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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.

A new comer says he felt terrible when he found out that Astoria had no poor house.

A new hull for the Albina is nearing the finishing strokes by Messrs. Douglass and David West, at Westport.

Mrs. Carnahan, of Clatsop, who has been seriously ill at Salem, is slowly recovering from her painful afflictions.

O. D. Young is about ready to launch a new schooner at Westport. He was fitting her out at Trenchard & Upshur's yesterday.

The California arrived yesterday from Alaska, and Capt. Thorne confirms the statement published in a dispatch from Victoria with respect to Indian affairs in Sitka.

We observe by our Portland and Salem exchanges that Mrs. C. D. Snyder is about to publish the city directory of Salem. We bespeak for Mrs. Snyder a liberal patronage of which her efforts are deserving.

The weather is now fine enough for anybody in this region, but seems to indicate that the river will close earlier than usual, and the ice be thicker and more solid than formerly, between Astoria and Portland.

The Walla Walla Watchman says the depot is gorged with freight of every description. Here we notice the young and gallant Captain Troupe, of the Temo, unload 31 tons of merchandise in 31 minutes by the watch.

A change occurs to-day in the management of the Parker House hotel. Mr. H. B. Parker again takes the helm as mine host. We are not advised with respect to the future operations of Messrs. Cardwell & Perkins, but wish them success in whatever vocation they may adopt.

Information is wanted of Herman Creasy, who, when last heard from (in June, 1875), was near Ft. Stevens in this state. Any information will be thankfully received by his brother, John F. Creasy, Tulare, Cal. Herman, it will be greatly to your advantage to be found just now.

The Intelligencer tells us how the Annie Stewart lands at the dock there since the late collision: "Wells, Fargo & Co.'s energetic agent climbed a ladder and rang the fog bell on the wharf, to which the steamer answered with her whistle and came into her berth as well as she could have done it in mid-day, notwithstanding the fog."

Capt. Wm P. Gray returned to Oregon by the California yesterday, navigation on the Stickeen river being suspended for the season, and his steamer the Beaver, hauled out for the winter. The experience of Capt. Gray the past year on this northern river would fill a book, and prove very interesting. His last trip up the river and back 150 miles consumed thirty-five days, and the ice was running very thick and thermometer at zero, on the 23rd of September. He was compelled to dig ditches and build wind-dams to float the steamer down, over numerous shoals. He is very glad to get back to webfoot.

THE PRICE OF WHEAT.—Wheat ought to be a dollar and fifty cents per bushel all over the Wallamet valley. San Francisco pays from \$2.10 to \$2.25 per cental. A cental of wheat is a bushel and two-thirds of a bushel. Wheat afloat at Astoria is always worth as much as wheat afloat at San Francisco.

## LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Collection day. Look out for money bags.

—Nicely arranged. Trenchard & Upshur's new show case.

—Dr. Kinsey is about as proud a grand-pa as we ever met.

—Our Joe says this slab wood is just the thing to play "freeze out."

—Mr. Holberg, of Oysterville, is in the city on official business for that part of Pacific county.

## A Public Reading Room.

The following communication is endorsed. The expressions therein suit the matter of a want long felt in this community perhaps better than we could state the case. We consider it a move in the right direction, and will await further developments with interest:

EDITOR ASTORIAN: ASTORIA, OCT. 31ST, 1877.

It is an acknowledged fact that our growing city is sadly deficient in institutions which have a tendency to exert a power of good on the youth in our midst, as well as "the stranger within our gates." We have no Mechanics Institute, no Library Association, nor any other place of resort, where a young man, who is by force of circumstances deprived of that dearest and best of all earthly blessings, a comfortable home, can profitably spend the spare hours of the day and evening. Amidst so many influences for evil ought not our fair city to establish, encourage and foster any institution calculated to exercise a powerful counteracting influence? I am sure that every intelligent and right-minded citizen of Astoria will admit that the establishment of such an institution is a consummation devoutly to be wished; and I doubt not that all such would be willing to use their individual efforts to make it a success if they could see it started on a good basis. We want and ought to have a free Public Reading room here, and there is no reason why we should not have one, and a good comfortable one at that. I have a plan, not yet matured however, which will I think meet the approbation of all interested. In a few days I will submit it to the public, and in the meantime I shall be glad to have your own views on the subject.

