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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—The schooner Fannie Bell is at the ship yard, undergoing repairs.

—The Windward will soon complete her cargo, at the rate wheat is arriving now.

—The steamer Oneatta took the barkentine Jane A. Falkinburg in tow for Portland last Thursday.

—The oysterville schooners carry from three thousand five hundred to five thousand baskets of oysters to a trip.

—The steam tug Merrimac now occupies a berth at Capt. Richard Hobson's new dock, which is sufficiently advanced in construction to be used.

—Dr. A. G. Kinney, of Salem, was in the city last Tuesday looking for storage room for 10,000 bushels of wheat. Hurry up your docks, gentlemen, the demand for them will soon be pressing.

—The bark Free Trade, hence for San Francisco on the 14th, carried away a spar eighty-six feet long, in which there is not a blemish the size of a man's thumb nail. It came from the vicinity of Kalama.

—The entire export trade of Puget Sound for the year ending August 31st, in round numbers amounted to \$660,910; of this amount \$417,618 was in American vessels. This is nearly equal to the salmon exports of Astoria.

—The jury in the case of the State of Oregon vs. C. W. Meek, tried in Washington county on indictment for murder, rendered a verdict of not guilty, on the 9th, and the prisoner was released. Hon. W. D. Hare of this city, was one of the counsel for the defense.

—M. P. Callender of Clatsop plains, a member of the Art Preservative fraternity, has tried his hand at composition and press work in the Astorian office recently, and finds it about as natural to keep up his lick as when, some years ago he relinquished his hold of the stick and struck for the west.

—Sheriff J. H. Whitcomb of Pacific county, was in the city on Tuesday last on a flying visit. He informs us that the sch. Carolita, with a cargo of oysters for San Francisco left the bay on Sunday last; the sch. Three Sisters expected to sail Tuesday, and the sch. Louisa Morrison to-morrow. Two schooners were expected at Oysterville when Mr. Whitcomb came away.

—The schooner H. L. Tierman had not been set afloat at 3 o'clock yesterday. It being the height of the highest tides when she went on, and the water has fallen off to such extent that it is doubtful whether she would float light. The steam tug Astoria cannot approach her where she lies, for depth of water, but will make the effort to get a hawser aboard of the vessel to-day and pull her off.

—Capt. Brown of the barkentine Jane A. Falkinburg, will please accept our thanks for favors, and a file of Hawaiian papers. The Falkinburg arrived at Honolulu on the 11th ult., after a run of 18 days. Exchanged her Oregon cargo for one of Island productions, and arrived home on the 13th inst. Matters in the Kingdom remained pretty much the same at last advices by the Co-sta Rica. King Lunahlo's health was improving—but the mutineers were yet resisting his counsels. The Advertiser of the 20th congratulates itself that a great reform has just been accomplished in the disbanding of the standing army. Taking the Advertiser's view of the situation, "there is nothing in the past history of Hawaiian administrations that will compare, in respect to its damaging effects on her character abroad, commercially and diplomatically, as the story of the Ministerial inability to maintain the laws against two dozen native soldiers."

—Gen. Michler, Major Robert's successor, is a passenger on the John L. Stephens.

—"Columbia river salmon (very nice,) fourteen cents per pound" is one of the specialties advertised by a Jackson (Michigan) firm.

—Jacob Kamm, Esq., who has been sojourning in California for some time gaining health, is among the passengers on the John L. Stephens.

—About twenty men are employed on the construction of the Farmers wharf and warehouse in this city. Piles have been driven and are being capped for the space of one hundred by sixty-four feet, and work has begun on the roadway.

—Capt. Dixon of the Spirit of the dawn reports having seen a water spout while that vessel was lying outside the bar last week. As near as he could reckon, the huge column of water was three miles away, and as near to the vessel as he desired it to be. Capt. Dixon has seen water spouts innumerable, and this did not annoy him in the least. Vessels caught in these water spouts are torn to pieces in a jiffy.

