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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—Ice cream and cakes at the festival to-night.

—The Columbia river above the Cascades is closed with ice.

—Only 25 cents admission at the festival this evening. Money will be well spent.

—Hot coffee and sandwiches at the Ladies' Festival at the Congregational church this evening.

—The bark Garibaldi, and the ship Annie M. Small, are reported in Shanghai, without engagements, October 24th.

—The barkentine Portland and schooner Lovett Peacock, were only four days from Astoria to San Francisco on the last voyage. Both arrived there on the 22d.

—The proposed sale of the Knapp-ton mill did not come off at Oyster-ville on the 3d, owing to a misunderstanding occasioned by tardy and insufficient mail facilities between Astoria and Portland. The property will be re-advertised and sold on the 14th proximo.

—George L. DePrans has resigned from the management of M. Gray's branch music store at Portland. The business will be continued as usual by Mr. Benitz, who has been appointed to the management by Mr. Gray. Mr. DePrans has a host of friends who will regret to have him leave the State.

—The cold snap let up in this section Friday evening somewhat, and the many hopes of skaters and sliders on sleds now sleep sweetly thro' serene days until the seasons change and send some more snow. Since the above was written the weather has changed again, in favor of the skaters.

—Three days is the average trips of a sea going steamer from Astoria to San Francisco 647 miles, but it sometimes takes the same craft three days to get here from Portland. The last trip of the Ajax from Astoria for San Francisco, was made in 70 hours. The last trip of the same steamer from Portland to Astoria, 110 miles, consumed 48 hours.

—The admiral Fitzroy, put down for this port, is on the berth loading with wheat in San Francisco for Europe. If the wheat had been at Astoria the Admiral Fitzroy would have come here for it, but she could not go to Portland after it. The same may be said of the Ellen Goudy, hence from San Francisco on the 22d with a cargo of 30,462 cents of (perhaps) Oregon wheat—valued at \$65,000. The ship David Brown, also put down for this river, and once reported as having arrived at Portland, is also on the berth, loading in San Francisco, while our wheat is being carried down to her in coasters. Well may Portland ask: Why is it that no large vessels can be found to charter for loads at that port. The Admiral Fitzroy, chartered to load in San Francisco for Cork at £3 10s; and the David Brown £3 2s 6d. Five pound sterling will not bring vessels to Portland; but for Astoria the same rates would be engaged for as at San Francisco.

—The steamer California was unable to reach Portland for the ice, and is loading below the mouth of the Willamet river for Northern ports.

—The schooner Elnorah left yesterday with several small boats in tow, and a large number of passengers, for Knapp-ton. She will load another cargo of lumber for Brook-field.

—Messrs. C. A. McGuire, J. C. McGuire, W. Linfelter, J. West, W. Adams, Mr. McCullough, and M. Ernest all of Westport, were at the American Exchange Hotel, Portland, on the 4th inst.

—The steam tugs Merrimac and Sedalia both met with accidents on Saturday last. The shaft-couplings to the Merrimac was broken, and the rock-shaft to the Sedalia was broken. The latter was repaired and in running order yesterday. The Merrimac is being repaired at Knapp-ton.

—Will the Oregonian please inform the San Francisco Commercial Herald that it cost the farmers of the Willamet valley twenty-one cents a bushel on the cargo of 118½ tons of wheat carried to the United Kingdom from Portland by the bark Lieut. Maury, over and above what it would have cost had the vessel taken her cargo on board at Astoria?

—Hereafter but three steamers a month will ply between Astoria and San Francisco. Consequently the Oriflamme may not be expected until Friday, as she would not leave San Francisco until to-day. And should they receive news of the close of navigation on the lower Columbia, above Astoria, perhaps there will be no steamer this week.

—Will the Oregonian please inform the San Francisco Commercial Herald that the British ship Eskdale, Capt. Jenkinson, hence for Cork on the 4th inst., was thirty-one days in the river on account of going to Portland to receive her cargo, and that she was then unable to receive more than half a cargo; was compelled to take nearly half of her cargo at Astoria before proceeding to sea?

