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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Pile driving has been resumed on Capt. Hobson's wharf.

Deer and Elk are abundant in this vicinity. Bear are also plentiful.

Van Dusen is well supplied with fine Star Shirts, and other articles of gents' wear which it will pay to inspect.

Three out of nine sailors brought up from San Francisco for the Spirit of the Dawn either escaped here or did not come.

Warren Leland is "authority" on hotel keeping, and he says Astoria has one of the best he has seen on the Pacific coast, referring to Arrigoni's.

Last Monday Hamlin brought a cargo of oysters from Unity, for Warren Bros. and Wing & Co., which were shipped to Portland the next day.

Capt. J. G. Hustler has a meerschaum that literally discounts ours. It was purchased in New York and presented to Capt. H. by Joseph G. Megler.

We hope to see the day soon when Astoria can have a good band of musicians to enliven people on State occasions. The instruments are here, the ability to use them also is here, so why delay the matter? Let us have a revival of old times.

A. J. Donaldson is bragging considerably about the quality of his "Sitka chickens," on sale at the Washington market. It is the first good thing we ever heard of coming from that region. But there is no telling what Sitka may turn out yet.

Officer Kimball of Clatsop, arrived yesterday with a chinaman in charge who was turned over to the county authorities for trial on a charge of assault upon Mrs. Ellen Cloutrie with intent to commit murder. The incident occurred Tuesday. The assault was made with a knife.

Col. R. R. Spedden, clerk of Clatsop county, devotes considerable time to the matter of assisting parties who have business with the general Land Office at Oregon City, and many dollars are saved to applicants who find they are not in most cases required to visit the Oregon City Office in person after calling upon him here.

Capt. Irv. Stevens has one of the noble canine species—a dog that had been declared of "no account," but who proved himself of different species, when his master's premises were left alone. He would take his food from a neighbor's plate, when left at the vacant door step—but would not permit the owner to recover the article until the family returned to tell him that it was right for him to do so—he would starve before he would desert his self-imposed duty of watching the place, and that is how it was found out that he was good for something.

The steamship John L. Stephens crossed the (bug bear) Columbia river bar and came into port at the dead hour of night Monday, when there was but one solitary man on the streets. This is a bad precedent. Hereafter houses "kept open all night," "meals at all hours," and such things are likely to adorn the advertising pages of the Tri-weekly or DAILY ASTORIAN, and instead of that peace which we expected on retiring from the metropolis Journals we will soon be obliged to stay up o' nights and "make out" telegraphic dispatches, and call the latest news from Australian, Japanese, China and Honolulu steamers. Capt. Bohau, what have we done to you that you should thus "break the ice" for so many future troubles. We shall no longer sleep serenely believing that steamships and vessels outside the bar cannot trouble our dreams—but must stay there and buffet the waves until daylight—the hour for a rising from peaceful repose.

The Thompson farm, on Clatsop Plains, sold at auction Saturday, at administrator's sale, for \$500. M. P. Calender was the lucky purchaser.

The new oyster and coffee stand of Mr. Bramel, on Chenamus street, has opened with fair prospects of success, and will become a favorite place for lunches, night and day.

Mr. Jacob Kamm owner of the Klaskanine farm, who has been absent to California for several months past for the benefit of his health, is expected in Astoria from Portland this week.

Any person knowing of a situation for a first class mechanic who can work at either carpentering or running a planer, will hear of such a man on application at this office.

The new fishery of Joseph L. Hepburn, established just above Three-tree Point, will be known as Ellaton. As soon as a wharf is built steamers will be enabled to land there.

We regret exceedingly to hear about dull times existing in Tillamook county. Potatoes rot there by the acre this season, and the settlers do not appear to have any commodity that they can realize cash from.

H. Carnahan, of Clatsop Plains, harvests a huge crop of potatoes this fall. Nineteen hills turned out over four bushels and a half Saturday, and one potato was weighed that brought up the 2 1/2 pound notch.

It is supposed that the late George Summers of this city made a will, and deposited it with some friend for safe keeping. As it cannot be found, his brother would be thankful if any person having any knowledge of a will would report the facts.

