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—Mrs. Daggett's new Hotel will be ready for occupancy in a very short time.

—Extensive arrangements are being made for the Pioneers reunion at Salem in June.

—The Geo Moon and Herbert Black, from Astoria arrived at Queens-town on the 20th ult.

—The schooners Enterprise and Three Sisters, from Shoalwater bay, arrived at San Francisco on the 9th.

—The Thorndike has arrived from Portland to complete her cargo at Astoria.

—We cannot insert anonymous communications, on subjects on any name or nature.

—A boat-puller, name unknown, was drowned near Tongue point last Monday night, while attempting to make sail. We have been unable to gain particulars. This is the only casualty occurring on the river so far as we have heard of.

—The new fishing boat built for Wm. Strong by C. M. Stark, is amongst the finest on the river. No California 350 dollar boat can beat her. She cost \$250. John McClintock is running her. The fish are for Fitzpatrick's Fisherton cannery.

—His mother had married, and his name was changed now, was the answer given to Mr. Morse yesterday when he accused a youngster of playing two names off on him for entry on the pay-roll. The honest little fellow's apology was satisfactory.

—The telegraphic lies refuted thus far this week are Speaker Kerr's resignation; A story of Tweed fleeing from pursuers in Canada; the high-frown letter of Fitzhugh, door-keeper of the House, and a new sensation about Bristow, his wife's foster father, and a defaulting Internal Revenue officer in Kentucky, who was not a defaulter.

—We are in possession of some of the facts relative to the abortion case in this city, to which the Bee referred recently in Portland. The investigation, if any be held, and it should be investigated, would reveal strong evidences of criminal abortion. The parties both came from Portland, James W. Eaton, and Miss Nellie Poland. Their conduct here entitles neither one of them to the least sympathy.

—The Oregonian is informed that the Oregon Steamship company's new steamer Geo. W. Elder, will carry about 300 persons from New York, who are to be employed in constructing a railroad which is being constructed in Brazil, and that on the way down the South American coast the steamer will touch at some point—probably Rio Janeiro—for these passengers to debark. This stoppage will necessarily protract the voyage, so that with everything in her favor, the Elder will not be due at her destination before the middle of July.

PACIFIC COUNTY, W. T.

Proceedings of the Commissioner's Court held May 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th, 1876.

Ordered that the following bills be allowed, viz:

L. A. Loomis, to pay I. W. Case for lamp, and freight on same for Court house.....	\$ 7 50
J. H. Whitcomb Sheriff fees in case of W. F. C. Martz.....	103 70
F. C. Davis for hauling sand for Court house chimney.....	1 25
Josiah Joplin, Justice fees W. F. vs. J. Morrison.....	5 70
John Brown, witness fees and mileage.....	6 80
Mathew Lamley witness and mileage.....	7 06
John Fagolda witness and mileage J. P. Foster.....	2 20
J. P. Foster.....	6 90
L. A. Loomis Com'r's services and mileage.....	23 00
Samuel Walker do do.....	38 00
J. R. Goulter, Clerk services.....	12 00
S. W. Brown for township plat No. 10, N. R. 9 W.....	5 75
J. R. Goulter, to pay for wood for Court-house.....	12 90
Creslin & Co., for stationery and sundries.....	3 00
J. R. Goulter, Auditors services.....	28 95
T. S. Barr, consable fees, W. F. vs. J. Morrison, and mileage.....	9 20
Job Lamley, witness fees and mileage.....	6 60
Wm. Strong, witness fees and mileage.....	3 20
Wm. Harrington, witness fees and mileage.....	3 80
J. H. Whitcomb, Sheriff fees in Martz case and board.....	7 20
Do, writing and making 1875 del. tax list.....	8 00
Sebastian Giesey, Commissioner's services and mileage.....	29 60

Ordered—that the Court adjourn sine die.

L. A. LOOMIS
Chairman of Pacific county Commissioner's court.

Attest, J. R. GOULTER, Clerk.

—We understand that Mr. T. Masters, 1st officer of the O. S. N. Co., thinks of tackling the upper river this season.

—Another wreck, unknown, has drifted ashore south of Yaquina Bay. It is a vessel of about 100 tons; new or nearly new.

—The Bonita, Canby and a barge were discharging salmon at one time at the O. S. S. Co.'s wharf yesterday. Over 6,000 cases are now in the warehouse for shipment to-morrow.

—Darkness was made hideous about ten o'clock last evening, by the hissy yelling of a heathen Chinese who had walked overboard on the Water street crossing. He was saved by his companions.

