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The Oregonian dispatches say the Ajax did not sail from San Francisco until Sunday.

Brenham Van Dusen returned from a business trip to the metropolis inland, yesterday.

Messrs. Fred R. Strong and R. Stott, candidates for the position of Prosecuting Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District, will address the citizens of Astoria to-morrow evening at the Court-house, on the political questions of the day.

We met the genial and obliging head of the Brookfield firm, J. G. Megler, Esq., in the city last evening on business connected with his canning establishment there. Mr. M. reports things working along smoothly in that portion of the territory, and fully up to the standard of the season.

When a gang of celestial brutes from the Flowery Kingdom go on a strike they make a buzzing like unto that of a swarm of bees. The air is filled with their pestilential stinks. To settle a swarm of bees cold water and tin pans are effective, but to settle a swarm of Chinamen hot pokers, cayenne pepper and clubs, are sometimes brought into requisition.

Yesterday we were shown a bone, by Mr. S. W. Childs, which he informs us was taken out of the river in his net, it is evidently the bone of some extinct race of animals, it is very large, measuring in the smallest place twelve inches in circumference and at the largest twenty-five inches in circumference, and twelve inches in diameter, and the length of the joint is seventeen inches. The question is where did this bone come from and how did it get in the Columbia river? It has been pronounced by some to be the bone of a Mastodon, but altogether it is rather a singular shaped fossil.

The proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners for Pacific county, W. T., came to us duly signed by the President, and attested by the Clerk. We are in receipt of a letter (which we decline to publish) in which it is alleged that certain parts of the report misrepresent the facts. This letter contains offensive personalities, and we do not propose to open our columns to any such arguments. It is to be regretted that in a little town like Oysterville, with such bright prospects for the future development of a rich country, profusely overflowing with milk, and honey, and oysters, there should be an element of discord to stir up strife and create inharmonious feelings amongst the inhabitants. The only sure methods for prosperity is harmony, and the publication of the anonymous letter referred to, would not contribute in the least to smooth the ruffled current of affairs, hence it is deliberately cast into the flames, with the hope that all people of Pacific county may construe our intentions correctly, and leave disputes and strife to others, that they in harmony may move.

The tug Brenham arrived from Portland this morning.

If the man who put a bogus half dollar in a twenty Dollar roll will call at I. W. Case's he will receive a present.

Dr. Wightman arrived this afternoon, and is stopping at the Parker House, according to prior announcement, in another column.

The Gen. Canby brought up a new article of export from the Plains this afternoon, consisting of sundry bags of China lice—all same Mellican man plow.

Dr. S. Kinsey, long and favorably known at Astoria, has been admitted to practice at the Bar in this town. The bar is richly stocked with the best quality of wines, liquors and cigars.

Another interesting technicality has made its appearance in the New York courts. At Buffalo recently, in a murder case called for trial in the Supreme Court, the defendant's counsel moved to quash the entire panel of jurors on the ground that it was not properly impaneled, the law requiring the jury to be drawn "from the body of the county," and there being one town in the county not represented in the box. The court granted the motion; and the lawyers are beginning to inquire how many of the cases which have been tried during the past years will have to be tried over again.

S. W. Childs, who was reported lost last night, says "it is a mistake, and that he is good for lots of salmon yet." During the severe blow yesterday morning from three to five o'clock the welfare of fishermen at work in the bay was one of anxiety. One boat is known to have been lost—as it passed Chinook the cries of the fishermen in it were to no purpose, as no boat could be launched, in the condition of the sea, as it was then, to go to the assistance of those in distress, and an empty boat, badly demolished on the beach below Chinook probably tells of disaster and loss of life. Mr. Childs' boat and others were reported missing last evening. The hope is that all may turn up safe. Mr. C. did not go out Sunday night. Others supposed to be lost, may have remained at home also.

