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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."
....The Rufus E. Wood is loaded and draws 20 feet.

....Everybody is rushing to J. STRAUSS' new grocery store.

....Capt. Reed, piloted the Glenrosa to Portland, Ordway towing.

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

....There will be a meeting of the Common Council to-morrow evening.

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

....The River Lune went up the river yesterday, towed by the Ocklahama.

....J. STRAUSS will pay the highest cash prices for fresh eggs and butter.

....A conscientious mariner refused work on a scow yesterday, claiming that no man could serve "two masters."

....\$2 40. You can buy the best coal oil in patent faucet cans, at J. STRAUSS'.

....The weather promises to be favorable for the exhibition of new hats, bonnets and attractive weavers, to-day.

....Something for laundries to look at. Chemical Olive soap, 80 cents a box, at J. STRAUSS'.

....Lambert's cornet band are practicing zealously and propose to exhibit their proficiency by Thanksgiving day.

....Just received fresh Berlin, Wisconsin, cultivated cranberries, at J. STRAUSS'.

....The favorite little steamer Sam went away from her dock yesterday morning loaded to her guards for Skipanon.

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

....Mr. W. Newell will hear of something decidedly to his interest by calling at this office on his return to the Columbia river.

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

....Mr. Bozorth has commenced the manufacture of sauer kraut and will soon be prepared to sell the same "with other fruits."

....J. 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'.

....A semi-occasional correspondent says one of his lady friends has become a devoted vegetarian. Raw carrots are her favorite at present.

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

....Bear in mind Cornart's sociable at Liberty hall, to-morrow evening. You can encourage a very laudable undertaking in our city by attending. Special invitations have been issued.

....J. STRAUSS has just received a large lot of Alden dried apples, pears, plums, blackberries, raspberries and plums cherries, which he will sell very low, to make room for more which will arrive on the steamer Chester.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

....The Wonder towed the Francis Thorpe to Portland.

....Capt. Ferchen took both the River Lune and Woodhull to Portland, on the 2d.

....J. STRAUSS has a very large and complete stock of groceries en route by the City of Chester.

....The flags of this city were displayed at half-mast yesterday, out of respect to the dead. Senator Morion.

....The Eller Bank has not yet arrived. It was a mistake made in some unaccountable manner announcing her as in.

....The G. Broughton left for Portland on the 1st, towed by the Edith, piloted by Capt. Gilman, and arrived on the 2d.

....Capt. James Strang is now again fully initiated as a river pilot. He took the Ullock up on the 1st, in tow of the Columbia.

....Messrs. G. W. Weidler & Co. have appointed Mr. Peter Wilhelm special agent to look after their steam tug and barge interests in Astoria.

....Mr. Kiser dried his clothes at the Parker House yesterday after taking an involuntary bath by walking off the dock at one of the steamer landings.

....Anxious Inquirer wishes to know if a cannery is a place where a man can get an involuntary bath by walking off the dock at one of the steamer landings.

....One of the Astoria police showed that he is a dexterous hand at the moly art of "skulling a boat." A land lubber fell over-board trying to do the same thing, yesterday.

....It was one of THE ASTORIAN subscribers, living near Oregon City, Mr. P. M. Rinearson, who raised the mammoth squashes that took the first premiums at the Oregon State fair. One weighed 177 lbs., and the other 162 1/2 lbs.

....A report has been circulated to the effect that the old rates of fare had been fixed again on the California steamers. The agents here inform us that there is no truth in the report. Round trip tickets can be secured for \$10 00.

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

....The City of Chester sailed for Astoria on Friday from San Francisco. Lient. Leary is a passenger. Mrs. Capt. White, and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamborn are also returning by this steamer, and Grand Rep. Ezra St. John, thus comes home from his labors in Baltimore where he attended the national grand lodge of Odd Fellows.

....Encouraging. Mr. Holden informs us that the very first gentleman he approached on the subject of the contemplated free public reading room, realized the importance of the undertaking and the happy influence such an institution would exert in our community sufficiently to subscribe ten dollars per month until it is permanently established.

