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### CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—Limberger cheese at 50 cents a pound at Reed's.

—First class laboring men and mechanics in demand in Astoria.

—Very quiet elections everywhere—Ohio, Pennsylvania, Oregon—all same.

—Capt. Mudge is busy framing timbers on Ferrell's wharf for the roadway.

—One of the best boats in the Astoria trade is the schooner Adelaide. Capt. Lewis.

—The California left for Sitka on the 15th. She towed the schooner Hera to sea from Portland.

—The United States steamer Shubrick left these gay and festive scenes for Shoalwater bay on Thursday.

—The British bark Professor Airy, and the Roswell Sprague, at last accounts, were in Valparaiso August 25th.

—We paid the farmer's wharf a visit on Thursday. Some of the best materials in the State are being used in the construction of this dock.

—The bark Mariano, 549 tons, is chartered in San Francisco to load wheat for Liverpool, terms private. The Mariano is from Manila.

—Mr. A. S. Mercer, in a private letter to Mrs. M. states that the excursionists from Albany to Astoria will probably arrive here Monday evening.

—Captain James M. Spotts is temporarily relieved from duty as Inspector of the Twelfth Lighthouse District, and ordered to examination for promotion.

—Mr. Kirkpatrick of Nehalem valley delivered the poll books at the County Clerks office in this city on Thursday. The vote stands six for Hiram Smith, one for Nesmith.

—Tuesday evening next, at Spiritual Hall in this city, Astoria Fire Company No. 1, will give a public ball, in honor of the Albany excursionists. The public generally are invited.

—Among the attendants at the funeral of Mr. George Summers yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. John Hobson, and Mrs. Ownes, who crossed the plains with him in 1843—thirty years ago.

—The fact that the Hemlock tannery at upper Astoria is pressed to its fullest capacity to fill its orders for leather, is sufficient testimony that there is room enough here for several more tanneries.

—The schooner Hera, in the river but four days, left with a 610 tons cargo of wheat and flour last Thursday. This is the quickest dispatch ever given to a vessel of her capacity in Portland.

—It is understood that an extensive cannery is to be established at Tongue Point, by a Chicago firm. Let them come. Our Salmon export trade now is greater than the entire commerce of Puget Sound—do you understand.

—H. J. Stevenson is fixing the crooked lines of Astoria surveys. They sometimes baffle him, and when his flags are knocked down by mischievous boys, on their way to the Penitentiary, he can scarcely resist the temptation to swear a little.

—Some of the finest stovebolts that were ever seen are being discharged at Ferrell's wharf for export to Honolulu by the barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg. Capt. Flavel appears to know where to get the article. J. D. Rhea of Washington Territory is getting out the most of them.

—Nesmith's majority in the State will be between 800 and 1,000.

—Judge Barr left with his family for Oysterville yesterday, intending to make that delightful locality his future home.

—Ben Holladay, Dr. J. C. Hawthorne, B. F. Goodwin, and Dr. J. A. Chapman, were in the city on Thursday. Mr. Holladay has returned to the Seaside.

—The weather is delightful in this region and fishing and shooting was never better. This is the season to enjoy Clatsop, and the remaining visitors are said to be enjoying it. There are nine at Dexter's.

—Captain Stannard, of the bark Windward, last Thursday presented Ben Holladay with a couple of South American lambs, born on board the ship. They are said to be beauties, and will add very much to the attractiveness of the collection of animals at the Seaside.

—Up to last evening every effort to get the schooner H. L. Tiernan off the sands below this city have failed. If no storms arise she may be got off yet—but in case she goes to wreck we hope the disaster will not be charged to Columbia river bar. At the time of the accident she had a good breeze and could have come up all right with a pilot on board.

—Thursday evening last on Court street in the vicinity of Col. R. R. Spedden's residence some mischievous scamp placed a slat of wood about twenty feet long, three inches wide and an inch thick across the walk in just the right position to trip pedestrians and hurl them forward with fearful results in case they should be going up. It was discovered in time to prevent accident, and now the perpetrator is wanted by the recorder.

