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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.

The recent influx of commercial visitors were attended to with practical alacrity and usual courteousness by the popular proprietors of the Occident, whose patronage is the best proof of the traveling public.

The Alden Besse, Capt. Noyes, which arrived here on Saturday from the interior, sailed for China yesterday with 355 passengers, 260 spars, and about 50 tons of miscellaneous freight. It is expected she will return here about next June.

If it be true, as stated in another column, that that fatal scourge, diphtheria, belongs to the class of filth diseases, it is somewhat remarkable that the Portland Evening Bee has not come to an untimely end before this. A more filthy sheet cannot be found in Oregon, to say the least.

If there was a law of Congress (ratified by the several states) to provide for a society for the prevention of crime it would be a good thing. This society should be authorized to examine into all complaints, the same as the Circuit Courts do upon indictments found by the Grand Jury. It would be the means of abolishing much crime which the laws of the country are inadequate to meet.

The Standard, in remarks concerning the last trip of the Elder to this port say: "The Elder having a strong southerly wind and experiencing no difficulty in crossing the bar and was in that 'bug-bear' in 48 hours after leaving the Bay City. We are informed by old residents here that this is the fastest time made by any steamer between the two ports, since the days of the old Pacific, which in, or about the year 1861, made the run in about 58 hours to Portland."

The Oregon city Enterprise hits the big brother square in the face as follows: "The Oregonian man has at last discovered a way to get even. He can't get around the facts as presented in our issue of the 4th inst., but he can refuse to exchange. We imagine that we see the mercenary individual who manages the concern rubbing his hands and gloating over the prospect of our sending \$10 for the paper, so that he can pay his delinquent tax in this county. He will rub the skin off before he gets it."

The press of Portland is lively after quack doctors. It is proposed that there should be a law of Congress to compel any man to show a diploma before he ever advertises for business as a doctor of medicine, and in case one of these quacks advertised without the lawful right to do so, that the publisher of the newspaper in which the advertisement appeared should be held responsible for the damages likely to follow. On the other hand, every lawfully authorized physician should be compelled to publish his card, and the name of the college which granted him his diploma.

Praise service rendered at the Baptist church Sunday evening was, besides its religious influences, one of the most effective renderings of sacred music we have ever enjoyed. The harmony and concord was simply sublime, and reflects commendable credit upon the singers volunteering for this most worthy service. The accompaniment was perfect and invoked commendable expressions from all who could see how young one of the chief performers was. The addresses and prayers were appropriate and appreciated, and the congregation reluctantly departed, regretting that heretofore they had no opportunity of witnessing such a development of home talent and combined religious interest.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Jack Frost has been around recently to see how well impecunious individuals were supplied with winter fuel.

—It was evident from the vivacity in which the members of the Good Templars dramatic association rehearsed the other evening that they are determined their entertainment shall be a success.

—It has been suggested that if somebody, capable of instructing in music, would start a singing school, he or she would be complimented with encouragement and with sufficient compensation.

—We hope that Mr. Cornart's dancing class will be liberally patronized. Mrs. Cornart holds a diploma from the famous teacher, Cardinell, and they will undoubtedly be able to give pupils full value for the cost of tuition.

—Mr. John Thomas, the Clatsop bard, paid us a social call yesterday. We were pleased to meet him, and thus make the acquaintance of the man who has the ability to amuse and instruct which he possesses. One of his recent productions appear in another column.

—Mr. Ferrell informs us that the hand fire engine in use by company No. 1, is now in first class order, and looks as neat as though she had just come out of a band-box, and he is anxious that No. 1 traveling take her out this evening at 5 o'clock and give her a good square test, as to her capability for throwing a stream.

—Referring to the Wide West, the Vancouver Independent says: "This finest steamer in the fleet of the Oregon Steam Navigation company is now running on the route between Portland and the Cascades. She is not yet finished, but is placed temporarily upon this route to facilitate the transportation of a large quantity of grain from the upper Columbia. The Wide West, when completed, will no doubt prove the finest river steamer on the Pacific coast."

—Daniel F. Beatty informs us that he began business a few years ago without a dollar, but by the judicious use of printer's ink, close attention to business, and always furnishing his patrons with first class articles, his sales now amount to more than \$1,000,000 annually. This is a truthful statement, without doubt, and is proof positive of the fact which we advocate, that if a dealer will advertise liberally and deal honestly, no matter what line of articles he deals in, he will always succeed far better than the man who does not advertise.

