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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."

Holidays goods in great variety at Loeb's.

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

Goshen cream cheese at Larsen's. The best in the world.

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

Just received 2500 lbs. fresh California hams, and for sale at 15 cents per pound, cash, at R. Alexander & Co's.

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

That Wife of Mine, and other new books for sale at the Bee Hive.

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

Vases, statuettes, and fancy goods at Loeb's equal to any in the state.

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

If you have a broken baby-wagon take it to Henry Gallou's wagon shop and have it repaired at once. He does good work and warrants it.

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

Sam Harris' portrait will appear in the next issue of the Police Gazette, with a biographical sketch of his immense person.

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

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

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

Says an exchange: "Any family man who says he is too poor to take a newspaper should be indicted for obtaining a family under false pretenses."

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

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 industrious from all parts of the world to come and partake of them.

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 people of Oregon are not burned up four months in summer and frozen or snowed in six months in winter, nor millions of property swept away in a night by overwhelming floods and devastating hurricanes, as they frequently are in the eastern and western states of the union. They do not live in fear of being carried to untimely graves in hundreds by the summer fevers that prevail in the Southern states, nor of being overwhelmed by earthquakes that visit California every two or three years, nor yet by its floods every fifth or tenth year, nor dried up by its droughts every third or fourth year. The summer diseases so destructive to human life among children in the Atlantic states are almost unknown in Oregon.

THE CITY.

The DAILY ASTORIAN will be sent by mail at 25 cents a week, free of postage. Readers who contemplate absence from the city can have THE ASTORIAN follow them, DAILY, WEEKLY or SUNDAY to any post-office without additional expense. Addresses may be changed as often as desired. Leave orders at the counting room.

The new shoe shop at upper Astoria is in full blast.

The new boiler for the Katka was being put in place yesterday.

The bar has been so extremely rough the past twenty days that only two vessels, besides steamers, have been able to proceed to sea.

Lieut. S. R. Jones, at present stationed at Fort Townsend, expects to return to Fort Stevens by the return of the California from Sitka.

The chamber of commerce has been tendered rooms over the telegraph office, in the Gem building, and will meet there this evening, at the courtesy of Mr. Wilhelm.

The schooner Fannie Bell went into the Wallcut for a cargo of wood and came out on Thursday minus boat minus wood. The supposition is that the schooner is lost.

Capt. Merriman, inspector of the thirteenth light-house district, left the city yesterday for Portland to complete his arrangements for the removal of the office from this collections district to that of the Wallamet.

Prof. H. C. Kay has been secured to furnish the music for grand dress ball given by Resene Engine company No. 2 on Thanksgiving night, at Liberty hall in this city. He has a fine orchestra band, all of whom will be present.

A new sign has developed itself in Astoria recently. When you see a man with saw dust on his hat, and a scrawl upon brown paper sticking to the skirts of his nether garment, it is a sign that he has been to the opera.

The Alta of 14th and 15th inst., contains a statement from Capt. Walker and a reply to it from Capt. A. M. Simpson, respecting the Hazard affair of the 4th inst. on the Columbia river bar. We have not read either statement, therefore can give no opinion upon the matter.

The Penshaw got out yesterday, and the Wighton and Earl Granville might have gone to sea only for the penuriousness of the masters. Pilot owners here would be fools to take ships to sea from Astoria "for the love of it." The sweetness of the Portland board of trade has not stimulated such generosity in the breast of any Astorian, you bet.

Yesterday as Ned was carving a beef steer into steaks on the blocks at Warren & McGuire's we chanced to pass, and he called our attention to it. The steer was one of those grass fed critters from Cowitz county, and the quality of the meat may be judged when we state one fact in this connection,--that the kidneys weighed forty pounds. Talk about your Chicago beef and Cincinnati pork,--Ho'goway! Pig-cause we can beat it.

Religious Services.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:

We beg leave to make the following announcement through your columns: The First Baptist church of Astoria desire to see a greater interest taken in religious matters here and have therefore determined to make greater efforts in this direction. We cheerfully offer our assistance to the extent of our ability for a good work, and we now wish to most earnestly invite and solicit the assistance of all Christians of every name. And as the meetings are for no particular society, but for everybody we wish to extend a most cordial invitation to all, regardless of beliefs or profession, to attend.

The meetings will commence this evening at the Baptist church at 7 o'clock, and will be continued every evening at this hour indefinitely. Further announcements will be made as occasion requires.

Yours most obedient,

G. J. BURETT.

In Boston the question of classical education in the free schools is, under discussion. Mayor Prince, Charles Francis Adams, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and many others, publish a remonstrance against the entire public being taxed for the exclusive benefit of the few.

"THE FAITHFUL CELESTIAL."

Mysterious Workings in Wells, Fargo & Co's Office in San Francisco.

Messengers and Agents Dismissed from Service on Suspicion.

The Guilty One Detected at Last, and Missing Letters, Checks, Drafts, etc., found in Great Confusion.

