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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

If you have a farm for sale advertise in the ASTORIAN.

A. J. Keton has arrived with sixteen head of beef cattle for Mr. Loomis, from Tillamook.

The Theresa Behn was loaded at least a foot deeper than her marks indicated. A foot—is it always an exact foot? not all the same in Dutch any how.

No doubt it would be highly gratifying to many of our city authorities would cause some thirty-five or forty canine funerals to take place.

The wheat cargo of the brig Orient, 8,987 cents, was offered on change in San Francisco, on arrival. It was held at \$2.27 1/2; \$2.22 1/2 was offered.

Ferrell's mill, saws, and machinery, having recently been put into the finest possible trim, he is now turning out a good quality of lumber from a well stocked boom.

H. S. Sale has received a request to furnish grasses, etc., to a New York firm, to be transmitted as plants through the mails. Certain Oregon grasses are very rare in the Eastern States.

If you want to buy a farm say so through the columns of the ASTORIAN.

There are now orders ahead at the Hemlock tannery in this city for several tons weight of leather. Messrs. Leinenweber & Co. would themselves be glad to see another tannery started here.

"Satched from the Sea," is the title to an interesting paper showing how the tide lands of Holland have been reclaimed. It is so applicable to parts of this region that we shall soon quote from it considerably.

Mr. Nowlen will please accept our thanks for a supply of choice winter fruit from his orchard in this city planted twenty-one years ago, every tree of which is vigorous and healthy now, bearing fruit enough to supply many families.

If you are looking for lots in Astoria inquire through the ASTORIAN.

We are sorry to learn that on reaching San Francisco Mr. Booth met with advices from Chicago which will check the plan of operations for a large cannery at Tongue-point for this season. The work will not be begun this year.

It is said that when Capt. R. R. Thompson's fine, large steam plow is discharged from the Vesta, and set up in working order she will be "borrowed" for the purpose of plowing open a channel across the hog's-back off Tongue-point.

All the machinery, boiler, etc., have been placed in the hull of the tug Sedalia, her upper works are finished, and the smoke-stack was raised a few days since. She is rapidly approaching completion, and will be ready for the trial trip very soon.

Mr. Shuster finds that he cannot get away for Salem this week, in consequence of the rush for pictures. People who want photographs taken should call now, as it will be some time, probably, before Astoria will be able to boast of an artist to take his place.

Have you stored away your winter fuel, your apples, your canned fruits and a good supply of potatoes? If not you ought to do so. But above everything else, have you been to Henry Beards' shop and made the necessary arrangements for keeping your feet dry and warm. If this most essential part of your duty has been neglected, take our advice and call upon him at once.

Cass street is being replanked by Capt. Flavel.

Dr. Kinsey is in receipt of so many delicate and superfluous articles for the toilet that it would puzzle us to tell where to begin to enumerate them. Ladies, call and examine this stock.

Charles B. Talbot, one of the best draughtsmen on the Pacific coast is at work on the harbor chart of Astoria. He has just completed designs of labels for some of the Columbia river fisheries.

The Bulletin and Oregonian may be good at stealing, but they can't hide worth a cent. Last Wednesday half the commercial reports of the former, a part of the commercial report of the latter, and half of its State items, were taken bodily without credit from this paper.

David Ingalls of this city has placed upon our table a cluster of Gloria Mundi apples that beats anything yet seen in that line by us. The stem, a half inch in thickness, contained 11 apples, within the space of 14 inches, which weighed nine pounds. They grew in Astoria. If this can be beaten show your hand.

Judge Elliott met with a very painful accident Thursday evening, by stepping on a cobble stone in the street, which gave way under him badly spraining his ankle. He was taken into the Globe Hotel, being unable to walk for a time. But by the aid of Welch's Samaritan Compound the Judge was able to be out of his bed yesterday.