—The Saturday night hop which was a continuation of festivities for the benefit of Mrs. Coe, was worthy of a large attendance, though evidently much enjoyed by those who were there. Mr. Lambert, the leader of the band recently organized here, volunteered his assistance with the cornet which made the music much better than any we have had for this purpose, and was so thoroughly appreciated that there was no lack of volunteers for every dance. Soon we expect to have the full band in attendance, to give the Astorians an entertainment as attractive as can be found on the western shore.

Fire Alarm Bell.

A Friend to the Cause Writes us as follows:

At a special meeting of Rescue Engine company No. 2 a committee on arrangements was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for a grand ball to be given on Thanksgiving night, and, (weather permitting), a uniform drill in the afternoon. The following committee was appointed on arrangements: L. D. Coffman, C. H. Stockton, R. Hickmott, J. E. Ferguson, N. Clinton. A pleasant time may be expected as the best music in the state will be procured. Why would it not be to the interest of the citizens of Astoria for some of the leading citizens to take steps to procure a bell for the use of the Fire Department. Why not give an entertainment of some kind, by the ladies for instance. Every body would be willing to give their mite. If the citizens of Astoria expect to ever have a live department show the different companies of the department that they are with them in all things pertaining to the interests of protection to their property. Let somebody step to the front and make a start. Now is the time before it is too late, and when we get the bell you can go to sleep knowing that you have something to alarm you when the fire fiend comes. May the alarm never be struck in our city, but let us be prepared for it.

—Newspaper advertising compels inquiry, and when the article offered is of good quality and at a fair price, the natural result is increased sales.

CITY ITEMS.

NOTICE.—In request of many citizens I will open a dancing Academy at Liberty hall on or about November 1, 1877. All the latest and modern styles of dancing will be taught by first class dancers. Good music will be in attendance to all of the classes. Parties getting up a private club can have lessons private. Children's class Saturday afternoon, and soiree every Saturday evening. For further particulars, inquire of Geo. W. Cornart, at Cornart's music store, Chestnut street, next door to Dement's.

—Call on Hamburger for cheap dry goods. See advertisement.

—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.

—Tilman's canned claims for sale at E. S. Larsen'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 crockery, very unique and novel; also the self-righting "spittoon," that always keeps upright, just received and selling at prices to suit the times, at L. 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 Bezor'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, Concomly street, between Benton and Lafayette. Thos. McFarland, proprietor.

—Astoria Liquor Store, H. Marx & Co., proprietors. Sole agents for Charles Reibstock & 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. F. P. Hicks, dentist, rooms in Dr. Welch's building, on Squemoqua 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 at his warehouse foot of Benton street.

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

—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 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. WELMAN.

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.

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.

—Merchants wishing the popular "credit check" can purchase them at THE ASTORIAN office, at less than Chicago prices. The checks are rapidly growing in favor. No business man who has ever tried the system will ever abandon it. It saves book keeping, saves loss, to both customer and merchant, obviates any disputed claims, and in many ways makes it a most desirable mode of transacting a credit business. Try it.

Pitcairn Island.

An Interesting Sketch of a Visit to the Survivors of the Bounty on Board the British ship Pomona.

ASTORIA, Oregon, Oct. 27, 1877.

EDITOR ASTORIAN :

On the 28th of August, 1877, the ship Pomona, Capt. Tannock, sailed from Port Chalmers, New Zealand, for Astoria, Oregon, and on the 16th of September, being close to Pitcairn Island we were visited by its inhabitants, a short account of whom may possibly interest your readers:

Pitcairn Island, famous in connection with the history of the mutineers of the "Bounty," is a small rocky island, lying in the midst of the south Pacific ocean, and situated in 25.3 s latitude and 130.8 w longitude; its length is 2½ miles, and its breadth about one mile. With one or two exceptions the entire circuit of the island is perpendicular, and will not allow any landing. The appearance is very pleasing, the hills raising to the height of about 1,000 feet, are clothed to their summits with the most luxuriant vegetation, and skirted at their bases with dense evergreens, and the cottages of the inhabitants, with their long, deep verandahs, nestling as they do amid groves of orange, cocoa-nut, bread fruit trees, bananas, and plantains add in no small degree to the beauty of the scene.

After the mutineers of the Bounty had sent Capt. Bligh, and the rest of the crew adrift (1789), they bore away in the Bounty for Tahiti, here they obtained wives, but quarrels arising with the natives, Christian eventually cut the ships cable, and put to sea, leaving some of the mutineers ashore. Christian and his companions made for Pitcairn Island, reaching which they anchored in a small bay, since called Bounty bay, and after landing their stores they burnt the vessel so that all traces of them might, as they hoped be destroyed. Many years elapsed before anything was heard as to the fate of these mutineers, when in 1808 Capt. Folger touching at Pitcairn Island to procure seals, discovered the crew of the Bounty.

