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—The steamship John L. Stephens will be due to-morrow from San Francisco.

—Fisher took the remaining bundle of hay from that blind mule, Saturday evening.

—The Modoc, now loading at Knappton will carry a valuable cargo of lumber outward.

—Mr. Holman has five cottages ready for occupants at Unity, W. T.

—C. H. Dexter has fitted up several pleasure boats for the use of visitors at the Bay View House, Unity.

—The corner stone has been laid for the construction of John W. Gearhart's new building on Chenamus street, near the Custom-house.

—Mr. Bequette is yet at work on his plans for milling on a grand scale at Astoria. We have an interesting letter from him—too late for publication to-day.

—Work is now thoroughly under way for the construction of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company's wharf at Astoria, under the personal supervision of John W. Brazee.

—The Oregon Steamship Company's steamers Gussie Telfair and California arrived at 9.30 and 10.30 respectively, from Northern ports to-day. Both steamers proceeded to Portland.

—The Orient arrived yesterday with a cargo of about 700 tons, weight and measurement, ten days from San Francisco. She discharged a portion of her cargo at Kinney's wharf, and proceeded this morning, in tow of the J. C. Brenham, with Pilot Gilman, for points along the river.

—It does not seem professional, nor right, for a strange gentleman professing to be an eminent physician, to force himself upon invalids without consulting the attending physician—without notice. It looks too much like quackery. People at Astoria will not stand such proceedings. Dr. Cleburne may be all that he professes to be, but his course in Astoria appears not to have been such as to inspire the respect due to one so eminent in the profession, by other members of the same fraternity.

—Contracts were let on Saturday for the improvement of certain described portions of Cass, Concomly, Chenamus, Main, Benton and Squemoqua streets according to advertised order. Moses Rogers, W. W. Parker, J. W. Gearhart, M. Nowlan, H. B. Parker, G. Reed, M. Dillon, M. J. Kinney, E. A. Taylor, J. Q. A. Bowlby, H. Brown, G. B. McEwan, T. A. Hyland, Geo. Flavel, S. G. Ingalls, R. Hobson, and F. J. Taylor, were the successful bidders. In most of these cases the persons owning the property bid for the construction of the work ordered, and will sub-let it to the best advantage to themselves, holding themselves responsible to the city for the faithful performance of the same.

### Prayer and Praise.

Last evening the usual service at the Congregational Church was substituted by a meeting of Prayer and Praise. The Rev. Dr. Crang, Pastor, opened with a brief but very impressive address upon the topic of Christ's mission on earth, which we felt sure would be prized in Washington at this time if the some old laws of the ancients could be enforced. The point so ably sustained, was that sinners (when brought to repentance and a truthful acknowledgement of the duty they owe to God), are forgiven now as freely as the ancient Greeks were forgiven their debts, when the day of settlement came around and they were unable to pay their obligations. Dr. Crang is a ready speaker, and has that gift of address which carries an interest to the listener which obliterates time, and makes the address of half an hour seem to be one of but a few moments. The interludes between addresses were composed of judiciously selected hymns executed in a highly creditable manner, by an excellent choir of voices, with organ accompaniment. Mr. E. C. Holden spoke relative to the volumes of evidence at hand to prove that the bible is the revealed word of God to man, and made a convincing comparison to the works of nature; that, as men, we might as well reject thousands of things transpiring before our eyes in the course of nature, because we did not understand them, as to reject the Bible because there are things within the book which we could not clearly understand. He took the view that the bible is the only key, or revelation of God's purposes, and that the lessons it teaches are superior to the teachings of nature; that nature is a perpetual work of the stronger over the weaker forces while the bible teaches meekness and submission of the powerful to the weaker, reminding us of the words of Isaiah: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." His remarks were followed with that good old hymn: "I love to tell the story of Jesus and his love." at the close of which Dr. Crang made a few additional remarks, and the service concluded with the inspiring song of another day spent in Jesus' work, "Another less of life for me." When the benediction was pronounced and the assemblage dispersed, it was with the generally expressed hope, beyond a doubt, that praise meetings would be held oftner in Astoria.

