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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—Messrs. Laidlaw & Gate are consignees of the Disco, Fifehire, and Santa Rosa.

—We observe that the resolutions adopted by the Albany excursionists when at Astoria, have been generally copied by the press of the State, and endorsed.

—The principal portion of the cargo of the steamship Idaho Tuesday, was railroad iron, for the Northern Pacific Railroad, which is to be discharged at Kalama.

—Capt. Rockwell informs us that he has completed the triangulations at Kalama, and will break up his Oak Point camp soon, returning to California for the Winter.

—Will not some person familiar with the subject furnish us with some facts relative to the production of starch from potatoes. Cost of manufacture, capital required, etc., etc.

—Mr. Coe and family of Illinois, brother of J. G. Coe, esq., of this city, arrived here by the Ajax, Monday evening. We understand that Mr. C., will make Oregon his future place of residence.

—On or about the 13th inst., Mr. Fred Colbert, formerly of this city, will take charge of the Globe Hotel in this city as mine host. Fred understands the business and will no doubt conduct the house to the satisfaction of the public.

—The Sailor question is agitating the public mind in the United States pretty extensively now. It is conceded that the last law of Congress does not reach the care, and does not do the good it was intended to accomplish, any better than the former state of affairs.

—We are informed that up to this week a sight might be witnessed in Mr. Sales' Orchard, this county, worth seeing, in the way of a superabundant supply of fruit. It is said that luscious plums (Coe's Golden Drop), hang in the trees yet, ripe, mellow, rich, and that pears and apples cover the ground three deep under the trees.

—N. Koefoed, an old Mariner himself, will soon open an office in this city for the purpose of supplying seamen to vessels in need of them. The want of a man to attend to this business here has long been felt by ship masters, and Mr. Koefoed has recommendations from masters who have formerly employed him, showing that he understands the business.

—Concerning the purchase of the Hera by Jesse Holladay, and his future operations, the Call says: The Hera, which arrived from Portland a few days ago, with a cargo of wheat, is to be continued in the trade between this port and Oregon. She is a new three masted schooner of 750 tons freight capacity. She was recently purchased by Jesse Holladay, who proposes to build three more similar vessels and maintain a regular packet line between this city and Oregon.

—The Ajax and Idaho brought stacks of nice things for Van Dusen. It will do the eyes good to take a look into his place of business, the old stand corner of Main and Chenamus streets, and inspect the assortment of hats and caps, from fine beavers down, including the silk quilted hats, and Scotch caps such as boys delight to catch grasshoppers with in trout-fishing times, but can never wear out. His Mackinac over-coats, with capes, are a splendid article—price only \$10, large size, fine style very comfortable, perfectly water-proof. He has also the officers' rubber-coat, very cheap, and of superior quality. He can furnish the jolly-tar with tarponian, oil, or any kind of suits, and a fine quality of cigars to "wet" the good with. By all means give Van a call, the first opportunity.

—The Rock River Paper manufacturing Company have an active agent in Portland—Mr. H. C. Morrice. There is a great saving of expense in building by using this material. Circulars will be furnished on application. Mr. M. has also the only regalia furnishing house in the State. See advertisement.

—But few persons were present at the opening of Terman's Dancing Academy, Tuesday evening. It is hoped that more will be there this evening, as we consider this one of the best things for the young folks of our city that could be devised. Mr. T. is a competent teacher; patronize his class.

—Jacob Mayer, one of the oldest established and most reliable merchants in the State of Oregon, always carrying a massive stock of superior merchandise, is agent for the Brownsville Woolen Manufacturing Mills, and is prepared, at his store in Portland, to fill any kind of orders. See advertisement.

—It is a very unfortunate thing that looseness of laws in this country permit hardships that would not be tolerated elsewhere. We are informed that there is no security for the loss of valuable time to the Merrimac, in the suit which has compelled Capt. Hobson to lay her up. As we understand the matter it is simply an outrageous proceeding to prevent his steamer from attending to business of towing on the river during the busy season. His losses up to this time amount to about \$1,500, yet he will get nothing, probably, for demurrage, because the prosecutor, it is said, is irresponsible.

—The Willamet Iron Works, at Portland, is now the only large establishment of the kind in operation north of San Francisco. The names of Major James Lotan, Peter Taylor, and Capt. Fittbogen, ought to be sufficient guarantee of the correct performance of all contracts. See advertisement.

—On Tuesday last the trappers, with their traps and so forth, belonging to the renowned hunting-boat "Joe Meek," left Astoria in tow of a man-propeller, for the Winter cruise along the evergreen shores of the historic and classical Lewis and Clarke, Klaskanine, Youngs river and other retreats of the minx, otter, beaver, spotted skin and coon. We wish the young men every success in their venture, and especially that they may recuperate health and not Dy-so(ou). To some this novel movement may seem as absurd as that indiscretion of Count de Chambord, which so recently blasted the hopes of the Bourbons in their kingly aspirations for the throne of France, but though these young men have some of the Bourbon quality in the outfit, they also have "a mission afloat" about which there need be nothing to retract, and they may press onward conquering as they go, until their former possession of robust strength is regained.