—The Ajax left here Sunday morning for San Francisco with a few passengers and light freight. The cause of her detention was from having stepped to accommodate four passengers who wished to get on board from the Kalama steamer, the operation of the transfer being so slow that the steamship drifted on a sand bar at ebb tide, compelling her to remain there twenty-four hours.

—Shipping revived rapidly in the harbor Saturday morning, after the prevailing storm of the previous day or two. The mail boat from Portland Friday night did not arrive until Saturday morning. The Emma Hayward with barge Nez Perce Chief, and the Mary Bell, Ben Holladay, Sedalia, Merrimac, and other steamers started out after business as usual. People who were here weather bound returned to their homes, vessels began to arrive and depart again as usual. The storm was not so bad but that any steamer running here could perform her service, but there being no absolute necessity for it, they remained in port.

—Hon. S. E. Barr, Inspector of customs at Oysterville, informs that so far this season 70,566 baskets of oysters have been exported from Shoalwater bay, as follows for the months of September, October and November:

To San Francisco:	Baskets
J. & T. Orellan.....	21,522
Espy & Company.....	17,095
Shoalwater Bay Company.....	15,759
Washington Oyster Company.....	10,459
Total.....	64,835
To Portland:	
Espy & Company.....	1,538
Wing & Company.....	1,363
Grand Total.....	70,599

The principal of the season is over for 1873. The snow storm of the 3d inst. extended to Shoalwater bay, and left about two inches on the ground. The boys were preparing for fine times skating, as it has been a long time since an opportunity was presented for such sport in that region.

Post Office Notice.

The General Delivery at the Astoria Postoffice will be open daily, (except Sundays), from 8 o'clock A. M. until 6 P. M. On Sundays from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M. Money Orders issued from 8 A. M. to 4.

MAILS CLOSE:

For Portland and intermediate offices, at 5½ o'clock A. M. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

For Skipanon, Seaside house, and Tillamook, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays.

For Forts Stevens and Cape Disappointment, Unity, Oysterville, and Olympia—Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 7:30 A. M.

For Knapp-ton, Grays river, Klaskanine, Youngs river, Lewis and Clarke, Nehalem valley, etc., irregular.

CHANGES IN POSTAL LAWS.

1. Franking privilege abolished.
2. No mail matter can pass free.
3. Publishers must pay postage on exchanges received.
4. Postal cards cannot be sent to dead letter office, nor used a second time.
5. Postage must be collected on newspapers published in the county, when delivered through the mails.
6. Ordinary cards may be sent through the mails with one cent stamp, provided the message is printed. The address may be written.

NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

1. Any person who takes a paper regularly from the post-office—whether directed to his name or another's, or whether he has subscribed or not—is responsible for the payment.

2. If any person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrears, or the publisher may continue to send it, until payment is made, and collect the whole amount—whether the paper is taken from the office or not.

3. The courts have decided that refusing to take newspapers and periodicals from the post-office, or removing and leaving them uncollected for, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.

Just Received.—A new stock of Waterproof, Flannels, Prints, all varieties of Hosiery, and all kinds of Gloves; also a new stock of Oil Suits, suitable for Winter wear, and Rubber Boots, fitted for wear and tare, and the celebrated Mackintosh Rubber coats. All of which shall be sold as cheap as the cheapest.
A. VAN PUSEN,
Corner Main and Chenamus streets.

School Books.—I have lately 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.
J. W. CASE,
Chenamus st., Astoria.

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

Ladies Festival.—This, Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., for the purpose of raising funds to complete furnishing the seats of the Congregational Church. The Ladies of the Congregational Society have been laboring strenuously for a year, for the above purpose, but still lack the full amount, which it is hoped this Festival will yield. The Festival will consist of the refreshments of the season, music, etc. A small admission fee of 25 cents will be charged.

