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—When will the road leading to the cemetery grounds be made passable?

—The Beechwood arrived at Liverpool May 29th.

—The Astoria telegraph line reached Clifton yesterday. It is coming along at the rate of about one mile and a half in four days.

—The steamer Beaver left Astoria for stickeen river this morning. The California for Sitka, and the John L. Stephens for Portland.

—The Edward James is out 45 days from Hongkong for Astoria, and the Annie Gray and Forward are also out 36 days from the same port for Victoria.

--Our worthy friend C. H. Dexter was made happy last evening, by the arrival of daughter and grand children from California. They proceeded to the Bay View house by the Canby.

—The bark Rival, Capt. Adams, in Simpson's line of Oregon Packets, left Knappton at one o'clock this afternoon for San Francisco, laden with 300,000 feet of lumber and 50,000 laths.

—Sergeant Bigler stationed at Fort Canby and of the 4th Artillery says that should trouble come from seaward for us, they, the 4th, have the range so nicely with Columbiads that they could pick off a grasshopper. So look out for signals if you come to Astoria for war.

—Sol. Abrams exhibited some specimens of quartz at Roseburg last week in which the Plaindealer says gold is visible to to the naked eye in such proportions that a party might acquire it in paying quantities by a simple hand mortar. The specimens are from the Lucky Queen lode.

—High water in the Columbia river is earlier this year than ever before. Merchants at The Dalles were moving out to higher grounds on the 4th. Back water in the Wallamet is also driving Portland merchants out, along the lower portion of the city. High water in the Columbia river never effects the river in this section. It is barely perceptible at the highest stage below Cathlamet to Knappa, fourteen miles above Astoria.

—On the night of May 24th, a trunk belonging to a lady of this city, Mrs. John Hobson, was left on the Oregon Steamship Company's inside slip, from the Knappton boat, and by some mistake was allowed to remain there until the tide, which was unusually high that night, washed it off the slip and it was carried away. All search for the missing trunk proved unavailing, and was finally abandoned. Yesterdays Oregonian, however, reveals the missing property through an extract from a letter written at Neah bay, W. T., as follows: "An Indian has this day brought to my office a small family bible, which he picked up in the sea in a box which he said was broken open before it drifted to the beach, and contained nothing of value. Some of the leaves of the bible are detached from the binding. He said they were floating in the box, and he gathered them all together and brought them to me. The bible contains the family record of Thomas J. and Anna Kate Reeves, which is perfectly legible. They were married at Astoria April 15, 1872. Their first child was born in Knappton, Pacific county, W. T., March 2, 1873; their second in San Francisco, March 7, 1875. Thos. J. Reeves was killed October 29, 1875, in Marysville, near Sacramento, California." No date is given to the letter from which the above extract was copied, hence we are unable to state the time consumed on the voyage, but as the distance from Astoria to Neah bay is nearly 200 miles, if the trunk sailed the entire distance it has made better proportionate time than Jarrett & Palmer fast train from New York, across the continent. Mr. Hobson has sent for THE DOOR. The trunk contained woman's wearing apparel, when it left Astoria, valued at about seventy-five dollars.

Tide Table for Astoria.

(From tables of United States Coast Survey.)

	High Water.		Low Water.	
Day.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
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
6	○ ○○	12 55	7 05	6 30
7	0 20	1 42	7 49	7 08
8	0 53	2 24	8 34	7 46
9	1 39	3 04	9 10	8 27
10	2 06	3 40	9 46	9 09
11	2 46	4 16	10 16	9 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 P it is afternoon, and when in the p. m. column by A it is forenoon.

CITY ITEMS.

☞ The West Shore is the only illustrated paper in Oregon. L. Samuel, Publisher, Portland. $1 50 per year. Send for it.

☞ Miss Belle Welch having removed her stock of millinery goods to the house of her father, corner of Wall and Eighth Streets, invites ladies to call. The best assortment of hats and trimmings in the city. Orders from abroad promptly attended to.