—Some people who don't know any better, have been stuffed by interested ones with the idea that a Wallamet steamboat can't run to Astoria—"could a duck swim?" Out of 365 days in the year they couldn't miss five of coming through in safety. Of course such steamers must have been made for use, in the beginning—not mere shulls made to sell. The Astoria boatman will put up a steamer that can bring a cargo from Albany every time—you better bet they can, and no darned foolishness, and they will do it.

—We understand that on his trip here this week Capt. Jassen of the United States steamer Shubrick again misplaced the buoys at the Hog's-back. It does not matter to the pilots where these buoys are placed by red-tape process, they know where the bottom of the river is, and will endeavor to keep off of it. But when any official comes along and moves the buoys without consulting pilots about it, the incident is apt to mislead them and get a vessel into a "scrape." This occurred with Capt. Snow a few days since, and some of the pilots demand that the light-house department shall point out to them the reason why these buoys are misplaced.

—Fred Gere, the "jolly good fellow" assisting Mr. Stevenson in his survey of this harbor, has placed upon our table a copy of the Boston Gazette, dated Monday March 12th, 1770. Fred, in his rambles over Hoosierdom a few years ago, found a copy of the original paper, which he borrowed, and went down to Chicago with it, and there had it electrotyped, and from the electrotype was sold an immense number of this now curious paper. The copy presented to us was the last one of Fred's stock; and the electrotype was destroyed in the great fire. We shall preserve this copy and have it bound with the first volume of the ASTORIAN. It contains much that is interesting.

—There was a very large attendance yesterday at the funeral of Mr. George Summers. The remains were conveyed to Clatsop for final interment, near his deceased brother, Rev. T. A. Hyland officiating. Deceased leaves a brother in Ohio who had been notified of his illness and who may now be expected here soon. Mr. Summers came to this region about thirty years ago. He has always been considered a public spirited citizen, and up to within a short time of his recent illness made very material improvements about his place, and laid in a heavy stock of goods. His age was 67 years. He died on the morning of the 15th inst.

—Among the remarkable gas wells in this country is the Newton well, six miles from Titusville, Pa. It was discovered last year, and produces three millions of cubic feet of gas every twenty-four hours. The gas issues under a pressure of from twenty to thirty pounds per square inch, and for the most part goes to waste. Pipes have been laid to Titusville, and some two hundred and fifty dwelling-houses, shops, etc., now supplied with the gas for illumination. It requires to be passed through naphtha, as it is deficient in carbon.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

It has been found that red cedar chips and cloves sprinkled on a shovel full of coals will clear a room of flies.

—Kate Field is pronounced to be a compound of Mark Twain, John Hay and Bret Harte, with a propensity for puns which is beyond all control.

—A New York female who read that the Hoosac tunnel cost \$900 per yard, said that she would have a dress pattern off from that piece, if the old man did not lay up a cent for the next two years.

—Lightning recently struck a telegraph pole and ran along the wire into the office at Coatsville, Indiana, when the operator, seated at the instrument, excitedly telegraphed back "Don't send so d—d fast!"

—To tease Brown, of Cairo, a little, his wife borrowed a neighbor's baby and put it on her doorstep and then "discovered" it and went for Brown. He said: "Why, I gave her \$300 and sent her to Chicago last week!" and the joking wife is after a divorce.

—The sad effects of matrimony were never more terribly depicted than in a Kentucky town, the other day, where a meek eyed man, who had been married about a year, patrolled the village streets all day, trying to swap a meerscham pipe for a second hand cradle.

—A Western Methodist has been collecting tobacco statistics among his brethren. He found that eight leading members in a certain place paid in one year \$195 for tobacco and \$33 for the support of their pastor, and were too poor to take a religious paper.

—Michael Angelo McFarland, who spent \$25,000 on the trial of his brother Daniel McFarland for the murder of Albert D. Richardson, died recently at Bellevue Hospital, New York—He was in utter destitution, without friends, and was buried by his brother, living in Jersey City.