For several months past complaint has from time to time been lodged in the office at San Francisco by the business men of that city that letters containing checks, drafts, money and valuables carried by Wells, Fargo & Co's express failed to reach the parties addressed. At first but little attention was paid to the complaints, as they were few and were considered to be of that order which is frequently made as an evasion for prompt remittance, but they began to come in faster and thicker, until notice was necessary, and then the company managers took it up, and endeavored to find out what was the cause of it all. They suspicioned various parties in their employ, and some were discharged from the service, still the mystery was unexplained. Letters were missed from all points of the compass,--until finally "a good little" Chinese boy was suspicioned, and traps set for him which were sprung and fastened the facts upon him of purloining the letters. He had about 1,000 letters in his possession when he was caught, all of which he had opened, and rifled of their contents,--where the letters contained money John took care of it, but the checks, drafts, postal remittances, etc., were placed back in envelopes, sometimes the right ones, in the right places, but in most instances so badly mixed that the work of an expert was required to segregate them. We hear of a few letters from Astoria that passed through the faithful celestial's hands, but so far as known nobody in this city has lost any money by it, but failure to get goods ordered by letters in the usual way may be explained by this statement. It is one of the unprecedented incidents in the past history and experience of this great express company to deliver all packages promptly, and serves further to illustrate that the ways of the heathen Chinese are peculiar.

J. G. Whittier will be seventy years old in December. It is a pleasure to say a word in recognition of his honored life, passed in all good and kindly ways; may he live long to enjoy the sincere regard of his country people. It is said in reference to Mr. Whittier's habits of literary composition, that he writes only when the mood seizes him, and then writes rapidly, his first draft suffering little alternation. He is a tall and slender person, and has a fine face, lighted by dark and piercing eyes. He lives in Amesbury, and visits much in Boston, and has never been further from home than Washington.

A decision of much interest to the gambling fraternity has just been made in New York. A stranger was recently enticed into a gambling den in that city and fleeced, and the district attorney, finding by experience that conviction on the charge of swindling was almost impossible, indicted the men for larceny. It was contended that there could be no larceny in the case, as the victim gave up his money voluntarily, but the judge charged for conviction and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. The

case was promptly taken to the court of appeals, which has now confirmed the decision of the lower court.

News by telegraph were very uninteresting last night.

The San Francisco Bulletin says: Twenty years hence nearly all the breadstuffs for export from the United States will be produced in the country west of the Rocky mountains. Within a quarter of a century there will probably be ten states on this side of the Rocky mountains. These states will include an area of the most important mineral, wheat and lumber production. Every large and fertile valley will be made accessible by railroad, and every great belt of mines will be reached in the same way. It has taken twenty-five years to get the leverage of a great industrial empire; but it is attained at last.

Quietly but surely our huge national debt is being reduced. Secretary Sherman is represented as feeling greatly elated by the progress of the reduction. The debt was diminished by over \$4,000,000 during the month of October. For the four months since June 30th, the decrease has been nearly \$13,000,000; and for the eight months since secretary Sherman has been at the head of the treasury department it has been \$45,000,000. He hopes by the 1st, of January to show a decrease of over \$60,000,000, or 3 per cent. of the entire public debt, which will be in ten months a larger decrease than has been made in any one year in the history of the government.

The *modus operandi* of converting grapes into rasins at Folsom is thus explained by the Folsom Telegraph: "The grapes are brought by the Sacramento valley railroad cars alongside the establishment and are taken to the first floor where they are assorted and dipped into a composition of chemicals, which cuts the tough pellicle of the skin, by which evaporation is more easily affected; they are put in driers, where a heat is kept up from 140 to 160 degrees, and in the manner before described are taken out at the top, when they are put for a short time in a steam box, which makes the stems flexible and enables them to be packed in layers without breaking the bunches. They are then packed in 6, 12 and 25-pound boxes, nailed up and sent to the store house. The loose rasins are packed up in paper boxes made expressly for that purpose.

The French laborer probably gets more for his wages than any other. His food is cheaper and more nourishing. His bouillon is the liquid essence of beef at a penny per bowl. His bread at the restaurant is thrown in without any charge, and is the best bread in the world. His hot coffee and milk is peddled about the streets in the morning at a sou per cup. It is coffee, not slops. His half bottle of claret is thrown in at a meal costing twelve cents. For a few cents he may enjoy an evening's amusement at one of the many minor theatres, with his coffee free. Sixpence pays for a nicely cushioned seat at the theatre. [What a take off on Astoria.--Ed.] No gallery goods, no peanuts, pipe smoke, drunkenness, yelling or howling. The Jardin des Plantes, the vast galleries and museums of the Louvre, Hotel Cluny, Palace of the Luxembourg, and Versailles are free for him to enter. Art and science hold out to him their choicest treasures at small cost, or no cost at all. French economy and frugality do not mean that constant retrenchment and self-denial which would deprive life of everything which makes it worth living for. Economy in France more than in any other country, means a utilization of what America throws away, but it does not mean a pinching process of reducing life to a barren existence of bread and water.

CITY ITEMS.

"That Wife of Mine," and "My Mother-in-law" for 4 cents, at Adler's.

Just see the new and pretty things at the Bee Hive! A carefully selected stock of millinery, ladies' and children's merino underwear and stockings, and a choice lot of materials for fancy work. Call and see the new goods for sale by M. H. Steers.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.--After a few days Mr. Shuster will be absent from Astoria until next summer.

J. Olsen will receive for the holidays, the finest 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 farms 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, 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 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.

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 Squemah 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 lb. of 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 Davis court, proprietor.

Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeier'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.

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 gums, 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.

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

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.

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.

There is a good market in Oregon for agricultural products, owing to short transportation to the Pacific Ocean, and direct exportation to all parts of the world. Railroad facilities. Navigable rivers, including the great Columbia.

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.