats; 133 cases bread; 3 cs hams; 5 cs lard. Messrs. Corbett & Macleay and Johnson & Spaulding are the principle shippers.

—Mr. I. W. Case has discovered that pulverized borax is a dead shot and preventative of cockroaches. The application may be made by a pair of small hand bellows, the borax being first placed in a funnel shaped nozzle, made air tight with the exception of a small aperture at the extreme end, through which the dust may be forced into all conceivable spaces, narrow and wide, driving the birds before it to destruction.

—Betver Lodge No. 35, I.O.O.F., now meet at 7½ P. M., half an hour later than formerly.

—Temple Lodge No. 7, A. F. and A. M., meet to-night. Members in good standing are invited to attend.

—Dr. Welch, dentist, of Portland, who has been to Shoalwater bay on a professional visit, has returned to Astoria, where he will remain until Tuesday.

—Astorians are laying in bountiful supplies of good Winter wood. Capt. Flavel has over three hundred cords in one pile, for use of the tug, and the wharf at upper town is literally covered with the article.

—C. M. Patterson of the Canon Creek Laundry, Portland, is the person to address if you are a bachelor, with buttonless shirts, and flat collars. In the line of doing up soiled linen his laundry cannot be beat.

—The Hemlock Tannery of upper Astoria shipped about \$800 worth of leather up the valley at one time, last Wednesday. Leinenweber & Co's. leather is becoming popular, and among many consumers is the favorite brand.

—There are an almost innumerable number of soda bibblers in every community, and it is not so much wonder, since R. J. Walker has got to producing an article that would tempt a saint. Try the Eagle and Excelsior soda.

—Business was never known to be better in Astoria, we are informed, than it is now—everybody seems to be busy, and the only complaint is of the scarcity of laborers. The pile driver at work on Capt. Hobson's wharf, was kept busy long after night, last Thursday.

—Parties in want of furniture would do well to patronize A. Burehard, Skidmore's building, corner First and Taylor streets, Portland, Oregon. He often has some really stylish furniture which he sells very cheap. Send him an Order.

—It will be seen by the card of Messrs Farleman & Lawson in another column, that they have leased and reopened the Globe Hotel, formerly the Astoria House, on Main street, and will keep the same on the European plan. Mr. N. Kosfoed on retiring thanks the public for their patronage, and recommends his friends to continue with the new proprietors, feeling that they will be found capable and efficient young men.

—Our thanks are due to George L. DePrans, manager of Gray's Music House at Portland, for some fine pieces of new music recently published by Gray, and also for an advance copy of the Cluster, a new publication of select pieces by Martin, Stillman & Towne. In this connection we would invite attention to the new advertisement of the Burdett Organ, in another column.

—Last Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. S. O. L. Potter of Portland, left here in Mr. Potter's yacht Sea Gull, for home. The water was very rough crossing the bay above Tongue Point, so rough that they received a severe wetting, and were obliged to put into Megler & Jewett's camp, near Jim Crow point, and remain over night. They proceeded hopefully the next day, and undoubtedly reached Portland safely.

—Mr. N. Kosfoed, late of the Globe Hotel on Main street, one of the oldest caterers to public taste in these parts, has returned to his old stand at the Globe Saloon, and is preparing to accommodate the people once more with his usual promptitude in the business of furnishing oysters in every style. He has coming and soon to arrive, a choice assortment of English Ale and Porter, and wines, with which to serve guests, and will be ready for business in a few days at his new stall at the old stand. See advertisement next week.

—The boat for the Astoria Farmers Warehouse Company's new pile driver is to be launched at four o'clock this evening. It is very evident that the company mean business. On Thursday of last week Capt. J. H. D. Gray, under orders from the board of directors, commenced the work of building this boat, employing Mr. Headington as foreman. The boat is fifty feet long, by twenty feet wide, with gundeels and keelsons the entire length. This will be one of the best drivers in the Pacific Northwest when completed, and if the short space of time occupied in its construction may be regarded in the light of an omen of the method proposed for doing business, slow coaches had better stand under. Astorians are wide awake. "A propos" to the beginning of this movement, we understand that the craft will be christened for Philip Low, of Linn county, and that a keg of Meyer's celebrated cream ale will be opened on the occasion. So note it be.

