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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—We learn that the Idaho will leave San Francisco to-morrow, in place of the Ajax, for Astoria.

—The steamer Shoo Fly is here with another quarter section of the Windward's cargo for Shanghai.

—A few more chances remain to be taken in the raffle for that splendid picture at the River Pilots' office.

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

—We have sample fruit from the orchard of Mr. Kindred, Gloria Mundi apples—of which one weighed 25 ounces. Thanks to the donor.

—If you want to try your luck in winning a fortune—put \$1 in a ticket for the fairest gift concert ever presented to the public, to come off January 20th. Send to Maynard & Co., Magnolia, Iowa.

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

—There is not now, nor never has been, a vessel in San Francisco harbor that could not take on a full cargo at Astoria docks, and go to sea with it. The Three Brothers, the largest vessel afloat, could load here.

—We notice a small shipment of tan bark from this port for Honolulu, by the Mattie Macleay, which it is hoped is but the beginning of larger shipments of that material, which is so abundant about here.

—The Powhattan, and Prof. Airy are at Tanzy Point ready for sea to-day, perhaps. The following are in Astoria harbor, loaded: Disco, Navigator, Mattie Macleay. Wm. H. Meyer, and two others not cleared.

—When the Melanethon went to sea on Saturday the bar was so rough that the sailors aboard took to the rigging. Capt. Patterson sung out to "come back," but Capt. Wass, determined that the tug Astoria should do her duty, turned a deaf ear to all such songs, and safely put her outside on her way rejoicing. The Melanethon may report what she pleases respecting her detention by the freeze—but not on account of the bar.

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

—The British ship Sagamore, Wood, which it was expected, three months ago, would load here with wheat for Europe, is "too large for Portland" we presume, being of 1,342 tons register, and will consequently take our grain on board at San Francisco. The Sagamore could have received her full cargo at any one of the Astoria wharves, but it is a part of the policy of Portland to keep deep sea vessels out of this trade entirely, which will account for the Sagamore stopping at San Francisco last week.

—The Commercial Herald says: "A largely increased business in Salmon curing is promised in 1874 on the Columbia river, as well as upon Rogue river and other streams in Oregon. At present the market is well stocked with barrel Salmon from the North; also, Salmon Bellies in kits from Rogue river. There is considerable interest manifested by large Liverpool dealers for Pacific Salmon for the year 1874. The good quality of that bought and shipped last year has been productive of good results in every way, and the trade prospects are exceedingly encouraging. A very large capital will be employed this season in the prosecution of this interest in Oregon waters, and some of our merchants, as agents of the packers, are prepared to do a large business in the way of making contract sales." The prices paid for next year's catch not yet transpired.

—A Portland paper states that the bark Mattie Macleay will load at Chinook. As this vessel will get no nearer to Chinook than Astoria, another Portland need of a telegraph to get reliable shipping information from the Columbia river.

—A Portland paper of the 2d inst. thinks that probably the bark Loch Decis is in the river ere this, which taken with the fact that the bark was in the river four days before Dec. 30, this is another proof of Portland's need of a telegraph to the mouth of the Columbia.

—The entertainment furnished by the Empire City Minstrels at Columbia Theater, Cape Disappointment, on Christmas night, is highly spoken of by parties who were present. The troupe take their name from a former post in North Carolina, and will shortly appear before the public of Astoria. We bespeak for them a good audience.

—It is agreed on all sides, except the side of his maligners, that Hon. John H. Mitchell stands high in public estimation as a Senator of the United States. A old Michigan friend in Washington, a Democrat, in a private letter to us says: "Oregon should feel a pride in having such an able representative in the Senate. Mr. Mitchell's popularity dates from his first movement in the Senate, and he will certainly do very much for the development of the resources of the State of Oregon."

—A correspondent at Westport informs us that the reason we are so behind hand in getting news from that point is that the boats of the mail line come down on the Territory side, and pass up on the Oregon side, and it is uncertain when they will stop at Westport. Mr. Fred Bartolde had had his furniture on the wharf for about a week, trying to get to Astoria with it. Fred is not a profane man, as a general thing, but our informant states a person in close proximity to him at that time might hear some tall swear—language.

—Portland papers are responsible for the following: The bark Tongoy, now lying in port, was the scene of a terrible tragedy, while lying in one of the ports of South Australia. The Captain, it seems, was addicted to habits of dissipation, and, while in his cups, treated his men in the most inhuman manner. While in this condition one day, he attacked the steward, and so abused him that the sailors interfered in his behalf. Bitter feelings were thus generated, and at last the seamen refused duty, when the Captain, armed with loaded pistols, attempted to enforce obedience to his orders, and in the melee which followed was instantly killed by a blow from one of the seamen. Mr. Ferguson, who at the time of the tragedy was mate of the vessel, now commands her, and was an eye-witness of the whole affair.