—The Oregonian says: "The numerous friends of Mrs. F. P. Church will be pleased to learn that she has returned to the city, and will take charge of her department in the Portland Academy and Female Seminary on next Monday. This will be especially gratifying to the many children who always flock around her and welcome her return. This being the middle of the term a large increase in attendance is expected." Mrs. Church taught at Fort Stevens last Summer.

—The State Board of Education, in accordance with subdivision two, section 17, of the school laws of Oregon, have adopted a set of rules and regulations for the government of Public Schools and school officers, from which we extract as follows:

Rule 13. Teachers are authorized to require excuses from the parents or guardians of pupils, either in person or by written note in all cases of absence or tardiness, or of dismissal before the close of school, and no excuse shall be deemed valid except that of sickness or necessary employment. The teacher shall be the judge of the sufficiency of excuses subject to an appeal to the Directors.

Rule 14. Whenever the unexcused absences of any pupil during any one term shall amount, in the aggregate, to five days, he shall be excluded from the school, and shall not be permitted to attend the same or any public school for three months thereafter. For this purpose unexcused absence or tardiness for a half day or less, and for more than one hour, at any one time, shall be deemed a half day's absence; and such absence or tardiness for more than half a day, at one time, shall be reckoned as absence for a whole day. When a pupil's absence for a single term, whether excused or unexcused, amount in the aggregate to seven days, he shall forfeit his place in his classes, and shall be transferred to the classes next below in all his studies.

—We are indebted to A. Wing & Co., of Oysterville, for a full sack of delicious oysters.

—A. S. Mercer, who is getting up the grand excursion to Astoria, paid Corvallis a visit yesterday.

Every available shelter in Dayton is piled full of sacked wheat awaiting shipment.

The storage capacity of the seven warehouses in Albany is 610,000 bushels, and they are nearly all full.

—A returned Astorian, who, while at Salem attending the fair last week was unable to obtain anything more gorgeous than a wisp of straw and a pair of blankets, on the hurricane roof of the Chemeketa, and to be solaced in his wretchedness by the mutterings of fellow sufferers, as the porter continued to bring up victims to get his "dollar and a half's" worth of straw, "breakfast ticket included," until he found the camp of Mr. I. S. Swearingen, of Junction, wishes to publicly thank that gentleman for his attention.

—A bitter feud which has existed for the past two or three years between A. H. Whitley and Till Glaze, at Dallas, Polk county, terminated in a bloody row at that place last Monday afternoon, in which the former was killed by being shot through the body by Glaze. About one year ago the son of Mr. Whitley was killed by the same man by a shot intended for the father. Glaze was tried for this and acquitted. This terrible tragedy terminates, we suppose, one of the bitterest feuds that has ever existed in our State.

THE TIDE IS OUT.

The tide is out; and faint and far
The lessening triplets play;
A strange, swift loss of affluence falls
Upon the sunny bay;
And strangled kelp and tangled weeds,
And flat, wet wastes of sand,
With gaunt white rocks and shallow pools,
Disfigure all the strand.

And yet, an hour ago I passed;
What wealth of wave was here!
With all its creeks and channels full,
The bay lay broad and clear;
Its fresh green isles seemed anchored deep,
Lapped to their grasses' edge,
And deep—a blue sea's secret—slept
The weed and wave-worn ledge.

O, ebbing tide and naked shores;
O, shrunken, shallow bay;
How sharp and true the type you bring,
Of my soul's gauge to-day!
And yet, but yesterday I knew
Its farthest banks were brimmed,
And fair, green isles, in amber light,
On its still depths were limned.

I deemed I drew in thought and word,
From unguessed depths of power;
And those dim depths flashed bright with gems
In that full-flooded hour;
But ah! to-day the tide is out!
Behold these tangled weeds;
These bare, brown shores and weltering pools,
Reveal my spirit's needs.

O, fair, bright bay; thy wealth of wave
Wells not from thine own springs,
Or leaps it in from mountain heights,
Fresh as the morning's wings;
And Thou, who mak'st its ebb and flow,
The truth is too for Thee;
The flood which fills thy deepest deeps
Flows from a far-off sea.

