

Tri-Weekly Astorian

ASTORIA, OREGON: D. C. IRELAND, Editor. ASTORIA, Dec. 30, 1873

-Ex-Mayor Hall, of New York was found not guilty.

-Milwaukee, Wisconsin, turned out three suicides on Christmas day.

-It is rumored that some new complication has arisen in Cuban affairs.

-A soup house for feeding indigent people, has been opened in St. Louis.

-Wilbur F. Cornell has purchased an interest in the Salem Mercury. He is an expert printer.

-The report of the escape of Bazaine is unfounded. He has been taken to St. Marguerite, the place of his imprisonment.

-A man was sentenced to pay a fine of \$120 in San Francisco a few days ago for stealing newspapers from subscribers doors.

-The hostile tone of the recent pastorals issued by the French Bishops has caused the German Government to renew its complaints to France.

-A uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States is productive of more evil than good - Grant says; hence the law is to be repealed, and everybody can burst up on their own hook again.

-Brigham's "nineteenth wife" is giving lectures on bigamy and polygamy. She tells facts that have come under her personal observation, and her story is one which illustrates the condition of thousands of plural wives in the land of polygamy.

-The New York Times does not believe that Tweed is the worst of the gang - let him help us to bring the others to justice, and show us where the booty is hidden away. It is by far the best course now open for him to take. He owes his old associates nothing, that is certain.

-In case Tweed does tell, his revelations would make New York too hot for Jay Gould, and perhaps others of that "respectable" type of Knicker-backers, - who might be seen sallying forth from their palatial mansions to dodge the officers of the laws of the land, at the instance of an outraged community.

-The Pacific Mail Co. will probably be unable to obtain the increased subsidy for China mail service by the 1st of January. The Government interposed a technical objection as that part of the extra service was performed in wooden ships instead of iron, as the law provides. This trouble was the cause of the recent orders reducing the China service to monthly trips.

-Stokes has been attacked with asthma, and young Walworth is suffering from pleurisy. Both are said to be fast failing in health and to be wholly crushed in spirit. This is the gist of a lot of stuff of the sort which has found its way into the papers of late, all intended, without doubt, to create a feeling of weak commiseration for the malefactors which shall smooth the way for their pardon in a few months, possibly weeks. We think attempts in that direction will be poorly repaid while shoot-him-on-the-spot Dix remains Governor of the State. It is to be hoped so, at any rate.

-President Grant stated emphatically on the 22d that the nomination of Attorney General Williams for Chief Justice would not be withdrawn and that he had never contemplated such a thing. But we are told by a dispatch of the 23d that after the holidays Williams will request the President to withdraw his name, foreseeing its rejection otherwise. While most of the charges against him vanish with investigation, he is seriously compromised by the scandal in consequence of the statements made by United States Attorney Gilbs of Oregon.

THE FIJI ISLANDS.

We have received a copy of the Fiji Gazette, with dates from Levuka, the seat of government, to August 9th. The government of that group encounters a great deal of opposition chiefly from foreigners, who assume to dictate to it what is and what is not law. The great question which disturbs the Fijian just now is - whether the natives shall be permitted to vote under their own constitution, which declares that every subject who has resided in the country six months may vote. The opposition claim that this refers only to foreigners.

Three British war vessels were in the port on the first of August, among them the flagship Clio. The arrival of the commandant of the station was made the occasion for the opposition party to present to him a list of grievances, with the request that he would interfere and set things right. Commodore Sterling then asked of King Cakobau an audience, which was granted on the 7th of August. At this audience the list of grievances was presented by the Commodore, one demand among others, having been that the King dismiss his ministers. The King replied that he regretted that the Commodore's countrymen should feel aggrieved, when he was so earnestly seeking to establish peace and quietness. The most telling address was made by His Excellency the Viceroy, Prince Maafu, who is an intelligent chief. It shows the state of affairs to be so peculiar that we reproduce it entire: His Excellency the Viceroy then said, - I rise to confirm what the King has said. There have been two epochs in Fiji, one when Christianity was introduced, and the other when the present form of government was adopted. When the missionaries came here the resident whites told us that christianity was an evil thing, and the missionaries were bad men. But we believed they were wrong, and we embraced christianity and found it a good thing. Now we the chiefs of Fiji have formed a government, because we believe it will benefit our country, and the whites are united in saying that the government is no good, and that the ministers are bad men. They are continually speaking evil of the ministers. They never cease slandering ministers in talking to me and the other chiefs. I have no rest from their evil speaking. Every day they say "your kingdom is destroyed, it is all over with the government." What they continually say is most unpleasant, but we, nevertheless, believe in the government. As to the present ministers, I, as well as the rest of the chiefs, have but one opinion. We believe that if we retain them in office, it will be well for us, and the kingdom will prosper; but nothing but ruin would come of following the advice of the whites who are opposed to them, and whose complaints have been brought to us this day. If any trouble arises it will be caused by the whites, on account of their unceasing evil speaking, to which there is no end. I have no more to say than that the King and I are of one mind in all these matters, and have one common desire; and that is, the good of Fiji.

The Chief Secretary, Hon. G. A. Woods, addressing the Commodore, said it was a subject of congratulation with the Cabinet, that he, the Commodore, had had the opportunity to judge for himself as to the position in which the ministers stood to the King. So far from desiring to retain office they had, more than once, pressed their resignation upon his Majesty, and they were individually or collectively ready to resign that afternoon at the King's request; but so long as they enjoyed the confidence of the King and Chiefs, so long would they feel bound to advise them in the affairs of the kingdom. Misrepresentations, abuse, and even slander had been heaped upon the ministers, but they should continue to do what they conceived to be their duty. Mention had been made of serious complications, and of danger to life and property. Ministers trusted that serious complications would not arise; but there were men in the country who had long and unceasingly endeavored to subvert the government, and if they did, in such attempts, create difficulty and danger, they must blame themselves and not Ministers.

