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### CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—See Advertised letters.

—To-morrow is the time fixed for the sale of the Knappton mills by Sheriff Whitcomb.

—We understand the Common Council will to-night occupy the new chambers, corner of Chemoque and Lafayette streets. There is room for all.

—Mr. H. Carnahan of Clatsop Plains has left a rutabaga at this office which weighed twenty-four pounds. It was as solid and nice as any we have ever seen.

—Learning of the delays attending the discharge of ballast from vessels at Portland, the Captain of the Navigator hauled in to Flavel's dock here last Saturday for the purpose of taking out ballast before he would proceed up the river, and it would also enable the vessel the better to cross the shoals.

—It will be seen that Capt. W. P. Gray has left the briny serf, and will hereafter remain on shore, as partner in the Washington market on Main street. Capt. L. H. Hubbard, formerly bar pilot will assume command of the Varuna next Saturday, when she comes out repaired, and ready to resume regular trips on that day.

—The British ship Eskdale, Capt. Jenkinson, finished loading and cleared for the United Kingdom yesterday. This is the largest cargo that has yet cleared from the Columbia river. She is a vessel of 1220 tons register, but carries away 1802 long tons of wheat. She has been in the river thirty-one days; considerable over half the cargo was loaded here the past ten days, but she spent twenty days on the river above here, discharging ballast, and taking on part of her cargo at Portland.

—A private letter from Bishop Morris states that during his visit to Eastern Oregon he laid the corner stones for four churches, which will be built next season. In the Grande Ronde and Powder river missions, within the past six months forty-nine persons have been confirmed, and the church has secured by gift the site for four churches, two lots in one place, two in another, four in a third, and two acres in a fourth—and have in money and subscriptions \$5,500 towards building the churches. This is doing well for Eastern Oregon.

—We have in our office three qualities of cement undergoing the process of hardening under water. These qualities may be rated: 1st, of pure quarry rock, prepared by Prof. Hopkinson; 2d, Boulder cement, prepared by Prof. Hopkinson, pronounced a No. 1 article in New York; 3d, English Portland cement, obtained by Prof. Hopkinson at the arsenal in Victoria. We cannot enter detail to describe these cements. It is sufficient for the present to say that the first is by far superior to either of the others. It not only thoroughly hardens under water, but leaves the water as pure as crystal, showing thereby its superior qualities. We hope the day is not far distant when this article will be largely manufactured from the inexhaustible quarry of it in this vicinity. It certainly equals the famous Bortlounge (Portland) cement, as there tests have proven.

—The snow of Sunday evening and Sunday night, still lingers near.

☞ For fresh Oysters, in every style, call at the PARKER HOUSE RESTAURANT.

—Capt. Eli Hilton formerly with the pilot boat California, has gone on the tug Astoria for bar piloting in future.

—Last Friday was the fourteenth anniversary of the death of Washington Irving. He died on the 28th of November, 1859.

—Last Sunday this region was visited by a hail storm which lasted an hour or two, turned to snow, and finally vanished before a noon day sun. Boreas will not tarry long enough to give us more than a taste of the rigors of Winter.

—Last Thursday night as George Ross and Eugene Brock were crossing the peninsula by the mill trail, a large panther crossed their track about nine o'clock. They were armed with a lantern which frightened the monster away.

—The centennial of the evacuation of New York city by British troops, November 25th, 1773, was very shabbily observed in New York. When the hundredth anniversary of the evacuation of Astoria, some day in 1911, occurs, there will be a slight noise equivalent to an earthquake of the present day. That was an event worthy of perpetuation.

—Some fellow attempted to rob our editor's orchard last Saturday night, but not understanding how to work John Chappell's patent ladders broke through and fell to the ground. It is evident from the manner of his leaving that he imagined himself shot all to pieces.

☞ A neat, clean, cozy place, for gentlemen and ladies to enjoy a dish of fresh Oysters—is at the PARKER HOUSE RESTAURANT.

—Miss Morrison of this city, has a very flourishing school at Knappton. At a public examination of pupils last week parents and friends of the school were delighted with the evidences of progress being made by the pupils.

—One of the prettiest scenes that could be witnessed in this part of the world was that of Sunday evening just before dark, when the falling snow covered the house tops to a depth of an inch or more, and made the earth appear to be draped in a garb of pure white, with dark lace trimmings.

—The new schooner Industry from Deep river left a cargo of splendid stave bolts at Ferrel's wharf, for shipment to Honolulu. We have seen specimens of stave bolts from that region three feet across of pure stuff. Not a knot in the slab of eight inches depth.

—The Bulletin a few days ago copied our argument in favor of a daily mail, for which we are duly thankful, but at the same time that paper made it appear that Astorians were exclusive in these desires. This may be so, with the Bulletin, perhaps, but not with all Portland papers—as the Oregonian and other journals come to hand every opportunity—but the Bulletin never, except on regular mail days.

—The Treasury Department have recently issued a new circular relative to lights, torches and fog signals, to be provided, used and observed on steam and sailing vessels. It having been reported to the Department that masters of vessels frequently fail to comply with the provisions of the act of April 29, 1864, and of sections 47 and 70 of the act of February 28th, 1871, relative to lights and torches to be exhibited and fog-signals to be sounded in certain cases, in order that all concerned may know their duty, this circular contains all the provisions of the law referred to, and may be procured at custom-houses all over the land.