### A Visit to Nehalem Valley—No. 1.

Its Roads, Its Prospects and Its Population.

#### EDITOR ASTORIAN:

The Nehalem valley is about thirty-two miles southeast from Astoria, by the Military road, which is a connecting link between Astoria and Salem. The location of the road to the valley is over the best location and could be made a good thoroughfare. At present the road from the Klaskanine to green mountain is in a very bad condition, the timber has fallen in to such an extent that it makes travel almost impossible. The Youngs River bottom is clear from fallen timber, but on the western slope of Saddle mountain the wind fall is terrific and continues up to a point known as Ladies Camp, or the highest point on the Military road between Astoria and Nehalem; then down the eastern slope the timber has fallen for about two miles to a point some nine miles from the Nehalem. Here the signs of industry commences

and the marks of toil are visible from the ten mile post to the valley, which is now a good passable road. From the ten mile post northwest to the ridge near the Klaskanine creek is the portion which is blocked, and I am confident that this jam or wind fall could be cut out at an expense of about three hundred dollars. This sum it is almost impossible to raise in the valley at present, and the settlers in the lower settlement are almost disheartened when they behold this formidable barrier before them and the outside world. They are surely entitled to the sympathy and some assistance from Astorians or from the county. The bridges are in a dilapidated condition and need to be repaired, and if the county cannot give assistance to open roads it surely can to build bridges. There are bridges built I understand in one road district, which only accommodate one or two individuals, and here is a settlement of twenty-six inhabitants and room for hundreds more. Astoria is I believe the only city or town in Oregon that has not a road of some kind running to it. The people of Nehalem and the Youngs river settlements want land communication to the Sea-port so as to be able to drive stock to and from this city to these settlements. If we had more roads and less skills we would be better off in purse and prosperity. It should be considered that farmers are very poor sailors and would be better satisfied to travel on land than on water. Just witness Mr. Moore on last Sunday who got his boat snagged and came near losing one hundred dollars worth of provisions and himself in rounding Smith's point. But Mr. Jos. Moore was not to be beaten by this mishap as he took his stores ashore, made a fire, and dried his commissary and himself. The Nehalem valley would be more advanced if it was blessed in having some more Jos. Moores. The Fish Hawk road district is in a very bad condition for roads and the settlers in that part of the valley has so considered the situation and have in consequence concluded to turn out and work on the road. They have contributed about ten dollars each for provisions and about twenty dollars each for labor. They expect that they will be able to connect the grade worked on by Mr. Gilmore on the State Road with the Fish Hawk settlement. In the effort to take in provisions for the men working on this road Mr. Moore met with the marine disaster above noted. As soon as they have the road brushed and graded they expect to make a demand on the county for bridge money and if the county liberally donate to these roads the Nehalem valley will advance in population and prosperity, if not it will be very apt to keep on depopulating as it has this last winter. Mr. Hobson has moved out and is now working on Mr. Taylor's place on Youngs River. Two other families also left the settlement, and good places, to go to Skoocum Chuck, W. T.

THOMAS DEALEY.

—R. Miller arrived to-day from his new camp on the Naselle river, about nine miles from Knappton. He came by the trail to Knappton without much difficulty, having left camp yesterday. He has about 250,000 of clear spruce logs in the river now, after two weeks hauling. The logs thus launched will be rafted to the mouth of the Naselle, on Shoalwater Bay, and towed to the South Bend Mills. He comes in search of men to work, and may be found at the Occident Hotel until to-morrow morning.

—It is a matter of doubt just when the Thorndike will be ready for sea.

## Telegraphic News.

### Synopsis of Press Dispatches.

Bowen Expelled from Plymouth Church.

Senator Booth does not Want to be President.

Daring Stage Robbery in Texas.

Protection of Columbia River Salmon Fisheries.

The Franking Privilege.

Frank M. Pixleys Argument on the Chinese Nuisance.

