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—Rea & Fulton have removed their law office to Warren & McGuire's building, up stairs.

—The first number of the DAILY ASTORIAN is on our table and is a neat and newsy little sheet and will be published every evening, Sundays excepted.—Oregonian

—A Harvest Feast of the fourth degree will be given Saturday evening by Clatsop Grange No. 156, at the Church on Clatsop Plains. A splendid entertainment is anticipated.

—Speaking of the Astoria Portland telegraph line in process of construction, the Oregonian yesterday says: "Astorian are as eager to hear the click of the magnetic apparatus as is the average Portlander." "As the average Portlander!" Yes; and have been for twenty years past.

—Tax payers in Astoria who have not passed in their checks of assessable property to County Assessor, E. A. Taylor, will find that worthy official at the Court-house every day this week, ready to receive and record the documents, and will save trouble and expense by promptly attending to those little things.

—We do not consider whisky drinking a crime. If it was, licenses to retail liquors would not be granted. Drunkenness is not a vice—it is a disease, just so assuredly as consumption is a disease. No man should ever be fined and imprisoned, according to our *tum tum*, for drinking, so long as licenses are granted for the sale of liquors. The case of a poor demented, and drunken woman in Portland, and that of S. P. Haslett, are cited to prove that there are ways of obtaining drink which are beyond the depths of humanitarians to fathom—but we venture to say that for a town of this size, where so much liquor is daily consumed there cannot be found so few drunken persons, nor a corresponding number of saloon keepers who will not sell liquors to confirmed inebriates, if they know it. Men who would do so should have their licenses revoked.

Current Events of the Day.

—The Dawn arrived at San Francisco on the 3d.

—J. Wm. Welch is expected home daily from Walla Walla.

—The Gussie Telfair arrived this forenoon from northern ports.

—Judge Bowlby, on a flying visit to Oysterville, is expected home to-day.

—The steamship Oriflamme, Capt. Boiles, went to sea for San Francisco to-day.

—Capt. Eli Hilton has gone east of the Cascade range of mountains in search of health.

—The Tam O'shanter; loading lumber at Knappton Mills, will be ready for sea on Monday.

—Mr. Rutter, of Rutter & McKenzie, went to Portland this morning to begin work on the Falkenburg.

—Capt. H. A. Snow, who has been under the weather for some time past was able to be about town yesterday.

—A daughter was born this morning to bless the family of our fellow townsman Mr. Starr, on Hamilton street.

—Frank A. Dwyer, an old disciple of the "Art preservative" arrived to-day from Portland, en route to San Francisco under engagement to the Alta.

—C. A. May, assistant keeper at Point Adams Light-house, has fallen heir to a—son! May 1st, 1876. First edition of C. A. May. We congratulate you and yours, Charley.

—The Oriflamme had on board 500 tons of assorted produce when she reached Astoria to-day, to which was added 1200 cases of Salmon, and other freight, prior to her departure for sea.

—Dr. J. Welch, the popular dentist, after a stay of six weeks, took his departure this morning, but left his shingle on the Occident bulletin board, which means that he will return again in August, and attend to those in want of his services.

—Orders for the DAILY ASTORIAN in wrappers, post paid, to any part of the United States, will be received to-day. A full file of the week; six copies in one wrapper, forwarded for twenty-five cents. Send the paper home or to friends in other parts of the world, let people know you are alive anyhow.

—The utmost precaution is exercised by river pilots to avoid running over fishermen's nets, but in spite of all he could do Captain Brown ran through two nets coming down with the Oriflamme to-day. Very much trouble in this respect would be avoided if all fishermen would take trouble to keep posted with the regulations governing passing vessels.

—It was currently reported in Portland yesterday that Mr. S. G. Skidmore would be accompanied on his trip to the Atlantic States by Mrs. S. G. Skidmore. The bridal-room on board the Oriflamme was engaged, and everything appeared to confirm the reports in circulation. An elegant brides-cake was sent to the steamer, but Steve went alone; and in response to inquiries here to day, as to the whereabouts of the bride "deponent hath nothing to say." There is certainly some mystery connected with these circumstances, which cannot be explained at present.

—At a meeting of Astoria Lodge No. 49, I. O. G. T. held on Saturday evening the 29th ult., the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: T. S. Jewett, W. C. T.; Miss Emma Horn, W. V. T.; R. M. Davis, W. S.; John Bozart, W. C.; H. T. Spedden, W. F. S.; Mrs. D. K. Warren, W. T.; G. W. Raymond, W. M.; Miss S. Joplin, W. I. G.; Frank P. Hobson, W. O. G.