One of Montana's experienced trappers has lately arrived here, purchased the scow Joe Meek, her tackle, apparel, cooking stove and traps, and will soon set out for an expedition after peltries. The hide of anything from a wolf to a muskrat will sell here this fall. Lieneweber & Co. are paying from two to ten dollars each for Elk horns, and will take all the Elk hides they can get.

Frank J. Taylor has fitted up a neat office for the practice of law, in Brown's building. He will pay special attention to the examination of titles, and to collections. We can "vouch" for Frank, and wish him abundant success in his new field. He recently graduated at Albany, New York, with credit to himself, and stood a very excellent examination when he was admitted to the bar.

A lively chase was instituted Thursday by the Custom House officers of this port after the British ship Eskdale for endeavoring to pass this place on the way to Portland without reporting at the Custom House here as required by law. The ship was overhauled after a race of several hours at Oak Point. The law provides with heavy fines every vessel entering the Columbia river, and bound for Portland, shall report at the Astoria Custom House, and get a permit before proceeding up the river.

If you have city property to sell say so by advertising in the ASTORIAN.

The German bark Theresa Behn, for Liverpool carries 13,858 cents of wheat valued at \$27,715, loaded as follows: at Portland—11,148 cents, \$22,295; at Astoria—2,710 cents, \$5,420. The British bark Spirit of the Dawn took away 11,692 barrels flour for Liverpool, valued at \$63,400, loaded as follows: at Portland—7,740 barrels, \$40,700; at Astoria—3,952 barrels, \$22,700. When the barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg sails for Honolulu to-day, we shall be able to give a statement of the exports for the month.

A beautiful pair of canines, evidently strangers to each other, met in front of the ASTORIAN office yesterday and indulged themselves in that favorite pastime of their species, a game of growl. One was a big black fellow that runs with the tug Astoria, and the other was a brindle that boards with Henry Jacobs. Brindle has a set of teeth in appearance far superior to any ever put up for the human family by a dentist, and black has bristles which would make magnificent brushes we judge from the way they stood out. The dogs would make a very good team together on an arctic exploration, if they were better acquainted. A small boy tried to introduce them but they wouldn't stand it, and piling himself up so that his back described a half a circle, brindle struck out for a hole in the fence with wonderful velocity, soon after which he became as ferocious as a wolf, and would have smashed a panel out of the fence to bite his antagonist.

Nearly all the leading flouring mills on the Pacific coast are now grinding their full capacity chiefly for the fulfillment of orders made weeks ago for the export of the United Kingdom. There is very little demand for superfine, either for Hongkong or elsewhere.

FRENCH WITH A MASTER.

"Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre."
[To love, to love, this it is to love.]

Tenoh you French! I will my dear!
Sit and con your lesson here.—
What did Adam say to Eve?
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre.

Don't pronounce the last word long!
Make it short to suit the song;
Rhyme it to your flowing sleeve,
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre.

Sleeve, I said, but what's the harm
If I really meant your arm?
Mine shall twine it, (by your leave);
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre.

Learning French is full of slips;
Do as I do with the lips;
Here's the right way, you perceive!
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre.

French is always spoken best
Breathing deeply from the chest;
Darling, does your bosom heave?
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre.

Now, my dainty little sprite,
Have I taught your lesson right?
Then what pay shall I receive?
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre.

Will you think me over bold
If I linger to be told
Whether you yourself believe
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre?

Pretty pupil, when you say
All this French to me to-day,
Do you mean it—or deceive?
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre.

Tell me—may I understand,
When I press your little hand,
That our hearts together cleave?
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre.

Have you, in your tresses, room
For some orange buds to bloom?
May I such a garland weave?
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre.

Or, if I presume too much,
Teaching French by sense of touch,
Grant me pardon and reprieve!
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre.

Sweetheart, no; you cannot go!
Let me sit and hold you so!
Adam did the same to Eve!
Aimer, aimer, c'est a vivre.

—Theodore Tilton.

Correspondence Answered.