The recent poisoning of a family in Marion county from eating of toadstools, mistaking them for mushrooms, brings the Mercury to its feet, which says: "Cases like the one just published are of quite frequent occurrence, notwithstanding the fact that the *fungi* have been used as an article of food for a long time. They are spoken of by the most ancient writers as an esteemed and delicious viand and are extensively eaten in all European countries by all classes, and the natural supply being insufficient, they are artificially raised in large quantities for market. They are not generally appreciated in this country, but are coming rapidly into favor, and the seed or spawn of the species cultivated is now for sale by nearly all seedmen. There are several edible *fungi* in this country, of which the best known is the common mushroom, the morel and tuckahoe, or Indian bread. These are all of delicious flavor, and very nutritious. There is no difficulty in discerning between the poisonous and wholesome species of *fungi*, and it seems almost unaccountable how so many accidents occur by mistaking them. The number of poisonous varieties is much larger than the wholesome ones, and those who are not certain as to the species had better leave the fungus tribes alone, as their only safeguard from accident.

Steinberger and far off Samoa.

We find the following going the rounds of the press, without credit to show from what source it emanates. If it was worthy of credence, it would be considered worthy of a father, or a mother, or at least some reliable author:

There will be no Steinberger affair nor any Samoan difficulty, for the simple reason that Steinberger is not an American citizen, and the fact that he has fallen into trouble with the Samoan King, whose Prime Minister, and consequently subject, he was, does not concern this government, which does not hold itself bound to protect the Samoan Prime Minister against the displeasure of his King. The story goes that after for some time soliciting a consulship somewhere and always finding the Secretary of State indisposed to favor him, he at last secured influence enough to get the President to appoint him a special agent to visit and report upon the Samoan Islands. This was in March, 1873. He sailed from San Francisco in June of the same year, returned in 1874, and made a report to the State Department, which he seems to have neglected to date, but which was sent into Congress in April 1874. In this report he speaks of "instructions from the Department" and "oral suggestions," but he evidently magnified his office as much as possible, and when he returned he disappeared from public notice. He was next heard of last spring setting out for Samoa in a United States Man-of-war with a gift of cannon, firearms and other Government property, and, being landed, he dropped his American citizenship and became the Prime Minister of the Samoan head chief. Of course he could not be a Samoan and an American at the same time. He may recover his citizenship if he chooses to return here and claim it, but he divested himself, it is here held, of his title to protection from our government when he became a political officer of another government. That he did this in a very formal and conspicuous manner is well known to the world."

CITY ITEMS.

Bar fixtures of all kinds just received at C. H. Page & Co.'s, Farmer's wharf, Astoria.

For a neat, cheap and serviceable suit of clothing; for the best quality of hats in the market; for a good quality of Boots and Shoes; call at the new store of C. H. Page & Co., Farmer's wharf, Astoria.

A large stock of outfitting goods, purchased with express intention to supply the Columbia River Fishermen, just opened at the new store of C. H. Page & Co., Farmer's wharf, Astoria.

Any person inquiring for a fine quality of liquor, and can appreciate the same, can find the genuine J. H. Cutter Whiskey and Millers 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.

NOTICE.—Hemorrhoid or Piles cured by the "Wightman Process" without the use of knife, ligature or caustic; those that are suffering from the above dreadful complaint would do well to call on Dr. Wightman while he is in town. He will be at the Parker House Astoria, for two days only, Wednesday and Thursday May 17th and 18th. P. O. box, 247 Portland Oregon, where all letters will be promptly answered, consultation fee \$2 00. DR. C. F. WIGHTMAN.

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 dyeing done and warranted not to turn red, break or split. Parker House, Astoria. J. L. CAMPBELL, Proprietor.

Telegraphic News.

Synopsis of Press Dispatches.

Just as Was Expected.

The Liberal Republican Dispatches all a Lie.

Six Dollars in Seventeen Days.

The Floods in Maine and New Hampshire.

Once a Month in Future to China and Japan.

The Stock and Pillory in Delaware.

Counter Statement Regarding Congressional Printer.

The Rollicking Door Keeper Takes a Walk

Stage and Horseback Mail Transportation to be Cut Down.

Miscellaneous Eastern News.

The Civil War in Turkey.

The executive committee of the New York Liberal Republicans on the 12th passed a resolution that inasmuch as no liberal organization is known to exist in any State except New York, they fail to recognize the organized existence of the Liberal Republicans whom in their national capacity recently issued a call for a National Convention of the party they claim to represent.

