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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—Jack frost has been on the nip in this locality recently.

—The schooner Hera, Capt. Miller, arrived on the 23d at San Francisco.

—We are informed that about two tons of LaDus' strawberries and blackberries were sold at Kalama last season.

—S. M. Coffenberry has chartered the sloop Hector for the season. She is bound for Westport next trip, for Salmon.

—Seventy-five tons of flour placed on board the Spirit of the Dawn Sunday, completed her cargo for Liverpool.

—Capt. Craigie, of the British ship Lord of the Isles, attended the Congregational Church in this city Sunday forenoon—being a member of the Presbyterian faith.

—For trouting extraordinary refer us to Big creek, Knappa. Dan Ramey caught over 175 in less than three hours, a few days ago, and sold them all in this city and Portland.

—A Chinese firm of this city have purchased and equipped a sloop, "Hung Mung," with which they scout about the harbor, and in and out here and there any where a Chinaman wants to go.

—In the matter of the guardianship of the minor heirs of Alfred Crosby deceased, Judge Moffit has revoked a former order, and appointed L. W. Case and Capt. J. G. Hustler guardians.

—The barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg is now at Ferrell's wharf in this city completing cargo for Honolulu. Capt. Brown has her in splendid order now, and may possibly extend the trip to Australia.

—On Friday last the steamer Annie Stewart discharged 1,500 cases of Salmon on board a foreign bound vessel in this port for Liverpool. This is the third direct shipment of Salmon from Capt. West's fishery.

—The British bark Romeo, Captain Thomas, cleared for Liverpool with the following cargo yesterday: Taken on at Portland—23,750 bushels wheat, valued at \$28,500; taken on at Astoria—9,431 bushels wheat valued at \$11,300, and 1,500 cases salmon, valued at \$11,000.

—West and Company of Westport, received a gold prize at the Salex Fair for Salmon: S. G. Reed for Cattle, Geo. L. DePrans for Burdett Organs, and C. P. Bacon for the best Stallion and family of Colts. Hon. John Minto took a Silver Medal on Sheep, and Mr. DePrans one also for the Burdett Organs.

—Recently the owner of a river packet here had her rails painted while lying in the slip at Flavel's dock. The following day he gave an excursion to Youngs river falls, and now we understand he complains because the passengers packed off his new paint. The fellow ought to be compelled to ride that rail "clean to Portland."

—A party of ballonatics stood out in front of Van Dusen's yesterday morning, eagerly scanning the heavens, apparently searching for the Eastern Aerial Current, which was shut off from their vision by the awning over the sidewalk, and after gazing a few moments at a certain nail hole, quietly walked away. There isn't much prospect of a trans-Continental balloon ascension from Astoria shortly.

—The Bulletin says of the Vesta that "A vexatious delay of three days was occasioned by the non-attendance of the tug on their arrival at the Columbia river Bar." This will be news to the Columbia bar pilots, and from what we know of the matter guess it is not true. The Vesta happened in when there was no tug here to take her up the creek, and perhaps that's what's the matter with Hannah.

PASSENGERS FOR OREGON.

The North Pacific Transportation Company's steamship John L. Stephens, is due here to-day with the following named passengers from San Francisco:

J. G. Megler & wife
Warren Leland,
H. Perry & wife,
James Bruce,
W. V. Spencer,
Mrs. M. M. Miller,
Miss Cohn,
B. Wolverton,
G. Newberger,
D. Clark,
A. Mappin,
H. W. Scott,
E. Wolf,
S. B. Fogg and family,
Horace Brown,
Mrs. M. Kelly,
F. Shaddy & wife,
Mrs. C. Cook & ch.
C. Douglas and wife,
J. Hughes and family,
W. F. McIntosh & fam.

C. Summers,
Mrs. A. A. Lancaster,
H. Patterson,
Charles Jordan,
W. H. Pumphrey,
Miss M. Butler,
J. Frohman,
D. D. Bannell & wife,
J. C. Sutton,
F. Storey,
C. Praeg,
C. C. Bennis,
M. H. Scott,
J. Daly,
A. Eisenmanger,
Mrs. P. Conner & ch.
Mrs. J. H. Lyon,
W. Kane and family,
W. H. Fanehon & fam.,
W. Kitzbinker & fam.,
P. Edwards.