China's Botany Bay.

A New Idea About Greenbacks.

Are They a Legal Tender?

Probable Results to follow the Struggles in Turkey.

The Christians Wealth a Stimulus to the Rabble.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

—It came at last to the pinch in Plymouth church, and Henry C. Bowen was unanimously expelled last Thursday night. Bowen said after the meeting that he was not surprised at the result. If Plymouth church can afford thus to be satisfied said he, then I suppose I ought not to complain, but I imagine that their troubles are not yet ended.

—A New York dispatch of the 19th says: An acquaintance of Senator Booth asked him by telegraph from Indianapolis yesterday, if he would accept the greenback convention nomination for the Presidency? He replied—no; I hope my name will not be mentioned as a candidate. The only information he has yet received of his nomination as Vice President is from the newspapers. He says he does not intend to pay any attention to it, not regarding it as matter for special notice. He says there are only two points of accord in his financial views and those of the convention, namely, that United States legal tender notes should be substituted for all national bank notes and that the easiest way to bring them up to a gold standard and provide for their redemption is through inconvertible 3 65 bonds—the system which he has heretofore advocated.

—A Galveston dispatch of the 19th reports another daring stage robbery on the El Passo line. One stage and two hacks full of passengers were stopped by three highwaymen in the open prairie 18 miles west of Dallas. Before finishing their work, another hack full of passengers came up, on being ordered to stop, the driver put whip to his horses and escaped. From the description given, it is supposed that they are the James brothers.

—On the 18th Senator Mitchell submitted a resolution instructing the Committee on Commerce to inquire into the extent and condition of Salmon fisheries on the Columbia river in Oregon and Washington Territory and re-

port a bill for the regulation of such fisheries and protection of artificial hatching in said river. The resolution was adopted.

—Washington dispatches of the 18th says: Frank M. Pixley, one of the delegation appointed by San Francisco to urge action on the Chinese question appeared before the House committee on foreign affairs to-day, and presented an argument on the subject. Among other things, he stated that there were 60,000 Chinese in California, of the lowest class of Coolies, Mongolian criminals; and that the State is, in fact, rapidly becoming China's Botany Bay.

The Senate committee on post-offices and post-roads to day considered the restoration of the franking privilege. The committee will recommend that communications on official business may be sent free by Congressmen.

—The New York Herald's Washington special says it is proposed to bring the legal tender question to a novel test before the Supreme Court. The plaintiffs will insist that every new issue of legal tenders must be authorized by special act of Congress; that notes bearing date of 1874 cannot be a legal tender unless Congress declares it by special act.

—A Constantinople dispatch of the 18th says. If a struggle should take place, as everybody is dreading, between the native Christians and Muslims, the Christians would prove victorious, provided the troops did not aid the mob; but in a general rising of Mohammedans the large colonies of European subjects in Constantinople and along the Bosphorus would be in greater danger than native Christians, because their wealth would constitute an additional stimulus to the religious zeal of the Turkish rabble. The streets of Pera are patrolled by a band of Austrian Croates.

—Liverpool dispatches quote breadstuffs quiet. Wheat, 9s 11d@10s 4d per cental for California club. Flour—extra state steady at 22s 6d.

### Progress of the Line.

OAK POINT, W. T. }  
May 20th, 1875. }

ED. ASTORIAN:

The telegraph cable was successfully laid across the river here yesterday afternoon, and the line is now complete as far as this office is concerned.

Yours Truly,

A. S. ABERNETHY, JR.

A SUGGESTION WITH 'SAND' IN IT.—The Congregational church spire needs a fresh coat of paint. Here's \$5.00.

—Our headquarters on the Centennial grounds will be with the Campbell Press Works. We cannot resist their invitation to participate with them. Our carpet sachel is packed.

### CITY ITEMS.

—The Astoria shirt factory, in C. L. Parker's new building, on Chenamus Street, up stairs, is the place for gentlemen to get nice fitting garments at reasonable prices.

—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.

—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 smilingly 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.