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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.

READY FOR SEA.—The Palawan, River Indus, and Candida.

ESKRANK.—Pilot Snow, who is emphatically one of the best pilots on the river, brought the Eskrank safe into port from the land of sand bars yesterday.

SAFE FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.—Yesterday Judge Dean Blanchard, of Columbia county, purchased a fine Hall's safe of F. C. Holden & Co., of this city, for the use of that county.

PEACHES.—We are indebted to Mr. Hassell, of the Tracy & Hassell farm, on Young's river, for a fine lot of peaches, grown upon their farm, from a tree that has yielded fruit every season for twenty-one years past.

BELL RINGERS.—The bell ringers arrived in Astoria yesterday, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather paraded the streets and gave us a tune. They were bovines, headed for Warren & McGuire's slaughter yard, and came on a scow from Clatsop.

NEW COMER.—Dr. F. P. Hicks, dentist, arrived in our city before yesterday, and proceeded to business yesterday. Mr. Hicks is a wide-awake, skillful operator, and proposes to keep pace with the times. His name was enrolled upon the list of Daily Astorian subscribers before he had been in the city 24 hours.

NEW ENGINE HOUSE.—There has been a deal of talk about a new engine house for Rescue company's steamer. Yesterday the boys took the matter in hand for themselves, and even if it does look like a squatter's shanty, it is a pretty good temporary home for the machine. Gen. Bell, city attorney, left for Albany yesterday to secure the title to the lot purchased for the new engine-house, and after a while Rescue company will be in a better fix, muchly.

BULL.—Owing to continual ill health of Count Von Bismarck's dog it was decided after mature deliberation to send him to Australia. A large concourse of admiring friends assembled at the Count's residence last evening to discuss the subject. Bull appeared to be perfectly aware of what was going on and exerting himself for the occasion scratched his left ear meditatively, with all the grace he was capable of assuming. To console the Count for the absence of his chum, the Captain of the Sea Waif has concluded to bestow upon the Count the care, welfare and companionship of a beautiful setter. At present the Count is quite jubilant over the exchange, but we think he will regret it, and sadly miss the musical rattle of Bull's collar, during flea time, which extends to some twelve months in the year at Astoria to the discomfiture of the aforesaid animal.

UP IN A BALLOON.—Johnny Mish, living on Wall street in this city is in trouble to-day, in consequence of a distressing incident which proved fatal to his pet cat yesterday. Johnny's brother was the happy owner of half a dozen beef bladders, nicely dried and inflated, and stowed away in the house loft. Yesterday Johnny and his pet were playing together in the loft, and the little fellow attached the cord that held the bladders to the cat, as he sat by a window opening on to the kitchen roof. Puss did not enjoy the joke, and escaped through the window and ran up the roof, when a gust of wind bore her heavenward in the direction of the Cape. When last seen the curious balloon was moving in the direction of Alaska. Johnny would like to get puss back again, but he KANT.

WILL GO UP.—Capt. Tobey has decided that the splendid new ship Santa Clara, which he is in command of, shall go to Portland.

DOE AND DEW-DROPS.—The potatoe-shower due this fall came bountifully. In fact it has n't let up yet, and Nasby says he cannot tell when it will, it is uncommon wet.

DOG DAYS.—A man might easily imagine that it was dog-days at Astoria, to see the number and grade of canines at large minus tags and collar. Who pays the dog-tax, anyhow; and what's the matter with the law?

GOOD TEMPLARS.—This order is deserving of much commendation, both sexes working indefatigably to add to the number of their lodge. Evidently they are in earnest and are doing much good work. We notice that committee to investigate the respectability of names proposed are certainly on the alert and do their duties most systematically. Its a labor deserving of encouragement and aid from all good citizens.

ONE THING NEEDFUL.—Why is it that some body does not start a spelling school or something of the kind, both amusing and instructive, to entrap young men who come here prospecting, and anxious to locate? Many a gentleman has visited this place within the past two months who is worthy of all encouragement, but finding the community, socially speaking, offering no inducements to pass a pleasant evening, has drifted up to Portland to meet more disappointment, and finally go home with the idea that Oregonians do not offer much encouragement to the stranger.

MAKING ROOM.—Yesterday our worthy city treasurer, uncle David Ingalls, was engaged in cutting down a beautiful pear tree, a tree that has flourished for years on Cass street, and been admired by visitors to this city nearly every autumn, when they have observed blossoms, and growing fruit, and ripening fruit, and fruit that was ripe, all at the same time upon its branches. When remonstrance was proposed against its destruction the argument to offset it was that "fruit is abundant and cheap, while land for building purposes is scarce and high." How true to life; it reminded us of the fate of Horace Greeley, and very many other good men in America who have been rooted out, and life destroyed in their prime just as that pear tree was destroyed yesterday.