Clatsop Viewed from the Metropolitan Station Point.

There is perhaps not a class of more enterprising, plain dealing and law-abiding people to be found in any community than those on Clatsop Plains in this county, and there is certainly no more productive region in the State, as the numerous highly cultivated farms and tasty and elegant homes, and sleek and blooded stock fully and positively attest. But when a leading public journal comes out openly in a paid correspondence, as we understand was the case, and rates the people as a lot of half-breeds, living on clams and crabs like a set of digger Indians, or cause remarks that lead to such an inference, it not only detracts from the 'botanical' researches of such correspondent, and whatever else of the beautiful he had treated in those letters, but leaves a false impression on the minds of the people, which is illustrated by the following incident, related to us by one of the 'half-breed' referred to in the conversation:

Editor ASTORIAN:
A large portion of your readers are acquainted with our fellow-townsmen and former host of the Astoria Hotel, A. J. Megler, esq., and know him for a modest, unassuming gentleman, of strict integrity, and very few we presume would charge him with anything in his character approaching waggishness. The following little incident, recently witnessed by the writer, will add the unacknowledged trait to his otherwise unblemished reputation, and at the same time illustrate the views and estimation residents at the Emporium place upon us "half-bred" children of the classical Clatsop plains.

While on a recent visit to Portland he sauntered into the grand Central Market, where is displayed at the numerous stands fish, flesh, fowl, fruit and vegetables, in greatest variety and profusion. Quick to descry tidings from home, his eye rested upon a large tray of our native clams, fresh from Clatsop sands.

Approaching, and pointing at the contents of the tray, in a manner showing some trepidation, as if fearful they might fasten on his fingers if he got too near, he inquired of the urbane attendant:

"What are those?"

"Clams," politely answers the gentleman behind the stand.

"Are they good to eat?" is next asked by our apparent friend from the interior.

"Oh, certainly; the finest eating in the world."

"Where do they grow?"

"These come from down the coast—Clatsop beach."

"Ah, yes; I believe I have heard of the place—a kind of Summer resort for the people of this section, is it not?"

"Yes; people go down there during the warm weather."

"What sort of a place is it? a farming country?"

"No! not much. The inhabitants are mostly half-breeds, who live principally on these clams, and crabs which you see here (pointing to a number lying on the counter), and Salmon, those fish you will notice across the way."

At this point our grip on our risibilities slipped, when hastily glancing around and discovering whence came the sound, our inquisitive friend, who for so many years has catered to the public appetite with these staples of Clatsop, soberly thanked his informant and hastily walked away.

Caught that time, Aleck! thought we.

—The surveyors on the State road from Cornelius to Astoria will reach here to-day.

—Capt. Flavel has contracted for 15,000 feet of piles to extend his wharf and warehouse.

—The Rival, Windward and Margaret Crockard all arrived at San Francisco on Saturday from this port.

—Capt. Thomas, of the good ship Romeo, left a file of English papers with us Sunday, which were very acceptable.

—Among the passengers expected here to-day are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Megler, and Mr. C. Summers, relative of Mr. George Summers, lately deceased.

LOCAL NOTES.

—The Klaskanine farm will produce over one hundred bushels of assorted apples for market this year, from fifty young trees.

—Hayden Gearhart, County surveyor, has been engaged in marking boundaries, and defining lines, for the location of the new and extensive cannery being established at Tongue Point by Messrs. Booth & Co. These works will be the largest on the river.

—The Knappton works will be sold at sheriff sale by J. H. Whitcomb, sheriff of Pacific county, on the 3d day of December. The sale will not interfere with the business, which will go on the same as now, but will close up the embarrassments which have been an obstacle to prosperity over there.

—Mr. Turpin's party of surveyors engaged in running the lines of the Cornelius and Astoria wagon road, have reached Moffit's bridge, about four miles from this city. The 86th mile post was located within one hundred yards of the residence of W. H. Gray, on the Klaskanine farm. From there to Astoria, by the new road will be about seven miles.

—On the evening of the 20th inst. Thad. S. Barr, of Grays river, had a fearful encounter with a large bear of the black species, in the vicinity of his house. After discharging the only load in his gun bruin met him "hand to hand" in the conflict, but with the help of his noble dog and a sheath knife he managed to make a corpus of the ugly customer, and escape with only a few slight scars and some torn clothes.