☞ The finder of a small pass book, with letters in it, addressed to Thomas E. L. Logan and to Thomas and James Logan, which was lost on Saturday last, between Astoria and the upper town, will confer a favor and be thankfully rewarded on leaving the same at this office, or at the residence of Mr. Goslin, at upper town.

Shipping—Port of Astoria.

CLEARANCES AND DEPARTURES.

SAILED

California, str 674 tons, Hayes, for Sitka, June 7.
Rival, bk 299 tons, Adams, for S. F., June 7.
Centaur, Ger bk 468 tons Offarson, to Cork, June 6.
Gussie Telfair, str, 413 tons, Gardner, for Puget Sound June 4.
Ajax, str 1354 tons, Bolles, to S F June 3.
Sea Wolf, bri . 273 tons, Hanstoff, to S F June 3.
Orient, brig, 312 tons, Adamson, to S. F. June 2.
Shubrick, U S steamer, 300 tons, Korts, Northern Cruise, June 2.

ARRIVALS FROM SEA.

John L. Stephens, ss. 1395 tons, Mackie, fm San F June 6.
Portland, bkt, 494 tons, Gage, fm S. F. June 3.
Dawn bk, 250 tons, for S. F. May 26.
Jane A. Falkinburg, bkt., 300 tons, Hubbard, fm Honolulu, May 2.
Wave Queen, Br bk, 853 tons, Anderson, fm Newcastle, N S W., April 17.
Caller Ou, Br. bk., 674 tons, Rea, fm Isl. Java. Apr 9.

VESSELS ON THE WAY.

Garibaldi, bk, 670 tons, Noyes, from Hongkong, May 15.
Oregonian, sch 274 tons, Pennell, fm SF.
Assaye, 1281 tons, Ritchie, fm Cardiff, via Rio.
Canoma, 539 ts, Rosser, fm Glasgow via Honolulu.
Clita, Br bkt., 519 tons, White, fm Honolulu.
Duart Bay, ship, 936 tons, fm Europe, via Australia and Shangai.
Enid, Br bk., 496 tons, Renouf fm Port Chalmers.
Edward James, Forbes, fm Hongkong.
Forward, Br bk., 744 tons, Strachan, fm Hongkong.
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 12.
Sam G. Reed, sh, 656 tons, White, from Hongkong. April 12.
Trevelyan, Br bk 1042 tons, Edwards, fm Newcastle
Woodside, Br bk, 799 tons Montgomery, 95 days fm Table bay. April 1.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C.
May 29th, 1876.

No. 1. Vol. 1., of the DAILY ASTORIAN reached me a few days since. Looking over it with the naked eye of criticism, I found but little to condemn and much to commend. Item —your modest pretensions in regard to the health, wealth and wisdom of the enterprise, were particularly refreshing and, I might say, orignal. It is the hackneyed custom to puff out the editorial cheek and blow hard, about "our continued and growing prosperity," "our large and increasing circulation," "the public demand which our daily edition will just answer," "the firm and permanent foundation upon which we build," &c, &c, *ad naseum*. You see I know just how empty such blowviations are, and what a thin screen they generally are over a pitfall of disappointment and bankruptcy; and so you may readily believe that I read with much satisfaction, your honest declarations of doubts whether you could financially manage so large an elophant as the daily newspaper, and your announcement that you would squelch it, if you should find you couldn't make it go respectfully. This sort of a stand has the mint of honesty, at least, and is in my judgment, more likely than the other to secure public confidence. If you do fail, you will at least have the satisfactory reflection that you have deceived neither yourself nor the public in the premises. But really I don't see why you should not succeed with a small daily at Astoria. You have my gratulations or my sympathies, just as the occasion may require.

CHANGES IN THE CABINET.

