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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.

ARRIVED.—The bark Rival, Capt. Adams, arrived at Knappa yesterday where she is to load with lumber for San Francisco.

FOR AUSTRALIA.—The brig Sea Wolf, Capt. Munson, will get off with her cargo of lumber from G. W. Hume's Astoria mill for Australia, on or about the 4th of October.

RETURNED.—Mr. B. Hamburger has just returned from San Francisco with an immense stock of merchandise which he says he "bought cheaper than ever before and will sell way down."

SHIP-MASTER'S READING ROOM.—Mr. Peter Wilhelm has permanently fitted up a ship-master's reading room in connection with the Gen. saloon in Astoria. The latest shipping papers and home-ward and outward bound shipping lists are kept on file. Call and see him.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS.—The brig Orient left Knappa yesterday for San Francisco with a cargo of 300,000 feet of lumber and 100,000 lat. The schooner Hayes will sail from the same place for San Francisco bay with a cargo consisting of 230,000 feet of lumber, and 250,000 lat.

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE.—Col. A. B. Covatt, of Portland, manager of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company of California, was called away to Boise City on business connected with the company. G. W. Casey, of Salem, general agent will remain to complete the organization of the branch in Astoria.

NEW MUSIC.—We are under obligations to the celebrated music publishing house of F. W. Henkle, 50 West-fourth street, Cincinnati, for a copy of one of Charlie Baker's new songs, *When the Blossoms Come as Darling*. This song which is very popular has been set to music, and will be furnished to order on receipt of 35 cents, postage paid by Mr. Henkle.

SOLD.—"Your Mission" was played upon us for an original poem, but you can't play us with the "Star Spangled Banner" Ben. Go to Cornart's and secure four bits worth of cigars at our expense. But just lay all jokes aside, it is a splendid piece. In a book before us it appears with the music set to it, and a request from Abraham Lincoln which reads as follows: When our lamented President Lincoln heard Mr. Phillips sing it at the hall of representatives in Washington, Feb. 29, 1865, he was overcome with emotion, and sent up the following written request to Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Chairman for its republication: Near the close let us have "Your Mission" repeated by Mr. Phillips. Don't say I called for it. A. LINCOLN.

In Memoriam.

The following resolutions on the death of Captain Eli Hilton were adopted at the last meeting of Beaver Lodge No. 25, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, September 21, 1877:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His wise providence, to remove from us by death, Bro. Eli Hilton, for many years a worthy member of our order. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Hilton we have lost a consistent and true Odd Fellow, a man of tender heart and generous impulses.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved mother, in this, the hour of her affliction, and pray our Heavenly Father to give her grace to be resigned to this dispensation of His providence.

Resolved, That in respect to the memory of our deceased brother, our lodge room be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the journal of this lodge and that they be published in the daily Astorian.

T. A. HYLAND,
C. S. WRIGHT,
T. S. JEWETT.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Hanged.

John R. Sode, the murderer of Jas. Temple was hanged in Newcastle, Delaware, on the 21st.

Yellow Fever.

The Mayor of Fernandina, Florida, asks contributions of money and supplies for the relief of sufferers from yellow fever. One death and twenty-one new cases reported.

More Troops for Montana.

The 3d United States Infantry of Wilkesbar, Pennsylvania, left on the 21st to join the other troops in Pittsburg preparing to proceed to Montana.

Fire in Chicago.

Shortly after one o'clock last Friday a fire broke out in the lumber districts on May and Second streets, at the Union Planing mills in Chicago. These were destroyed and the fire was still in progress. It was also reported that T. W. Harvey's mill was on fire and that the flames were spreading. The telegraph office in that neighborhood having been destroyed no reliable or late news was obtained after the hour of 3:30 a. m., Sept. 21.

Disastrous Flood.

A dispatch from Chattanooga, dated Sept. 21, reports that the entire abundant crops of cotton, corn and fodder in the valley of the Black Warrior, Alabama, were swept away by the river's sudden rise of 63 feet, which is within two feet of the terrible freshet of June, 1872.

Planters had just commenced picking cotton, and had not hauled the corn and fodder from the fields. The cotton crop destroyed is estimated at 30,000 bales. Planters are ruined. It is doubtful enough for actual necessities can now be secured. Tuscaloosa is about the head of the devastated section. Merchants had advanced heavily on these growing crops.

The State Fair.