—A fine full grown deer was seen yesterday within a few rods of the lower landing on the Klaskanine. We feel like as if our friend L. P. W. Quimby of the Portland American Exchange, ought to come down here now with his pack of hounds, the best probably on the Pacific coast, and spend a week or so on the chase where so much game is roaming at pleasure.

—Our special reporter from Mc-Goughlin Slough says: "There was a young man seen going home over the big hills late last Saturday night, who appeared to be locating a rail fence, and judging by the corners he made, his rails must have been of unequal lengths. When last seen he was lying by the side of the road singing:

"Leaves have their time to fall,
And so likewise have I;
The reason of it is—
It comes of getting dry."

—A fleet of vessels, aggregating 34,000 tons, is now under charter to carry wheat from the Columbia river to foreign ports.

—Contracts for 130 feet of the warehouse portion of the farmers' improvements in this city, will be let to the lowest bidder, to-morrow evening.

—It is said by prominent business men that the telegraph will be extended to this place within a year. We hope the report is true, and believe it is.

—The administrator's sale of the property known as the Thompson Farm, containing 320 acres, the estate of Mills L. Callender, deceased, will take place at the Court House in this city at 2 P. M. to-day.

—Job Ross, the man who keeps a wheelbarrow on the corner for people to stumble over, has left some beautiful quinces at this office. They are the finest we have ever seen, and were produced in his garden in this city.

—The ladies of Grace (Episcopal) church of this city, tried of sitting on benches, have set out to raise funds for the purpose of putting in pews, and about one half the sum required to do the work was subscribed on Saturday.

—It is a great satisfaction to our business public during these panic times to know that the banks of this city are not only perfectly sound but ready to meet any demands against them. The bank in the rear of Mike Meyer's Brewery has been one of our most successful institutions this season, and will continue to pay interest on deposits until the break-water is built and the ships of all nations lie in our harbor receiving cargoes for the hungry of Europe, China, Japan, and the Isles of the sea. There is no better place to deposit savings than in Astoria banks.

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The Price of Gold.

PORTLAND, Oct. 26.—Gold in New York to-day, 108½; Portland Legal Tender rates, —90½ buying, and 91½ selling.

Miscellaneous News.

—A pamphlet has appeared in St. Louis purporting to have emanated from John W. Wright, of Washington, formerly Indian Agent, and against whom indictments in the Criminal Court were found last March for forging vouchers upon which a number of Indian claims were paid by the Interior Department. The pamphlet charges the United States Government with prosecuting him unjustly, and implicates Attorney General Williams and the Secretary of the Interior in a scheme to rob him of his property to satisfy groundless claims.

—A Washington dispatch says the amount of silver to be put out next week will be between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 and should the demand exceed this the Secretary will issue more.

—The King's County Grand Jury have indicted Whitlaw Reid, Charles A. Dana and Wylie for an alleged libel on Judge McCue. The case of Shanks, city editor of the Tribune, was adjourned until Tuesday.

—Thomas Flinn, who has been locked up in Jersey City since July last, for killing Eugene Aters, died of starvation last Saturday.

—Count De Chambord has assured foreign powers that his policy will not be aggressive, and that he will not attempt to reinstate the Pope in his temporal possessions.

—People all over the East are getting ready for silver payments next week; \$65,000 in coin was received from the Philadelphia mint at Chicago last Saturday.

—Shaw, convicted at Sandy Hill for the murder of his wife and children by poison, has been sentenced to be hanged on Friday, November 28th.

—The Apollo Hall Democrats and the Republicans have nominated Julius Wadsworth for Congress in James Brooks' district New York.

—John C. Heenan died on Saturday morning on board of the Union Pacific train, near Green River Station. He was en route from Colorado to California for his health.

—Reports from various points in Central and Western Wisconsin and Minnesota say that snow fell about noon last Saturday to the depth of four inches.

—The Corvallis Gazette has discovered that an imposition has been practiced upon the public in this new school books business. It says:

A few pages of one or two of the readers and a speller were printed, and together with a sufficient amount of blank paper to form respectable sized books, were bound, and adopted. Now if the County Superintendent adopted blank books, what right have Democratic State officials to substitute printed ones? There is a very large sized "cat under this meal tub," and it is well for the interest of our public schools that the matter be properly investigated.