J. A. Packard, Clatsop Plains.—There are 100 acres ready for the plow on that place. It is known as the Martin Donation claim. It is on the same "bottom" as the Klaskanin farm; tolerable house; 300 fruit trees; was taken up in 1852. Price \$1,200—half cash.

W. V. R., Canyon City, Oregon.—This is the place for you. Now is the time to come and take a look. Will inform you fully by letter.

The Portland Weekly News of the 17th, on the first page, fifth column, second paragraph from the bottom, (we are particular for the purpose of calling Brother Filling's attention to it), says that the Northern Pacific Railroad is our "only avenue of escape from the clutches of California impositions, and every man who has the interests of our State at heart will rejoice" to see it completed to Tacoma. Just please to tell us how you put this thing up—Mistopher. What sort of an "avenue of escape" is it, that would transfer the whole commerce of this State to a Territory? We have not the slightest idea that such a thing can be done; but, suppose it were to be done, what could any man, having "the interests of our State at heart," hope to make by the operation? We ask for information. We want to see the railroad finished to Tacoma as bad as any man of our weight, (182 avoirdupois), but we don't propose to just surrender everything to that point. A railroad is wanted to the seaboard in our own State, just as well—and this is the measure that every man having the interests of the State at heart ought to rejoice to see carried forward. It is less than 100 miles to the sea by the Oregon Central Railroad from Portland, and no bridges or ferries to bother about. To Tacoma the distance from Portland is 42 miles by water (ferry route), and nearly 150 by railroad.

It is hoped some of the ballonatics who are looking for the "Eastern air currents" will soon be able to find it. Unless they do, after a few more trans-Atlantic failures they will be few and far between.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

One of the great defects of the present day, especially in our own land, is a want of thorough knowledge, and of a disposition to attain it. There is no lack of pretenders, but when culture or finished men are sought for, it is almost impossible to obtain them. We do nearly everything in too much of a rush. We generally live to fast. We imagine that we are old, while we are still youthful, that we shall be behind the times and remain unknown if seven or ten years, or more, are spent in solid preparation for life's duties. A complete course of study is already abridged, from the mistaken view that time is too valuable to be employed in developing and strengthening the powers of the mind. We are in too great a hurry to enter upon the duties of an active life,—to make our pile,—or to engage in any other pursuit than that of learning, if it promises even a possible realization of our hopes. There is a strength derived from a liberal culture of the mind that can be obtained from no other source. It makes men and women stronger, no matter what positions they may afterwards fill. It is not by the physical, but by the mental powers of man, that the world is being subdued. It is through the intellect that the subtle forces of nature are made to do our bidding. But however priceless strength of mind may be, we have not attained the full zenith of our power until this be supplemented by sound moral principles and the courage to maintain them. It is just here that multitudes fail to achieve noble ends. There are too few possessed of this moral energy, needed to meet the sneering laugh or the studied coldness of their associates; too few who, knowing that they are in the right, maintain it, and leave the issue with Him who smiles only upon the brave and true-hearted.

The blunders of the English in regard to American geography are notorious. An antiquarian finds several curious illustrations in Thackeray's "Virginians." Thus the great novelist makes Madam Esmond, of Castlewood, in "Westmoreland county," a neighbor of Washington, at Mount Vernon, on the Potomac, fifty miles distant, and a regular attendant on public worship at Williamsburg, half-way between the York and the James river, full one hundred and twenty-five miles from Mount Vernon; and so "immensely affected" are the colored bearers of a young preacher at Williamsburg that "there was such a negro chorus about the house as might be heard across the Potomac," (the nearest bank of which is fifty miles away). Thackeray makes General Braddock ride out from Williamsburg (he never was there) in "his own coach, a ponderous, emblazoned vehicle," with Dr. Franklin, "the little postmaster of Philadelphia" (Franklin's average weight was one hundred and sixty pounds) "over a muddy road in March, through a half-wilderness country of more than a hundred miles, to dine with Madam Esmond, in Westmore-county," near Mount Vernon.