Reports from various places in Maine and New Hampshire announces very destructive floods in the rivers, and the waters still rising. Great excitement prevails. No loss of life has thus far occurred, but the destruction of property is immense.

The Occidental & Oriental steamship company notified the postoffice department that they will not carry mails to Japan and China for sea postage after this month. As the Postmaster General has no authority to allow any more than present rate of postage, this service will consequently stop. The mails to Japan and China will, therefore, only leave San Francisco once a month, that being the service on the Pacific mail steamers.

Ten men were flogged in New Castle, Delaware, May 13th, and afterwards punished in the pillory. Two negroes were placed in the stock for an hour and afterwards flogged.

The Times' Washington special argues if Clapp is incompetent that is no reason why the office of Congressional Printer should be abolished. The investigation was supposed to be secret, yet Franklin Rivers, towards whom the committee is so generous, was present every day. Clapp was offered two days, or less, to rebutting testimony, but the testimony then consisted of 1,000 pages. It was only when he found his defense was to be restricted that he appealed from the jurisdiction of the committee. The Times think this partial report was made solely for political purposes.

The rollicking letter of Fitzhugh, doorkeeper of the House, is expected to cause his resignation soon, a resolu-

tion came very near being offered in the House on Saturday, but it was stopped at the last moment on an understanding, after consultation, that Fitzhugh can best avoid trouble by resignation. The World's Washington dispatch says: If Fitzhugh does not resign early, his office will probably be consolidated with that of the sergeant-at-arms. Glover has a resolution prepared declaring that Fitzhugh ought to resign. His recent letter has satisfied the members that he is not a proper person to continue in office.

House Committee on appropriations proposes a reduction of two million dollars on the mail service performed by coach and horseback. If the recommendations are sustained the service must be suspended in many cases in the Territories. The reduction proposed is about 67 per cent., although the recently passed post route bill increased the whole number of routes ten per cent.

Representatives Hutton, of Virginia; Ashe, of North Carolina and Lawrence of Ohio, have been appointed by the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee as sub-committee to investigate the affairs of the Central Pacific and Contract and Finance Companies, under Luttrell's general resolution of inquiry into all Pacific railroad matters.

At a meeting of the stock holders of the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, held in Philadelphia a few days ago, two million dollars were subscribed to close the gaps between Dallas and Ft. Worth, and from Sherman to Paris. It is expected to have trains running on these portions of the road within six months.

Senator Sargent's bill to restrict the immigration of Chinese to the United States provides that no American vessel shall carry more than ten Chinese passengers from China to America, under heavy penalties. The act shall take effect from September 1st, 1876. Sargent's purpose is, at the first opportunity, to continue to press his Senate resolution requesting the President to negotiate a modification or abrogation of the emigration and equal privilege articles of the Burlingame treaty, although the Senate has already on his motion directed its committee on commerce to report as to the necessity of legislation to resist Chinese immigration regardless of existing treaty stipulation.

A London dispatch of the 13th confirms the report of the mutiny of the crew of the bark Caswell. The vessel arrived at Queenstown on Saturday in charge of one of the surviving seamen.

Russia, Germany, and Austria have come to a complete understanding with respect to the course to be pursued on the Turkish question. The English, French and Italian Ambassadors will be asked to acquiesce in the purpose, to secure needed reforms. It is reported that the bodies of the murdered Consuls remained unburied in Constantinople, and the excitement was so intense that it would be dangerous to attempt a funeral. The port of Salonica is blockaded. The Servian frontier is completely lined with Turkish troops. The British fleet in the Mediterranean has been ordered to Smyrnia, and two more Italian iron-clads have gone to Salonica. The lower classes of Mohammedans are arming in the hope of a massacre and plunder of Christians.

We refer our readers to the advertisement of a farm for sale on Deep river. This is the best opportunity that we know of for any man wanting a good place, cheap, suitable for dairying or farming purposes. The only reason for wishing to sell, is that the present owner Mr. C. M. Stark is about to engage in other business.