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To City Subscribers.

There are such frequent changes in the residence of our city patrons that we shall feel obliged to any who make such changes if they will report the same to this office. Otherwise we shall not be responsible for failures of the carrier to deliver the paper promptly and regularly to them.

SWEETEST MUSIC.—A delegation of excursionists whom Capt. Flavel gave a trip to sea and back a few days ago, declare that the sweetest music crossing the bar was *sta flut*.

A BEAUTIFUL BOUQUET.—Mrs. Stephen G. Spear of "Cliff Cottage," Clifton, will please accept the thanks of the editor for a handsome bouquet. It is one of the finest from the choicest varieties of flowers.

FROM UP THE CREEK.—The Kinlune, Capt. Snow piloting, arrived from "the emporium" yesterday. She came from Columbia city on 17 feet draft of water. The Mountain Laurel was due here last evening from Portland.

SHIPMASTER'S READING ROOM.—Mr. Peter Wilhelm has permanently fitted up a shipmaster's reading room in connection with the Commercial in Astoria. The most superior papers and home and abroad news and shipping lists are kept on file. Call and see him.

GO NOW.—Our readers cannot have a better opportunity of going to San Francisco either for business or pleasure, than that afforded by the excursions which are now given to the public almost gratuitously by the opposition line of steamships. Go now, or forever after hold your piece.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.—Next Saturday, will be the Hebrew New Year day, or the first day of the year 5638, according to the calendar. On that day they do not transact business and their stores will be closed; nor do they transact business on Monday, September 17th, the day of Atonement.

RETURNED OVERLAND.—Senator Mitchell started to Washington yesterday, going overland to California. He had expected to go by steamer until a few hours prior to starting. We regret that Senator Mitchell did not come to Astoria and finish up that military road matter and listen to what his friends have to say to him. Astoria has the senator's best supporters, and they expected to meet him.

WANT MORE COUNCILMEN.—The difficulty of getting a quorum of the common council together shows that the proposition to make three wards and elect nine councilmen was the proper thing. It is almost impossible to find four councilmen in the city at one time lately. Yesterday councilman Warren was absent to Knappa, Mr. Trullinger is still unable to act, Mr. Farrell is absent in California and there were present yesterday afternoon councilmen Brown, Page and Flavel, one short of a quorum.

NEW HOUSE.—In the immediate vicinity of the residence of Capt. N. F. Mudge, there is being built a handsome and tasty residence into which Mr. M. will remove as soon as finished. Mr. Mudge's present residence has been occupied by him for many years. It was the birth place of every child living in the family of Capt. P. Johnson, and Mr. Johnson has had it photographed, to perpetuate the recollection of it, as it will soon pass away, and be seen no more.

A CLOSE CALL.—Mr. J. W. Robb, of Astoria, was a passenger on the stage from Tenino to Olympia, August 29th, when he met with a very narrow escape from death. The Courier says: He had been firing at birds from the stage, along the road, and laid the weapon on the seat in front of him. Soon after in picking it up, with the muzzle pointing towards him, it was discharged and the bullet passed up by the side of his head cutting the lower and upper tips of his ear, but fortunately doing no further damage. It was a very close call. Mr. Robb returned yesterday.

The Opposition Steamers.

From a Portland Standpoint.

As a business matter to Portland and Oregon, we regard this opposition at this time as very unfortunate. We were just about establishing a name abroad for our exports. It would have taken at least two hundred vessels to move our present year's crop. California has but little surplus and the tonnage there must find employment elsewhere. Were it not for this opposition, this tonnage would come to Oregon for freight. But the present rate of freight to San Francisco on the steamers is so low that shippers can afford to ship to San Francisco and there re-ship at a less price than the vessels lying there are willing to come here in ballast. This will have a tendency to divert the attention of the markets of Europe from our state, and before the season is over instead of California having a small crop this year, it will be found that Oregon had an entire failure, as there is every reason to believe that nine-tenths of our wheat crop will be shipped from San Francisco and credited to California.

The opposition which is now going on is not by any means for the purpose of legitimate competition. One or the other companies must draw off or an agreement be made between them. Oppositions are not for the benefit of the people, but for those who have boats which they want to sell or to bleed their rival for money to induce them to draw off. When this is done, the people who must of necessity travel, or ship produce, will have to pay this subsidy given.

