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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.

Read J. STRAUSS' new "ad."

J. STRAUSS sells the nicest, best, and cheapest goods in town.

The cannery enterprise at Tillamook is a success.

Fully 25 per cent. saved by buying at J. STRAUSS' new grocery store.

If you want a fine article for a cold lunch try Kinney's compressed corned beef. It is a much better article than the Chicago beef.

Sugar cured bacon at prices that defy competition; also, Chicago sugar cured hams and breakfast bacon, the best in the world, at J. STRAUSS'.

Capt. Poole has lost most of his surplus adipose deposit. Left it at New Orleans, but it will come home to him again in Oregon after a while.

STRAUSS will give half a pound more sugar for one dollar than any other store in the city. All the same in coffee, beans, peas, and rice as with sugar, at J. STRAUSS'.

We have been informed that cod-fish can be caught within 40 miles of this city, just outside the bar. Cod-fish, weighing 50 pounds each, are caught in Seattle bay.

Capt. L. W. Poole left at our office yesterday a phial filled with a choice article of tobacco seed which he wishes us to distribute among farmers for a test of production in Oregon soil.

A very large stock of can goods, such as table and pie fruit, jelly, jam, honey, tomatoes, corn, beans, sugar peas, oysters, corn beef, condensed milk, etc., at prices to suit the times at J. STRAUSS'.

The bark Dawn formerly of this port, arrived in San Francisco on the 26th ult., 17 days from the Arctic ocean with 600 barrels of oil, one ton of bone, one ton of ivory. The trip was not a profitable one. The vessel like most others that seek the whale in those bleak and icy bound latitudes, was considerably damaged by the ice.

Many immigrants are constantly arriving amongst us, who are generally disposed to make this their home. But most of them know but very little of this country. Many incline to ramble and hunt for common work. It is certain that work cannot be given all of them. The country surrounding us on all sides invites settlers. We want as many land-holders here as possible. This will give us permanent citizens. Many land agents and others who speculate in lands, are tardy in giving information to new comers about vacant or congress lands, but there are thousands of acres of such lands open to settlement in Clatsop, Tillamook, Pacific and Washington counties.

The Standard says there is employed at the St. Charles Hotel in Portland, in the capacity of clerk, a young man named Thomas Bullfinch, grandson of the discoverer of the Columbia river, Captain Charles Bullfinch, of the good ship Columbia, which sailed from Boston harbor in 1792. He was accompanied in that expedition by sailing master Gray, after whom Gray's Harbor is named. Captain Bullfinch was not exactly the discoverer of Oregon's great river, but he it was who gave it the grand old title which it is destined to bear through all future ages. His lineal descendant is an energetic and intelligent young man, who feels justly proud of his honored patronymic.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Remember B. S. Worsley's auction sale to-day. See advertisement.

Salem patent baker's flour, Imperial, Magnolia and Albany flour, very cheap for cash, at J. STRAUSS'.

Some of the boys on the police force are thinking of going to work at stevedoring to raise grub money.

We understand that the next thing in vogue is a candy scrape. Victims names not yet ascertained.

Shippers will find all the outward foreign manifests, part manifests, and drawback blanks they want at this office.

The tobaccoesed left with us by Capt. Poole for distribution will require sandy soil, but on such ground will produce the very best of smoking tobacco.

Col. J. M. Wilson yesterday visited Fort Stevens for the purpose of making a personal investigation of the erosions at Point Adams and the condition of the breakwater at that point.

From the amount of side-saddles and fixings we observed yesterday in a prominent locality, we infer that somebody is preparing to cater to the wants of those who desire to cultivate equestrianism.

The people of Linn and Benton county have set the people of this county a good example as to how they ought to proceed to start a local enterprise. A long pull, a strong pull and a pull together, generally fetches things.

R. Alexander & Co. yesterday put into their office a nice, large new safe. They say they have no money to put into it—hence are determined to sell lower than ever for the next sixty days, in order to get some cash.

Rev. C. W. Rigg, a Wesleyan minister from New Zealand, who lately arrived as passenger in the ship Ponomo, Capt. Tannock, and whose interesting account of a visit to the Pitcairn Islands we recently published, has consented to preach in the Congregational church tomorrow, (Sunday), morning and evening.

For 20 days only, I will sell crockery, lamps, glassware, table and pocket cutlery at San Francisco wholesale prices, in order to make room for one of the largest and best selected stocks of the same kind of goods now on the way from New York, for J. STRAUSS, South side of Chenamus street, Astoria, Oregon.