—Referring to Mr. A. S. Mercer's letter which the Farmer didn't print (after weeks of delay), in answer to B., the Albany Democrat says: "The communication has been submitted to the Pilots of the Columbia bar, and to many of the most experienced mariners and ship masters of the Pacific, and all fully concur in the statements therein contained. It is an able document and cannot fail to be of benefit to our State. We ask for it a careful perusal." It was printed in the Democrat, and as Gen. Brown proposes to be the friend of the producing classes under all legitimate circumstances, his columns are always open to the admission of articles calculated to advance their interests.

—The schooner Concordia, which left San Francisco for Shoalwater bay some time ago, and about which considerable anxiety was felt, met with such severe weather on the passage that she became disabled in her rigging and put into Humboldt where temporary repairs were made. She then returned to San Francisco with a cargo of lumber, where new sails will be obtained before completing the original voyage.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—Don't loaf about the streets and depend on the Lord for your daily bread. He isn't running a bakery.

—In Kalama the price of Mallard ducks is only 12½ cents apiece, and taken in trade, at that! The town is glutted with them.

—A French physician has published a circular warning women against the use of rouge. He states, and cites cases innumerable, that it produces premature falling of the eyesight.

—Kissing croquet is the latest. According to its rules a lady is allowed to move her ball six inches every time she favors her gentleman opponent with a caress. It is popular all around.

—Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, the editor of Godey's Lady's Book, is eighty-five years old, still vigorous in body and in mind. Her maiden name was Sarah Josepha Buell. She has been a widow ever since 1822.

—A poor family in Fond du Lac, Wis., consisting of a man, his wife, and eleven children, recently had \$100 left them, and the poor, overworked woman has bought a \$70 silk dress and gone to taking music lessons.

—Wheat is worth 90 cents a bushel in Iowa, and rye 15 cents a glass.

—Collars among the ladies are being discarded for "ruffles and frills."

—Why does a freight train need no locomotive? Because the freight makes the cargo.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe is described as "bright and cherry." What agitates the public is to know the length of its nail.

—A San Francisco milliner has invented a hat which will probably sell well in cases where blushing is not so spontaneous as it might be, or used to be. When the wearer bows or lowers the head abruptly a pair of steel clamps compress the arteries on each side of the temples, sending the blood to the cheeks.

—It is said that if Maud Muller had her life to live over again, and should meet the judge in this year of grace 1873, she would sue him for breach of promise and obtain sufficient damages to make her family happy, or else shoot him, become a lecturer, and die rich and respected by all.

—Recently in a street car in Philadelphia, an old gentleman was seated in one corner, and the car was full. A bevy of fair ones, of all ages and weights swarmed in, and there were no seats, whereupon the gallant old gentleman said aloud: "Ladies, I shall be most happy to give my seat to any one of you who is over thirty-two years of age." All remained standing.

—Glass bonnets are among the novelties of the Vienna Exposition. These articles come from Bohemia, and specimens have been sent to Paris and London, and some also to this country, in the hope that they will become popular, and be "all the fashion." The bonnet is described as made of loose pieces of glass, fastened close together by a gutta-percha band, which allows it to conform to the head. Inside there is a lining of silk, and the trimmings are various. Birds and flowers are chiefly used for ornamentation, colored so naturally that in appearance they are far superior to the ordinary artificial goods. A bonnet of glass weighs but a few ounces; they are very durable; rain will not spot them, and the cost is said to be small.

—Some of the Eastern Railroads, forced by farmers' Granges, are taking a new departure. Several have thought it worth while to enjoin their employes to treat the traveling public with consideration and respect. The Central Pacific has swung into line with the following manifesto of instructions: "Treat all persons doing business with you as any good business man would treat his customers, and not as if you were conferring a favor. Endeavor to make the road popular, as its business depends upon the good will of its patrons." This, and more of the same sort, closing by notifying the employes that unless these directions are carried out they will be discharged.

—The famous Wraslin' Joe has sauntered into Oregon city, and the Enterprise suspects that he wants to swear that the locks are a dam swindle and belong to somebody else.