We learn from Mr. E. M. Waite, secretary of the Oregon State Agricultural society, that the executive committee have made all improvements ordered by the board and also have had some others made on their own responsibility, as the need of them has become evident. The grounds will be in good order and the indications are that we shall have the finest exhibit and the largest attendance that was ever known. What is needed more especially is a full exhibit of our state products, and we urge the farmers of Oregon to contribute freely and fully what they have to show, not deferred by any fear that each one will not get the first prize. Let us have a full representation of all the products of this state and Washington territory. —*Farmer.*

—A Rhode Island woman who died recently expressed a dying wish that she should not be buried or placed in a tomb. Her husband consequently built a stone cottage on the shore of the bay, exactly like an ordinary dwelling externally, in the cellar of which her body is kept. The building has but one room, which is fitted up with the furniture they had in their parlor when first married, and the surviving members of the family spend an hour or so there in devotions every Sunday.

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

Church Directory.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Rev. F. Crang, services at 11 a. m., and 7 1/2 p. m. Sunday school after morning services. Seats free.

Rev. A. G. Daniels will preach at the usual hours this a. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Organized May 5th, 1877. Supply expected from the Board of Domestic Missions. Sunday school every Sunday at one o'clock p. m., at upper Astoria school house.

GRACE (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH.—Rev. T. A. Hyland, Rector. Services at 11 a. m., and 7 1/2 p. m. Sunday school at 9 o'clock a. m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS.—Services (upper Astoria) alternate Sundays, at 3 o'clock p. m., by the Rev. T. A. Hyland. Sunday school every Sunday at 9 o'clock a. m.

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH.—Rev. Father Macken Pastor. Services at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday school at 8 o'clock p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. G. Burchett, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m., and 7 1/2 p. m. In the new church on Astor street. Sunday School immediately after morning services.

METHODIST SERVICES.—Rev. F. Elliot, Methodist minister, will preach in the Congregational church Sunday evening, Sept. 23d, at half-past seven o'clock.

FRIENDS OF PROGRESS.—A Free Conference meeting will be held by the society every Sunday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock p. m. All are invited.

PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.—Children's Lyceum held at Liberty hall at 2 o'clock p. m., under the auspices of the Society of Friends of Progress. J. Korter, conductor.

CITY ITEMS.

Miss Brown intends opening a private school at Arrington's hotel 1st of October. Will also give lessons in music. Terms 50 cents per week, music \$5 per month.

A full stock of the finest Parlor Stoves and Heaters, for wood or coal, will be sold cheaper than the cheapest by Jackins & Hawes.

Ladies' workboxes, a fine assortment received per Ajax at Adler's bookstore.

Have you read "the Dance of Death?" I have not. Have you one of "Helen's Babies?" I have not. Have you "Other Peoples Children?" No! Then why the deuce don't you get them? All at Adler's.

Board and lodging by the day or week at the Astoria Beer Hall, Main street, Astoria. Peter Davis, proprietor.

Persons wishing the services of Dr. J. Welch, Dentist, will bear in mind that business will necessitate his temporary absence from the city for a time after a few days.

White wire goods in every style, at L. P. Richman & Co's.

Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeck's.

Stoves and fall goods for housekeepers in great variety at L. P. Richman & Co's.

Mrs. J. W. Munson is prepared to take a few boarders, with or without lodging.

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

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

Dr. B. R. Freeland has located permanently in Astoria for the practice of dentistry. Office in Shuster's building, on Cass street, next door to THE ASTORIAN office.

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

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 reestablished himself at the old corner, refreshed by his late journey to the Atlantic states, and will as formerly attend to all orders in his line as general jobber.

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.

SOMETHING NEW.

For Glassware, Crockery, Powder and Shot, Gun Wads, Percussion Caps,—in fact everything that is useful as well as ornamental, go to J. W. Gearhart, who sells cheap for cash. Goods delivered free of charge.

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 assortment of goods, which he proposes to sell at bed-rock prices for cash. Remember the place, opposite R. F. Caulfield's Drug Store.

NEWS AND NOTES.

—In southeastern Texas the Mexican amusement of bull fights is gaining a foothold.

—Norfolk expects to ship many oysters to Europe this winter at fair rates of remuneration.

—The French police lately forbade the sale of M. Thiers' photograph. The order may now surely be safely withdrawn.

—A raft containing 138,280 cubic feet, said to be the largest ever in those waters, passed through Lake Champlain the other day.

—The Rev. Edwin R. Niles, an evangelist well known in Chicago, has been compelled to retire from the ministry because he has two wives.

—The Charlestown branch of the Boston public library has just received 11,000 volumes, in accordance with the bequest of Miss Charlotte Harris.

—Charles Young, a son of the late prophet, has graduated from the law department of Michigan University, and will practise in Pinckney, Mich.

—A high court of judicature, similar to that established in lieu of the various old courts in England will go into operation in Ireland on January first.

—Mrs. Lucy Stone Blackwell, accompanied by the Misses Partridge, Hindman and Matilda Fletcher, will soon enter upon the canvas of Colorado in behalf of universal suffrage.

—According to the reports of the English Agricultural Gazette, the wheat crop in the three kingdoms is considerably below the average; but it has been a good year for graziers and dairy farmers.