In 1814, H. M. S. Briton, Capt. Sir Thomas Staines touched at Pitcairn, and the account of his visit attracted a great deal of interest in Europe; the happiness, simplicity and moral excellency of this small community was almost unequalled.

As years rolled on it became evident that the island was too small to sustain their increasing numbers, and that some measure must be adopted for their relief; this came in the gift by the British government of Norfolk Island, and in 1856 the Pitcairn Islanders numbering 194 persons were transferred from Pitcairn to Norfolk Island, where it was hoped they would find an excellent and permanent resting place; but men and women too, are restless beings, and so it came to pass that some of the elder people feeling themselves strange in their new location and longing again for the homes of their fathers, and their own youthful days undeterred by the length of the voyage from Norfolk Island to Pitcairn, 3,680 miles, returned to Pitcairn. There are now resident at Pitcairn eighty-seven persons, and during the past twelve months, there have been three deaths, four births and one marriage.

It was, as we have said, on the 16th of September that we were off Pitcairn, at about 8½ o'clock a m. a whale boat with the British ensign flying, was seen making from the island to the Pomona; her crew consisted of seven as intelligent, bright looking men as you could wish to meet with; somewhat above the medium height, well knit in frame, by no means dark in skin, with the dark but bright eyes of their Tahitian grandmothers. They spoke the English language with grammatical accuracy, and with an accent peculiarly sweet and soft which, as well as their dark

eyes, I suppose they inherit with their Tahitian blood.

Dwelling as these Pitcairn Islanders do, in a lonely, insignificant, rock bound, sea-girt isle; holding no intercourse except now and then with some passing vessel or wandering whaler; most persons would imagine them to be almost of necessity uninformed and uninterested as to events transpiring in the more distant parts of this habitable globe; but this would be a great mistake, and, to tell the truth, we, ourselves, were much surprised at the keen interest they exhibited in European affairs and the many questions they asked as to the Russo-Turkish war. Again, few people would expect to find amongst these solitary ones a taste for the fashions and delicacies of polished society, but this taste has sprung up even here and amongst other things eagerly asked for were lavender and Florida waters and paper collars.

The government of the island seems to be patriarchal—the elder men taking it in turn to conduct the affairs of the community. They have a church and sabbath and day schools. In the church service they use the litany and prayers of the church of England, and they have a harmonium to guide their singing. In addition to the Sabbath services they have also religious services on the week days and a monthly enquirers and experience meeting.

They maintain a somewhat extensive correspondence with the outer world, embracing within it letters to San Francisco and other parts of the United States, England and Australia. They had received answers to letters posted by Capt. Tannock in 1876.

It should be understood that this highly interesting community is altogether dependent upon the outer world and the kindness of Captains of passing vessels for many articles almost indispensable for their comfort and cleanliness. They bring off in their boats the products of the island, oranges, cocoa nuts, pin apples, bananas, plantains, sweet potatoes, ect., and most gladly receive in return books, clothing, tea, sugar, etc. On the present occasion they received from Capt. Tannock rice, bread, tobacco, shirts, ladies' clothing, collars, stationery, Sunday at Home, Webster's English dictionary, Moody and Sankey's hymns, with a great variety of other useful and entertaining works.

They are in need of oars for their boats, having no wood on the island suitable for making them. Capt. Tannock, unfortunately, had no oars that he could spare. It is to be hoped that some one will manage to meet their wants in this particular, the more so as crews of shipwrecked sailors are at times entirely dependent upon these islanders for help and sustenance, and during the last three years the crews of the vessels Cornwallis and Khandish have been saved from starvation, and probably death, by the kindly aid and long continued hospitality of the inhabitants of this little isle. Commending them to the kindly consideration and generous sympathy of your readers, I remain, ALPHA.

Shoot the Hat.

A popular quartermaster to many vessels in port ventured to adorn himself with a new plug recently to influence an impression upon his latest admiration. Among the late hours he presented himself among some gentlemen of the nautical persuasion, who at first did not recognize him in this new addition to physical elegance or altitude. They gazed upon him at first in utter consternation, until one of the number of shrewd observational powers recognized this bearer of fashionable improvements and immediately raised the cry of "shoot the hat!" which was quickly removed and treated to a kicking that would have excited universal admiration from any amount of members of a foot ball club.

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