O, shoreless sea! O, deep of love,
Thou tide of life to me,
Flow through the channels of my life
With fuller tide, and free!
Ebb thou no more from out my soul;
Leave here no weltering shore;
But grant through all my being's reach,
A flood-tide evermore!

—Rev. W. W. Marsh.

CORRESPONDENCE

PORTLAND, October 11, 1873.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:
A battle has been going on for several days, between the rain and smoke; and as yet the issue is doubtful, there being a bluish tinge visible in the air.

AS SOON as the rain began to fall, three steamers of the Wallamet river Transportation Company started up the Wallamet in search of wheat. The Beaver, which has just been completed, is an elegant little craft, and has the reputation of being able to go anywhere after a heavy dew. It seems as if these steamers might just as well carry their freight to Astoria as to discharge here, and have so much of the grain handled a second time.

The Oregon Steam Navigation Company have constructed a grain elevator on the wharf, just below the landing of the Astoria steamers. Already there is a considerable quantity of wheat in the warehouse of this company.

Now is the time for the Astorians to show if they are in earnest. Portland people laugh at the "speculation." They say there are only a few Astorians who have money, and those few will be far from risking it in such a venture.

The city is not quite deserted because of the State Fair, although many have gone. A great many houses are being built in the burnt district. A peculiar feature of them is the number of brick buildings one story in height, which have been erected. Some of these, extending the whole length of a block, have a decidedly odd appearance. Many of the new buildings, especially those erected immediately after the fire, are primitive in style, but the majority are of a better class than those which formerly occupied the same ground.

A number of fine business houses have been built in another part of the city, during the past season. It is amusing how the place is working towards deep water. Whenever a heavy fire changes the place of business, it moves down the river. In a few more years you may see Portland coming around Tongue Point.

The Sedalia is still at the Iron Works, receiving her machinery.

—According to the news received last evening from Portland, Nesmith is elected to Congress by a large majority.

—D. E. Pease brought the returns from the election at Skipanon (Clatsop Plains), last evening. Nesmith has a majority of three votes.

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The Price of Gold.

PORTLAND, Oct. 15th.—Gold in New York to-day, 109½; Portland Legal Tender rates,—90 buying, and 91 selling.

Miscellaneous News.

California will produce this year about 1,000 bales of cotton.

The Secretary of the Navy discredits the report of the foul death of Capt. Hall.

Eight persons have been arrested in Boston charged with circulating obscene literature.

Probably Prescott Arizona will be in telegraphic communication by the first of December.

The San Francisco Cadets under Capt. McDonald, returning from the East, gave an exhibition at Omaha.

George A. Clarke, son of the cashier and agent of the Union Pacific railroad, is missing with \$10,000, the proceeds of tickets sold last month.

Dr. Branz, of Shreveport, says the backbone of the epidemic is broken—that only ice will destroy it. The fever is more malignant than any he has met.

The Clearing House Association agree to retire loan certificates at the rate of 20 per cent. per week, which will take five weeks to retire the entire issue.

Wm. W. Maryatt, Assistant Astronomer of Lieut. Wheeler's exploring and surveying expedition, died October 8th, at Bozeman, Montana, of mountain fever.

The Secretary emphatically asserts that outstanding legal tenders are not to exceed minimum figures, not a dollar more than the absolute demands of the Government require.

The colored Secretary of the State, of South Carolina, Hahn, has been admitted as a student at the University, and three of the principal professors have resigned in consequence.

The effect of the general stringency of the currency market has placed silver at a discount when sold for currency. The exact cause of this decline is not easily comprehended.

It is stated that the entire crew of the ship Baltic, from New York, which arrived in San Francisco on Saturday, were shanghaied on board. Several have lodged complaints in the U. S. District Court.

The case of Parshall, pastor of the Baptist church San Francisco, who is charged with familiarities with female members of his church, has created quite a sensation, but the story is generally disbelieved.

The German corvette, Nympe, Von Blanc commander, has arrived in San Francisco. She carries 14 guns, 180 men including officers, and made the voyage from Yokohama in 27 days under sail, but steamed out of that port and into this.