—The Alta of the 25th gives an account of a trip to the Farrallones the day previous, and we observe among the names of the party those of Hon. S. I. Kimball, Chief of the Revenue Bureau, Capt. J. W. White, and Capt. John Faunce, of the United States Revenue Marine Service, recently on a visit to Astoria. The party returned in time to witness the departure of the magnificent ship Three Brothers, that grand and beautiful specimen of nautical architecture freighted with nearly five thousand tons of wheat for Europe. It was a gala day in San Francisco, and ten thousand people turned out to see her away, with generous wishes, proud of the big ship, and full of hope and faith in her future, her quick run and fortunate voyage. When last seen she was well out at sea, under her spread of 15,000 yards of canvas. We join in a health to the outward bound.

—"One piano every hour," is the startling announcement recently made by the Steinway Manufacturing company of New York, unquestionably the largest piano manufacturing firm in the world. The justly earned fame and reputation of whose instruments is not confined to America, but is world wide. One piano for every working hour! Ten pianos every day, made and sold by a single firm—nearly doubling the sales, as the Internal Revenue returns show, of the next largest maker in America—exceeding those of the twelve largest New York manufacturers combined. Of this remarkable fact the New York Observer says: "Our forefathers never dreamed in their philosophy, that the New World could so rapidly out-strip the Old in the manufacture of an article deemed by them one of luxury, but now regarded as a necessity, and the most prized portion of the furniture of every respectable American house; and yet the fact is beyond contradiction, and all honor is due to Messrs. Steinway & Sons, who, in the department of manufacturing industry, have made the name of America famous in every other land." GEORGE L. DEPRANS, Manager of Gray's Oregon Branch Music Store, Odd Fellows' Temple, Portland, is agent for the sale of Steinway's pianos.

THE OYSTER BUSINESS.

For several weeks past we have watched the oyster trade of Shoalwater bay with very much interest. There are in this field the elements of very many fortunes, if rightly managed, but, as it seems to us, at present there is nothing in the business but drudgery; half-compensated drudgery. Now this should not be the case. The bivalve is a delicacy the public will not do without, and Shoalwater bay is the place to produce a supply for the whole-Pacific coast.

An observer of the oyster says that "he is not so stupid as he looks; he can keep his mouth shut and thereby defy all our arts to wile a secret from him." But we think one would be less fortunate with the owners of the fish at Shoalwater bay. That those people are not compensated for their patience, toil, and privations we feel certainly convinced, and that they will not be, so long as the present ruinous rivalry has an existence, we feel more certain. If some reconciliation of the oystermen and companies of Shoalwater bay could be effected, that would prove itself one of the wealthiest regions in the Pacific Northwest. California is dependent upon Shoalwater bay for her oysters to-day, and if the various oyster companies on the bay would combine for one united purpose, ask only a fair rate for oysters, and supply orders as demanded of them, we know of no joint stock company on the coast that could beat them in the matter of dividends. As a friend of the people of that region we throw out this as a suggestion and ask for it a careful consideration, hopeful that it may lead to explanations, and mutual understandings among all concerned. We have the good of this country at heart. Want to see everybody prosperous and happy,—but it can never be so, whilst men continue to differ on every important item of local affairs to their own detriment, agreeing only in one thing—that neither one or the other is making any money for themselves out of the opposition engendered by misunderstanding.

We should be glad indeed to see the oystermen making the most money off the product of their own toil—and they could do it without fail, if they would only agree to understand themselves, and stand in with each other.

OUR SPICE BOX.

—While witnessing a game of base ball out West a boy was struck on the back of his head, the ball coming out of his mouth.

—A Tennessee editor who has been drinking Cincinnati whiskey for a month has written to an Eastern printing house for a "patent inside."

—A young man who professes to have traveled says that the only differences in the wiskeys of the two principal cities of California is that after taking a drink of Sacramento's chain lightning you immediately make a short cut to the railroad and go to sleep on the track; whereas after imbibing a little of San Francisco's bottled insanity a burning desire takes possession of you to steal a horse and buggy.

—Oregon is getting a somewhat unenviable reputation for bloodshed-affairs. Hardly had the Whitley-Glaze homicide died out, until a tragedy is introduced in Linn county, and two men, Van Emerson, and Hiram Sherts, kill themselves in a fight at a shooting match in Sweet House valley, on the 25th.

—Since the Ohio election the Western Democratic newspapers proclaim Senator Thurman as "the coming man."

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The Price of Gold.

PORTLAND, Nov. 5.—Gold in New York to-day, 108½; Portland Legal Tender rates,—90½ buying, and 91½ selling.

Miscellaneous News.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company defaulted on their interest on the 1st.

Four hundred workmen were discharged from the Portsmouth Navy Yard-Saturday.

Work on the residence of the British Legation at Washington is temporarily suspended on account of the brick-layers strike.

The export trade of New York was never better than now. The import trade has fallen away to almost nothing.

The Mayor of Memphis is accused of converting to his own use the funds for the benefit of widows and orphans.

Mexican silver coins, recently imported, had been very much debased by dishonest Mint employes in Mexico.