There is another serious drawback in this opposition business. Our own merchants were about completing their business arrangements on satisfactory terms with the interior dealers so that our state trade was being rapidly centered here. This opposition has led many of the interior merchants below and we may expect that many will again go back to the old system of trading, and thus retard the prosperity of our own state.—Standard.

PERPLEXING.—It is most confounding annoying to receive letters like this one:

COLUMBIA CO. OREGON,
August 12, 1877.

MR. IRELAND, DEER SIR:—Pleas to stop my paper, you print it every tin a wummon has a baby but mi darter jad 1 yo don't print. Stop rife away. P.T.

Will "P. T." please inform us if his daughter is a married woman? what name does her husband go by? was it a boy or a girl? and if so, when and how much. This reminds us of another circumstance wherein a German friend of the editor took exceptions to a paragraph telling how to make sour kraut, and showing the profits of the business. (You may apply it to salmon if you like.) He entered the office with tears in his phists and his eyes doubled up, saying: "I lofe to saw peeples make troubles mit mine pishness. Dot comes von dhere lofe mit me, und how I got along." And "then he raked us." So you see, gentle readers what a perplexing position we occupy. We'll be d—d if we don't, and be d—d if we do; so take either horn of the dilemma; it is a very pleasant one for reflective minds.

AN IMPROBABLE STORY.—Some pured minded soul who probably "gambled" his money away related the following improbable story in Portland a few days ago, which has found its way into print: "On the arrival of the steamship Ancon at Astoria on Saturday, a young man, a passenger on board, went ashore for a few minutes. He sought the nearest saloon to obtain a drink. He had barely crossed the portals of the 'dive' when he was accosted by a brace of idlers, who lounged at the bar, and the nature of his business demanded. He related his circumstances, an also the fact that he had considerable money on his person. They became very civil, generous and communicative all at once, and invited him to imbibe at their expense. He accepted, and the glasses were filled and their clients quaffed with an infinite gusto. The young man remembered no more until he picked himself up from the beach a few hours subsequently minus \$100 in gold, which the thieves had stolen from the pockets of his pantalons while he was under the influence of the drug they had administered. Fortunately, he had another purse containing \$20, which the scoundrels neglected to appropriate, otherwise he would have been left penniless among strangers." It is a base slander upon Astoria saloons.

Eighteen thousand persons emigrated in 1876 from the Eastern and Western States to Oregon.

CITY ITEMS.

—Fresh oysters in every style at Schmitt's.

—A large and elegant assortment of the best kind of cooking stoves, ranges, kys, copper sweet mash; acknowledged from its refined taste and delicacy of flavor to be beyond comparison with the best in this country, sold at the Astoria Liquor Store by H. Marx & Co., Water street roadway.

—Perfection Stonewall Whisky, hand made sour mash; Snow-bill Whisky, hand made sour mash; acknowledged from its refined taste and delicacy of flavor to be beyond comparison with the best in this country, sold at the Astoria Liquor Store by H. Marx & Co., Water street roadway.

—Mrs. Dr. Burr, Homeopathic physician, has removed to her new residence four doors from Liberty hall.

—Peter Runey is still in the market with all kinds of building materials in his line. Has just received 100,000 lath, 2,000 bushels of sand, and a large stock of first quality of brick at his warehouse foot of Benton street.

—Mrs. Arrigoni is furnishing good rooms with board at from \$6 to \$7 and upwards per week, according to location.

—Parties wishing a nice dish of oysters will find them at the Pioneer restaurant, served by one that understands the business. Open during the day and all hours of the night.

—Merach und von verschiedenen aufgefordert darauf hinzuwirken um den hier ansässigen Deutschen durch ein club oder verein naeher unter sich mit einander zu verbinden, erlaube ich mich hiermit eine versammlung vorzuschlagen als den 13. September, 1877, abends 8 uhr, in hause des Herrn N. Weiman. Sollte es sich daher der meche lohnen oignes zu bezwecken und gleicher ansicht mit mir zu theilen so bitte ich hienult ein zahlreiches zuspruch und noch einmal meine Deutschen handelsleuten das zu beherzigen das ja jeder weiss das der Deutsche name einen guten klang ja weit uber den gansen unsets waterlandes hinaus hat und das es nicht mehr wie unsere schuldigkeit ist fur uns den namen Deutsch werth zu zeigen das heist im sirense sinne des wores.

