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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 Springfield arrived yesterday in tow of the Chief, Reed piloting.

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

The Wigton will be down to-day in tow of the Wonder, Strang piloting.

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

The Grand Central Company of Farmington, Missouri, is a fraud of the first water.

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

If you want a good kront cutter go to Henry Gallou's wagon shop and have one made to order.

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

Remember the entertainment by the young ladies of the Congregational church this evening.

\$2.40. You can buy the best coal oil in patent faucet cans, at J. STRAUSS'.

Will some person having a spare copy of Harper's Weekly, June 22d, 1877, with accompanying map of the seat of war in Turkey, leave the same at this office? We will pay for it.

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

Mr. Boison, jeweler on Main street, leaves for San Francisco to-day by the Elder, for the purpose of purchasing a stock for the approaching holidays.

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

This is the season of lotteries and grand schemes promising great results. Beware of all circulars and advertising dodges, promising from \$200.00 to \$300.00 profits on an investment of from five dollars to fourteen or twenty.

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

Persons who have not sent in their petitions to Congress for a terminus (not a station) on the Northern Pacific railroad, are requested to do so as quick as possible. There is no time to be lost.

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

Look out at the window if you want to see it rain.

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'.

Mr. A. G. Allen, Fort Stevens, will please accept our thanks for special favors.

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'.

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

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Mr. Chas. F. Speck has taken one of Astoria's daughters, Miss Dolly Wine-sett. They were married in Oregon city.

There is no uneasiness felt at the failure of the Falkenburg to put in an appearance from Honolulu, as freights are dull over there.

Richard Lemon "our Dick" turned the River Nith away from the dock on the 13th, loaded, between daylight and dark. The Pizarro was also completed yesterday.

Hon. S. E. Barr has been appointed administrator of the estate of Neils Olafson, deceased, and Wm. E. Smith, (known as Chinook Smith) deceased, late residents of Pacific county.

An arm chair formerly owned by David C. Broderick is the property of Mr. Jeremiah Smith of this city. The chair was presented to Mr. Smith by Broderick the day the fatal duel was fought with Terry.

The work of organizing the Astoria and Wallamet Valley railroad company is progressing very satisfactorily. Some of the best men in Oregon are incorporators. Men who mean business, and meaning business will make this a successful business and accomplished enterprise.

Astoria is interested in several bills, introduced into Congress, among which may be mentioned: A bill asking \$20,000 for Sand-Island range lights; \$50,000 for a light on Tillamook-head; \$300,000 for the Cascade canal. These measures were introduced by Senator Mitchell on the 22d ult.

If anything further were lacking to prove the fact that it is high time San Francisco business men generally subscribed for THE ASTORIAN, this further evidence could be seen in the way the materials for the new Astoria city hall building are addressed to the contractors: "Bain & Ferguson, Astoria, W. T." That's a meaner blunder than the reporter of the Philadelphia Press made when he fixed Capt. J. C. Ainsworth at a Philadelphia hotel from Oregon, California.

Mrs. Abraham Butts, of Dartmouth, Mass., is a model newspaper subscriber. Although 75 years old, she walked the other day all the way from her home to the office of the Standard in New Bedford and back again for the sole purpose of paying her subscription. The distance is 14 miles.

The Chinese Bill.

The bill introduced into Congress by Representative Page of California in regard to Chinese immigration provides that from and after July 1, 1877, it shall be unlawful for any subject of China to enter within the jurisdiction of the United States unless he file upon the day of such entry, with the collector of customs at the port where he arrives, a certificate signed by the U. S. minister resident in China, and dated not more than 60 days prior to its presentation, that he comes to engage in mercantile business, or that he is the representative of some mercantile establishment in China, which shall be named in said certificate; that any Chinese subject coming into the United States jurisdiction contrary to these requirements shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and on conviction in the United States court be subject to a fine of \$100 or, in default of payment, be imprisoned at hard labor for five months; and the master of any such vessel bringing any such offender shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor and be punished by \$100 fine, for which the vessel shall be liable. The bill finally provides that marshals of districts, under regulations, to be prescribed by the court, shall cause all such convictions to be returned to China, the expenses to be deducted from the fines imposed. Mr. Page says this measure is designed as "a notice of intention" and as a remedy in case no better is provided before the date fixed for it to go into operation.