....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 steamship companies now sell through tickets from San Francisco to Walla Walla, at reduced rates.

....The Treasury department is preparing a circular instructing collectors of customs that it is their duty to require sail and steam vessels to be provided with bells to give alarm in foggy weather. The law only prescribes what the fine shall be for the neglect to ring a bell in such weather.

....Four large London firms have been invited to compete for the supply of corrugated iron for huts, to contain 100,000 Russian soldiers. They are to be delivered at Antwerp and sent direct thence to Bachearest. Orders have also been issued for eight railroad stations for strategic railroad. They are to be complete in every respect, and provided with a heating apparatus.

....Oregon has every advantage enjoyed in civilized countries. Liberal laws. Good schools. Moderate taxes. Only nominal State debt.

CITY ITEMS.

....GRAND OPENING.—I will open my dancing academy with a grand sociable at Liberty hall on Monday evening, Nov. 5, 1877. Tickets \$1.00, to be had at Dement's drug store and at Cornart's store. GEO. W. COENART.

....Choice Havana cigars, \$18.00 per 1,000 at R. Alexander & Co's.

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

....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 \$8 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 Coffee Saloon, Concomly street, between Benton and Lafayette. Thos. McFarland, proprietor.

....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 Roney 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 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. 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 checks and cigars five and ten cents, at the Chicago House, Main st. cor. Astoria, N. W. MAN.

....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 fixed 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.

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

....House, a Bremen cigar manufacturer, has published a book in which he says that cigar coloring is becoming common. Most smokers prefer strong and dark colored to light and bright colored cigars, while the color of raw tobacco tends rather to bright than dark. Hence the temptation to resort to coloring, since poor cigars can thus be passed off for good.

....BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!

....The White House is just receiving a large assortment of all the latest novelties and specialties in dry goods, clothing and fancy goods, boots and shoes, &c. Reason for being out so late is because Mr. Schlusel has been very ill and had no chance to go to market, but all is right now and you can buy the latest styles of goods for the least money of Schlusel & Kant.

....Any friend who feels an interest in the prosperity of this region, is authorized to act as agent for this paper, in procuring subscribers.

Free Public Reading Room.

ASTORIA, OREGON, NOV. 3, 1877.
EDITOR ASTORIAN:

As anticipated my communication of the 1st inst., and your hearty endorsement of the same, has evoked a degree of interest and inquiry on the subject which is highly gratifying, and to my mind insures the success of our efforts to establish a comfortable and respectable free public reading room. The plan I have in view, and which I have submitted to many of our citizens, has received very courteous and favorable attention, and nearly all have been pleased to predict that it will be a success; and farther, they promised to book their opinion by their countenance and support. I promised publicly to announce the plan proposed. The object of a public reading room is to provide a pleasant and comfortable resort where the residents and sojourners of a town can drop in at any reasonable hour of the day or night, and without cost, have an opportunity profitably and pleasantly to enjoy their leisure hours. To accomplish the end desired, and this be a success, the following advantages are essentially necessary: The room must be inviting and comfortable, there must be space enough to meet all its requirements, it must be provided with books, papers, magazines and periodicals, also chessmen and checkers, and it is very important that it should be situated in a favorable locality. My plan is this: I have concluded to receive no more consignments of goods, but to employ my time altogether in office business. One corner of the store I have so long occupied will be sufficient for my use; the remainder I propose to convert into a public reading room, to be open from 9 A. M. till 10 P. M., free to all who will comply with the rules, which will simply be "to maintain order and behave with decorum." There will be a spacious room in the rear for the use of smokers so that no strict rule against smoking may be needed to protect those in the main reading room to whom smoking is objectionable. Having my office in the main room, simply partitioned off by a railing, there will always be somebody present to maintain order.