E. C. H.

## Towage.

So much has been said by some envious contemporary about exorbitant charges by tugs in our vicinity, that it behoves us to simply state the opinion of an experienced navigator and commander who recently called upon us, and who is quite familiar with all the principal ports of entry of the world and their charges of towage, pilotage, salvage, etc. As he is a gentleman of undoubted veracity, and favorably known to some of our prominent citizens, we can sincerely endorse all his opinions, he says: "All this talk about unjust charges for towage rather amuses me, for I happen to know by experience that the charges here are justly proportionate with the rest of sea-port places; but what surprises me the most is to see how willing these tug-men are to volunteer assistance in case we drag anchor, or in danger of drifting into another vessel while swinging with the tide or wind. And what impresses me most with the open-handed generosity here is that these tug fellows never say anything about salvage. Why sir! I was lying in Cardiff roads once, blowing hard and fearing a collision from our anchors dragging, engaged a tug to stay by us all night, and was forced to pay \$1,000 'for salvage' as they claimed. And yet all foreigners can come here and be treated with the utmost courtesy in case of distress, at half the figure they would be subjected to at home, and yet somebody is howling about exorbitant rates." "Now there that Capt. Flavel, who is always about, ready to assist any of us Captains, when its bad weather, ready to post us up about the river, and offering his friendships in such a quiet unobtrusive way that it rather astonishes some of us who have been accustomed to pay for everything we get in a manner that is only realized by the commercial houses we represent."

EASTERN OREGON.—The Astorian is doing more for the interests of Eastern Oregon than any other paper in the State. If you have a friend or a relative in that section of this country, send him the paper on trial. Only one dollar for four months.

## CITY ITEMS.

....The best cooking and eating 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.

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

....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 Davis court, proprietor.

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

....Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeier'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.

## 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.

Stearns' ideas are decidedly correct. In his Gazetteer he says: "The Wallamet valley is that part of the country which has given the 'wet' currency circulating through the states concerning Oregon. The gentle showers of winter there are far more preferable to the freezing winds and chilling snows of the western states, while the temperate summer, warm enough for vegetation—cool enough for comfort, make it the paradise of the world. It is an old country, sparsely settled, to be sure, but the land is all owned by families who have held it for twenty-five years, or their successors. Every necessity and comfort of civilization is enjoyed by the people with the advantage of certain crops and large yields, longer seasons for cultivation, and an equal price for produce."

## Good Times in Oregon.

The Oregonians have had a good year, as appears from an article in the San Francisco Bulletin of the 24th. That journal says:

The facts are patent enough. There has been no dry weather in Oregon to reduce crops. In fact rain is the strong suit of that state. Californians have sometimes tried to be facetious at the expense of Oregon. But the Web-foot state is all right this year. The remoteness of Oregon has gradually disappeared. There is an average of one steamer or square rigged vessel departing from this port for Oregon daily. The arrivals, of course, are about the same. Communication overland and by water is cheap and expeditious. Freights are comparatively low. Recently a pretty large business has been done in wheat freights. Not only is a large amount of wheat sent down by steamers, but sailing vessels of moderate size have been bringing down a great deal of wheat for transshipment. The freights range from \$3 a ton to a few shillings above that figure. The fact that much more wheat is sent from Oregon to this port than formerly indicates a possible change in the direction of shipments. The owners of large ships do not like to send them into the Wallamet river. The larger class of vessels draw too much water, and they must finish loading at Astoria or at some point below Portland. It really makes no difference to the grain men. They get as much for their wheat in this market, with the freight added, as they can get in Oregon. In fact most of the sales are made there, buyers preferring to send it down for shipment from San Francisco.