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

Teacher Wanted.—A Teacher, Male or Female, to teach in the District School, in District No. 3, Clatsop plains, Clatsop county, Oregon. Communicate to the undersigned.
J. A. PACKARD,
Skipanon, Oregon.

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

TOYS IN LOTS.—For the convenience of Merchants who cannot visit the city, I put up assorted lots of toys, toy books and fancy articles at Twenty, Twenty-five, Thirty, Forty, Fifty to One Hundred Dollars, comprising selections from everything in stock. These lots retail at a profit of nearly one hundred per cent. This plan has given great satisfaction to my customers during the past ten years, as thereby they obtain a much greater variety than by any other method. All these lots are put up under my own supervision. Send your orders early to obtain a good variety.
S. S. MCCORMICK, 19 First st.,
Portland, Oregon.

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

Precisely as we anticipated, the narrow, illiberal course of Portland merchants dealing in Oregon wheat this Winter, has begun already to drive commerce away from our State. The Ellen Goudy, Admiral Fitzroy, and David Brown, will all go foreign from San Francisco. Is it a fact that Portland will continue to refuse to lend a hand in this matter? Is it a fact that she has neither the presence nor the liberal enterprise to step out of her path to serve the State of Oregon? If so the time will come with all her acquired advantages, with her 10,000 population, and \$4,000,000 of money, when she will regret that she was the means of driving the other ninety thousand inhabitants of the State to seek a way for themselves to reach the markets of the world! We say this in all kindness as we have numerous friends in Portland, and wish the city prosperity, but not at the expense of the whole State of Oregon. The Oregonian may not be surprised "at finding such paragraphs" in the ASTORIAN, but it will be surprised at the result, before the end is reached.

—As we expected, so it seems is the case. Our Oregon wheat "lightered in coasters" to San Francisco is sold to go to Europe. The Commercial Herald furnishes this information thus: "Immediately following our last issue a shipper bought two full cargoes in store, say 2,500 tons choice, at \$2.30@2.35, (part Oregon Club), with free storage for sixty days. This purchase was made for account of a French miller, and is to load two French ships, now en route here in ballast from Buenos Ayres. Supplies from Oregon are liberal, including 2,261 sks per Oriflamme, 12,529 sks per Lovett, 12,778 per Portland, 3,600 per Lovett, 2,202 per Hera, and others. Considerable complaint is made of smut in Oregon Wheat, which is a serious drawback to sales." Oregon wheat may or may not be smutty—after it has passed out of the State, to be rehandled again and again, after so many rehandlings in Oregon, but we opine that the "most serious drawback" may be found in the fact that it is not properly quoted. Who can tell?

—Will the Oregonian be kind enough to say to the San Francisco Commercial Herald that the British ship City of Paris, which recently went to Portland in ballast for a cargo of wheat for Europe, grounded on several bars before reaching there, and was forced to return to Astoria partly loaded; and did not finally get a full cargo because her commander had consumed so much time that he could not afford to wait here for more grain to come down the river? Furthermore that the captains of such vessels declare that one trip to Portland is all they want—but would charter to load at Astoria any time, at less rates per ton?

—New music from Mr. Gray, the publisher: "There's a Letter in the Candle," song and chorus, by Geo. T. Evans; "Sweet Dawn Awakes," words by George Cooper, music from the opera of "La Fille de Madame Angot"; "My Gal Schottisch," as played by Ballenberg, arranged for the piano by L. Bodecker, and "By the Brook," a song, words by Geo. W. Howes, music by J. R. Thomas. These pieces may be obtained of Mr. J. F. Benitz, manager of Gray's music store, corner of First and Alder streets, Portland.

—The State authorities have perhaps concluded that the State Board of Equalization have "o'er leaped themselves and fell over on the other side," respecting their instructions to the County board in Clatsop county. Our authorities here have received instructions from the Secretary of State not to collect the increased levy. This will probably save a law suit.