Mr. A. S. Hapgood, late of Hapgood, Hume & Co., has established himself at Waterford, Wahkiacum county, W. T., under the firm name of Hapgood & Co., where he will carry on the business of packing.

Mr. C. Summers, brother of George Summers, deceased, arrived on the last steamer from Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Summers is looking after the estate of his deceased brother, and as soon as can get matters in shape, he will return East.

The crew of the Disco made merry music hoisting anchor for Portland Tuesday last. Watching the process a land-lubber remarked that they might whoop and halloo till they died, they'd get that crooked iron thing through the hole never.

The fast sailing sloop J. G. Coe was water-logged at her slip Tuesday, but no particular damages resulted. She had been somewhat strained by an extraordinary run to Clatsop a day or two previous, but a "little rest" will fetch her upright again.

Ben Holladay made a trip up Lewis and Clarke Tuesday, with the steamer E. N. Cooke, then left for Portland. Warren Leland, one of the famous Leland Brothers of New York and Saratoga, arrived by the John L. Stephens, met Mr. Holladay at the mouth of Skipanon next day and proceeded with him up Lewis and Clarke, then to Portland.

Capt. Paul Corno, whose ill luck with the schooner Mila Bond has kept him prominently before the public for some time past, arrived here Tuesday. He reports the schooner all right—so far as a vessel can be that is aground. She lies in a good position for launching in the bay, when favorable tides come next spring. He has moved her about half a mile out of danger from breakers.

The Bulletin is authority for saying that Mart V. Brown was considerably "on the muscle" after his visit to Astoria last week. Perhaps so—when here the General partook freely of clams, crabs, and slob, but as no crawfish were to be had went away without that requisite. Then again, he was heard to say that he felt quite gritty after his visit to the sand battery at Fort Stevens. O' this region puts muscle into a man—rest assured.

A man named Marshall, an employe at the Knappton mills, was attacked by a Cougar on the trail below the mill, Saturday night but he had a lantern in his hand and kept the monster at bay with it till he reached a place of safety. The panther assumed an upright position and walked right into John Wood's where he has remained ever since unmolested. When Marshall found out who the panther was he cooled off considerably.

LINES TO.....

[Published by Request of the Author.] Excuse these lines; they're but a presentation With well wishes, and all that sort of thing. They're due you, in our humble estimation Which nuptials such as yours should always bring.

The offset though, was nothing meritorious For him or you, since both must bear the blame, You've both skeddaddled, in a way inglorious, And left your friends behind; O, what a shame.

But they'll excuse you both; you're none too knowing, Also why subject yourselves to such remark. The inference that's drawn from both your showing, Suggests that you were both too green to spark.

Your spouse is surely very fond of money, Since thus he takes you from your friends away We have not seen a meaner kind of heney-moon than yours has been,—this many a day.

It touches us indeed, thus to indite Such lines as these to you, on this occasion, But 'tis our duty to do this thing right, Without equivocation or evasion.

So thus we leave you to pursue your way In wedlock bonds, in which you both have entered, The "coin's the thing," let men say what they may, In which affection, love, and duty's centered.

Answers to Correspondence

J. G. PORTLAND.—The memoranda of your assessment is as follows, all in Olney's Astoria: Lots. Blocks. Valuation. 3, 6..... 3..... \$400 1, 2..... 37..... 10 6, 7..... 111..... 10 3, 4..... 131..... 10 4, 8..... 133..... 10 5..... 137..... 5 6..... 153..... 5 It is good property.

L. V. B. WESTPORT.—We have no faith in the Yakima mines. You should recollect the experiences of 1862-'63, and be satisfied to let well enough alone. "Creviceing out of bed-rock with a knife and spoon" is played out,—the story is "too thin." Stay where you are; go in with Bob Watson, or buy a cranberry claim—doing anything here is more certain, in our humble estimation, than mining in Yakima valley.

J. A. Packard, Clatsop.—The owner is not in the city at present—as soon as he returns will furnish particulars.

W. G. B. KALAMA.—Have attended to your matters. It looks like a good investment.

S. P. M. DALLAS, Polk County.—You can get good business lots now at from \$275 to \$2,999 apiece for coin. Residence property is less. As an investment you certainly cannot do better.