Telegrams received make it very probable that Scott has placed ten millions for the Texas and Pacific, with the privilege of takers to receive large additional bonds as rapidly as they can be issued on completed road.

The Mexican Government has annulled the order of November last, and will hereafter require strict compliance with the law which makes it obligatory on the part of American shippers to procure a permit from the City of Mexico before a free transit of freights can be made.

The President, in connection with the Secretary of the Treasury and Comptroller of Currency, will also recommend to Congress legislation looking to stringent restrictions on National Banks by which the legal tender reserve can be preserved intact.

A dispatch from Capt. Pierson, dated Nassau, October 5th, reports that the steamer Missouri was wrecked October 1st off Bahama Islands. The ship was broken in two. The crew and passengers were all saved and landed at Bemini.

The Secretary of the Treasury has expressed opinion that while a return to a coin basis as a result of the late financial panic would be quite unexpected, it was by no means impossible nor improbable.

Senator Conkling will not accept the office of Chief Justice if tendered by the President. He proposes to retire to private life at the end of his Senatorial term and devote himself in the future to the practice of law, and to making a fortune.

Mr. Jay, American Minister, has written to Washington recommending that provisions be made for sending home from Vienna a number of waiters, laborers and other Americans now in that city, in a destitute condition.

In Washington city on the 11th, Ex-Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, was shot by ex-Representative M. F. Conway, of Kansas. Pomeroy is emphatic in stating that he never had any controversy or ground for difficulty with Conway.

The Treasury reserves are now being drawn on daily to pay the actual expenses of the Government. There is no apprehension of the Department that the draft upon the \$44,000,000 reserve will be very heavy in ordinary course of business.

The Indians who recently raided on Texas will be turned over to the State authorities, and all horses stolen from Texas are to be returned to owners. Agents are to be appointed by the United States to call the roll daily, and only three days' rations to be issued to Indians at one time.

It is said Irving will prove that Kelly, now in Sing-Sing prison, killed Nathan with an iron dog, which was obtained of a caulker in the Brooklyn Navy Yard; that \$10,000 in bonds, which were in Nathan's safe were seen in Kelly's hands a few days after the murder; that these bonds were negotiated, and that Nathan's watch and chain were pawned in Center street the day after the murder.

The overland stage was robbed near Redding, California, a few days ago. Wells Fargo & Company's box contained \$1,992, and about \$2,000 in the hands of the passengers. One Chinaman had \$1,000 around his waist in a belt, which the robbers cut. The other passengers had small amounts. Wells Fargo & Co. have offered a reward of \$250 for each arrest, and one-fourth of the amount of treasure recovered.

—It is customary to assert that, if punishment for crime could only be made certain and prompt, criminals would be struck with terror, and crime be greatly diminished. But one thing seems to militate against such a conclusion. Society cannot hope to inflict upon her knaves any more prompt and certain punishment than nature does upon her fools—and yet the latter keep on kindling fire with kerosene oil.

—Those who claim the heathen Chinese can never become civilized, should have seen an irate, saffron-colored Chinese gentleman in Detroit the other day bounce an inebriated person out of a laundry. When the battle was over somebody asked John what it was all about, when he replied: "Melican man gette tight—foolee around me—me put head on him—no go to jail—dollar a dozen."

—A correspondent at Detroit notices the opening of a new avenue of trade for the lumber fields in the Northwest in opposition to the standard product of the Northern States. Quite a number of cargoes of lumber from Lake Michigan have passed Detroit since the opening of navigation, destined for Albany and other Eastern cities. This is a new direction for the traffic, as heretofore all the lumber cut on the shores of Lake Michigan has found a market in the Western States.

—From returns lately published, we learn that there are in India 315 different newspapers, of which 68 are English, 36 in the dialect which passes as English among the natives, and 211 are in the native language. One among them, sold at a pice, or farthing, is perhaps the lowest priced newspaper in the world. The number of readers of India is very small, and it is the practice for crowds to assemble and listen to one reader, and in this way news is dispersed with remarkable rapidity. At the beginning of the present century there were not more than five newspapers in India.