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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 new city hall is walking right along.

It is an outrage that silver is not worth as much as gold.

Capt. Mudge imported his fire wood for this winter. It came from New York in the Santa Clara.

The meeting of fisherman to-night at Liberty hall will be one of importance to every citizen of Astoria.

After this the range lights at St. Helen will be lighted every night. Mr. Lamson has charge of the same by order of the light-house board.

The fishermen's meeting to-night at Liberty hall is for the purpose of taking measures to offset the injury likely to be put upon Astoria by the Portland board of trade.

A performance will be given at Liberty hall in this city Saturday evening, for the benefit of Rescue Engine company No. 2, at which the best amateur talent of the city will appear.

Among the passengers by the Ajax due to-morrow, we note the name of our fellow citizen, John Badolett, Esq. The Ancon is due also to-morrow. Both steamers have large lists of passengers.

Perhaps the Oregonian is better acquainted with the facts as to where Mrs. Dodge resided before her marriage than Mr. Dodge himself. Otherwise the item is correct, as stolen from THE ASTORIAN.

The Santa Clara will go to sea to-day, drawing 23 feet. When will Portland ever be able to send a ship to sea as deep in the water as that. Yet they insist up there that Astoria is not entitled to a customs collection district.

Referring to a notice of the work of Mr. James Stewart in this city, the Olympia Transcript says: "The above from the ASTORIAN, and is a just tribute to a worthy mechanic. Mr. Stewart lives on the Wishkah river, at the head of Gray's Harbor, but executes work wherever required."

THE ASTORIAN SAYS: "The City of York stuck in the Willamette. Why not take the dredger in your own collections district, brother Portlanders?" After you get done using the dredge to deepen your harbor so that vessels will not stick right in front of your town, we will cheerfully accept the services of the same.—Oregonian.

Thank ye, Mister Oregonian, we've no need of a dredger right in front of our own town. If your Board of Trade will desist from recommending men for pilots who have no more sense than to anchor a vessel in two fathoms of water we guess the Astoria harbor will netask the use of your dirty old dredger. There now; stick in the mud, dry up.

And now comes the Sunday Welcome, and says: "Astoria was visited by another high old wind, causing considerable consternation among shipping. The British bark West Riding was carried on a sand spit but got off without injury. The American ship Santa Clara dragged her anchor and got aside of a large chain of the Rufus E. Wood—damage not known. A French vessel was also injured." The West Riding was anchored in a bad place by the Captain who brought her in as coast pilot from San Francisco. A man whom Mr. Wm. Reid, and other Portland colonial gents urged the Board of Pilot Commissioners to give a certificate of branch pilot on the bar; Capt. Clements. The balance of the above item has the usual number of falsehoods which are expected in every item that appears in that paper concerning things about Astoria.

NEWS OF THE MORNING.

When a notice appears on a bank door in the States "absent, will be back in ten days," people begin to know that the concern is busted.

Complete access has been obtained to both pits of the High Blantry colliery near Glasgow, and it has been ascertained that 250 persons perished.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, the distinguished philanthropist and millionaire, has been elected president of the New York liberal club, formerly presided over by Horace Greeley.

On the 28th, a body of Russians carried a Turkish position at Telische, west of Plevna. One pasha, several officers and seven companies of Turkish troops were taken prisoners. Three cannons were captured.

The President has appointed the 29th of November as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer "and I earnestly recommend that withdrawing themselves from secular cares and labors the people of the United States do meet together on that day in their respective places of worship, there to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for His mercies, and to devoutly beseech their continuance."

The condition of Senator Morton is not so hopeful as it has been for a week past. His stomach has retained nothing that has been taken into it for the past 24 hours, and as a consequence he has grown weaker. He has been kept up in part by administration of opiates and nutritious aids by the hypodermic process. His attending physician, Dr. Thompson, does not think there is any probability of his immediate death. It is evident that he cannot last long unless there is a change in the condition of his stomach.