S. T. PORTLAND.—The Theresa Behn did not get here from Portland without grounding, at least once. We shall not undertake to decide bets, but you will understand from this that she stuck on the hog's-back, and remained there part of two days and one night. When she gets down we shall report the facts as they occurred.

M. L. P. OLYMPIA.—There is sale for the kind of pipe referred to, in Astoria. Besides this, there is a demand for it at various fisheries on the Columbia,—and if you choose to enlarge the trade you can ship direct from this port (without trans-shipment), to Portland, San Francisco, Puget Sound, Alaska, Victoria, the Sandwich Islands, Australia, Japan and China.—we know no better point in the Pacific Northwest for you to establish, and materials such as you require are abundant here.

REN AGROUND.—The schooner H. L. Tierman is having a serious time trying to make this port. She stranded herself while coming in over the bar, and after clearing and again getting under way, she ran aground on St. Helens bar, where she is now waiting for water.—Portland Evening News.

Now see here Brother Bellinger, this thing of stranding vessels "while coming in over the bar," is all in your eye. It is time people began to understand and know better. There never was a vessel stranded in any such way. The Tierman was not within ten miles of the bar when she ran aground. However, you have done better than one of your morning cotemporaries who located the disaster at Tongue Point. Just acknowledge that you "don't know nothing about it," as a certain ex-Senator from Oregon once wrote it—and rely upon the ASTORIAN in future for your marine news from this quarter, which we shall always endeavor to make reliable.

The Post-Master General has issued his advertisement of October 1st, 1873, inviting proposals for carrying the Mails of the United States, in all the Pacific States and Territories, from July 1, 1874, to June 30, 1878. Proposals to be received till Feb. 2d, 1874; decisions announced by or before March 22, 1874. Routes, bids and particulars explained at the Astoria Postoffice by Mr. Parker.

The Seaside House is closed for the winter. Mr. Dexter's family will go to San Francisco, but Mr. D. himself will remain in charge of the place at Clatsop.

NEW JOURNAL.

We regret to part with Mr. A. S. Mercer of this city, but as a more inviting field than this seems to have opened for him in Albany, he will remove to that city soon and engage in the publication of the "OREGON GRANGER." No one is better qualified than Mr. M. to get up the sound, practical, and sensible journal demanded by the "signs of the times." We will take pleasure in forwarding the names of any who may wish to subscribe for the GRANGER. Following is the prospectus:

On Thursday morning, November 27th, 1873, the undersigned will commence the publication of a forty column newspaper in the City of Albany, Linn County, Oregon, to be issued regularly thereafter on Thursday morning of each week, under the name of "OREGON GRANGER."

The Paper will be neutral in politics and religion, reserving only the right to criticize flagrant acts of injustice in State or Church.

As the name implies, the aim in view is the promotion of all the social virtues, as well as the development of the material resources of the State. It will recognize the tiller of the soil as the man of capabilities, and the peer of the greatest.

Conscious of the fact that agriculture lies at the bottom of all civilization, and that the march of intellect only keeps pace with the expansion of the science of husbandry, its columns will always be open to the farmer for the exchange of practical hints touching the various matters of every day life on the farm. It will be a Paper welcomed to the home circle for its refining and elevating qualities, and to the man of business for its varied information.

Its full market reports from all parts of the world will enable the producer to select with intelligence the best time to sell.

A leading feature will be the publication of a series of articles descriptive of Oregon, plain but truthful. These will be continued weekly until the entire State shall have been fully and clearly described, thus making the Paper of interest outside the State.

Many leading citizens having pledged their cordial and earnest support, this brief prospectus is sent forth as a direct appeal to the people for that support requisite to the full accomplishment of the purposes herein foreshadowed.

A. S. MERCER.

TERMS—CASH IN ADVANCE.

One Copy One Year.....\$2 50 " " Six Months..... 1 50 " " Three "..... 1 00

A lawyer named Taylor undertook to bully a female justice in Wyoming, but she stabbed him in the ear with a pair of shears and her dog fixed him so that he couldn't sit down for a month.