—Charles Roberts, colored, one of the crew of the American ship Akbar, now in Portland, made complaint before the proper United States authorities, on Tuesday, against Charles W. Lamson, captain, and James Sauburn, second mate of the vessel, for cruelty to seamen. He charges these two officers with having abused him on the late passage of the ship to this place, by beating him and otherwise cruelly treating him. While the vessel was in the Columbia river he says he was ordered to jump overboard and get a bucket that had accidentally fallen in the water, and that after he had got it he was hit on the legs with it. The officers were arrested by the United States Marshal and gave bonds for their appearance when required. This case will come up for trial probably next week.

—The schooner W. H. Meyer was libeled, in Portland, for damages. It is claimed, by the parties making the complaint, that their freight brought up from below by the vessel was damaged. The matter will be overhauled in the United States Court next week.

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.

AN EXPLANATION.

EDITOR ASTORIAN.
In your paper of the 23d Dec., you say: "we hear of a claim in this county for \$4,500 damages, caused by laying out the Astoria, Nebalem and Washington county Wagon road, through a farm valued at \$5,000, etc."

If you have read the law creating that road, you will see that all claims for damages must be filed in the County Clerk's office, within thirty days from the date of filing of the plat of the survey of said road in the Clerk's office, in each county through which it passes, or the claim is forfeited or barred.

Admit that the farm was bought in 1871 for \$5,000; the present owner has had since the 13th of August 1872, on an average, ten men at work making roads, grubbing stumps and trees, making bridges and fences. One mile of the best road, highest and most expensive bridge, are taken by this state road, which cuts the farm diagonally and is over a mile long. Now what will a man clear and grade a wagon road through, or on any part of that road in Clatsop county, for, per mile? What is it worth to build a bridge 100 feet long, 14 feet wide, covered with three inch plank, furnish all the material? How much per mile is it worth to make and keep up two miles of fence, along a public road? What are four acres of land worth that cost \$100, per acre, to clear ready for the plow?

A few lines in your paper, with a query makes a very unreasonable claim for damages, while a full knowledge of the facts will show the reasons for damage. On the farm alluded to, over its first cost has been expended in improvements, since its purchase or valuation. A better, cheaper and no longer route was pointed out to the Commissioners, but they refused to accept it. Respectfully W. H. G.

—Any information in regard to one Austin Ennis, would be thankfully received by his sister at Lewiston, Idaho, Mrs. S. A. ROWLEY.

Secretary Richardson is to be appointed United States Minister at the Court of St. James, vice General Schenck, who will return home and on his arrival be placed at the head of the Treasury Department.

—The Oregonian says: Gen. Michler will proceed down the river in a few days to Astoria. He will visit and inspect the fortifications at Fort Stevens and make an examination of the general condition of the channel, situation of the buoys, light-house, etc.

—The vital principle in the human body can so far resist the influences of a variety of poisons, slowly introduced into it, that their effects shall be unobserved till, under the operation of an exciting or disturbing cause, their accumulated force breaks out in the form of some fearful or incurable disease. Facts of this nature show that pernicious influences may be exerted upon the secret springs of life, while we are wholly unconscious of their operation. Such is the effect of the habitual use of tobacco.

—Every duty brings its peculiar delight, every denial its appropriate compensation, every thought its recompense, every love its elysium, and every cross its crown; pay goes with performance as effect with cause. Meanness overreaches itself; vice vitiates whoever indulges in it; the wicked wrong their own souls; generosity greates; virtue exalts; charity transfigures, and holiness is the essence of angel-hood. God does not require us to live on credit; He pays us what we earn as we earn it, good or evil, heaven or hell, according to our choice.

—Who sedulously attends, pointedly asks, calmly speaks, coolly answers, and ceases when he has no more to say, is in possession of some of the best requisites of man.

—There are people whose very presence seems to lift you into a better, higher atmosphere. Choose such associates. "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but companion of fools shall be destroyed."

Ox for Sale.—One stout, heavy built work Ox, eight years of age, gentle and well broken, weighing between 800 and 900 pounds, is offered for sale on application at John Douglass' ranch, Lewis and Clarke river. d27*1

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.

I. W. CASE,
Chenamus st., Astoria.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

A special from Berlin says there is a panic on the Bourse of that city.

The loss by the burning of Lloyd's Weekly newspaper office is estimated at \$100,000.

Plowing is reported as excellent in Yamhill and Polk counties, and much of it is being done.

A dispatch from the city of Mexico says the first Methodist church has been opened there.

Cushing, to succeed General Sickles at Madrid, created considerable surprise at Washington.

Almost the first contribution received by the Centennial Board of Finance, was from Oregon.

Four hundred and thirty tons of wheat, or nearly fifteen thousand bushels, were shipped from Albany on the 30th.