—There were eleven deaths from yellow fever in Memphis on Wednesday.

—Another fire in Chicago, involving the loss of \$300,000 occurred on the 17th.

—The first postal card received at Dubnque was from a lady, and marked "private."

—One hundred and twenty-one deaths from cholera, are reported for four days in Paris.

—Mrs. Ben Holladay died at the family homestead near New York City, Wednesday evening last.

—Capt. J. C. Ainsworth and Col. Rice, of the Northern Pacific Railroad, are now in Philadelphia.

—Camp Warner, Oregon, is to be abandoned, and the garrison removed to Camp Bidwell, California.

—B. F. Dowell will stump Southern Oregon, and Mr. Baker Eastern Oregon, for Hiram Smith, of Linn county.

—The Secretary of the Navy, in a letter to A. A. Sargent, endorses the plan for establishing a training ship for boys in San Francisco.

—Dr. Livingstone has been seen again. It is said Mr. Sterne, an English traveler parted with him in Central Africa July 1st. He was in good health.

—The failure of Jay Cooke & Co. is a surprise to this part of the world, and will act disastrously upon important works progressing in Oregon and Washington.

—Dispatches from Australia report a great fire in Auckland, New Zealand. Fifty large buildings were destroyed, and the total loss is estimated at \$240,000.

—The Olympia Courier, Seattle Dispatch and Intelligencer are to be consolidated and published at Seattle in the interest of the people as against monopolies and corporations.

—The propeller Ironsides, which foundered on the lake near Grand Haven, Michigan, was one of the largest on the lakes. Fourteen bodies had been recovered on the 15th.

—Two schooners from Oysterville loaded for San Francisco left last Friday, one for Espy & Co. and one for the Washington Oyster Co. We should be pleased to hear from our Oysterville friends occasionally, in a letter for the public. Things must be lively on the bay now.

—An Indiana woman, whose suit for divorce had lingered along until she was completely out of patience, burst into her lawyer's office, last week, her face radiant with joy, exclaimed: "Squire, the old man's dead!"

—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamship Costa Rica was wrecked in a fog at Point Diablo on the 18th. Her passengers were all safely brought to San Francisco, except one Chinaman lost. Efforts will be made to save the cargo.

—George L. Hibbard of Portland, is agent for Hibbard's celebrated hand made boots and shoes—said to be the best article in use. I. W. Case has them.

—Mr. Bulger, of Portland, informed us a few days ago that he was at work on plans for a new steamer for the Skipanon route. She is to be a fast substantial craft, 100 feet in length over all, and of not more than six feet depth of hold.

—Ralph L. Jones of Nehalem valley has left with us samples of wheat grown upon his farm that cannot be beaten. The heads of the white winter measure from five to seven inches in length, and the crop will yield seventy to seventy-five bushels to the acre. He has also left oats with us, from his farm which weighs 47 lbs to the bushel. Nehalem valley is this season showing what she is worth, as a grain producing region.

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The Price of Gold.

PORTLAND, Sept. 18.—Gold in New York to-day, 112½; Portland Legal Tender rates,—88 buying, and 89 selling.

New York, News.

NEW YORK September 15.

Detectives will start for San Francisco in a few days to bring Irving, the self-accused Nathan murderer to this city.

The press announces the failure of the Electric Life Insurance Company, with a deficiency of nearly \$100,000.

To-day's Tribune says editorially: Governor Stanford, President of the Central Pacific railroad, seems to be a very candid man. In the contest which has just closed in California, the newspaper organs of the railroad constantly asserted that railroad affairs were not in the slightest manner involved; that the only question was as to the fitness of the legislative and other candidates. Now, however, railroad magnates harrangue their workmen and tell them the State election has been carried against them. This is pretty plain talk, and people will ask how it happens that a great corporation, enriched by subsidies from the National Treasury and born under an act of Congress, assumes to control the election of members of a State Legislature.

Washington dispatches say that a member of Congress, who was a member of the Banking and Currency Committee of the last Congress, states that he shall advocate a system in the next Congress which will permit unrestricted free banking, conditional only upon adequate bonded security for circulation. He believes banking under some condition of adequate security should be as open to competition as any other business. Clinton L. Merriam, another member of the same committee, expressed like views, with the addition of the control of redemption. The member of Congress first alluded to states that the banks will oppose any considerable increase of National Bank circulation, and a corresponding withdrawal of greenbacks under such circumstances would so hasten the necessity of the redemption of National Bank notes as to utterly destroy the present profits of the National Bank circulation.