The grand complimentary benefit at Liberty hall to-night, tendered to Rescue engine company No. 2, by the Astoria serenaders will be a good thing. The first part consists of an Overture; Opening chorus; Little sunshine; Quilt that tickling me; Mother is the Old Home lonely? (original); New York society; Mable Clair, (new and original), and the Grand finale. Part second, grand tumbling feats, and *The Stranger*; part third, song and dance; and last but not least, the whole to conclude with the new and laughable burlesque of *Around Astoria in 80 Minutes*, by the serenaders. Go, by all means.

Mr. Poison informs us that none of the farmers in Yamhill county, able to hold their grain, have sold yet. The Salem Statesman says: "Farmers have not, up to this time, seeded as much land to grain as has usually been the case in former years. The same acreage has not been sown fall-wed in many places, hence the decreased sowing. Last year much new land was sown for the first time, and will be sown again for next year. This fine weather is very opportune, and every plow team is in the field. The prospect for a good crop next year is good, for from present indications the usual amount of grain will be planted, though not in summer-fallow. In Washington county, plows ran all last week notwithstanding the rain."

Our readers have perhaps heard of the man who tried to buy a money-purse on credit. The Mercury tells of a blind man buying a watch in Salem on tick. The Mercury says: "Because of his physical misfortune, people gave him a hearty welcome and a liberal support. We have recently learned certain facts concerning him which cause us to believe him a fraud. A short time since he went into the jewelry store of Mr. J. H. Haas, on Commercial street, and purchased a fine watch and chain amounting to \$65. He paid \$30 down, and informed Mr. Haas that he was going to Portland to give a musical concert and that on his return he would pay the balance. On arriving at Portland, instead of giving a concert, he boarded one of the outgoing steamers and sailed for California. We hear also that he has left a number of other creditors in the lurch, among whom are several saloon keepers of this city."

CITY ITEMS.

GRAND OPENING.—I will open my dance academy with a grand soiree at Liberty hall on Monday evening, Nov. 5, 1877. Tickets \$1.00, to be had at D. C. Ireland's drug store and at Cornart's. GEO. W. CORNART.

Havana cigars, \$1.00 per 1,000 at Alexander & Co's.

Crockery sold at R. Alexander & Co's for the next 30 days at San Francisco cost.

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.

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 I. 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 Office 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 Stone Valley, Snow Hill, 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 house-keepers 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 for the day or week at the Astoria Beer Hall, Main street, Astoria. Peter Daviscourt, 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.

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 homeward and outward bound shipping lists are kept on file. Telegraph office next door.

J. STRAUSS is fully prepared to sell you the best of teas cheaper than you have ever bought on this coast.

A business man should regard advertising as an investment which will always bring many fold returns, though some times distant; and this investment should not be discontinued, unless he wishes to diminish his trade and let others occupy the field. While it is readily conceded that advertising of some kind is an actual necessity, it cannot be denied that the best medium is a permanent newspaper. There is no other method by which the same number of persons can be reached, or which has so much influence upon those who see the advertisement.

Newspaper advertising promotes trade, for in the dull times advertisers secure by far the largest share of what is being done.

Plan for a Library.

ASTORIA, Nov. 2nd, 1877.

DEAR SIR:

Having noticed an article in your paper about forming a free library, where persons can enjoy reading of papers, books, etc., free of charge. I will state that I have formed such an institution at Port Townsend, W. T. The way I went to work about it was thus: I gathered books from all sources, paid out money from my own funds, and got some books, chessmen, checkers and dominoes from different parties. There were thirteen newspapers subscribed for, which came regular every week. There were twenty-five postal cards and \$1.50 worth of writing material furnished for the benefit of those having no means, and for the use of the library. We had three rooms. In one corner I had my barber shop, the books were all in that room. If any one chose to have a book I would hand him the book list. After the number was selected I would furnish the book, then he would pass from my room into the reading room. The rooms were arranged thus: First room—Barber shop, with books enclosed. Second room—Playing room, chessmen, checkers, dominoes, etc. Third room—Reading and writing room.

At four o'clock the children of the town would come for books, which they got in this manner. Each child would have to get a writing from some business man or person in good standing, then it was signed by the parents, the book was then loaned. Every week all books outstanding had to be brought in so as to enter them for the following week. I put the name, number of the book, and the name of the child, &c., down, in what I termed a record-book, therefore there were no books lost.