—According to the report for 1872 of the Royal Theatre of Berlin, Shakespeare still leads the classic stage in Germany. Of 278 performances during the year, seventy-seven were the works of classic authors. Goethe and Lessing had each thirteen representations, Schiller eighteen, and Shakespeare twenty-five.

—The Evening News of Portland has been running its new dress for several days past. It is a neat appearing paper, now—the only objection to its mechanical execution that we can urge is that they use too much paste, and too little paper in wrapping it up singly for the mails.

—Barnum has several Feejee cannibals in his show. One of them has quit and gone to carrying a hod. His remark was: "Be jabbers, I'd rather carry my native hod, than be a haythen at \$20 a month." But the number of Feejees remains the same. An ambitious teamster was immediately promoted to the vacant position.

—Commodore Vanderbilt and A. T. Stewart each lack but two years of four score. George Law is three score and ten, but he attends faithfully to his immense interests, including the Dry Dock Bank and the Eighth Avenue Railway. Moses Taylor is nearly seventy-five, and is reputed to be worth \$10,000,000.

—The Baron de Chamerolles, in 1827, brought a life ticket for the Gymnast theatre for \$200. He has been a very constant attendant during the intervening forty-five years. In the early part of last January he was unable to obtain a seat, all the places being occupied. He brought a suit for damages, but has been nonsuited, the court holding the management not bound to reserve a seat for their old but not very profitable customer.

### TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

#### The Price of Gold.

PORTLAND, Oct. 17th.—Gold in New York to-day, 108½; Portland Legal Tender rates,—90 buying, and 91½ selling.

#### Miscellaneous News.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—There were significant services yesterday at the conclusion of the meetings of the Evangelical Alliance. In Dr. Hall's Presbyterian Church communion service was administered by Episcopal Bishop Cummings, of Kentucky, assisted by Dr. Arnolt, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Dr. Durner, of Berlin, Germany. The Bishop remarked that in all his ministry he had never before communed with his Presbyterian brethren, but this should not be the last time.

At Dr. Booth's Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Freeman, of the Church of England, assisted the pastor in the administration of the communion. Both churches were crowded.

Bishop Cummings, has written a letter vindicating his own conduct and that of the Dean of Canterbury, in the matter of their communion in Presbyterian churches. He says "I deny most emphatically that the Dean of Canterbury or myself, have violated any Ecclesiastical order of the Church of England or of the Protestant Episcopal church in this country, or have been guilty of acts of open hostility to the Discipline of the Church. There is nothing in the Ecclesiastical Order or Discipline of the Church of England or of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this country forbidding such act of intercommunion among Christian people who are one in faith and love; one in Christ their great head. As far as I know, the liberal Episcopalians of New York rejoice in the action of the Dean of Canterbury, and thank God for it."

A suit is commenced against Daniel Drew, to restrain him from disposing of his property, which it is alleged he is doing in order to escape his connection with the Canada Southern Railroad bonds, which were said to cause the failure of Kenyon, Cox & Co.

A committee to wait upon Mayor Havemeyer and see what could be done about modifying the contract system and give 50,000 persons work who were last year depending on the Commissioners of Charities for some means of earning their own bread, reported that the Mayor would do nothing; that he said he did not care if one million of people were without a chance of earning a livelihood this winter.

The President has caused an order to be issued from the War Department giving full pardon to all deserters who may return to duty on or before the first of January next, and who may serve faithfully during the remainder of their terms of enlistment.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 12.—The streets to-day are almost deserted. Few citizens are going to or from church. There are no pleasure parties, nothing but hearses and attendants hurrying to the cemetery and quickly returning to receive other victims of the terrible scourge. The ceremony of burial has long since been shorn of the solemn formality. To meet the demands for the removal of the dead, undertakers are required to move with a celerity more becoming merchandise transports. Occasionally a vehicle containing a Visiting Committee of some Relief Association passes at a rapid pace, but aside from these the city presents a most gloomy appearance. The Masonic relief board report 56 cases on hand, the Odd Fellows about 40, the Knights of Pythias nine or ten, and the Firemen seven. The contributions are reported heavier to-day than any day during the prevalence of the epidemic.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 13.—The Common Council has appropriated \$15,000 for the relief of Shreveport.