OUR HOTELS.—It is admitted by commercial travelers that our hotels are worthy of home commendation. They all testify that at the Occident they can obtain everything necessary to the comfort of man. A more genial host than Charlie Wright would be difficult to find, and it is universally acknowledged that "Aleck," as Mr. A. J. Megler is familiarly known, is ever ready to render the sojourn of the traveler pleasant. Spacious parlors, luxuriously furnished, with music artistically rendered every evening, adds much to the tranquility of the guests' visits. It is an established fact Mr. Hillman is both capable and courteous in attending to the inner wants of man kind, over the mahogany. All the clerks and attendants appear to exert themselves to render the stay of the guest pleasant and none of them can leave the Occident without pleasant remembrances.

ON HIS TRACK.—We have omitted to mention a little financial transaction which occurred to Hugh McCarty on the 15th ult. in San Francisco, because we did not wish to throw obstacles in the way. Hugh is sometimes a little fast, all the swell-heads about Sternberger's cannery couldn't begin with his swell, when he took the notion, and as he went below to spend the winter (and his money at the same time) the supposition is that the latter was well spent, perhaps unwisely, before winter set in. At all events on the day above mentioned Hugh presented himself at the business office of Baperoff & Co., where he represented that he was agent for a big concern in Astoria and wanted 500,000 labels as a starter. He held I. W. Case's checks on Donahoe & Co. for \$5,000, and as the banks had closed, and he was a stranger, referred to Mr. W. B. Baneroff, whom he had met in Astoria, and wished to draw \$500 on a \$1,000 check, and would call on Monday and lift the check, and pay the \$500 back again. The cashier happened to be out, and it is well he was, as it gave the firm time to ascertain that the check was a forgery. Hugh smelled a mouse, and now he is out, but the San Francisco police have his photo, and are on his track. We shall not probably gaze upon Hugh's 7x9 phiz in Astoria any more, much to the sorrow of his numerous creditors here.

ASTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

J. H. D. GRAY.....Chief Engineer
FRED J. FEICHEN.....1st Asst Engineer
C. J. TRENCARD.....2d Asst Engineer

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—Regular meeting second Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.—F. J. Taylor, President; Ed. D. Curtis, Secretary; Brenham Van Dusen, Treasurer.
DELEGATES.—Chas. S. Wright, Wm. Chace, L. W. Case, Astoria Engine Co. No. 1. F. J. Taylor, G. W. Fulton, Brenham Van Dusen, Alert Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1. C. H. Stockton, J. Supremant, N. Clinton, Rescue Engine Co. No. 2.

ASTORIA ENGINE COMPANY No. 1.—Regular meeting second Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.—A. Van Dusen, President; R. N. Carnahan, Secretary; C. A. McGuire, Treasurer; John Burke, Foreman; Peter Wilhelm, 1st asst. Foreman; Henry Miller, 2d asst. Foreman.

ALERT HOOK AND LADDER CO. No. 1.—Regular meeting second Monday in each month.

OFFICERS.—Frank J. Taylor, President; J. O. Bozorth, Secretary; B. Van Dusen, Treasurer; A. P. Anderson, Foreman; Ed. D. Curtis, 1st asst. Foreman; J. W. Gearhart, 2d asst. Foreman.

RESCUE ENGINE COMPANY No. 2.—Regular meeting first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS.—J. D. Merriman, President; G. F. Parker, Secretary; E. R. Hawes, Treasurer; L. D. Coffman, Foreman; J. R. Sheppard, 1st asst. Foreman; P. Trullinger, 2d asst. Foreman.

CITY ITEMS.

...They don't want it. They do? Well they can get a little of everything at Adler's store next door to the Waite House.

...They all like it. What? Adler's Innocent cigar.—Smokers and dealers will do well to examine Adler's stock before purchasing elsewhere. 25,000 just received by steamer for the wholesale trade.

...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.

...The "Dance of Life," an answer to the Dance of Death, by Mrs. J. M. Bowers. For sale at the City Book Store.

...We have on hand 60 pair of Mission Wagon Mills Blankets which we offer for less than factory prices. Warranted all wool at B. Hamburgers.

...The largest and latest styles of dress goods and waterproofs can only be found at B. Hamburgers. Don't fail to inspect them and depend upon it, prices extremely low. See advertisement.

...Persons requiring furnished rooms can be accommodated at Mrs. Munson's new lodging house.

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

...Have you seen the Bismarck stove? No? Then call at once to-day, upon L. P. Richman & Co.

...Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeer's.

...The "Sunny Hearth" is what you want for your private office. Call on L. P. Richman & Co. and see it. Beautiful stove.

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

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

...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.

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

...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.

ANOTHER VICTORY GAINED IN FAVOR OF SPECIE PAYMENTS.
After this date, coin will be used for change, and tickets dispensed with; all drinks and cigars five and ten cents, at the Chicago House, Main street, Astoria.
N. WEIMAN.
Astoria, Oct. 3, 1877.

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.

The Walla Walla Railroad.

From the Dalles Mountaineer.

From the Walla Walla papers we learn that Dr. Baker, proprietor of the Walla Walla and Columbia river railroad, has raised the price of freight five cents per bushel on that road. This seems to have angered some of the business men of Walla Walla, and on Monday four of them—R. Guichard, H. P. Isaacs, E. P. Jesse, and G. W. Calvin—were here en route for Portland to consult with the directors of the Oregon Steam Navigation company for the purpose of trying to induce that company to build them a road from Walla Walla to the Columbia river.