—Secretary Richardson of the Treasury Department at Washington city, has caused to be printed and distributed a circular relative to fog-signals, which is issued to each sailing vessel with its other regular papers, to be framed and hung in a conspicuous place on said vessel. Masters of all vessels, as well as raftsmen, flat-boats, wood-boats, and other like craft, are interested in this matter, and should apply for the circular.

### Real Estate Sales.

Following is a list of deeds recorded in Clatsop county last month:

Lewis H. Hubbard and wife to Philip Johnson, part of lot one block 112, Shivelys Astoria. Consideration \$50.

Norman L. Smith and wife to Patrick Conner, 80 acres town 8 north range 7 west. Consideration \$150.

L. H. Hubbard and wife to John Fox, lots 3 and 4, block 35, Olneys Astoria. Consideration \$200.

Joseph Jeffers and wife to John Warnstaff, lots 7 and 8, block 52 and lot 2, block 125, Olneys Astoria. Consideration \$31.

M. Meyer and wife to Conrad Buchter, lots 3 and 4, block 105, Olneys Astoria. Consideration \$200.

John Adair and wife to Brown & Leinenweber, block 92 Adair's Astoria. Consideration \$100.

Charles Gibbins to James Boyce, lots 1 and 2, block 152, Olneys Astoria. Consideration \$50.

John Adair and wife to Martha A. Lomis, South 1/2 of the Donation Land claim of W. W. Raymond 270.32 acres. Consideration \$600.

A dedication of streets in upper Astoria by John Adair.

### EDITORIAL NOTES, ETC.

—This is the anniversary of the battle of Austerlitz.

—Capt. Alex. Dodge, of Portland, was buried on Thanksgiving day.

—Owing to the nearness of the holidays, poultry has stiffened somewhat.

—No. 1, of Portland have got their new steamer, and will have a fine time hosing' of 'er, etc.

—The next State fair at Salem will be held from October 8th to 17th—ten days according to the Oregonian.

—The recent earthquake in Southern Oregon was quite a shake at Jacksonville, Crescent City and other points.

—Judge Upton has denied the motion for a new trial, and sentenced Dr. Glass to a term in the penitentiary on conviction upon the indictment for manslaughter, in producing the death of Mary Hardman.

—The Chinese ceremony of "driving the devils out of town" continue in Sacramento, Cal. If successful there, the Celestial demon-drivers would do well to make a missionary tour to New York, Washington City, and other wicked places.

—The new portable spring beds made by Mr. Morrill, are recommended as being convenient, comfortable and durable. These beds can be easily arranged to fit any bedstead; are light and not easy to get out of order, and are a decided improvement over the old fashioned spring bed which weighs something more or less than a ton. There is no chance for dust or vermin to collect about it; a desideratum which every house-keeper will appreciate. You will find these beds, for the present, at I. F. Power's furniture store on First street, Portland.

—Congress is supposed to have met yesterday. The proceedings of the present term then, will be watched with keener interest than has marked the sittings of any previous Congress since the close of the rebellion. To many minds the country is about coming to the turning point in its history. It cannot persevere in the course which it is now pursuing without the most serious danger to the stability of its institutions. Congress has evidently much serious and important work to perform—work which requires individual integrity no less than collective wisdom. We shall soon see whether it realizes its responsibilities.

—The Supreme Court of California has just rendered a decision which has settled one or two important principles touching taxation. It has long been held that double taxation could not be maintained. It is now declared that the taxation of a mortgage on land, or the money secured thereby, and the taxation of the land, is double taxation. This is the point which the Savings Banks have steadily raised and defended for years. They failed in the remedy sought in the particular cases, but they gained the principle for which they had been contending for years. The Court also held that San Francisco is subject to the Code of the State still imperfect.

## TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

### The Price of Gold.

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—Gold in New York to-day, 109 1/2; Portland Legal Tender rates,—90 1/2 buying, and 91 1/2 selling.

### Miscellaneous News.

A State Grange of Patrons of Husbandry has been organized in New York.

In the trial of Marshal Bazine on the 25, General Boyer testified that he was willing to grant an armistice if the army at Metz would declare in favor of Napoleon.

A convention of the colored men of Kentucky met at Frankfort and appointed delegates to the national convention of their color, which assembles at Washington December 9th.

The Boston Cartridge Company will commence this week to run their works day and night. They have pressing orders for several million cartridges from the War and Navy Departments.

The Controller renews his recommendation that \$25,000,000 of national bank circulation be withdrawn from the Eastern States, which have an excess, and be distributed among Southern and Western States, which are deficient.

The Government at Madrid declares that it is willing and resolved to restore the Virginius and yield to other claims of the United States, its only request now being that the fact shall be first established that the Virginius was entitled to the protection of the American flag.

The Comptroller of Currency in his forthcoming report devotes considerable space to the subject on interest on deposits and certification of checks. He thinks that the proposed action of the Clearing House in the city of New York, if adopted by the clearing houses of the principal cities of the Union; would do more to prevent the payment of interest on deposits than any Congressional instrument.