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—At the grand benefit in aid of the Memphis and Shreveport sufferers at the Exposition to-night, the proceeds were between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

—The Philadelphia Ledger, which is ever watchful in the iron interest of Pennsylvania, is apprehensive that "the feeling now existing against the railroads need not be long continued, to beget hostility to the present tariff, to which the farmers will soon give their undivided attention. The next cry will be, Down with the tariff."

### Pacific Coast News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—The ship Elizabeth Kimball, from Port Gamble for Iquiqui, beached on Easter Island latitude 28, April 30th, and was a total loss. A small schooner was built on the island, in which the Captain, his wife and the crew sailed to Tahiti, and took passage for this port. The ship William and Thomas, from Port Blakely for Valparaiso, water-logged and made Easter Island March 18th, a total loss.

Some unknown miscreant entered Stewart's stable, Saturday night, and poisoned thirty-three horses with strychnine.

The police arrested four more small boys for having committed fifteen burglaries at the Mission and in the western part of the city. They obtained a large amount of jewelry, plate, etc., in their raids. Every one of them is a graduate of the Industrial school.

The Convention of the State Grange met in San Jose at 10 o'clock this forenoon. There are 100 Granges to be represented. Between 60 and 70 delegates are here. More arrived this evening.

The ship Three Brothers has completed her loading and has on board the largest cargo of wheat ever afloat amounting to 4366 tons.

Troops and Indian scouts under the command of Lieut. Schuyler, returned to Verde Arizona the 5th, after a ten days scout for Delchea and his band, who deserted the reservation about ten days since. They encountered part of the band at the mouth of the east fork of the Verde and killed fourteen warriors. The exact whereabouts of Delchea is unknown. This is about the tenth time he has left after surrendering.

JACKSONVILLE, October 13.—Major Jackson, of the First Cavalry reports that the Modoc captives left Fort Klamath yesterday morning for their new home in Wyoming Territory. They will be transported with teams, under an escort of two companies, to Redding, and thence by railroad. Everything was quiet at Fort Klamath. Weather here cold and cloudy.

GEN. MART BROWN LOST HIS PEACHES.—Under the head of "Let her Rip," Mart gets off the following:

We last Saturday received the following letter from Mr. Philip Ritz, the celebrated Nurseryman and fruit grower of Walla Walla:

"ED. DEMOCRAT: Will you please accept of a box of our Walla Walla peaches? PHILIP RITZ."

We were about to ejaculate in the choice idiom of the aborigines "yu bet!" snatch up our beegum and rush for the express office, where we supposed the luscious fruit to be awaiting our order, when our eagle eye happened to catch a hastily scrawled postscript on the back of the foregoing "soul-harrowing and stomach-blasting announcement."

"Mr. Brown: Dear Sir—I was just ready to ship the peaches when the terrible frost of last night came and so damaged them that they will not carry so far. I regret it very much. PHILIP RITZ."

Mr. Ritz, in your most mournful and despondent moments, when the black cloud of disappointment rolls over your soul with the crushing weight of a leaden mountain you can never know the black sorrow that fell upon us even as would a wet blanket, when we read this cruel postscript. And 'there came a nipping frost,' and blasted our peaches? Blast it, why didn't you send 'em along before the autumn frosts came like the serried hosts of black crickets which sometimes visit your native heaths and blacken your vegetation in their desolative and death-dealing march? Why, O, why!—but we drop the curtain over so sad a calamity.

—The San Francisco Bulletin says that perjury is becoming common in the courts of that city. The practice of allowing persons to testify in their own cases has not, it says, helped the cause of justice, and has made the conflict of testimony greater than it was before, and not a week passes but there are some monstrous acts of perjury committed, yet no one is convicted of or punished for the crime.

—Mr. George Alfred Townsend, one of the brightest journalists in the country, and whose letters, signed 'Gath,' have given him national reputation, is to visit the Pacific coast.