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

THE GREAT BORE.

A Worm Eaten Vessel on the Ways for Repair.

Work of the "Teredo Nevalis" on Puget Sound.

A LITTLE JOKER THAT NEVER TROUBLES ASTORIA.

When a wharf is built at Astoria it is a great satisfaction to the builder to know that his property will stand as long as time lasts, at least so far as the ravages of the *teredo nevalis* are concerned. The fresh water of the Columbia at this port is certain death to the curious little pest. Recently a Puget Sound coaster was taken out at Seattle for repairs, and the Intelligencer says that when she was first hauled out she was not supposed to be worm-eaten excepting on her shoe and guard-board streak, but in cutting into her plank next to the keel, it was found so badly eaten that the plank on the whole bottom had to be removed. The reporter says: We had the curiosity to examine the boring apparatus of one of these worms which savants call *teredo nevalis* as it came out alive from a piece of plank. It was so ingeniously arranged that to avoid having to turn the whole body in boring its hole, it turns once around, cutting the wood, and then cuts again in reverse, there being two lips to the auger which very much resembles the new patent expansion bits now coming into so extensive use. It has always been a query to us how so true and round a hole as they bore could be made with a body from six to ten inches long without a single revolution of that body; but on close examination of the bit-like head, the mystery was solved. There is also a strange apparatus at the tail, a sort of serrated, folding beak, which closes like a trap, and remains stationary at the opening of the puncture as a guard to defend against intrusion. The tabular, gelatinous body, having a consistency like that of a jelly-fish, stretches out as well as expands, as it extends inward, and investigators say they have found undigested chips and shavings of the wood in their alimentary canal. Altogether it is a wicked little specimen of creation and an ugly one.

Occupation for Idle Hours.

I'm found in pastor and also in people,
I dwell in the church but not in the steeple;
I'm in parson's gown but not in his book,
I'm betrayed by a glance but not by a look.
I'm now out of breath and really must pant.
You may guess—if you can—and also Kant.

I'm as wicked as I can be,
Behold me, and wicked still I'll be.
If now you will slightly transpose what is left
You will find of all good, I'm still sadly bereft.
In fact you may do with me just what you choose,
The truthful and good I will ever abuse.
Seek not! I'm easily everywhere found;
Even one to a printer is usually bound.

The answers will be given on Sunday next.

Hon. D. P. Thompson, deeply engaged in mining operations in southern Oregon, says that future mining there depends almost entirely upon the results that will follow the efforts of present mine owners; if they succeed in realizing what they expect, and what the country expects, mining will increase, and more capital be introduced into the country; but if they fail there is little reason to believe that new mining enterprises will be projected for many years to come, if ever.

Our Alaska Investment.

H. W. Elliott, in Harper's Magazine.

A decade has elapsed since the double-crested eagle flew from the dreary length and chilly breadth of Alaska, and during that time the intense materialistic eyes of our fellow-citizens have been keenly scrutinizing the rugged land, the timber thickets, the furry beasts, and the finny visitants that are purely and essentially Alaskan, with the undisguised determination to strike in at once where it would pay. They have struck this far once, and only once.

