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Capt. Flavel is sojourning at Astoria. Will return to Portland on Monday next.

Capt. Williams and G. W. Raymond are preparing to-day to trap salmon below the city.

Persons in want of choice eggs for hatching are referred to the card of D. J. Ingalls, new to-day.

Col. Wilson and Capt. Kempff will both proceed north on the Shubrick, when that steamer leaves Astoria on a cruise of the Thirteenth Light-house District.

Point Adams fog whistle was in operation all last night. "Dispatches" were received at Astoria with a regularity, showing that a good head of steam was kept up.

A. J. Megler, Esq., who has been laid up with a sprained ankle since his Klaskanine fishing trip, is again able to attend to business, but his steps are slow and carefully measured.

Improvements on the barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg are progressing finely. The vessel will be ready for sea in two weeks. She opens nicely and is as sound as a dollar. New decks will be put in, and the cabin will be altered.

The darkness of the early hours of this morning at Astoria was intense. We left our sanctum at two o'clock a. m. groping our way homeward, when we were suddenly startled, on Astor street, by the whistling of another belated soul, who had tuned his mouth to the pucker of "Silver Threads," and judging from his notes cared no more for the darkness and the tempests of rain than a fat sea lion cares for the meshes of a fisherman's net. He was happy, who ever he was.

The day is beautiful. We doubt if there can be found in any land a place more delightful than Clatsop county in the Spring time of the year. Our gardens are filled with flowers of brilliant color and delicate perfume, and every variety of ornamental trees and shrubs in luxuriant growth. The Summer evenings, with their glorious sunsets, and the cool, balmy air from the sea, are charming beyond expression; and after night-fall the scene has a fascination peculiar and irresistible to the people. The atmosphere is pure, sweet, and refreshing, and it brings buoyancy to the spirits to inhale it. And the moonlight, falling on the waters of our beautiful bay and glancing through the graceful foliage of the stately trees gently stirring by the evening breeze, gives us a true scene of enchantment, such as might be imagined of a fairy land,—a scene that only a poet could properly describe. The accommodations for Summer visitors this year, at Astoria and in this vicinity, will greatly exceed those of any former year.

Possible Steamboat Combination.

From the Willamette Farmer.

Not long since we published the formation of Willamette Transportation and Lock Company, which was really a consolidation of the Goldsmith and Teal company, (which controlled the locks and owned the line of steamers running in connection with them) with the O. S. N. Co., which has always controlled steamboat navigation on the Columbia and now aspires to control the Willamette also. It is now asserted, and is perhaps true, that this corporation has obtained by lease or purchase, control of the Basin and the steamers commonly known as the Hollanday line. This line passed to the ownership to the German bondholders, and they, finding that the river boats were and had been a losing business (so it is said) have disposed of that interest, on the most favorable terms to be secured. Of course they are not to be blamed for so doing, and neither the Transportation and locks Company to be blamed for consolidating the business, and we may anticipate that the next move will be to purchase the two independent steamers, the Ohio and City of Salem, and so possess an actual monopoly of all the navigable waters in Oregon.

The people are interested in this matter because the consolidation of all the lines means advance in rates, and that will be a heavy tax upon the people. We still have the two Independent steamers, owned by U. B. Scott & Co., whose enterprise and fair dealing have won them respect and popularity, and if they should resist all overtures to sell out we feel confident they can depend on a good support from the people, at fair paying prices, so long as they are satisfied to continue.

This matter of transportation is one that touches the producer. Let it be known that any single corporation has entire control of the river trade and we feel confident that it would result in a popular feeling that would speedily induce the formation of an independent line owned by parties interested in maintaining a reasonable freight tariff. If driven to the wall the producers of Oregon will most certainly build and run their own steamers but they would much prefer to have freights and fares regulated by a fair competition. It is true that some lines engaged in the river trade have perhaps lost money, but we are reliably informed that U. B. Scott & Co., have done a thriving business, even at the low rate of freights prevailing, and are willing to extend their operations if they can have the same encouragement. In view of this fact they may decline to sell their interests and continue the independent line as before.

It is very important that the Canal and Locks at Oregon City should be maintained and operated in the interests of the people; and if any legislation is required to perfect and insure their usefulness to the public, and place it beyond the power of any controlling corporation to thwart the intention of the law assisting their construction, we hope that legislation will be carefully perfected during the next session of the legislature. As the session is short, it will be a good idea for all persons interested to examine this subject to ascertain what may need doing in this respect and how it can be best accomplished.

The dawn is discharging at Hume & Blanchards dock.

We learn that a contract has been let for painting the interior of the Congregational Church. This will lead to the painting of the outside, and that will include the spire and that five dollars referred to in the DAILY ASTORIAN on Monday last.

Mr. C. Dyer, of Knappton received serious injury from an accident at the mills there yesterday. He was belting a pulley when the accident occurred, which resulted in breaking both bones of one arm. He was brought to Astoria when Dr. Dodd dressed the wounds, and he proceeded to Portland to-day for the purpose of securing the advantages of nursing afforded at St. Vincent Hospital.