—The barkentine Webfoot, Capt. Wheelright, will be ready for sea to-night. She completed cargo at Knapp-ton. Will sail to-morrow. Her cargo consists of lumber, laths and horse-rakes.

—Sheriff J. H. Whitcomb, of Oysterville, returned yesterday from a professional visit to the upper part of Pacific county. Mrs. W. will go out on the Stephens, for a visit to the Eastern States.

—Some of the finest sailing that has ever been witnessed on this bay was noted to-day amongst the fishing boats, with a stiff north-west breeze. The scenes were grand. Equal to a regatta.

—The Idaho Daily Avalanche is dead. "Old Hill" is going to run the Salinas, California, Index. He got sick after that country because the clover season, "comes on so early and comes up so early, and grows up to the expectations of the young ladies." The Weekly Avalanche will be issued by Maj. J. S. Hay, who has been on that paper for a year or two.

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

The very finest Photographs at Shuster & Davidson's, corner of First and Yamhill streets, Portland, Oregon.

Telegraphic News.

Synopsis of Press Dispatches.

Steps Toward Specie Payment Leveling our Currency.

The Cheap Transportation Problem.

The Coal Miner's Strike in Ohio.

Telegraphic Lies about Tweed Contradicted.

Speaker Kerr has no Intention of Resigning.

Belknap Indicted by the Courts.

Miss Sweet's Story—A few who Deserve a Term in the Penitentiary.

—A New York dispatch of the 9th says: The total amount of subsidiary silver disbursed here since April 20th, is \$13,515,000. The premium, however, has not entirely disappeared, it is to-day bringing a half to one per cent. which is paid by brokers, who find a profit in shipping the new coins to San Francisco, where there is a scarcity. The new silver coin worth about 95 cents in gold, can be obtained here at par in greenbacks, or 88 3-4 gold. It is said that \$50,000 were so shipped yesterday. The Post says it is unfortunate that the tendency of the first step towards specie payment should be to level down the currency of the only section of the country that has maintained specie payments throughout all our currency troubles.

—The Cheap Transportation Association met in Chicago on the 9th, B. F. Banker presiding. A communication from the Cincinnati cheap transit board suggesting a joint memorial to Congress praying for relief from the excessive charges of the Union Pacific and other Pacific railroads was read and referred to a committee for action. The committee on railway transportation, F. B. Thurber, Chairman, reported that the managers of the trunk lines leading from Chicago have at last taken the position that freight rates from the west to New York, shall be as low as any other seaboard city. Their action has had gratifying results and if continued will result beneficially to New York. The railroads claim that the present rates are not remunerative, but then the capital stock of all the trunk lines have been watered. Special rate contracts with wholesale merchants in the interior is deprecated as keeping buyers from the New York market. This system has nearly bankrupted our hotel interests and has injured the passenger traffic of the railroads. Railway managers should adopt the same measures regarding west bound freight that they have adopted toward east bound freights.

—There is much excitement over the miners strike at the Massillon, O., mines. Green hands are working under the protection of the militia. Two companies of soldiers have been ordered from Sandusky to Tiffin. Gov. Hayes has written to Adjutant General Wyckhoff, expressing a fear that the present force at Massillon would prove insufficient should there be any

further disturbances in the mining districts. He further instructs him to take every precaution and to have it thoroughly understood that the militia will remain until the lawlessness is effectually quelled. The Adjutant General has summoned two more companies, who will arrive to-night. The grand jury has found numerous indictments against participants in the recent riots at Farmington mine, but as yet no arrests have been made.

—General Crook left Omaha on the 10th for Red Cloud and Spotted Tail agencies in order to discover the feelings of the Indians and thus determine what course to take with them during the coming campaign, whether to use and trust, or distrust them. The Indians escaping from Crazy Horse's band have joined Sitting Bull and are busy gathering guns and ammunition, and trouble is anticipated from this source.

—Kerr's friends declare he has not resigned and will not. He will probably ask for an extension of leave. Kerr telegraphed Morrison this evening that there is no truth in the statement that he had resigned or contemplated doing so. Kerr is simply overworked and suffers from bronchitis. He is by no means dangerously ill.

—The grand jury of the Criminal Court of the District of Columbia have found a true bill of indictment against Belknap for receiving bribes.