—We were in error in stating that the officers elect of Astoria Lodge of Good Templars were installed last Saturday evening. Officers were elected Saturday evening, and we are reliably informed will be publicly installed next Saturday evening—the ceremony to take place at the Congregational church.

—The installation will take place at Spiritual Hall, Saturday evening, May 13th.

—We believe the last statement to be correct. If it is not; will proper information be furnished, under seal of the lodge?

—We propose to get this matter up correctly; if it takes us all summer—or somewhere near it.

Australian Travel and Trade.

A veteran among the wharves estimates the number of first class passengers yearly traveling from Australia to England at between sixty and seventy thousand. The Trans-Pacific route is a favorite with the Australians for many reasons, chief of which is, perhaps, that more of the world can be seen for about the same money by crossing the American continent rather than by making the long ocean voyage. Their experience hitherto has been somewhat calculated to dampen the ardor of the Australians in coming via San Francisco, however, as parties of them have been made the victims of breaches of trust, which, to say the least, seriously discommoded them. Every one remembers that upon one occasion, at least, a party of Australians, who had through tickets to England, found them invalid upon their arrival in San Francisco, and were obliged to pay an extra fare to get across the continent. Such instances are apt to give bad odor. But the tide of travel has once more set in, and San Francisco is advised to take advantage of the situation, and offer every encouragement for its continuance. At present the line is maintained by Colonial subsidies only, although it gives no special impetus to the commerce of that country. Ships go back, however, laden with the exports of California, bound for a good market, so that it is really of more advantage to California than to the Australians to lend a helping hand to the project. The intercourse between the two countries has hitherto been so spasmodic and uncertain that it is positively a relief to feel that the present State of affairs is permanent. It is unfortunate that the Pacific Mail Company should be laboring under such a cloud at this stage, just when the line has got under prosperous headway; but this will probably be the helping hand to start it once more on its old-time career of success. The *Alta* thinks that it is a reproach to the American people that it has been appreciated only abroad, as the subsidy which enables it to keep this Australian line in operation comes wholly from the Australians themselves. Yet the establishment will have the tendency to make of San Francisco a great commercial centre; therefore, for the good it may do San Francisco, if for nothing better, we should wish that the course of the Pacific Mail Company will soon be all fair sailing.

EASTERN OREGON.—The Astorian is doing more for the interests of Eastern Oregon than any other paper in the State. If you have a friend or a relative in that section of this country, send him the paper on trial. Only one dollar for four months.

Any person inquiring for a fine quality of liquor, and can appreciate the same, can find the genuine J. H. Cutter Whisky and Miller's extra Old Bourbon, at the "Columbia Bar" saloon Astoria, with Geo. Usherwood late of Portland to cater to their tastes. Gentlemen will please give us a call. Cigars of a fine quality also on hand. JAS. M. LYNCH, Prop.

Everybody goes to the Novelty Barber shop to get fixed up in style. Every person may come, and more too, for I have employed a first-class artist who will skillfully manipulate your chin, gracefully curl your mustache, nicely puff your hair, and last of all, but not least, will perfume your clothes with the most popular perfumery in use, "Patchouly" if you don't believe it just try it. Hair cutting, shaving, and shampooing. Hair dying done and warranted not to turn red, break or split. Parker House, Astoria.

J. L. CAMPBELL, Proprietor.

"IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE."—This is true in every department of business, and no one appreciates its truth more fully than S. H. Thompson. Some time since he received the Agency for this county, of the Cunningham "Garden City" Paper "Flow," and immediately advertised the same in our paper. Green B. Smith, Esq., a patron of the Gazette, saw the advertisement and forthwith rushed to Thompson's and purchased four of these celebrated plows—which at once have sprung into popular favor. No matter how good and valuable an article may be, a merchant or dealer may keep it upon his shelves, or in his store for months, or even years, and but few will know anything of its good qualities, unless he advertises. For years Mr. Thompson carried on business here, and spent but little for advertising. Within the past two years his business has increased nearly double, and he attributes it to judicious advertising. If you want to thrive in business, ADVERTISE.—Corvallis Gazette.

Telegraphic News.

Synopsis of Press Dispatches.

Jeff Davis going to Europe.

Jay Cook, McCullough & Co., Investigation.

Winslow to be Delivered up. The Extradition Cases.

Destructive Fire in Salem. The Woolen Mills Lost.

