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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.

C. H. Dexter has established an Oregon headquarters in San Francisco, near the new stock exchange. All old web-footers will call upon Charlie when they go to Frisco.

Mr. Seeley of the independent steamers Ohio and City of Salem, went below on the Ancon for the machinery for two new boats for the Willamet. U. B. Scott & Co. have proved themselves the most successful steamboat men in Oregon.

Speaking of fine forest trees, Mr. Stickle informs us that he cut one out of the road from Brookfield to the Grays river settlement recently, which measured eight feet in diameter, and was a clear stick for 20 feet, to the first limb.

A tree cut at one of the camps of the Moody mill, on Burrard inlet, furnished seven logs, each twenty-four feet long. The largest was 5 feet 9 inches and the smallest 3 feet 9 inches in diameter. It was 174 feet to the first limb, and the seven logs made 24,540 feet of lumber.

The San Francisco Bulletin says the new Oregon steamship has been named State of Oregon. State of Suspense would be more appropriate, if they expect to run her to Portland, as the steamers are now putting in about one half of their time on shoals above Astoria.

The session laws of Washington territory for 1880 provide a penalty for any person putting up salmon, who fails to specify on the package where the same was put up, by whom put up, and whether spring or fall fish. And any person putting up fish without the correct brand is liable to punishment on complaint, for a misdemeanor.

The Chinese road tax on the Columbia river, in Pacific, Clatsop, Wahkiam and Columbia counties, if it could be collected, would in each district furnish work enough, if properly applied, to make excellent roads. Thus far this tax has not been collected. We hope it will be collected hereafter. White men have to pay, and it is not a matter of injustice to the celestial to make him pay also.

We wish the state of Oregon would pass a similar law to the bill now pending in the territorial assembly, providing that employers, shall be held responsible for the road tax of Chinese and all other employes, and that the same shall be paid when the county assessment is made. The law should also provide that road taxes on property above a certain sum to be specified, should be paid in cash. As the law is generally when such taxes are paid in work the supervisor has no funds for supplies necessary to carry on the work, a deficiency in which is often tantamount to a suspension of operations.

Referring to the class of steamers in use on the Columbia river by the Oregon Steam Navigation company, a writer to the press of San Francisco says: These river boats are paragons of comfort, and one wishes they were built to breast the ocean waves as well as the placid waters of these great rivers, for their large roomy state-rooms, elegantly-furnished; the cosy saloon, with its bright wood fire and comfortable sofas and rockers; the table, well filled with everything to tempt the epicure, form too often a great contrast to the cramped and narrow quarters of the crowded ocean steamers. As we steamed down the mist, the huge hulks of many a great ship, anchored in the stream waiting for the load of wheat which it was to bear to far-off Europe, peered from their mantles of fog for a moment, and were again lost to sight.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Steamer pilots are kept busy on the river now.

—Mud everywhere abounded in Astoria yesterday.

—The Orizaba yesterday morning reported splendid weather outside.

—Wood will not be taken on subscription to this paper after next Saturday.

—Lane county is furnishing a great many immigrants for eastern Oregon.

—John said his bread was "dark" yesterday, because the weather was so cloudy.

—The North Bend is as handsome as any vessel that has yet been built in Oregon.

—There is so much talk about making silver a legal tender, why not try copper. It is cheap.

—Attend the spiritualists meeting at Liberty hall this evening. See notice in another column.

—The Edward James came in without a pilot yesterday. She had to come or do worse.

—Grand Rep. A. G. Walling and wife, returned from the Atlantic side by the Orizaba yesterday.

—Astoria did not have all the shake it itself on the 12th. It tore the ground up in portions of the Cascade range.

—The magnitude of the Welch hill water works can only be understood by a personal visit. The water we are all using now comes from a spring under the large reservoir.

—We were startled at the announcement in an up river paper that Mount Hood had disappeared, but our nerves were quieted when we found out that it was the name of a saloon, closed up by the sheriff.

—Did you ever hear of a publisher in Oregon that ever got a cent of cash out of an eastern advertising agency? Those agencies can beat the savings banks bursting. Who pays for W. F. Evans & Co.'s advertising?

—The British steamer, Alexander, which left this port of the 14th, for Victoria, ran on a reef at the entrance to Victoria harbor, and was considerably damaged. On Tuesday she was reported nearly on her beam ends.

—The passengers by the Edward James report dull times in Honolulu. The James comes in ballast of salt, the Mattie Mackey (due) will have a light cargo. The Falkenburg is probably on the way before this, though her cargo was not in sight when the James left.

—Yesterday we had a very pleasant visit with Mr. C. H. Stickle, of Brookfield, supervisor of that road district in Pacific county. He informs us that he has now nearly one-third of the road cut out, from Brookfield to Grays river settlement, and that the road passes through a splendid section of country well adapted to settlement.

Ye Sorenaders.