A Boston firm sends three thousand boxes of chewing gum, equivalent to 450,000 "quids," to Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Missouri. The jaws which work on this stuff are mostly feminine.

An ancient maiden lady in Grand Rapids, Michigan, finds compensation for the neglect of the masculine world in the society of 66 cats.

A dispatch from Central Asia reports frightful scenes in Khiva after the evacuation of that city by the Russian troops. The native soldiers revolted and plundered and destroyed the town. In addition to these excesses they slaughtered sixteen hundred emaciated Persians. The Khan sent to General Kauffman asking assistance to restore order, but it is not known what answer was made.

On Saturday, in the National Board of Trade meeting at Chicago, the subject of finance was taken up. Rouse, of Boston, made an extended address, urging the necessity of resuming specie payment on a day fixed. He moved an amendment to the third section, that Treasury notes cease to be a legal tender, except for dues to the United States, after date of resumption of specie payments, July 1, 1877. Dore, of Chicago, read statistics to prove the need of the present volume of currency. Taylor, of Cincinnati, thought that Government should go out of the banking business.

The Oregon City Enterprise tells of a man who has had his old blacksmith shop torn down and moved into his new one near by.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Sawyer is a Wisconsin congressman. A false report of his death brought out that fact.

A Danbury boy wants to know if it is right for his folks to pay \$500 for a piano, and make him pick berries for circus money.

A man with a wart on his nose has recovered \$500 in a Baltimore court against the brute who reminded him of that protuberance by calling him "Warty."

There are 5,229 Granges of the Patrons of husbandry in the United States. Iowa has the greatest number (1,770), Illinois second, (565). Oregon has 25.

The Fourth avenue tunnel, through which all trains entering New York pass, has recently caved twice, and is now in a dangerous condition.

The whole indemnity paid by the French to the Germans was nearly six and a half milliards. It has been generally rated at five. The Grand total (francs) is 6,351,024,000.

A dispatch from Goldsborough, North Carolina, states a most important capture of counterfeiters was effected last Friday by United States Deputy Marshals. The gang consisted of William Black, John Moore, Washington Bradley and William Bryant. Black is supposed to be the leader.

Wm. Gouverneur Morris, United States marshal for the State of California, is having it made very tropical for him just now, in consequence of his unchristian conduct toward persons held as witnesses. Old sores have been probed—showing the character of the man in 1858, and the part he took in a conspiracy with some two or three others, to extort from a man named W. C. Deputy a deed to all his land situated in Tulare and San Bernardino County.

Large bands of elk still roam through the forest on the highlands in the vicinity of Gray's Harbor; and when a settler on the tide lands wants fresh meat he shoulders his gun and strikes out for the hills, where, generally, after a short tramp he succeeds in killing a fat elk. But this bids fair to be "played out" soon. We are informed that several persons, armed with repeating rifles, are hunting these animals merely for their hides. A hunter with a Henry rifle comes on a band of them and fires away as long as they are in range, killing a few and wounding many more that subsequently die, being no benefit to any one. Two hunters in the vicinity of the Wishcal, recently killed seventeen of these lordly animals, taking only their hides. This is wrong and should be stopped, or the elk about the Harbor will soon be exterminated.

The following is given as an approximate estimate of the value of different newspaper establishments in New York city, based upon recent negotiations or dividends paid:

Herald.....	\$1,600,000
Times.....	1,450,000
Tribune.....	1,100,000
San.....	600,000
World.....	400,000
Post.....	450,000
Express.....	350,000
Journal of Commerce.....	350,000
Evening Mail.....	150,000
Daily Bulletin.....	65,000
Weekly Methodist.....	110,000
Weekly Evangelist.....	100,000
Weekly Rural New Yorker.....	100,000
Weekly Hearth and Home.....	100,000
Weekly Observer.....	200,000
Harper's Weekly.....	400,000

A private note from Kalama informs us that that Embryo city is "slower than standing still, now, and getting worse all the time." It was ever thus with the rivals of Astoria. Look at Pacific City, Cathlamet, Rainier, St. Helen's, Columbia City, Vancouver, Portland and Tacoma. United all might stand, but divide they throw up the sponge. Astoria has brighter prospects to-day than she ever had.