—There are fourteen daily papers in Kansas, and all but one repudiate the action of Governor Osborne in appointing Crozier as U. S. Senator. It is alleged that the arrangement by which Crozier was appointed, includes the election of Osborne to the United States Senate, and the appointment of Crozier to the U. S. Judgeship in place of Dehaney, whose resignation Crozier takes in his pocket to Washington.

The New Orleans People's Convention adopted an address and a series of resolutions and appointed a committee on the part of the people of Louisiana, to repair to Washington and present a memorial for relief from the Kellogg usurpation, and restoration to Louisiana of her rights and liberties as a free State of the American Union, as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

Vallejo won the County seat in the late election and rejoiceth thereat muchly. The Commissioner of the General Land Office has informed Delegate McFadden, of Washington Territory, that the public surveys will next spring be extended over San Juan and other islands in the line of Northwest boundary, recently on dispute between Great Britain and the United States.

—The Oregon State Agricultural Society offer a premium for the scalps of woodpeckers, crows and ravens.

☞ Oysters in every style, at all hours of day or night, at the PARKER HOUSE RESTAURANT, Main street, Astoria.

EXCELLENT—These Sugar Cured Hams, and that Fresh Roll Butter, Fresh Buckwheat, (this year's crop), Corn Meal, Cracked Wheat, Hominy, etc., at CASE'S.

NEW SCHOOL BOOKS.—I have just received all the different kinds of New School Books required to be used in this State, that can now be found in San Francisco. Also, Slate pencils, Blotting pads, a good assortment of Stationery, Drawing paper, CARD BOARD, Perforated board, Ink, (Carmine, Purple and Black). Likewise a new stock of Crockery, Clocks and a large assortment of Lamp Chimneys, all of which will be sold cheap for cash.  
I. W. CASE.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—The British Government has thus far spent three hundred thousand pounds on the Tichborne case.

—Victor Emmanuel presented a cameo necklace to the Crown Princess during his visit to Berlin. She asked him to call again.

—Two Italian beggars in St. Louis (father and daughter) are fighting in the Courts over \$10,000, the proceeds of twenty years of street-begging in the large American cities.

—The Women's Journal thinks that if Mr. Alexander Stewart will let the thousand women who are to occupy his hotel up town make their own code of police regulations all will be well.

—The Macon (Ga.) Telegraph puts a case of the prevailing grab-fever in this wise; "Collector Widemer, over in Alabama, has Bullocked \$20,000 of internal revenue money. Orders have been sent from Washington to find out whether he can be forced to divide any of it."

—C. C. Fulton is another temperance orator. During nearly five months' sojourn in Prussia, Austria and France, he never encountered any one laboring under the effect of intoxicating liquors, not even sufficiently exhilarated to be noisy. And yet they have neither State Constables nor Prohibitory laws there.

—An absent-minded Georgian served out half of a two years' term in the State Prison for horse-stealing before it occurred to him to show that for eight months before, and six months after the horse was stolen in Georgia, he was living in Delaware.

—The third wealthiest religious denomination in this country are the regular Presbyterians, with nearly \$48,000,000 in church property. The regular Baptists have over \$39,000,000, the Protestant Episcopal over \$36,000,000, and the Congregational over \$25,000,000.

### HORSE NOTES.

Do not throw bottles, broken glass, or nails into the street. Many horses are wounded and spoiled by this thoughtlessness.

A gentleman in Philadelphia is said to have never failed but once in a hundred trials to induce a balky horse to start, by tying a string tightly around his ear close to his head. Have any of you readers tried it?

One of our agents writes that he has prevented his horse from being annoyed by all kinds of flies, by the use of a mixture of one-third of fish oil and two-thirds of kerosene oil. This is sprinkled on his horse-brush, which is passed lightly over the horse. We hope horse-owners will try it.

See how much you can lighten your harness during the hot weather. The back strap and breeching can often be removed without trouble from double teams or carriages. A breast-plate is cooler than a collar, and will answer well for pleasure carriages.

When you are perspiring freely after a little unusual exertion, or are suffering with heat when exposed to the sun, think of your horse under the same circumstances, use him as moderately as you can, and relieve him as soon as you can.

—A farmer and his wife called at a Detroit photograph gallery, last week to order some photographs of her, and while the operator was getting ready, the husband gave the wife a little advice as to how she must act: "Fasten your mind on something," he said, "or else you will laugh and spoil the job. Think about early days, how your father got in jail, and your mother was an old scolder, and what you'd have been if I hadn't pitied you. Just fasten your mind on to that!" She didn't have any photographs taken.

GIFTS, TOYS, AND FANCY GOODS.—S. J. McCormick, (Santa Claus' Headquarters), 19 First Portland, Oregon, has just received direct from the east, an immense stock of new Toys, fancy goods, music boxes, albums, dolls, toy books, gift books, annuals, and an endless variety of articles suited to the holiday trade, which he offers to country merchants, in quantities to suit, at the lowest cash prices. Send your orders early.  
S. J. M.