—In the island of Sardinia, long neglected by modern civilization, water and gas works were recently introduced in several small towns amid an enthusiastic display of flags and fireworks.

—Such is the glut of money on the London stock exchange that any man in good credit can obtain the loan of almost any sum for, say a fortnight, at the rate of 1 1/2 per cent. per annum. Yet even on these terms, there is scarcely any demand.

—The injunction of secrecy has at length been removed from the agent of the Pilgrim society of Massachusetts and he announces that the gentleman whose gift of \$32,300 purchased the immense statue of "Faith" which is to crown the national monument at Plymouth is the late Hon. Oliver Ames.

—Mr. Forbes, the London Daily News correspondent at the seat of war, was also the most successful and accomplished correspondent during the siege of Paris. He was then with the Crown Prince's army. Clever, tough, and young he knows neither fatigue nor danger when it is a matter of getting and giving war news.

—Good cooks seem to be the scarcest articles of the period. About a year ago the guardians of the poor in a great London parish determined to teach cooking to the girls in their training schools, and offered \$150 a year (very good wages in England for a good plain cook), with board and lodging, for a cook teacher. There was not a single reply to their advertisement.

—Newfoundland is the only British North American colony that has persistently preserved its autonomy notwithstanding the repeated and determined efforts made by the agents of the old country and Canada to induce it to accept the terms stipulated in the scheme of confederation. It is said that more money was spent in Newfoundland to carry it for the Dominion than has been expended collectively in securing the annexation of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward's Island to the Canadas.

—An old copy of the Bible, dilapidated and musty, containing the Merritt family record as far back as 1728, was produced in the Surrogate's court of Westchester county, New York, last week, in an effort to show that William J. Merritt, commonly known as William J. Wilson, is a great grandson of Caleb Merritt and son of John A. Merritt, the drover who left nearly \$1,000,000 when he died. The ancient volume was regarded with much interest. It was brought to Westchester county from England 140 years ago. A small army of first, second,

and third cousins of John A. Merritt were represented, and the struggle for the dead man's property was continued. The principal character in these late proceedings is William J. Merritt, the man who, although for forty years calling himself Wilson, now claims to be the legitimate son and sole heir of John A. Merritt. The fight is now a three cornered one embracing William J., the first cousins, and those relatives who, although more distant, claim a share of the estate. To all appearances the contest is no nearer a solution than it was when it was begun, many months ago. The lawyers have got a long and lucrative job, and they are the only persons who seem to enjoy the contest. Judge Gilbert of the Supreme court has granted an injunction restraining a decision from the Surrogate's court, and requiring the administrators to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed to attend to the estate.

Important to Settlers.

From the Walla Walla Union.

The last Congress passed a law which will in its enforcement save many homesteaders the time trouble and expense of a personal trip to the Land Office, when it becomes desirable or necessary to make final proof for their claims. The new law, which is now in force, provides that any party desiring to avail himself of the provisions of the act must go before the Judge, or in his absence, the Clerk, of any court of record in the county and State, or district and Territory, in which the lands are situated, with his witness, make the proof, and take the affidavits required by law, according to the prescribed forms. The judge or clerk taking the proof, is required to transmit it with the proper fee and charges to the Register and Receiver of the Land Office. If the testimony is taken by the clerk in the absence of the judge, he is required to certify on papers to the absence of the judge.

The officers of the Land Office are required to examine the papers thus made out and sent, and if satisfied with their regularity, and the sufficiency of the proof, upon the receipt of the full amount of money due, to issue the proper receipts and make the required returns. If the officers are not satisfied with the papers, they are required to notify the party and advise him of his rights in the matter. The practical working of the law in the Walla Walla Land District will, in our opinion, be confined to the counties of Walla Walla, Yakima and Whitman, because the letter of the law provides for taking the testimony "before the Judge, or, in his absence, before the clerk of any court of record of the county and State, or District and Territory in which the lands are situated," and the only court of record in this Territory, besides the District Court, recognized by the Land Department. But in our opinion, proof taken before a judge or clerk of the Probate Court, and sent to the Land Office, would not be considered good. We hope we are not wrong in our construction of the law, and would be happy to publish a decision of the Department overruling our opinion.

—The British debt is now \$3,800,000,000. Since 1858, the decrease has been \$318,228,365. The debt of the United States is \$2,059,339,318. At the close of our great war it was \$2,973,992,909. Decrease in twelve years, \$814,653,591. During twelve years therefore, we have diminished our debt almost three times as much as England has hers in nineteen. Our debt is now but little more than half that of Great Britain. It is not expected that hers ever will be paid, while payment of ours is looked forward to as a steady policy.

—Newspaper advertising is a permanent addition to the reputation of the goods advertised, because it is a permanent influence always at work in their interest.