A Herald special from Washington says Secretary Richardson will be made Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The Ute Indians agree to dispose of their 8,000-acre tract of land in Nebraska, if another suitable reservation is provided by the Government.

Negotiations for the settlement of the difficulties between Austria and Turkey are progressing favorably. Turkey is disposed to give complete satisfaction.

James Young, eldest son of Brigham Young, has just returned from Europe, where he attempted some financial negotiations, involving railway and mining interests.

It is considered certain that a change will soon be made in the California Surveyor Generalship. It is believed that Sargent will name Von Schmidt as Hardenburgh's successor.

Orders were issued last Saturday for the removal of the Modocs at Fort McPherson to permanent location with the Quapaws, on Neosho river, in the northeastern corner of the Indian Territory.

Bismarck will summon the Catholic Bishops who refused to comply with Government measures towards ecclesiastics, and demand their resignations.

Saturday Stokes left for Sing Sing, wrote Walworth, the parricide, that in a short time he would get up a grand reception for Stokes as soon as he gets his hair cut, and puts on the uniform.

A dispatch from Sicily reports the volcano of Etna in a state of violent eruption. The outbreak was accompanied by fearful earthquakes, a portion of the crater falling in. Mines of sulphur valued at £300,000 were destroyed.

The circular of the Silk Association of America for October reports 1,860 packages of silk manufactures imported into New York during the month, foreign cost \$1,495,633, and a total since January 1st of 27,066 packages, valued at \$22,773,390. The receipts of raw silks amounted to 964 packages, of which 907 came via San Francisco, valued at \$521,525. Total amount of raw silk imported since January 1st, 7,360 packages; foreign value, \$4,522,515.

—We understand that the troops at Fort Stevens will soon give a public party, great preparations for which are now being made, and they will entertain their friends in the finest kind of style.

—Carr's shop on Main street has been the scene of local attraction the past few days, where the work of reconstructing the boiler for the Farmers' Company's pile driver has been going on.

—That Stokes has gone to Sing Sing is a surprise to many. Of course every technical expedient was resorted to in order to confuse the minds of the jury and defeat the ends of justice, and if the jury had disagreed he would probably have gone scot-free.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—On the 24th the schooner Bill-the-Butcher, Capt. Tomason, sailed from San Francisco, for Shoalwater bay, and the Carolina on the 23d.

—Potatoes were quoted as follows in San Francisco last week: Receipts since yesterday have been heavy, aggregating nearly 7,000 sks. As a consequence the market shows signs of weakening. Sales of 500 sks good Solinas \$1 20; 162 do White, \$1. Small sales of Tomales, at \$1 @ \$1 12½; Humboldt, \$1 15 @ \$1 25; Sweet, 87½ @ \$1 ½ etl.

—Darwin has experienced a humiliating rebuff from the French Academy of Science. Having applied for admission into that famous and learned society, he was rejected by a large majority. The reasons given for his rejection are purely scientific. One of the academicians remarked that the author of the "Origin of Species" and "The Descent of Man" had too far sacrificed science to renown, and reason to imagination, to deserve a place in the first rank of earnest scientists.

—The great and increasing accuracy displayed in the prognostications of the Meteorological Bureau proves how great is the value of that department of the public service. Up to the first day of November, 1871, sixty-nine per cent. of its predictions proved correct; and from that date to the 1st of October, 1872, the average of correctness kept advancing, until it finally reached seventy-six and eight-tenths per cent. During the past year no great storm traversed the United States without previous notice having been given.

—Going to law is an expensive luxury. This has been pretty well demonstrated. Twenty three years ago John McDonough died in New Orleans, leaving a fortune of \$3,000,000, to be used equally by the cities of New Orleans and Baltimore in the maintenance of free schools for white and black children. There was a flaw in the bequest. The selfconstituted heirs searched it out, and went into the Courts to break the will. They have had a merry time, but are not likely to get much for their sport, as it is said the lawyers have pocketed the entire amount, with the exception of a small balance of about \$25,000.

—The announcement that the Cunard Steamship Company would shortly establish a daily line from New York was at least premature. The facts of the case are that at a fete given on the birthday of the eldest son of the manager of the Company in England, to the mechanics and servants of the Company, the manager said, in an after dinner speech, that in a short time he would have a daily line running from England to America. As he is the ruling spirit of the Company and accustomed to wield rather extensive powers, it was supposed that the promise would soon be carried into effect. Beyond the building of six or seven new first-class vessels in the British dockyards nothing special has been done thus far. Preparations are making, however, to withdraw the steamers now on the Havana line, replacing them with smaller vessels until the new boats are finished, and then run three vessels weekly from New York City, and three vessels from Boston. To do this will require a fleet of at least twenty-five steamers, and to make the Winter connection an extra boat or two will also be required. No attempt will be made to test the project until Spring, says the New York World, and, indeed one of the present semi-weekly boats has been withdrawn for the season. The accommodations at Jersey City docks are ample for the proposed increase of business; and with the addition of railway freight, of which but little is now taken by the line, it is supposed that sufficient returns will be made to justify the new venture. Should the project be commenced and prove successful, it will doubtless lead to the amalgamation of some of the German lines, and the establishment of a daily line to that country.