Private letters from a highly responsible source in Japan state unequivocally that the secret negotiations between England and Japan on one side and Russia and Japan on the other have embraced these points and results, viz: England insists on sharing all of Japan's advantages in opening Corea, and Japan refuses to concede the demand. Russia consents to support Japan's refusal to any extremity if Japan will waive her claim to the northern port of entry and choose one further south.

A Victoria dispatch of the 29th, says the steamship California, from Cassiar and Sitka, arrived this morning, bringing 150 passengers and \$110,000 in gold dust. The revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott arrived at Sitka on the 17th. The Chilicut Indians had arrived a few days previous to participate in the potlach given by Sitka Jack and his tribe. The cutter arrived just in time to prevent the Indians from demolishing the barricade around the town. They had already commenced, and had pulled down some 200 feet, being protected by seventy armed warriors from any interference by the whites. The citizens seem to think that the timely arrival of the cutter was the means of preventing the Indians, during their drunken revelry, from murdering the whites. There is much alarm amongst the citizens, and nearly all of them are too poor to abandon what property they have and leave the country. Some of the storekeepers are making preparations to remove to Wrangel. Col. De Ahna, the recently appointed collector, has returned on the California [just as we predicted], and, it is said, will not return to Sitka unless the government furnishes the proper protection necessary for the safe prosecution of the business of the customs department. The steamer California took up three guns for the collector. The military department left 30,000 pounds of powder in the magazine, which is considered safe from the Indians while there is a cutter in the bay.

CITY ITEMS.

Notice.—By the 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 twice every Saturday evening. For further particulars, inquire of Geo. W. Cornart, at Cornart's music store, Chenamus street, next door to Dement's.

Kinney's compressed corned beef and Tillamook claims at retail at E. S. Larsen's and Hicknutt & Bailey'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 Adlers.

Money is scarce but you do not need much money to trade 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 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 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, Concomly street, between Benton and Lafayette. Thos. McFarland, proprietor.

Astoria Liquor Store, H. Marx & Co., proprietors. Sole agents for Charles Rebeck & 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 Daviscount, 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. Froeland 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.

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.

Com. Nutt and troupe are on the Ajax.

Kinney received 100 head of fine cattle direct from The Dalles this week.

"Is a Salmon a Salmon?"

The Prize Fish the Columbia Spring Silver Side.

Other Varieties in the Waters of Puget Sound.

AN INTERESTING PAPER FROM MR. JAMES G. SWAN.

The most important fish taken in Washington Territory, both as to quantity and extensive use made of it by the natives and settlers for food, as well as for the valuable branch of business of export purposes in the salmon, of which including the trout, there are sixteen varieties as enumerated by Cooper and Suckley in their reports on the zoology of the territory, and by Baird, Girard, St. John Richardson and other authorities, who have written upon the ichthyology of the northwestern coast.

Dr. Suckley, with an originality quite commendable in him, has adopted Indian names for new varieties which are more readily understood by the people of the territory than the impronounceable Greek and Latin names commonly used in scientific descriptions, and his names have been adopted by all subsequent writers.

The finest salmon taken on the Pacific coast are the spring silver salmon of the Columbia river, of which the choicest are taken near the mouth of that river, and are known as Chinook salmon, from the fact that the early fisheries were principally located at that point.

This salmon is named (salmo quinnat), an evident corruption of the name of a delicious variety, found in the Quin-nai-ult river, near point Crenville, north of Grays harbor. The salmon quinnat entered the Columbia river in May and June, and generally abundant when the salmon berry (rubus spectabilis) is ripe, say about the 10th of June.

The spring salmon of the Columbia reach a great size, fifty pounds being not an unusual weight for them to attain. Some even reaching to seventy-five pounds. They are excessively fat when they first enter the river, but after ascending to the upper waters, they become thin and lose their finest flavor. They are in their best condition when they first come in from the ocean.

The most delicious variety I have tasted in the territory are taken in the Quin-nai-ult river, and are known as quinnaiult salmon in distinction from any other variety. They rarely attain ten pounds weight, but they are very fat and of the most delicate flavor imaginable.