-The "Oregonian," on Christmas day, was the largest daily ever printed on the coast. It contained 56 columns, 42 of which were devoted to news, editorials, selections, etc., making it a very entertaining sheet. The size of the paper was 43 by 72 inches. It was printed by L. F. Chemin, on one of Hoe and Co's large cylinder presses.

-The "Happy New Year" to all - on Thursday.

Some Things Wanted.

Oregon's Losses. The farmer of Oregon gets \$40 per ton for his Wheat, and the carriers get about \$25 per ton for the same. But the ships are not owned in the State - hence Oregon's loss on WHEAT is \$25 per ton.

The furnishers of Stave-bolts receive about \$6 per cord, and the ship \$10 per cord. The ships not being owned in Oregon - \$10 per cord on STAVE-BOLTS are lost to the State.

So, also, with FISH and LUMBER, etc., exported from the Columbia river, the transportation of which is lost to the State.

Ship Owners Wanted. To save these large sums to the State of Oregon. Ships are valuable, and this State produces the best of lumber, spars and iron, for SHIP BUILDING.

Ship Yards Wanted. On the Columbia river, to retain at home the expenses of ship building. To build vessels near the mills, where it can be done cheaply.

An Independent Steamboat Co. Is Wanted on the Columbia river and tributaries, to carry the products of Oregon to the sea board, where deep vessels may load with dispatch.

It is reported that the Columbia and Wallamet (river) Steamboat Companies have an understanding, a mutual agreement, to limit their routes and preserve a monopoly. The farmers on the upper Wallamet cannot get their grain carried to the ship awaiting cargo in the Columbia river without paying two or three companies, and having the grain re-handled before reaching the ships. The boat loaded at Salem should proceed directly to the ocean vessel in Astoria harbor, below all obstructions, but instead of this she stops 12 miles below the Summer mouth, and 30 miles from the Winter mouth of the Wallamet, and passes the grain, (wharf charged,) over to another boat of different owners to carry to the Columbia river.

Farmers; Citizens of Oregon; we appeal to you! Look to this matter of transportation! See the large sums the State is continuously deprived of, by the extravagant method of shipping which benefits only the wharves at Portland, and enriches the steamboat companies. It is this kind of business that enables shippers to give California farmers this year

Thirty-one Cents per Bushel More than the Oregon farmer receives for his wheat. Read, reflect, understand the facts, - then act for yourselves. Newspapers friendly to the best interests of Oregon are requested to copy. (Signed), MANY OREGONIANS.

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Notice. THE ASTORIA FARMERS' COMPANY is now ready to store Wheat and other PRODUCE! AT THEIR NEW WAREHOUSE. Usual rates charged. S. D. ADAIR, Secretary. Astoria, Dec. 4th, 1873.

HENRY BERENDES, Fashionable BOOT MAKER! Chenamus street, Astoria, Oregon.

Manufactures to order the best quality of Boots and Shoes Repairing of all kinds.

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ORDERS LEFT WITH MR. GEARHART for any kind of Teaming, will be promptly attended to. Wood of all kinds constantly on hand. Orders solicited.

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FRESH BREAD, CAKES, PIES, CRACKERS and Pilot Bread, always on hand.

A RESTAURANT Is kept in connection with the Bakery, where meals can be procured at all hours.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVING Secured the services of a

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PERFECT FITTING AND LATEST FASHIONS Guaranteed. Also, Gloves cleaned, Dyed and Repaired, on short notice. C. E. DEBOIS, Portland, Oregon.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, ABOUT TO REMOVE from Astoria, offers his stock of fancy Poultry for sale, at the following reduced prices: Silver Spangled Hamburgs.....\$7.50 per pair Buff Cochins..... 5 00 " Light Brahmas..... 5 00 " Duck-Wing Game..... 3 00 " All Chickens are warranted to be Pure blooded. A. J. MEGLER, Astoria, Oregon.

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THIS COMPANY IS NOW READY TO deliver from one to one thousand sacks of Fresh Oysters, direct from their native element three times a week; we can furnish all kinds, In any Quantity, at prices Defying Competition. Customers can rely upon regular tri-weekly supplies, either in sunshine or storm - We never Fail, and Always last the Season Through. G. W. WARREN & CO., Astoria, Oregon.

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The Steam Tug Varuna Will leave Astoria every TUESDAY AND SATURDAY Morning, for FORT STEVENS, CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT, And UNITY, Carrying Mails, Passengers and Freight. Other days of the week she will be ready to go anywhere that business may justify. Is prepared to lighter cargoes, freight, hay, cattle and wood. J. H. D. GRAY Agent, Astoria.

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Leaves Clatsop every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, on arrival of Stages, connecting at Astoria with the steamer Dixie Thompson. Returning, leaves Astoria every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, connecting with the Coaches for the Beach. Extra trips made to accommodate the traveling public.

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IS PREPARED TO CONSTRUCT BOATS of every description, of the best materials, on short notice, and guarantees to give satisfaction. Before sending to San Francisco or elsewhere, give me a call.

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For Cash will offer the Most Flattering Inducements

In the line of DRY-GOODS, CLOTHING, HATS, AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES

FANCY GOODS, LADIES' DRESS GOODS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, A Complete Stock of Every Article, TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

Give me a call, and be convinced that my goods are of the best quality, and as cheap as can be bought of any house in the State. A. VAN DUSEN.

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Headquarters! Headquarters! I. W. CASE, Chenamus Street, Astoria, Oregon, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, Provisions, Notions, AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

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