Paymaster Spalding Released from Confinement.

Religion in Spain.

Dangers of the Irreconcilable Ultramontane Attitude.

Southern and Central Pacific Railroad Schemes Exposed.

A Warning to European Financiers.

If the Senate will Behave Congress may Adjourn in June.

Uncasiness over Silver Bullion.

—Jeff Davis sails for Europe, with his family, in a few days.

—Chever, who it was stated, went to Europe to avoid producing the papers relative to transactions of Jay Cook, McCullough & Co., has arrived and will appear before the committee on expenditures in the navy department with his documents to-morrow in the matter of the naval fund and that firm.

—The British government has informed the American legation that it will release Winslow to-morrow, Wednesday, and that two other prisoners, Gray, of New York, and Brent, of Louisville, whose extradition is also claimed, will be released when their terms have expired. Although this notification has been given, the government has not formally replied to America's argument, owing to the absence of Lord Derby, caused by the recent death of his mother.

—In addition to the arguments already made public touching the interpretation of the act of 1870, America has adduced a precedent, occurring in 1871, wherein Chief Justice Cockburn ordered a surrender to France under similar circumstances, upon the opinion of the French consul that the prisoner would only be tried for the offense for which he was extradited, the Chief Justice remarking that without the consul's assurance, he should have decided against the prisoners.

—The Salem Woolen Mills were totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. It is thought the fire originated from spontaneous combustion. The loss is estimated at about \$122,000, including stock and fixtures, on which there was about \$61,000 insurance, divided among a number of Eastern companies, none of which were willing to insure to any great amount, owing to the risk, the buildings being of wooden structure. One hundred

operatives are thrown out of employment in consequence of this loss.

—In reply to Admiral Rodgers' request to be allowed to release Paymaster Spalding from confinement, Secretary Robeson has directed Admiral Rodgers to use his discretion in the matter. Admiral Rodgers' therefore informed Spalding that he was at liberty to go at all times from his residence until the conclusion of the trial, being understood he would report at every meeting of the court.

—A Madrid dispatch of the 3d says: In Congress to-day, the debate on the new constitution was continued. Alvarez opposed the tolerance clause and declared the monarch was lost if the religious unit was not maintained. Corbello in reply, pointed out that Spain possessed colonies in America, Africa and Asia, and had relations with the whole world. It would be impossible for her to keep these colonies and maintain their relations, if the government adopted the irreconcilable ultramontane attitude.

Congress can easily adjourn in June, the appropriation committee only awaits the revised estimates of Secretary Taft, and the preparation of the Sundry civil bill, which is necessarily the last appropriation bill prepared and is usually known as the omnibus bill. Of course the threatened dead-lock in the Senate must be taken into consideration, but if the Senate behaves itself, there will be no reason why Congress should not adjourn by the middle of June.

Considerable uneasiness is manifested at the Treasury Department over the unsatisfactory working of the silver bullion, and consultations have been held as to the method of averting the death of small change. It is maintained here that Secretary Bristow has already the power if he chooses to exercise it, to prevent any further scarcity, and to relieve the country by paying out in exchange for legal tenders, or to meet in daily disbursements the \$3,000,000 of silver coin which was on hand on the 30th of January, 1875, when the specie resumption act became a law.

—A San Francisco dispatch of the 3d says: J. R. Robinson, Anthony, Coole, stock holders of the Central Pacific Railroad, have drawn up a memorial addressed to the stock exchanges and bourses of New York, London and European financial centers, stating in effect, that learning that the bonds of the Southern Pacific Railroad are to be placed on these markets, they warn operators that the Central & Southern Pacific Railroad Companies are in reality one and the same corporation, that the Southern Pacific has been built by funds belonging to the Central, and that the issuance of the bonds of the Southern Pacific was unauthorized and illegal, and that they propose to bring suit in the courts of this State to have such bonds declared illegal and invalid. The memorial will be forwarded by mail to the several exchanges.

—Belknap's wife was a very wealthy widow woman of Washington when she married him, about two years ago, and subsequently he was noted for the elegance of her entertainments.

—The Democrats want to meet in National Convention at St. Louis, in the hope of nominating Hendricks. New York City would be a great advantage to Tilden. His friends could gather there with greater facility than anywhere else.

—The London Times does not entertain a very hopeful view of the attempt of the German Government to establish an exclusive currency in gold. At the present moment German gold reichsmarks would be in course of importation if it were not for the freight and insurance, which just absorbs the profit which the business would otherwise yield.