The names and varieties of salmon and salmon-trout in Washington territory, as given by Dr. George Suckley, as given in his zoological report to Gov. Stevens are as follows:

1. Salmo Quinnat, Spring Silver salmon, May and June.
2. Salmo Quin-nai-ult, April and May.
3. Salmo paucidentis, weak tooth salmon, May and June.
4. Salmo Tsuppitch, white salmon, September.
5. Salmo Truncatus, silvery winter salmon, or square-tailed salmon, mid-winter.
6. Salmo Gairdinori, spring salmon, May and June.
7. Salmo Confluentus, Nisqually salmon June.
8. Salmo Sconlin, hook nose salmon, September and October.
9. Salmo Pro ens, hump back salmon, September and October in alternate years.
10. Salmo Canis, dog salmon, or spotted salmon, October and November.
11. Salmo Gibsii, black-spotted salmon-trout, May.
12. Salmo Spectabilis, red spotted salmon-trout, Mid Summer and Autumn.
13. Salmo (Fario) Aurora, orange spotted trout.
14. Salmo Clarkii, brook trout or Clark's salmon.

There are several other varieties of trout, but, as yet they have not been properly defined, and in some instances are known to be the young of other fish.

Young salmon called by the English grilse, or yearlings, are often taken on the waters of Puget sound and called trout by inexperienced persons, and of the trout proper, there is but little doubt that the young of some species have been classed as new varieties, from being different marked than the adults.

As an almost invariable rule, the best varieties of salmon frequent the large rivers, while the inferior kinds, like the hook nose and dog salmon frequent the smaller streams. Those two last named varieties enter the rivers of Puget sound in immense numbers in the fall, particularly the dog salmon or spotted salmon, which run up the smallest streams, in vast shoals, even running out of the water upon the shores in their blind eagerness to surmount impossibilities and reach head waters of the stream to deposit their spawn.

It is not my intention at the present time, nor will the limits of a newspaper article give space to a description of all these varieties and the rivers they frequent, but I would suggest to those engaged in the business of canning, and particularly those persons who think that "a salmon is a salmon," to examine into this matter and they will find descriptions of all varieties in the zoological works of Suckley and Cooper, and in part 2 of vol. 12 Pacific railroad reports. There is quite as much difference in the quality of our salmon as between the fat eulachon and the dry smelt, or between extra number one mackerel and "tinkers," and those establishments who pay the most attention to the selection of the best varieties will find the market demand will give them the preference.

The present editor of the State Journal gives notice that he is past sixty years of age and never attempted newspaper work before; hopes for forbearance and lenity from his brethren, and says there is no fight in him, but more fun than would lie on a ten acre lot.

Senator Booth has introduced a bill to authorize the secretary of the interior to declare forfeitures of railroad grants in certain cases. It provides that in all cases where railroad grants have expired, or where such grants may expire by limitation of law, it shall immediately be the duty of the secretary of the interior to declare all such lands included in such grants which have not been patented by the United States to the grantee where the grant has been made to a corporation, or which have not been lawfully disposed of by the state where the grant has been made to a state, forfeited to the United States, and after such declaration the lands thus declared forfeited shall be disposed of the same as the other public lands of the United States.

Several editions of the ASTORIAN, (Daily, Weekly and Sunday), never insert advertisements known to be of an immoral or swindling character. We refuse many dollars offered for such advertisements every year, but always throw out advertisements suspected of being of this nature. Nevertheless we cannot hold ourselves responsible for the good faith of our advertisers, nor undertake to relieve readers from the need of exercising common prudence on their own behalf. They must judge for themselves whether the goods advertised can in the nature of things be furnished for the price asked. They will find it a good rule to be careful about extraordinary bargains, and they can always find safety in doubtful cases by paying for goods only upon their delivery.

Who wants to know about the great State where the exports equal in value \$378 per head of the entire population, send \$1.00 to D. C. Ireland for THE ASTORIAN, the only Oregon paper, published wholly in the interest of Oregon.