At that time there were a great many soldiers up at what is called the station. They were furnished books also, the conditions required were these, they had to leave a sufficient sum to cover the expense of the book, if lost. Some termed it J. Korter's library; but it was gotten up for the benefit of the little folks and adults, free of charge. My business supporting me, salary therefore, was unnecessary. Yours, etc., J. KORTER.

The Seattle Tribune says the past month has been one of tragic events in that community. First, came the hanging of John Thompson; next, the shooting of Peterson; third, the falling dead of Ri Lee in the county jail; fourth, the same in the case of Wm. Strong; and fifth and last, the murder of Ole Haagenon.

Last Sunday morning the Occident's wheel got into a muss with a drift log and bent the eccentric. The boat was got ashore at Lincoln and the engineer went to Mr. Witten's house to get the use of his forge to straighten the bent article. Mr. W. in reply to the request said: "I can make a living without working on Sunday and so can other folks," and refused the use of his forge.

The mountaineer learns from Mr. Phelps, of the firm of Phelps & Wadleigh, cattle, raisers in the Yakima country, was just down from near the line of British Columbia, that the Indians are all quiet and peaceable, but little inclined to believe that Joseph had surrendered. He had a talk with Moses—the great chief of this upper country who can command from 1,500 to 2,000 warriors—and found him peaceably inclined and only asked to be let alone where he was.

A subterranean lake or river was tapped by some men who were boring for coal at Coe, Vernon county Wis., a few days ago. When they had penetrated seventy feet they heard a heavy rumbling noise which was immediately followed by a rush of water, filling the six-inch tube, which raised the drilling machine, weighing some seven hundred pounds, many feet. On moving the drilling apparatus a volume of water was thrown into the air twenty feet, and continued to rise seven or eight feet, when it spread out into jets like an artificial fountain. It is estimated that it discharges a barrel a minute. The water is pure and cold.

It is doubtful whether the reign of gas will last much longer. At the present time nearly every shop in Brooklyn is lit, and brilliantly lit, with kerosene, without any disagreeable odor being perceptible; while a few months ago the authorities in the large city of Exeter, England, would not enter into new gas contracts as they anticipated the use of electric lights, and at Bristol, England, the authorities have lately resolved to advertise for tenders for lighting the whole or part of the city otherwise than by gas, in the event of no satisfactory arrangement being come to with a gas company.

A case of some interest was lately decided in the United States district court in Baltimore. It was brought by some merchants in Italy against a grain house in Baltimore. The libellants had chartered to the respondents the Italian bark *Olivia Spicosa* to carry a cargo of grain from that port. At the time of the charter the bark was in the port of Genoa, from which port it was stipulated by the libellants that she was to sail "with dispatch." The evidence disclosed the fact that she delayed there one month, having gone into the dry dock for repairs. Judge Giles decided that the bark having gone into the dry dock for repairs after the charter, did not sail "with dispatch," from which term would be inferred that she was to sail at the time of the charter, and therefore the libellants had not complied with the charter, which justified the respondents in refusing the vessel when tendered. The libel was therefore dismissed with costs.

Civil service or some other reform is imperatively called for, says the Commercial News, in that branch of the government which allows public money expended in the purchase of unwholesome meat in the east and the shipment of the same to this coast for naval supplies. "We understand that dealers in this city are prepared to furnish good merchantable provisions to the government at prices as low or lower than they can be purchased in the east. Our merchants are now represented in congress by one of their own number, whose election was largely due to the mercantile community. This gentleman has now an excellent opportunity of obliging his constituents and the public by demanding from the authorities at Washington an immediate inquiry into the scandalous proceedings we have referred to. The United States authorities as purveyors of inferior provisions present a spectacle which however gratifying to crooked contractors, is by no means one of either dignity or profit."

A question is likely to come to the surface with respect to the desert lands entered by Shearer, at Des Chutes, where the fish propagating company wished to hatch salmon. A Washington dispatch yesterday says: The commissioner of the general land office, acting under direction of secretary Schurz, to whom he referred the matter, will shortly issue additional instructions regarding the investigation of suspended desert entries. These supplemental instructions will provide that notice for taking testimony shall be served by mail upon the person in whose name the entry was made, if his residence is known, and by publication in a newspaper in the county embracing the tract, if his residence is not known. They also require inquiry to be made whether the applicant knew the character of the land before entry was filed, and if so, for how long a period; whether he, himself, paid the first installment, or if it was advanced by any other person, and by whom, and whether he has conveyed, assigned or mortgaged or agreed to convey, to assign or mortgage the land; if so, what consideration. Local land offices are furthermore specially instructed to obtain testimony as to the character of the land, from other persons than those applying to enter them.