EDITOR ASTORIAN: A party of gentlemen, most of whom were American Captains in port, were about last night arousing the peaceful slumbers of the natives with sweet music. The music was furnished by Messrs. Corwin, Dean and White and proved to be acceptable. Mrs. Steers place was first visited but met with no appreciative response, so the party wended their way to the Occident and succeeded in arousing "Alek," who soon appeared and with customary gallantry invited all to refresh in a handsome manner. He volunteering to assist. All proceeded to Capt. Flavel's and rendered sweet music, but failed to arouse anyone. The same may be said of Capt. H. Brown's mansion. Rather depressed at the lack of an appreciative audience the musical navigators squared away for Capt. Johnson's anchorage and there met with a hearty reception. The Capt. turned out on call, and immediately realizing the danger ahead, call all hands on deck to provide for these nocturnal pirates. Midst the din of charming music and general conversation Capt. Givens gracefully passed around the cake and wine, a faint voice from an inner chamber was heard to say, "Oh, I do hope the gentlemen will enjoy themselves, the music is delightful." Another voice, one of authority, shouted forth, "Yes! pitch in gentlemen and make the most of it." The amount of fruit cake, nice pie and wine demolished by the party would be difficult to estimate; but we can vouch for it being enjoyed. A toast was offered for Mrs. Johnson and responded to, afterwards some songs were sung in which all joined heartily, then more instrumental music and the marauders made sail for their respective destinations, or ships, fully imbued with an idea that Astoria was one of the most hospitable ports they had ever visited.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

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

CITY ITEMS.

....Anything you want that is nice in the stationery line, can be found at Adler's at the cheapest prices.

....Those brackets are neat and cheap at Adler's.

....Money is scarce but you do not need much money to trade at Adler's.

....For your sheet music, go to Cornart's; for musical instruments, go to Cornart's; for your violin and guitar string, go to Cornart's; for everything in the music line, go to Cornart's music store, Chenamus street, next door to De-men's drug store.

....Tillamook canned clams for sale at E. S. Larson's.

....Any person in want of building materials from Runey's wharf, during his absence, can get the same by applying to T. S. Jewett, or A. Wing.

....Genuine Louisiana Bull-dozers (five shooters), at Adler's.

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

....Choice new sets of cutlery, very unique and novel; also the soft-righting "spittoon," that always keeps upright, just received and selling at prices to suit the times, at I. W. Case's.

....Board and lodging can be had at Mrs. Munson's at reasonable rates.

....The best cooking apples and pears in the city are to be found at Bozorth's, who also keeps a full stock of fresh vegetables constantly on hand at the lowest prices. Call and be convinced.

....You can always get fresh oysters in every style and at all hours, day or night, at the Central Coffee Saloon, Com-monly street, between Benton and Lafayette. Thos. McFarland, proprietor.

....Astoria Liquor Store, W. Marx & Co., proprietors. Sole agents for Charles Rebstock & Co., St. Louis, Mo. America's finest Stonewall whisky, Snow Hill fire, Cooper whisky. For sale by all general dealers and saloon keepers. Depot and Branch House of Marx & Jorgensen, Portland, Oregon.

....Dry goods, millinery and notions cheap for thirty days at the Bee Hive.

....The Dance of Life, an answer to the Dance of Death, at the Circulating Library.

....Dr. E. P. Hicks, dentist, rooms in Dr. Welch's building, on Sonoma street, offers his services to the public of Astoria.

....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 in 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.

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

....Single men feel like marrying when they see the Medallion range at L. P. Richman & Co's.

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

....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.

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

GOOD ADVICE.—The following piece of good advice we clip from the Louisville Courier Journal, follow it closely and see if it will not apply just as well as it would elsewhere: "Don't sit down and say 'damn the Dutch.'" Do like they do. Get up and go to work. If things ain't lively enough, put your shoulder to the wheel of commerce and trade and in getting the road wagon of old fogysm out of the mire. Hitch the mule of energy in the shafts, take the whip of enterprise in your hand, and make the dust fly along the road of progress. Get up dod blast your lazy bodies, advertise your business, let the people throughout country know who you are, and what you've got to sell, and, our word for it, you'll have something to do and think about this fall than to sit and wait for business to come to you and "cuss the Dutch."

Salmon Fishing Laws.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:

There seems to be considerable excitement over the Portland board of trade salmon bill, published in the Oregonian of the 11th. I have fished on the Columbia river off and on ever since 1847, and I know that there is not one salmon now where there were hundreds then. I fished at what is known as Harrington's point in 1847, with a seine thirty fathoms long; and there were many times in the month of July that we could not haul the seine on shore (there would be so many fish in it), until we would lift the seine from the bottom and let out a portion of the salmon. If you would put a seine in the water of that length now you would not get a single fish. What is the reason? It is simply because the fish have diminished at such a rate that they are not in the river to catch.