Few understand, or understood, the underlying motives which prompted the purchase of Russian America; for the truth is that the idea was a suggestion at first on the part of Seward to divert the general feeling of opposition arising over "my policy," indorsed and advocated so energetically by his chief, and the purpose arose within the distinguished Secretary's mind by a sudden cognizance of the following facts. The charter of the old Russian America company expired in 1862. The company was deeply in debt, and the government was hesitating over the advisability of renewing the lease to the same company and under the same terms; and while hesitating in this way from year to year, a company of American merchants in San Francisco made, through the Russian consul there, overtures for the purchase of the exclusive right of trade in Alaska for a stated term of years. Baron Stoeckel, Russian minister at Washington, had occasion soon to call Seward's attention to this matter, and then the idea entered the Secretary's mind of purchasing the country out and out, for, he reasoned, if a few of our traders find the enterprise of practically owning and controlling that vast era, one so simple and profitable, why should not the United States government at once possess itself of Russian America, since it evidently begs for an owner? And, acting on this logic, Mr. Seward moved promptly with negotiation, and found a willing coadjutor in the form of the Russian minister; and we all know how, in a storm of mingled approbation and lively opposition, the treaty was finally ratified.

And so we took Alaska ten years ago, just as the big boy takes a strange toy, full of great satisfaction, and fired with intense desire to investigate its inner workings, and, like the boy, we have made the examination, and like the boy, we have laid the toy aside. How we pitied the ignorance of our Russian friends, who declared, in response to our call for information regarding its natural resources, that they had been so engrossed in the one idea of getting furs that they really "did not know of anything else."

However, though we have lost the wild apples of Sitka, and have failed to see the skimmer of golden fields of corn at Kodiak, yet we have much to please and far more to interest us in Alaska. It is a paradise for the naturalist, a happy hunting ground for the theologian, a new and boundless field for the geologist, and the physical phenomena of its climate are something wonderful to contemplate. It is, and will be for years to come, a perfect treasure trove for these gentlemen; but, alas! it bids fair, from what we now know, never to be a treasure-trove for the miner or agriculturist.

The many friends of Captain McNulty will be sorry to learn that he is again compelled to give up his position as commander of the Mountain Queen owing to a return of his recent illness.

For 30 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.

CITY ITEMS.

J. Olsen will receive for the holidays, the fine lot of jewelry ever offered in Astoria, and at San Francisco prices. Don't forget the place, Caulfield's Drug store, Chenamus street.

Wm. McCormick, dealer in fruits from the farm of Lewis river, has a choice lot of apples to-day. Corner of main and Chenamus streets.

Eating apples 75 cents to \$1.00; cooking 50 cents; pears 75 cents; eggs 50 cents, and everything in proportion at Bozorth's. Call and satisfy yourself.

Splendid lamps, and the best of oil at R. Alexander & Co's.

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

Kinney's compressed corned beef and Tillamook clams 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.

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 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.

The "Dance of Life," an answer to the Dance of Death, by Mrs. J. M. Bowers. For sale at the City Book Store.

Single men feel like marrying when they see the Medallion range at Magnus C. Crosby's.

Board and lodging by the day or week at the Astoria Beer Hall, Main street, Astoria. Peter Daviscourt, proprietor.

Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeer's.

White wire goods in every style, at Magnus C. Crosby'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.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

Lupulin yeast gems, unique flower pots, crockery and glassware, chinaware, holiday goods, &c., &c. Besides the best assortment of groceries, dried fruits and other things too numerous to mention. Sold cheap for cash. J. W. GEARHART.

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.

Most expeditious route to Oregon is by rail to San Francisco, California, and thence to Portland, Oregon, by the direct steamer line, sailing every Saturday morning.

The Albany Democrat is informed that the Brownsville woolen factory, since their recent unfortunate loss of a dryer by fire, have put in a dryer which saves labor and runs by steam. The old way of drying by sun has thus been dispensed with, and the labor of that department of the institution very much simplified. We are glad to learn that the factory is in full blast again turning out its admirable fabrics with more than usual industry. This is one of the most substantial manufacturing institutions in the state, and the gentlemen connected with its management have just reason to be proud of its success.

Oregon, the queen state of the north-west holds in her right hand long life and unusual health, and in her left great wealth and power, and invites the industrials from all parts of the world to come and partake of them.