—The Times' Washington dispatch says: Miss Sweet's testimony before the committee on civil service, in regard to the pension agency at Chicago shows a worse state of affairs than ever suspected. The testimony shows that she was robbed of \$5,000 by the action of two men now holding responsible offices, and a third who was her predecessor, named David Blakely. The latter owed \$5,000 to Campbell, the U. S. marshal of Chicago. Campbell wanted Blakely retained until worked out of debt. When Miss Sweet was proposed it was arranged that she might have the office if she would assume Blakely's debt. This she did without consulting her friends. She paid \$2,100 and then discovered that Blakely was a defaulter, and as she had assumed the debt she herself was shown to be a defaulter by her own books. Blakely afterwards came to and told her she was a defaulter to the extent of \$4,000, and also told her that she must raise the money that day. She was not able to raise but \$2,000. He then placed in her hands certain notes, endorsed by Senator Windom and ex-Senator Ramsey, to the amount of \$2,000. These notes appear to have been given by Blakely and endorsed by these gentlemen, with another party named Shaeffer. Miss Sweet got the notes discounted and raised the balance of the money, and it was paid over when the notes became due. They had to be renewed twice, and finally Shaeffer paid the notes without any interest. Gen. Baker well knew the situation in which Blakely had placed Miss Sweet, and understood that in his demand upon her, he was saving the former agent, Baker, now surveyor general of Minnesota. Campbell is very anxious to have Miss Sweet make her story before the committee brief, and seems to have made several efforts before she left Chicago, to get the matter suppressed. He finally authorized her to say to the committee that if they thought he did wrong in receiving money he would refund at once. Some of the Illinois politicians think the President entirely willing to remove Campbell, and will probably do so as soon as the investigation comes to an end.

Miss Sweet is a daughter of General Sweet, who was deputy commissioner of internal revenue, and who performed distinguished services. She was given the position of pension agent on account of her father's services and the circumstances in which the affairs of the family were left by his death; but the result of the good intentions of the government in her behalf has been a loss through her holding the office, of about \$2,000. When an effort was made some time ago to have her dismissed from office she told some parts, at least, of her story to the President, who told her she must pay no more money to any one, and that if she did it would be considered a cause for her removal. Thus armed, she had no longer to submit to the black mailing ring; but up to the present time Baker and Campbell have not been punished by dismissal.

—The most deplorable and disgusting feature of the Black Hills excitement, is the efforts of the parties who are coining money out of the folly of the victims of the furor to lure them on by systematic false representations. Cheyenne, Omaha, Sioux City, and other out-fitting points are especially culpable in this respect. Barneget wreckers, who by false lights on the shore used to decoy homeward-bound ships to destruction among the breakers were guilty of no blacker turpitude than that of the wretches who are now seeking to make money out of the utter shipwreck of the credulous people whom they are artfully and systematically enticing by lying representations.

—Mr. Frank E. Hodgkin, the "wide-awake" Salem correspondent of the Oregonian has taken charge of the local columns of the Statesman, of that city. The Mercury says he feels more at home with a pencil in his fingers than when framed a la chromo, in the delivery window of a Post Office.

Drifts and Tow Heads 1876.

Upper Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, April 21, 1876.

At a Special meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Beneficial Aid Society, the following regulations for the government of all concerned were adopted. That the following drifts and tow heads be established for the fishing season of 1876.

First Drift. From Woody Island to Brown's point.

Second Drift. From Brown's Point inside of Snag Island to the 12th red buoy.

Third Drift. From the 15th buoy to Tongue Point.

Fourth Drift. From Tongue Point to a point a little west of Booth's Cannery, at a place to be designated by a spile or some permanent mark.

Fifth Drift. From the termination of the 4th drift to Smith's Point.

Sixth Drift. From Smith's Point to the Pacific Ocean.

Seventh Drift. From the red buoy in the Prairie channel to Tongue Point up or down.

Eighth Drift. The big snag in Chinook shoot will be considered a tow head.

The fishermen in Astoria, in council have mutually agreed to bind themselves to be governed by the foregoing drifts, and it is expected from boats outside of the Society that they will also conform to the same.

Any fisherman who is not fortunate enough to be a member of this Society has still another opportunity to join this Society, by applying before the 10th day of May, 1876, in accordance with the notice published elsewhere in the ASTORIAN. After which time the initiation fees will be raised to twenty-five dollars.

By order of the Society,
THOMAS DEALEY, Sec.

Public Installation.

The members of Astoria Lodge, No. 40, I. O. G. T., will have a public installation of officers for the ensuing quarter on Saturday evening, May 13th, at Spiritual Hall. Immediately after the installation, Rev. Dr. Crang will deliver a lecture on temperance. The public and all members of the order are cordially invited to attend.

T. S. JEWETT, W. S.