—First-class billiard table for sale, cheap for cash. Inquire at the Occident hotel, Astoria.

—Two choice rooms to let at Mrs. Munson's new lodging house on Chenamus street to-day.

—Griswolds Starch Finish and Leshers' Magic Cleaning Fluid for the instant removal of grease, paint, etc., from clothing, carpets, is also splendid for cleaning jewelry and silver-plate, without injury. Price 25 cents a bottle. Sold by J. W. Gearhart.

—Photographs! The latest styles taken at Shuster's new gallery, Cass st., next to the Astorian office.

—Dr. B. R. Freeland has located permanently in Astoria for the practice of dentistry. Office next door to the store of Maj. C. H. Page & Co.

—San Francisco beer, Steilacoom beer, Astoria beer, bottled beer and English porter at the Chicago house, Main street, Astoria. N. Wyman, proprietor.

—For clean towels, sharp razors, and an easy shave, go to Gillespie at PARKER HOUSE BATHS. Hair cutting, shampooing, and dyeing.

—Little Van has established himself at the old corner, resided by his late journey to the Atlantic states, and will as formerly attend to all orders in his line as general jobber.

—Schmeers' Confectionery and Refreshment rooms on Squemoqua street is patronized by the people of Astoria very liberally, and they ought to be so patronized, because the enterprise is certainly a credit to the city. Ice-cream, cakes, etc., are served to order.

—The Capital, on Main near Squemoqua street, Wm. Appleby proprietor, is one of the snuggest and most quiet places in the city, where the public can get the finest quality of wines, liquors and cigars.

—The sloop Magnet one of the finest passenger boats on the bay, under command of Capt. John K. Wirt, one of the most experienced masters employed in these waters, is ready for special trips anytime. We recommend the Magnet to anyone in want of a pleasure trip on the bay, or to points of interest about Astoria, during the summer season.

—While the advertiser eats a d sleeps, printers, steam engines, and printing presses are at work for him, trains and stages are taking his words to every corner of the country, to thousands of readers, all whom glance with more or less interest at the message prepared for them in the solitude of his office. No preacher ever spoke to so large an audience, or with so little effort, or so eloquently, as you may with the newspaper man's assistance, speak to the public.

—CANARY BIRDS.—For sale at Gillespie's, Parker house baths.

—DIRECT TO ASTORIA.—Mr. M. Wise informs the ladies and gentlemen of Astoria and vicinity that he has opened his store with a nice assorted stock of goods, which he proposes to sell at bed-rock prices for cash. Remember the place, opposite R. F. Caulfield's Drug Store.

Notes and Comments.

—The Imperial government of China has issued an edict against the use of opium, declaring that its use was bringing destruction upon the Chinese people.

—The Seattle Intelligencer thinks that the men who first settled that town and obtained possession of the lots are disposed to "hog" everything. This seems to be a prevailing weakness with the men who manage to obtain the ownership of town lots.

—The proposition to increase the army grows in favor. It is said that General McClellan has prepared an article for publication in a leading magazine, in which he endeavors to demonstrate by means of statistics that a sum greater than the expense of an increased military establishment has been paid annually for the transportation of men and military stores. The cost of the transportation of troops to and from the scene of the Idaho-Montana Indian war would have paid, fed, clothed and sheltered for years, more troops than have been under General Howard.

—The first and only exception to the supremacy of Brigham Young's word, if it is an exception, was the trial, conviction and shooting of Lee for complicity in the Mountain Meadows massacre. What effect the death of Brigham Young will have on the fortunes of the Mormon church none can tell. Most likely it will be divided up among a number of persons each ambitious of becoming the head of the church. No one has ever yet developed sufficient capacity to be even spoken of as the possible wearer of Brigham Young's official and priestly vestments. If Mormonism should vanish from the face of the earth, it would not be necessary to fill the space it has occupied in the history of America for nearly fifty years.