Now my remedy for the protection of the salmon would be to have Congress pass restrictive laws; say for five years, or until we see whether the hatching process will be a success or not. I don't believe in saying that there shall not be any traps or seines used on the river, but I do think there should be laws passed saying that the slats or brush on a trap shall not be less than four inches apart; and that the mesh for seines shall not be less than five inches and that the meshes for gill nets shall not be less than eight and an eighth inches; and that no one will be allowed to seine below Scarborough hill in Washington territory, and not below the wharf at Fort Stevens in Oregon; and that gill nets shall not drift below a line running north and south from Astoria; and that there shall be no kind of fishing done for salmon in any tributary of the Columbia river; and that there shall be no fishing done above Cape-horn or Rooster-rock, on the Columbia river, and that no one will be allowed to fish on or before the first day of May, or after the 15th day of July. I would give the first run which comes in April a chance to go to the head waters of the Columbia. And I would give the last run a chance to spawn between the mouth of the river and the Cascades, which they most all do; very few of them getting above that point before they are ready to deposit their eggs as the millions of young salmon that you could see along the shores of the lower river five years ago was sufficient proof for any unprejudiced mind.

I have caught salmon after the 15th of July at Tenas Hahee which is twenty-five miles above Astoria, that were spawning. With a law made by Congress as I have suggested, the salmon on the Columbia will run forever, without any artificial means of raising fish. But the great trouble with getting a law passed of any kind is that we are a selfish people and are not looking to the future of our state, but want every fish caught now, so that the salmon will be like the mastodon, a thing of the past.

I do not think that the man who signs his name "Fisherman" in the Oregonian of the 20th, knows what he is writing about when he says, "two weeks in May would do more to propagate salmon than all the month of August." He may be correct in one thing—for there are many seasons that the salmon do not run in August. I beg leave to differ with him in relation to the enemies of the young salmon. I have been on the head waters of a good many tributaries of the Columbia where I have seen salmon spawning, and I know that they have thousands of enemies in the way of trout that feed upon the young fish. In fact there are trout that you cannot catch with a hook without you bait with young fish. But you could bait with a young fish all along the lower Columbia and then fish for a week and you would not get a bite. So I think that the farther the salmon goes from the ocean (or the mouth of the river), the more enemies they have. In my opinion there are a great many more young salmon reach the ocean than are spawned below the Dalles than of those from above. When salmon lay their eggs, they hide them from other fish by covering them up with sand or gravel, and I think after they are hatched they have very few enemies on the lower river; and I was very much pleased when I heard that Professor Stone had located his hatching house below the Cascades.

AN OLD FISHER.

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.

Seeking the Penitentiary.

The New York Shipping List says it has been remarked that there are more young men learning trades in the penitentiaries than there are outside of them, and a Boston paper tells of a young man who offered to bind himself as an inmate of the States Prison for two years if he might by such a course secure the benefit of apprenticeship to a trade. Two prominent reasons may be assigned for this remarkable state of affairs—the distaste of the youth of the period to perform manual labor, and the arbitrary action of the trade-union in limiting the number of apprentices a master mechanic may have in his employ. The decline of the apprentice system is also largely a consequence of the pernici-ous system of trying to make clerks and professional men out of material that nature intends for blacksmiths, carpenters, brick-layers, machinists, boot makers, tailors and other mechanics. Our youth have in late years been taught to believe that labor is degrading, and that to do nothing for a livelihood or to live by one's wits, is more becoming the society in which they expect to move and have the respect of. It is high time that all such ridiculous notions were discarded, and an earnest effort made to get back to first principles of honesty and industry with its unfailing reward.

Major J. C. McKay of Honolulu, surprised us by calling last evening. The Major looks as though the Islands agreed with him. He came in a passenger on the Edward James yesterday (eighteen days from Honolulu) intending to purchase cattle and horses for the improvement of the stock of Hawaiian Kingdom. He leaves for the valley this morning.

The sophomore class of Kenyon college, Ohio, has been suspended for four weeks for hazing. The faculties of Dartmouth and Princeton express firm determination to put a stop to hazing. William and Mary college has been in danger of suspension, in consequence of pecuniary difficulty; but aid has been extended by friends, and sessions will be commenced for another year.

The French free masons have long been divided upon the question as to whether a belief in the "Grand Architect of the Universe" should be a dogma of their order. At the recent masonic convention in France, the second clause of the constitution, which ran thus: "Free masonry holds to the principle of the existence of God and the immortality of the soul," was altered by an immense majority to "Free Masonry holds to the principle of an absolute freedom of conscience, and to the brotherhood of mankind. It excludes no one on account of his belief."

The German newspapers of the United States are ruthlessly showing up the notorious Dr. Paul Schœppe, who came so near being hanged for murder in Pennsylvania, and whose evil doings, by reason of his being of Teutonic nativity, interest these journals peculiarly. After his release from imprisonment in the Quaker state, he went west, and since then has been figuring under different names, once assuming the noble title of Count Schulenberg, in Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and New York. Part of the time he has been in newspaper offices, where he worked in editorial capacities until exposed, and part of the time in Joliet, Illinois, where he attained the honor of serving a term in the state prison. In Cincinnati, he came near persuading a prominent actress in a German theatre to marry him.

Newspaper advertising is now recognized by business men having faith in their own wares, as the most effective means for securing for their wares a wide recognition of their merits.