The bark Dawn, of Mr. G. W. Hume's line arrived this morning seven days from San Francisco, with a full cargo.

The Oregon Steamship Company's steamer Gussie Telfair, Capt. Gardner, sailed for northern ports this forenoon with a full freight.

The steamer Annie Stewart has been sold to go to Puget Sound, and is now undergoing improvements to adapt her for the trip from the Columbia river to Port Townsend.

The Josie McNear has entered upon the trade between fisheries and the bases of supply, with Capt. Kindred at the helm, assisted by E. M. Hall as chief officer.

The Public and private schools of Astoria will close on Friday of next week. The public school examination will take place at Spiritual Hall. On Thursday the children will be admitted, and adults excluded, for want of room. On Friday adults will be admitted and children excluded. The programme will be printed in a few days.

A correspondent of the Olympia Transcript, writing from Butte county, California, gives the following idea of that State at present: "This State is overrun with common laborers, ordinary mechanics, lawyers, quack doctors, and, in fact, every department, including the average hoodlum. At the present time at least, unless a man comes here with a liberal capital, or superior talent and ability in his particular avocation, I think he would do better by employing his capital, time and ability elsewhere. In the valleys here the water is warm and often of poor quality. In all the valleys, so far as I have been able to learn, the people are subject to fever and ague, besides typhoid and other types of fever."

CITY ITEMS.

Prof. W. L. Worthington has resigned his position in the Public School of Astoria, and no one need fear that if he is elected assessor, he will not find the time to properly attend to the duties of the office.

A Card From Dr. J. O'Brien.

I am charged by prominent Republicans, as a conspirator with Capt. J. H. D. Gray to defeat the Republican ticket in this county. This charge I deny, as a slander and a base falsehood gotten up by the "Ring" to injure the Independent ticket. I am no office seeker, but am interested in the welfare and prosperity of my own and county. As this county has for years been under the heel of chronic office holders, and they Republicans, I am unable to see what encouragement they have extended to the new corner or the new enterprises that have been instigated by strangers in this county. As for the Democrats we would not pretend to account for the course they might pursue as they have been out of office so long. The Independent party to my mind is the friend of the stranger; it encourages new enterprise in our community, it welcomes all foreigners to our shores "except the heathen chinee." These are my principles, and the motive of the Independent party in this county, and I now urge upon every good citizen the importance and necessity of supporting the Independent ticket, on the 1st Monday in June, the same being in the Centennial year of our nations freedom.

J. O'BRIEN, Independent.

Postage on the WEEKLY ASTORIAN is two cents a paper to any part of the United States, when sent by people not connected with the newspaper office. We will send four copies (separate dates), equivalent to one month, to one address, in one wrapper (post-paid), on receipt of 25 cents.

Births, marriages and deaths will be inserted free of charge to subscribers to either the DAILY or the WEEKLY ASTORIAN. Births or marriages, when sent in by persons who are not subscribers to the paper, should be accompanied with one dollar, which will be placed to the credit of the party and the paper will be sent to the address for the full amount so paid to us.

Tide Table for Astoria.

(From tables of United States Coast Survey.)

High Water.			Low Water.		
May.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	
27	2 30	4 44	10 34	10 04	
28	3 55	5 41	11 39	11 10	
29	4 59	6 32	12 11	12 11	
30	6 08	7 19	1 12	1 02	
31	7 14	8 08	1 15	1 52	
1	8 23	8 54	2 23	2 40	
2	9 30	9 41	3 33	3 30	
3	10 31	10 30	4 41	4 19	
4	11 12	11 11	5 33	5 06	
5	12 08	11 47	6 19	5 50	

The height is reckoned from the level of average lowest water, to which the soundings are given on the Coast Survey charts. When the time in the a. m. column is followed by r it is afternoon, and when in the p. m. column by a it is forenoon.

Temple Lodge, No. 7, A. F. A. M.

Regular Communications first and third Saturdays in each month, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., at the Hall in Astoria. Members of the Order, in good standing, are invited to attend. By order of the W. M.

Beaver Lodge, No. 35, I. O. O. F.

Meet every Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Odd Fellow's Hall, cor. of Cass and Chenamus streets, Astoria. Members of the Order are invited to attend. By order, N. G.

Astoria Lodge No. 40, I. O. G. T.

Regular Meeting every Saturday Evening at 8 o'clock, at Good Templar's Hall, Chenamus Street, Astoria, over C. L. Parker's Store. Members of the Order, in good standing, are invited to attend. Degree meeting 1st Monday each month. By order W. C. T.

Youngs River Grange, P. of H.

Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at 11 o'clock a. m. Patrons in good standing are invited to attend. By order of W. M.

Common Council.

Regular meetings first Monday evening in each month, at 7 o'clock. Persons desiring to have matters acted upon by the Council, at any regular meeting, must present the same to the Recorder, or Mayor on or before the Friday evening prior to the Monday on which the Council holds its regular meetings. I. W. CASE, Mayor. F. J. TAYLOR, Recorder.