We have long held to the opinion that the Oregon Steam Navigation company was the proper party to construct and own the railroad from Walla Walla to the Columbia river for the reason that they could manage it better and run it cheaper than any other company, and we are not surprised now, that the business men of that country, finding that the Dr. Baker railroad is inadequate to their present wants—that they apply to the Oregon Steam Navigation company. We believe the Oregon Steam Navigation company can bring the grain from Walla Walla to the river for two dollars per ton; for, if they can carry it from Wallula to Portland—a distance of over two hundred miles, and handle it nine time—for six dollars per ton, they certainly can carry it thirty miles for two dollars per ton.

Everything the Oregon Steam Navigation company undertakes to do now-a-days is successful, for the reason that they have got through experimenting, and the men in their employ are practical and not theoretical. Should the company conclude to build this piece of road we are satisfied—from what we know they already have done, that they could and would carry grain from Walla to Portland for eight dollars per ton. This alone would have been a saving to the producer this year of at least \$150,000.

Of all the monopolies, this one of the Columbia river is the most honorable and reasonable in all its dealings, and we are not surprised that the people of Walla Walla are appealing to them for assistance in their hour of humiliation—their one-horse railroad and Dr. Baker.

WE CONCUR.—The Dalles Mountaineer says: If the board of trade of Portland would concentrate its energies in obtaining appropriations for the improvement of the Columbia river—removing rocks from the rapids and the building of locks and canals, it would be engaged in something, if accomplished, that would be a benefit to Portland as well as all the towns along the river. The Northern Pacific railroad completed to the mouth of Snake river, and the Columbia river from there down properly improved, is all that we should ask for and all that we could expect to receive for the next ten years at least. River transportation, thus improved, in our opinion, will assist in rapidly making Portland a large and populous city; but with the Northern Pacific railroad running through it, we fear its glory will soon have departed.

NEW BOATS.—While here last Sunday, says the Walla Walla Union, Capt. Baughman informs us that the frame of the new light draft steamer the Oregon Steam Navigation company are building at Celilo, was up and that the carpenters were busy putting on the planking. He thought the new boat would be running by the 16th of October. She is intended to draw only ten inches of water, and carry 150 tons. The Captain also informed us that all the timber and material to be used in the construction of the immense wharf boat at Wallula had been brought up the river, and that she would be speedily put together. The Oregon Steam Navigation Company realize the situation.

The Future of Oregon.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

The display of wheat, wool, dried fruit, canned salmon and other products which Oregon made in the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia last year, is beginning to handsomely remunerate her citizens for the care which they devoted to that occasion. It has attracted to that State at large number of emigrants from the east and from Europe. In addition to these, many who are themselves largely interested in the enterprises which require heavy capital, or others who represent this class, have visited there in order to acquire a better knowledge of the State and its products and resources by personal observation. Some of them who have passed the summer in journeying over every portion of Oregon, are now on their way home to report, and we learn that in every instance the opinions they express of that country are of the most flattering character. There are a few comprehensive facts which may be cited to show why these opinions are fully justified. At present the population of Oregon is 120,000 souls. Yet her exports aggregate over \$15,000,000 per annum. The State can accommodate a population of 3,000,000. It contains an expanse of rich arable lands, still uncultivated, greater than the whole area of New York. There are, besides, other resources of almost illimitable capacity—water privileges, coal fields, iron mines, gold diggings, gold quartz lodes, salmon fisheries, lumbering and manufacturing enterpriser. Her wheat and wool, lumber and salmon, and her green and dried fruits now constitute a commerce of extraordinary magnitude for a state so sparsely settled. All these various interests will grow into greater proportions under the influence of augmented population. Want of railway connection with California and the east is the great drawback now to Oregon. Give her this and the state will fairly leap into prominence among the great producing states of the Union, and emigration will throng thither. There is a splendid future in store for Oregon, and her excellent display at the Centennial Exhibition has given good impetus toward it.

HOW THEY MAKE IT PAY.—The Telegram says: Capt. Debney of the steamship Ancon recently informed us that the entire expense of a trip of a first-class steamer from San Francisco to this city and return is about \$4,000. From this it is easily seen how the two steamship companies make it pay to run at present rates. They carry an average of 1,500 tons of freight each way, receiving \$2 per ton, or \$3,000 for freight only; and the passenger trade more than make up the deficiency.

—Our American detectives will probably go out in a body and hang themselves for pure spite when they hear of the grand hit made by one of their brethren in England. Not many months ago, it appears, a foreign minister in London invoked the aid of one of the smartest Scotland Yard detectives to find a young girl who had inherited a fortune of a quarter of a million. At the end of six weeks the detective returned and gave in his resignation. "Well," said his chief, "that's all right; but where is the girl?" "Oh, I found her a month ago in a dress-maker's shop." "Well?" "Well, I married her yesterday, and began drawing on her quarter million to-day, that's all."

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

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