—On the 15th and 16th of August, the people of Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut assembled at Bennington, Vermont, to celebrate the centennial of her birth and the battle of Bennington. The enthusiasm was great. About 60,000 people were present at the festivities. Vermont was settled by the English in 1724 and admitted into the union in 1791. She applied for admission into the confederation in 1777, but on account of a dispute regarding the limits of her territory, she withdrew the application. Soon after the dispute was amicably settled, New York finally yielding her claim for \$30,000. On the 16th of August, 1777, two battles were fought between the English and American forces at Bennington, in each of which the former were defeated with severe losses.

A VALUABLE SUGGESTION.—The Bee calls our attention to the possible necessity of widening Astoria harbor. If the government dredger continues year after year to stir up the bed of the river above such a thing is probable, and we do not believe that the general government has any power or authority to pursue a course likely to bring about such a result as that of spoiling one harbor on the sea-board to make another harbor 112 miles inland. We will see to it that this matter is brought to the attention of congress at the very next session, and in the meantime we thank the Bee for its timely and valuable suggestion.

The inhabitants of northwest and western Oregon, including twelve counties of the State, and embracing the great valley of the Willamette and its "forks," enjoy seven months of spring, summer and autumn weather that are almost equal to southern or eastern Oregon for bright and cheerful weather and a bracing and healthy atmosphere. The five winter months, from November to March, bring a bountiful rain that produces, in due season, an unending crop. These rains retard, but scarcely prevent, labor outside, in any department, and of 150 days of winter, at least a third of them are dry and bright.

Local and Domestic.

Capt. Baughman, of the Annie Faxton pronounces his new boat a perfect success.

The Oregon Steam Navigation company has commenced repairing the steamer Idaho for the fall and winter trade.

Walla Walla valley is now sending over 250 tons of wheat a day, which the Oregon Steam Navigation company is moving as fast as it is delivered at Wallula.

The Oregon Steam Navigation company's new steamer Wide West is expected to make eighteen miles an hour. She is to run between the Cascades and Astoria.

Capt. Stump has named his new steamer North West, and sent her up to Lewiston on Saturday last on her first trip. If the North West makes the through trip, then there will be great rejoicing in the upper country.

The traveling public can now leave Walla Walla any day in the week, except Sunday, and make the through trip to Portland. All boats of the Oregon Steam Navigation company running to Wallula, carry passengers. The cars leave the depot at 2 p. m. daily, except Sundays.

All the roads leading to the railroad says the Walla Walla Statesman, are thronged by teams bearing their golden freight to market. It is no uncommon thing to see the old fashioned prairie schooner, drawn by six yoke of oxen, moving slowly along and carrying from six to eight tons of wheat. These teams line the roads and bring in the grain faster than the cars are ready to receive it. One warehouse, that of Johnson, Rees & Winans, in a single day this week received 250 tons of wheat, and 100 and 200 tons is a common occurrence. If the railroads had the facilities for moving a thousand tons daily, it would not more than keep up with the demand for shipment. Much of this rush of grain is to be attributed to the fact that the roads are now in good condition, and the farmers are anxious to get their crop off before the commencement of the rainy season.

—Statistics show that the French mercantile marine, which in 1866 ranked as third among the nations, on December 31, 1876, descended to sixth.

—A shipment was lately made from Chicago of upward of four thousand cases of canned meats to France via Liverpool. This was purchased by the French Government for army supplies. It is thought a large trade in this description of provisions will result from the transaction.

—Profes or Marth, in continuation of his investigation of the fossil remains of the Rocky Mountains, announces a new genus and species of toothed bird, which he calls *Baptornis advenus*, basing it upon a tarso-metatarsal bone. He also describes a new fossil lizard, by far exceeding in magnitude any land animal hitherto discovered, which must have been fully fifty to sixty feet in length. It was probably a herbivorous reptile. It comes from a bed on the eastern flank of the Rocky Mountains.

—It seems, after all that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad did send in a bill against the government for the transportation of troops sent to guard that road from the rioters. Colonel French refused to O. K. it, and it went to the Quartermaster General. The Secretary of War laid the matter before the Cabinet, and the bill was sent back to the Quartermaster General with directions to await further action. The Q. M. G. expresses the opinion that under the United States statutes the bill will have to be paid, if the Company insists upon it.

The atmosphere of Oregon is pure and cheerful, warm and balmy; life is longer, health is better and more enjoyable, when the ordinary laws of such are attended to, than in any state in the Union, or in any country in Europe.