A large force of Acheens have been defeated, with heavy loss, by the Dutch troops, who suffered only moderately.

The San Francisco Health Officer continues to receive reports of new cases of small-pox. An epidemic of the disease is feared.

The trumped up lot of stuff against Hon. Geo. H. Williams is sure to secure his confirmation. The venality was too plain to be mistaken.

The number of men in the navy is now 10,000. It would have been an easy matter to ship 20,000 or 30,000, had the public service required them.

The Virginus sunk before reaching New York. Her crew and officers were saved, and taken to New York by the United States steamer Ossipee.

Judge Darrell, of Louisiana, made a direct proposal to resign, if the President will appoint him to a second-class Foreign Mission. By this means he would expect to escape an impeachment. His proposition was not accepted.

A Salt Lake dispatch of Dec. 15th, says there is much anxiety among the Gentiles for the last few days over a report that Governor Woods is to be removed. Leading citizens have informed the President that such a removal at the present time would be a great misfortune to the Territory.

A telegram was received at Tacoma on December 29th, stating that J. C. Ainsworth was authorized by President Cass to endorse Montgomery's paper to the extent of \$60,000, payable 10th of March. This will insure payment to all laborers, and give general satisfaction.

It is now said that Horace Myers, editor of the Corinne (Utah) Reporter, who recently committed suicide at that place, was a victim to hallucination, superinduced by an interview with the spiritual medium Foster, whereby he was led to believe that the next world was a better one, and that to die was simply the pathway to peace, happiness, relations, and friends.

Rufus Hatch, Vice President and Managing Director of the P. M. S. S. Co., has made a great reduction in rates of freight and passage from New York to San Francisco. Steerage passage is now only \$50, currency, and cabin passage from \$100 to \$110, or for both ways, \$200. The managers of the steamship Company announce it as their intention to dispatch a vessel weekly from New York, and take freight through to San Francisco for one and a quarter cents per pound. They also say the China line will be through from Hong Kong to Panama, via Yokohama and San Francisco without change thus connecting with the Atlantic steamers via the Isthmus.

PORTLAND ITEMS.

[From the Evening News.]

A young man residing in Pleasant valley, about twelve miles east of this city, was attacked by pneumonia—which causes the blood to coagulate in the heart—some time since, and while convalescing the blood suddenly ceased circulating in the left thigh and leg, and in a short time commenced mortifying. Dr. Kinney was called, and pronounced the case "pneumonic embolism," a rare thing in the history of surgery. Amputation was determined upon, and the operation of cutting off the left leg at the center of the thigh was successfully performed yesterday by Drs. Kinney and Cardwell. The patient has lost much of his vital force, and being otherwise weakened by disease, it is feared that he will not long survive. Pneumonic embolism, above referred to, is a disease which follows after pneumonia, and is caused by the fibrous clots of coagulated blood lodging in different portions of the body and stopping the circulation. In the case in question the femoral artery was plugged with one of these clots just below the point of amputation.

The English sailors have always been noted for their love of grog, and in times past they were not expected to make or shorten sail without their usual dram. The number of accidents which have been wholly attributable to this cause appears to have opened the eyes of the sailors, and to-day we heard the crew of a certain vessel now in port, declare that unless liquor was banished from their ship they would sever their connection, as they did not consider themselves safe under the control of men who cannot govern their appetites.

The large number of vessels now in port are unable to find sufficient accommodations at our wharves, and some of them are compelled to anchor in the stream until the more forward ones vacate their berths. Wharves, possessing all the modern conveniences, would pay very handsomely now, and it is a matter of astonishment, that with our extensive river front, we possess so few accommodations for ships.

The members of Columbian Engine Company No. 3 presented Mrs. Baltimore with a handsome watch and chain last evening, as a token of their appreciation of her endeavors to secure to that company the silver trumpet voted for at the late Fair in Armory Hall. Mr. A. B. Hallock, of Engine Company No. 2, gallantly responded on behalf of the fair recipient.

—Last Summer, when boat races upon the Wallamet were all the go, we mentioned the fact that a fine practice boat was being built in England for one of our citizens. This boat arrived on the bark Sylhet, and will, in a few days, be open to the inspection of the public. The Cressid is an outrigger, four-oar practising gig, built by Messrs. J. & S. Slater, of Oxford. She is of white spruce and mahogany, thirty feet long and two feet five inches wide amidships. She is open at each end, not covered in like a racing boat, being merely intended for strong practice and not for racing purposes. Her lines are very fine throughout, identical in fact with those of all the University gigs built by Messrs. Slater. Mr. Gate had her built to special order, to carry a crew averaging eleven stone ten pounds and a coxswain. She will lie at Lachapele's barge all Winter, and as soon as a favorable opportunity occurs her crew will give her a trial spin.

—Troubles are like dogs, the smaller they are the more they annoy you.