—The Japanese student, Master Sho Kakehi, who has lived the past year and a half with Rev. P. S. Knight, Salem, and attended school at the University there, has been ordered home by the authorities controlling these students. He has made rapid progress in his studies.

—The steamer Varuna has completed repairs and commenced business again.

CUBAN ANNEXATION.

The early annexation of Cuba may be considered a forgone conclusion. Nor is it necessary to declare war with Spain to effect that object. The Spanish Government has never admitted that war existed in Cuba, and vessels of all nations have the right to trade with Cubans, wherever located, unless caught in the act of affording relief and assistance to those who are in arms against the regularly constituted authorities. The onus of providing against such a contingency devolves on the Spanish Government. At the time that the Virginian was captured there was nothing to show that she was engaged in illicit traffic with the insurgents. No matter what she might have done on former occasion, she was then on the high seas, flying the American flag, to which she had an undoubted right, and might—for all the commander of the Tornado knew or cared—have changed owners, and been engaged in a perfectly justifiable business. Her capture was a piratical act, and the slaughter of her passengers and crew a cold-blooded butchery. It is the duty of the United States not only to demand suitable reparation, but to guard against any repetition. A heavy fleet of war-vessels should be stationed in Cuban waters with instructions to let no Spanish man-of-war leave any port without being accompanied by an American of equal class, patrol the island with the remainder of the fleet, and enforce the right of free traffic with the Cubans. Should Spain, under such circumstances, accord belligerent rights to the insurgents, the door would be opened to the ingress of American recruits, arms and munitions of war. Should Spain refuse, the protection given the American flag by the presence of our war-vessels would, within six months, enable the Cubans to throw off the Spanish yoke, and free the island. Then comes annexation.—Commercial Herald.

—We can sit in our office and enumerate seventeen Organs and Melodeons, and twenty-two Pianos, at as many residences in this city, and yet there is not a music dealer in the place.

—Mr. F. J. Benitz, the new manager of Gray's music store, Odd Fellow's Temple, Portland Oregon, will please accept our thanks for several pieces of new music, published by their San Francisco house.

—The choir of the Congregational church will entertain the Ladies Festival to-night with song, and the Tessa-rachordian Club, assisted by Miss M. Taylor as organist, will add some fine instrumental music to the festivities of the occasion.

—Mr. Wherry and his two sons—Wm. and Samuel—cleared 70 acres of land in the Nehalem valley this season. He intends to put in seven acres of an orchard in the spring. Mr. Wherry has lived in several of the States and says that this is the finest country he has ever seen. He says peaches and grapes do well in the Nehalem valley.

—The receipts of Oregon produce in San Francisco, by coastwise trade, from January 1st 1873, to December 1st, eleven months, is as follows: "Flour, qr sks, 388,053; Oats, cts, 112,946; Wheat, cts, 276,546; Salmon, bbls, 3,591; hf bbls, 3,450; pkgs, 109,561; Apples, ripe, bxs, 13,214; Dried, pkgs, 1,835; Butter, pkgs, 1,566; Beef, bbls, 100; Bacon, pkgs, 499; Lard, pkgs 3; Hams, pkgs, 16."

—Eight families of emigrants from Iowa are expected shortly to arrive to settle in the Nehalem Valley. A farmer from Iowa who settled in the Nehalem last spring, was authorized to look out for these families, and he sent word at once to his friends that he had found the very place they wanted, and in response to this information "they have pulled up stakes" and are now wending their way westward. Thus they come, and this lovely valley which has so long lain idle is at last being peopled with industrious and enterprising pioneers. And notwithstanding the many that have settled in this valley the past season there is yet room for many more.

—At last an Adams has been elected to something. John Quincy, jr., has broken into the Massachusetts Legislature.

—The rebuilding of the various monuments in Paris destroyed by the Communists is going on rapidly, and soon not a wreck will be left behind.

—The Chinese shoemakers at North Adams, Mass., have organized a trades-union of their own and protested against the discharge of any of their number.