We are all shaken up again now. The "old man" has given the country another *bona fide* sensation, and the *quid nuncs* are almost insane with excitement. Of course I am speaking of the Cabinet changes which came upon us yesterday, like a clap of thunder from a clear sky. You have long since heard of it, by lightning. The *persons* who are most immediately and bread-and-butterly interested in this re-organization of things, are the several hundred clerks and employes of the two departments which are provided with new heads. Every one of them is in an ague of expectancy and apprehension. These changes in the Cabinent are dreaded by the government clerk quite as intensely as are the good healthy earthquakes of Peru, for instance, by the lawful subjects of his excellency the Governador. It is true, we don't run out in the streets in our night costumes, and tear our hair, but we sit in moral terror lest in an instance we may see our official heads fall, with wide-staring eyes and rampant hair, into the basket at our feet. These new comers into the Cabinet circle, frequently come at the head of an army of new applicants for place, and they always come with an idea that they can run the machine, at a days notice, better than their predecessors did it. Hence, we generally see a reorganization of the forces and the modes of doing business. There are favorites of the new minister to be provided for, and somebody has to step down and out to make room. Nobody knows where the lightnings are going to strike, and so everybody hopes for the best and fears the worst.

WHO WILL BE NOMINATED.

The *quid nuncs* say that the appointment of Don Cameron to the Secretaryship of War, means that the President and the Cameron's will do their best to carry the Pennsylvania delegation at Cincinnati, for Conkling. I do not regard this as settling the question of the nomination. In the first place it is not certain that Cameron can give Pennsylvania to Conkling, or any other man. And secondly, if he could, Conkling would still be a long way from having votes enough to secure the nomination. By such an arrangement, the bulk of the votes in the convention would be pretty equally divided between Conkling, Morton and Blaine; and it must be remembered that both these latter have very *positive* strength. Their delegates go to Cincinnati to stand by them till the last chance for a nomination is exhausted. Blain appears now to be ahead, but all three are beginning to move their heaviest artillery into position for the grand onslaught at Cincinnati. If I may be so bold as to prophesy, without a prophet's commission, I will say that the contest between these three leading men, is so positively strong *that neither will be nominated*. The average American convention has a strong weakness for compromises in such cases, and compromise generally means a new man instead of either of the *principal* contestants. In case of a dead lock between Blaine, Conkling and Morton, the present chances seem to be in favor of Gov. Hays, of Ohio. Hays and Hartranft, for instance, would make a strong ticket. Bristow is talked of a good deal but he is really in less danger of being struck by Cincinnati lightning, than any prominent man I know of.

A BAD SPELL FOR FITZHUGH.

T. N. Fitzhugh, a noble Kentucky Roman, from Texas, *was* doorkeeper of the ex-Confederate house, but he *is* doorkeeper no more. He has put on sackcloth and butted his head in the ashes of adversity and now waileth his own particular "lost cause." Neglect of his early education is what is the matter with Fitz. He spells "bigger" with one g and "my" with and i, and his grammar is at least open to the suspicion of being at "outs" with all the well known rules of syntax. In short he is a murderous murderer of the King's English, and a slayer of the innocents of orthography. Fitz was unduly inflated by his accidental rise to the honorable and responsible, and, withal, profitable office of doorkeeper in the tents of the Democracy, and being a gabulous man, he wrote what is now officially pronounced a "foolish letter" to a Texan friend, in which he so crowed and blowed, and spluttered and swelled with his new born importance, as to set the world into fits of cachination, greatly to the scandal and dignity of the House. It was the worst letter Fitz ever wrote, for it cost him his official life. The House, after due deliberation, concluded, solemnly, that such doubtful grammar and such execrable spelling as Fitz crammed into that "foolish letter," proved him to be an "unfit person" to hold the aforesaid office of doorkeeper in the tents &c. And now there is a vacant chair at the capitol. It is sad but the sanctity of the grammar demanded the sacrifice. Murray and Brown and Smith and Webster and Worcester are vindicated by act of Congress,—hallelujah! who shall say, hereafter, that Republics are ungrateful?

ANTI-CHINESE MOVEMENT.