C. R. F. A. Society Notice.

Any fisherman on the Columbia River, wishing to join the Fishermen's Association can apply in person or by letter to the following officers of the Association: J. B. Nice, President, Waterford; B. P. Sheppard, Manhattan Fishery Lodge Deputy; and Thomas Dealey, Secretary, Astoria, Oregon. A cordial invitation is hereby tendered to all to avail themselves of this privilege. THOMAS DEALEY, Secretary.

Shipping—Port of Astoria.

CLEARANCES AND DEPARTURES.

Sailed Gussie Telfair, str., 413 tons, Gardner, to Puget Sound, May 26.

ARRIVALS FROM SEA.

Dawn bk, 200 tons, for S. F. May 26.
John L. Stephens, ss, 1965 tons, Mackie, fm San F May 26.
Sea Wolf, brig, 273 tons, Harstoft, fm S F May 23.
California, str 674 tons, Hayes, fm Sitka, May 22.
Orient, brig, 312 tons, Adamson, fm S. F. May 21.
Shubrick, U S str, 300 tons, Kortz, fm S F May 18.
Modoc, bkt Christiansen fm San Francisco, May 18.
Centaur, Ger bk 468 tons, Offerson, fm Hongkong, May 18.
Jane A. Falkenburg, bkt., 300 tons, Hubbard, fm Honolulu, May 2.
Kate L. Herron, sch 26 tons, Thompson, fm Tillamook, May 2.
Wave Queen, Br bk, 653 tons, Anderson, fm Newcastle, N S W., April 17.
Callier Co, Br. bk., 674 tons, Rea, fm Isl Java, Apr 9.
W. H. Thorndike, bk, 9 days fm Alaska, March 22.

VESSELS ON THE WAY.

Portland, bkt, 494 tons, Gage, fm S. F.
Oregonian, sch 274 tons, Pennell, fm SF.
Rival, bk 293 tons, Adams, fm Wilmington, May 13.
Assay, 1251 tons, Ritchie, fm Cardiff, via Rio.
Canons, 509 ts, Rosser, fm Glasgow via Honolulu.
Clita, Br bkt., 519 tons, White, fm Honolulu.
Deart Bay, ship, 506 tons, fm Europe, via Australia and Shanghai.
Enid, Br bk., 495 tons, Renouf fm Port Chalmers.
Edward James, Forbes, fm Hongkong.
Forward, Br bk., 744 tons, Strachan, fm Hongkong.
Garibaldi, bk, 670 tons, Noyes, from Hongkong, April 19.
Hero of the Nile, Br bk., 335 tons, Dyke, fm Melbourne, Feb 21.
Otto, Br bk 465 tons, Carter, fm Liverpool Oct 14.
Robert Bright, Br bk, 309 tons Hennings from Shields March 13.
Sam G. Reed, sch, 656 tons, White, from Hongkong, April 10.
Trevelyan, Br bk 1642 tons, Edwards, fm Newcastle Weyleside, Br bk, 700 tons Montgomery, 36 days fm Table bay, April 1.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

Financial.

Gold Bars 800 par.
Gold in New York, 112½@113.
Legal Tenders in Astoria—buying 83; selling 80.
Coin exchange on San Francisco ½ per cent premium.
Currency exchange on San Francisco ½ per cent premium.
Coin exchange on New York ¼ per cent premium.
Telegraphic transfers on New York 1 per cent premium.
Currency exchange on New York ¼ per cent premium.
Trade Dollars, 92 buying; 93@94 selling; half dollar, 95½ buying; 97@97½ selling.

Drifts and Tow Heads 1876.

Upper Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon. April 24, 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.

ON JOURNALISM.—One of the most frequent and sweeping accusations made by the mass of the public against the journalists is that they have no principles, that they are trimmers, defending one thing to-day and another to-morrow. This accusation is unjust. Taken as a whole, journalists are much less guided by personal considerations in the matters of public interest than any other body of men. Life is not stationary, and they naturally alter their opinions now and then, under the influence of changing circumstances. But these changes are seldom the result of anticipated personal advantages. A free thinker becoming orthodox, a republican becoming a monarchist or a liberal becoming a conservative, are things by no means as frequently to be met with among journalists as they are among people at large. On the continent of Europe such a change of principles on the part of any newspaper or literary man is utterly impossible without his incurring the penalty of moral death. Most newspaper articles being signed there, the writers may in the course of time change the shade of their colors, but never the colors themselves. Political and philosophical inconsistency in journalism is the product of the anonymous press, and it is in England that it is at its highest.

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.

Mr. P. G. Stewart, of Portland, is stopping temporarily at Astoria, in Mr. Meade's store-room on Chenamus street, and is prepared to fit persons with a superior quality of spectacles, and will also attend to clock work, and will receive watches for repairs, which will be sent to the shop of his son, Charles F. Stewart, where all kinds of work is done in a workmanlike manner.

B. Hamburger carries the best assorted stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Tobacco, Crockery and will in a short time add a splendid lot Groceries, which will make the most complete stock in town. Call a see his new goods—they are nice.

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.