Oregon this year not only has the advantage of a large wheat crop and good prices, but the further advantage of low freights. It is singular that with abundant rains, and grasses that are perennial, Oregon makes no prominent figure in the dairy business; nor do the beef cattle of that state appear here in very great numbers. This great state appears, however, to have entered upon a new career of prosperity. Immigration has been large, the crops are certain, and for the last two years have brought good prices. Our connection with Oregon is so close that its prosperity is in a large sense our own. The interests of the two states are interblended. An immense amount of merchandise goes up every week from San Francisco to Portland and other places in Oregon, and the capitalists of this state have large investments there. We can therefore afford to congratulate our neighbors on their prosperity.

## Timber Land Act.

The following bill has been introduced in Congress and referred to the public lands committee:

Be it enacted, etc., that all citizens of the United States and other persons, bona fide residents of the states of Colorado or Nevada, or either of the territories of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Dakota, Idaho, Washington or Montana, shall be and are hereby authorized and permitted to fell and remove for building, agricultural mining or other domestic purposes, any timber or other trees growing or being on the public lands, said lands being mineral and not subject to entry under existing laws of the United States in either of said states or territories, of which such citizens or persons may be at the time bona fide citizens, and that section 2,461 of the revised statutes of the United States and all other acts or parts of acts prohibiting the felling or removing of timber or trees growing and being on public lands of the United States or providing penalties therefor, so far as they conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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.

—Since the recent great earthquakes on the Pacific coast of South America the province of Catamarca, in the western part of the Argentine republic, has become gradually submerged, and the great lake formed there is continually enlarging.

—All the artistic relics of Pompeii, both those in the Naples museum and those allowed to remain *in situ*, to help out the attractions of the excavated city, have now been beautifully photographed, and are sold at cheap rates, to be scattered over the world. No art albums are more fashionable and attractive.

—The Madras famine has left thousands of children orphans. Most of these will probably come under state care until they grow up, and it was at first taken for granted that they would be educated as christians; but it has been strongly urged at a public meeting that this would not be right, on the ground that no interference is justifiable with the religion of a child as derived from its deceased parents.

—The Boardman will case in which Anna Newell tried to recover \$3,000,000 from John D. Bates and others, charging that by fraud and perjury they got the will of William H. Boardman, written in 1841, probated, preventing the probate of a will made in 1858, has been decided by the United States circuit court at Boston, which affirms the decision of the lower courts in sanctioning the earlier will.

—On the coast of the island of Lewis, in the Hebrides, shipwrecks were very numerous before the lighthouses were built, and formed a source of regular income to the islanders, who plundered them. The inhabitants of another island of the same group, a little further south, were so demoralized by this method of living that one of them complained to a visitor, recently, of the government in building so many lighthouses.

—Prof. Tyndall at Birmingham, quoting the song of the herald angels, "Glory to God in the Highest," &c., said: Look to the East at the present moment as a comment on the promise of peace on earth, good will toward men. That promise is a dream, dissolved by the experience of eighteen centuries." A writer in the London Times says there is a mistranslation of Mark ii, v. 14, in our version. It should be "Peace on earth to men of good will," or "among men of God's good pleasure." Dean Alford says: The only admissible rendering is "Among men of God's good pleasure—i. e., among the elect people of God."

—The disposal of the books and personal furniture of John C. Fremont, under sheriff's sale recently, has hardly attracted a passing notice in New York, yet it is one of the saddest incidents in the history of human greatness. Blind Belisarius at the gate begging an obolus is hardly a more melancholy spectacle than the historic "Pathfinder" of America failing to find the path to solvency, and watching his household trinkets knocked down for a song to the pawnbrokers. If Fremont deserves no especial recognition for having opened the pathway across the continent, he has earned an exemption from poverty by this—that he was once thought worthy to be the candidate of a great party for the Presidency of the United States, and the chief reason why he failed to secure an election was the country's blindness to its real interests. We should be very reluctant to extend the granting of pensions, but the country might do worse than show a grateful recognition of the past services of Fremont. If this is not to be, the party which once chose him for its leader owes to itself the duty of rescuing him from poverty.

—Newspaper advertising promotes trade, for in the dull times advertisements secure for the largest share of what is being done.