Now as to its support. It is proposed to make it a public institution and not a private enterprise or speculation, and therefore it will look to the public for support and maintenance. It is intended to be thrown open to strangers, to all classes of our citizens male and female, old and young, rich and poor, without regard to the civil, political, religious or social opinions of any individual, as long as they "maintain order and decorum." I have faith to believe, Mr. Editor, that the public generally will endorse this as an effort in the right direction, and that on this basis with proper management it will be a success.

Now as to the management and probable cost. As this communication is already too long, I will simply say: I propose to solicit contributions, this done, call a meeting of the contributors, let them appoint, say five, directors to co-operate with me on the foundation of the institution, and the expenditure of the contributions, and by your courtesy, we can report progress through THE ASTORIAN.

E. C. HOLDEN.

The philanthropist in New Haven, Conn., who has for five years supplied the Post Office in that city with stamps to forward unsamped letters has been notified by the Post Office Department that hereafter all letters dropped into the office without stamps must be forwarded to the dead letter office. In these five years he has sent 16,627 letters, at an expense of \$406. From persons benefited he has received \$222, besides some thanks and a few handsome presents.

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 duller times advertisers secure by far the largest share of what is being done.

What is a dollar when you can get THE ASTORIAN for it four months, regularly, including a pamphlet telling you all about the great State of Oregon.

NEWS AND NOTES.

The Madras Railroad has had to order 20,000 tons of coal from England, from which it may be presumed that the line will not pay high dividends just at present.

A curious fate seems to be in store for the Isle of Elba. It is to be visited shortly by the Italian ministers and marine, who contemplate establishing a large penal colony.

Toads are getting a commercial value in Europe, some one, probably in the toad trade, having successfully promulgated the theory that if a toad has a weakness, it is for Colorado beetles.

Four steel steamers of light draught have been ordered from England by the Egyptian Government, for the use on Lake Nyanza, and for opening the navigation of central African rivers.

They are at work now on the Straits of Dover tunnel. The tunnel will belong to its proprietors for thirty years; then the two governments will be able to take possession of it on certain conditions.

The cultivation of tobacco in Germany occupies some 5,000 acres, principally in the southern States. The crop is worth about \$45,000,000, and in spite of the enormous home consumption, a considerable quantity is exported every year.

It is proposed to build a Merchants' Exchange in Havana. The building is to be of iron and masonry, of large size, and handsome in design. It will receive the associated press of New York and will have a system of telegraphic communications with each of the large business houses of Havana as desire to have an instrument on the premises.

King Ludwig of Bavaria is reported to have at his summer residence a little boat covered with mother-of-pearl, built in the shape of a nautilus shell, and large enough for two persons. It is lined with scarlet velvet, and the rowlocks are of coral. Another whim of his is to have in his garden a kiskep, so arranged with ingenious cardelaora as to cause, when lighted, a reflection of stars and moons on the ceiling.

Hard times are prevailing in Buenos Ayre. Although money is cheap and in abundant supply, hundreds are going down under obligations greater than they can bear. The theatres are shut up for want of support, one of the trunk tramways is embargoed, ancestral properties are falling into the hands of the sheriff, 102 steamers and ninety sailing vessels are lying in the Tigre, and a general feeling is prevalent that the bottom has not yet been reached.

Private letters from India speak of a growing anxiety among European residents, who are strengthening the volunteer corps accordingly. The Calcutta volunteers turn out 700 strong, armed with National Henry rifles, and very shortly a cavalry corps of at least 100 sabres will take their place beside the infantry. At Cawnpore, Bombay, and other places the same spontaneous movement is observed, and it is encouraged by the Government. The repeated reverses sustained by the Russians have given rise to the very illogical deduction that the Asiatics are generally a match for the European.

The Hindoos openly acknowledge their sympathy with the Mohammedans; and assign as a reason that it is natural they should take the side of an Oriental power and people. In some parts, especially along the northwestern frontier, the bearing of the Mussulmans has become insolent and provocative. The Ameer or Cabul is credited with all sorts of insane projects, and furiously resents the presence of an English force at Quetta.