Senators Sargent, and Mitchell of Oregon, have opened the ball in good style against the fearful evil of Chinese immigration to the United States. They have both made very able speeches in favor of a radical modification of the Burlingame treaty, and earnestly asking Congress to intervene for the protection of the white population of the Pacific coast, which, of course, is the section most seriously threatened. It is not certain that anything definite will be accomplished during the present session, (though I believe there will be,) but the Republican Senators from the Pacific coast are entitled to the credit of taking the first practical measures to abate the terrible irruption of the "Heathen Chinee." Piper made a good speech in the house the other day, in the same direction. Thus far, however, Kelly and Lane and the other California members of the Senate and the House, have not opened their mouths on the subject. The speeches of Sargent and Mitchell presented to the eastern Senators a revolting picture whose salient features had never before been held so prominently up to public view, and I think a very strong impression was made in favor of an immediate investigation of the question in all its relations with a view to affording such relief as may be found to be demanded by public policy. CAPITAL.

A Great Curiosity.

GRAYS RIVER, W. T.
June 3, 1876.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:

I have one of the greatest curiosities of the day, I came across it out in the wild woods, it runs but can't walk, it has a tongue but can't talk—

It don't suck eggs, yet it is large enough in the body, to take in several dozen. I had a pair of trained hounds that become so much attached to it, they went with it every where it went, so they became useless to me and I had to separate them, I have since disposed of the pair and now have no dog at all. There are hundreds, yes thousands of men who would give freely one hundred dollars to see it, you have many wealthy men in Astoria, some that I know would pay a hundred dollars in gold to see this thing, it might be useful in a museum.

I will send it to any man in Astoria and land it on Flavel's wharf on receipt of twenty dollars. I have not exagerated at all, every word is strictly true. Respectfully,

J. JOPLIN.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

Financial.

Gold Bars 800 par.
Gold in New York, 112½@¾.
Legal Tenders in Astoria—buying 89; selling 90.
Coin exchange on San Francisco ½ per cent. premium.
Currency exchange on San Francisco ½ per cent premium.
Coin exchange on New York ¾ per cent. premium.
Telegraphic transfers on New York 1 per cent. premium.
Currency exchange on New York ½ per cent. premium.
Trade Dollars, 92 buying; 93@94 selling: half dollar, 96½ buying; 97@97½ selling.

San Francisco Markets.

Flour.—Extra, $5 50@6 00.
Wheat—Shippers will give $1 70 for choice lots alongside vessels; millers are paying $1 75.
Barley—Light brewing, $1 20; choice, $1 37½ feed, $1 20@1 25; Bright Chevalier, $1 40@ 145.

Astoria Markets.

Flour, Oregon City, AXX, ₱ bbl	5 75
" Ex Family	6 00
" Willamette superior, "	5 25
" Graham " "	6 00
Middlings, ₱ ton	40 00
Corn Meal, ₱ cental	4 00
Ground Barley, ₱ ton	42 00@44 00
Bran & Shorts, "	27 00@40 00
Hay "	25 00
Onions, ₱ Bushel	2 50@3 00
Potatoes, "	75@1 00
Butter, eastern, in tubs, ₱ lb	25
" Choice roll "	27½@35
Cheese, "	20@25
Cured Meats, Hams, "	15@17
Sides, "	17@18
Shoulders, "	10@12½
Breakfast Bacon "	17@18
Smoked Beef, "	14@15
Corned Beef "	6@8
Corned Pork, "	10
Lard, in tins and caddies "	17½@18½
Eggs, ₱ dozen	20@25
Chickens, "	4 00@5 07
Hides, Dry, ₱ ₱	07
Tallow, "	7@8
Beef, "	5@6
Pork, "	8@10
Mutton, "	6@7
Veal, "	5@6
Corn Beef, ₱ bbl	11 00@13 00
Sheep, ₱ head	2 50@3 50
Apples, green, ₱ box	1 00@1 50
" Dry " lb	8½@12½
Peaches, " "	16⅔
Coffee, green "	24@25
" prepared, Java, ₱ lb	35@37½
" " Rio, "	32½@35
" Mocc, ₱ lb	35@37½