The School Board Chronicle, of London, in its issue for the 1st of March, says that upwards of £12,000 has been subscribed towards a fund for establishing, in Glasgow, a technical college, in which spinning, weaving, and various other industrial pursuits are to be taught on scientific principles.

It may be safely asserted, as a general rule, that a child who is sent to school before he has reached the age of 7 years is almost sure to suffer physical, intellectual, and moral injury.

MARINE NEWS.

The ship Matherhorn arrived at Havre on the 2d ult.; the bark Skiddaw off Queenstown on the 5th.

The schooner Energy, Capt. Jones, sailed from San Francisco for Shoalwater bay on the 20th.

The schooners Three Sisters and Carolita, from Shoalwater bay, arrived at San Francisco on the 19th.

The British ship Eskdale is of 1,220 tons register. When loaded she will draw 21 1/2 feet, and carry 1,500 or more tons. She has no business above Astoria.

The barkentine Webfoot and brig Orient made their last runs from Astoria to San Francisco in five days; the Free Trade in seven days, and the Superior in six days.

Fred C. Lyon is building a new tug in which to place the engines of the Mary Bell. The new steamer is to be completed in season for the summer trade of Clatsop.

The Commercial Herald is authority for saying the telegraph was incorrect in reporting the schooner Lovett Peacock Capt. Mattson, for Astoria. According to the Herald she cleared for Port Townsend, but we guess she will come to Astoria. She sailed with the new barkentine Portland Capt. Gage, on the 19th.

Thirty whalers off Point Belcher on the 29th are reported as having on board at that date 267 barrels sperm oil; 4,970 barrels whale oil; 5,384 barrels walrus oil, and 63,600 lbs. whale bone. We judge that the season has been a very successful one, and renew our hopes that enterprising Oregonians will yet want a hand in this business.

Assistant Bradford, of the United States coast survey, reports that the buoy placed on the wreck of the Patrician (on the four fathom bank), had drifted away on the 18th, and was taken into port. The stumps of the masts of the wreck were seen by the surveying party, and masters of vessels are cautioned not to approach too near the position occupied by the buoy.

Miscellaneous News.

It is reported that the insurgents at Carthagen are completely demoralized.

Arrangements have been made for the accommodation of 25,000 people at the 20,000 dollar horse race at Alameda park, California, on the 15th.

China is about to demand justice from Corea and Japan, and if not granted will declare war. All coolie ships have been ordered out of Chinese waters.

An incendiary fire, the third disastrous one in Canastota, (near Syracuse, N. Y.) occurred last Sunday. Twenty acres was burned over, at fearful loss.

Nothing has been heard of the New York steamer Ismailia, due at Liverpool a month ago. The conviction is becoming general that she has gone down.

It is said the Jesuits will quit their establishment in Rome to-morrow, November 2d, and go into private houses. The General of the Society goes to Belgium.

Yellow fever in Memphis is abating somewhat. The weather is growing cool which tends to confirm the opinion that it will now rapidly decrease. In other places there are fewer cases reported.

Calico printers to the number of over 10,000, have been thrown out of employment by the partial suspension of work at Rochester, Cohoes, Little Falls, Pleasant valley, Newburg, and Haverstraw, York State.

An "almost-conscience-smiten" thief, who had stolen a box containing a quantity of bonds from a New Yorker, on Tuesday, wrote to the owner John H. Sebach, asking if he would pay \$10,000 to have the bonds returned!

By direction of Secretary Richardson, public creditors will be paid silver in sums not exceeding five dollars, on account of currency obligations, until further notice, in several leading cities of the east where there are Assistant Treasurers. Won't it do their eyes good, though, to see the shining halves once more? The Secretary hopes to be able to keep up such payments unless a run is made for the purpose of hoarding the money.

At a Cooper Institute meeting of the opponents of any change in the common school system of New York, involving a division of the public funds to sectarian schools, a resolution was adopted favoring the incorporation of the general principles of the school system in the constitution of the United States, that it may become national, and be placed beyond the reach of its enemies.