The Times says Father O'Farrell, pastor of St. Peter's Church, informed his parish, on Sunday last, that he wished to retract anything dictatorial he may have said to them during his canvass of the parish for pupils for his new parochial school. The Times adds, "This action of Father O'Farrell is said to have been the result of an intimation from authorities of the Catholic Church, that the extreme measures resorted to by him, are not approved. The Commissioners of Education have taken an intense interest in the affairs of the First Ward Public School, the existence of which has been threatened by the clergy of St. Peter's Church, and they express their firm determination to uphold in that ward, at all hazards, the system of public school instruction which has been so persistently assailed."

A Panama dispatch of the 16th says:—"No violent demonstrations have been made since the shooting of Col. Ascategui and Senor Bernudez, on the 24th ultimo, but almost nightly there are reports of uprisings and intended attack by negroes outside of the city who are opposed to the Government."

The Grange movement is progressing finely in Walla Walla valley. Up to last Saturday, four granges were organized and in full operation.

Failure of Jay Cooke & Co.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18.—The great firm of Jay Cooke & Co. has suspended. A crowd is now collected around their place of business.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Jay Cooke & Co. announce their suspension in consequence of large advances made to sustain their Philadelphia house, and the heavy drain made upon their own deposits.

CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—Private dispatches from New York confirm the failure of Jay Cooke & Co., but do not state the extent or particulars of the failure.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—There is great excitement on the street in consequence of the announcement of the failure of Jay Cooke & Co. The question generally asked is, "who next?" Stocks begin to tumble generally, caused as much by apprehensions of the future as by the exciting condition of affairs. Prominent operators in Wall street attribute the suspension of this firm, not so much to the efforts to sustain the Philadelphia house, as to operations in the Northern Pacific Railroad, which, it is said, they sought to carry beyond their strength. It is expected the Life Insurance Company with which Jay Cooke & Co. are connected, may have to go under. It is said that Jay Cooke lost large sums in the recent gold movement. Some say they are unable to make any further statement, save that they expect to resume business in a short time. There is a general breaking of stocks of from one to ten per cent. under the rush to sell. Great excitement continues.

The excitement was intense at the stock exchange at 3 P. M. Vanderbilt stands by his Central, and Lake Shore and Pacific Mail are cared for, but Western Union dropped from 88 to 78½. Money is quiet at 7. No failures other than that of Jay Cooke & Co., are announced. It is said that Jay Cooke, McCulloch & Co., of London, are solvent, with a large surplus above all liabilities. The First National Bank at Washington has suspended, and the Washington house of Jay Cooke & Co. is closed. Also, E. W. Clark & Co. of Philadelphia, have suspended.

Washington News.

WASHINGTON, September 16.

Admiral Pennock, commanding the North Pacific Squadron, reports that he has had several friendly talks with the Alaska Indians. Many chiefs visited the ship. They seem to be impressed with the importance of being on good terms with the United States. There are only a few American traders at the quarters in the vicinity, and no settlement except at Sitka. The Admiral visited Sitka, and remained seventeen days; during three-fourths of which time there was a heavy rain. The population has much decreased, and there has been a great falling off in trade. Exclusive of the garrison, there are not more than three hundred inhabitants mostly Russians and half breeds. For some years past, there has been bad blood between the Stickeen and Chillicot tribes, and when at Etahla harbor, Admiral Pennock was solicited by a Stickeen chief, to use his good offices in bringing about a reconciliation. The Admiral talked the matter over with the chief of the Chillicots, whom he found ready to bury the hatchet.

General Fremont's Bald Porcupine Island, in Mount Desert Harbor, narrowly escaped entire ruin, a few days since. Its whole beauty consists in its trees, and it has been a favorite picnic ground. A picnic party built a fire on it the other evening, and when they left, neglected to stamp it all out. It spread, and was only extinguished after thirty-six hours hard labor on the part of the numerous boatmen, by a providential shower, just as it reached the grove.