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Astoria, Oregon, Sunday Morning, January 5, 1879.

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Telegraphic News.

Special Dispatches to The Daily Astorian

GOLD AND LEGAL TENDER IN NEW YORK.

BOSTON SQUARE-TOED ON THE SUBJECT OF CHINESE NATURALIZATION.

ZERO IN CHICAGO—SUFFERING AND LOSS OF LIFE.

THREE DEATHS FROM FREEZING IN MISSOURI.

STORM STILL RAGING EAST OF BUFFALO.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED AND SNOW PLOWS OF BUT LITTLE USE.

BRAKEMEN FROZEN TO DEATH ON RAILWAY TRAINS.

FIRE IN ST. LOUIS—BAPTIST CHURCH DESTROYED.

LOSS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

CALEB CUSHING DEAD.

A GREENBACK ROBBERY IN WASHINGTON CITY.

THE CHINESE QUESTION DISCUSSED AT A CABINET MEETING.

New York, Jan. 4.—Up to noon yesterday at the sub-treasury, about \$11,000 legal tender notes had been presented for gold, while \$40,000 in gold certificates had been exchanged for legal tender notes. This shows the preference existing for the currency of the nation.

New York, Jan. 4.—The clerk of the United States Circuit court of Boston, recently refused application of a Chinaman for naturalization on the grounds taken by Judge Lowell, that mongolians do not come within the provisions of statutes relating to naturalization of free whites or Africans. Boston is square-toed on this proposition.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—This forenoon the mercury stood at 22 degrees below zero in the observatory office in this city. Several cases of freezing are reported, one of which proved fatal.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—Dispatches from the front on the Missouri and Kansas Central, and the Southern Illinois railroads, reports extremely cold weather. Three deaths by freezing are reported, and suffering is intense.

Buffalo, Jan. 4.—The storm east of Buffalo still rages. All business is suspended. Snow plows on the various lines of railway are of but little use, as the drifts of snow fill up as fast as clearances can be made.

New York, Jan. 4.—At noon today the thermometer marked 7 deg. above zero. Two brakemen on freight trains on the Central, New Jersey, and North Pennsylvania railroads were frozen to death last evening.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—The Second Baptist church of St. Louis, corner of Beaumont and Locust street, took fire yesterday morning. Nothing now remains except the bare walls. The entire interior, including the roof and the spire, being totally destroyed. The church, which was entirely new, cost about \$175,000, and was one of the finest and most imposing edifices

in the city. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Fully insured.

NEWBURYPORT, (Mass.) Jan. 4.—Caleb Cushing died last night.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The secretary of the Treasury to-day purchased 4,000 ounces of silver bullion at satisfactory prices.

Between 11 and 1 o'clock to-day a thief entered the government printing office, and watching his opportunity took from the safe of the disbursing clerk a package of currency containing \$10,000 which was intended for paying off the employes, and purchase of materials. He made his escape successfully.

At a meeting of the cabinet to-day the Chinese question was briefly discussed. It was decided that the secretary of state should open negotiations with the Chinese government for a modification of the Burlingame treaty with the view of restricting further Chinese immigration to the United States.

Foreign News.

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HEAVY SNOW STORM IN SCOTLAND.

A FLOOD IN FRANCE.

CONSTANTINOPLE DISPATCHES, CABUL NEWS.

BURSTING OF A GUN ON A BRITISH MAN-OF-WAR.

SEVEN MEN KILLED AND FORTY WOUNDED.

THE VESSEL DESTROYED BY AN EXPLOSION OF POWDER IN THE CARGO.

THIRTY-EIGHT PERSONS DROWNED—THE VESSEL A TOTAL LOSS.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Another heavy snow storm has occurred in Scotland, and the piercing cold weather makes out-door labor very difficult, and interrupted. Another railway blockade is feared.

In France, owing to the rapid thawing of the rivers, streams are overflowing their banks, and much damage has been done.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 3.—News from Cabul is to the effect that Yakub Kahn had requested his officers and soldiers to swear by the Koran and to stand by him. But he finally withheld their pay, as their general declined to become security for their fidelity to their oath.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 3.—The Greco-Turkish frontier commissioners will carry on their negotiations at Athens. The Grand Vizier states that he accepts the principles of the rectification of the frontier, upon condition of Turkey retaining a strategical line, and all the powers engaging binding themselves to observe strict neutrality in the event of Greece raising any further claim, or attempting invasion.

ISMID, Jan. 3.—A 38-ton gun burst during practice on the British man-of-war Tokushinan. The vessels turret was wholly destroyed, and seven men were killed and forty wounded.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Dispatches from Yokohama confirm the report of the bursting of a gun on board the steamer Tokushinan, running between Osaka and Yokohama. The steamer was almost totally destroyed by the explosion of gun powder among the cargo which followed the explosion of the gun. Eighty-three persons were drowned. The accident occurred on the 28th of October.

Pacific Coast News.

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ANOTHER ASSESSMENT ON MINING STOCKS.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF WHISKY AND LUST.

EXPLOSION OF A LOCOMOTIVE ON THE C. P. R.

THE ENGINEER INSTANTLY KILLED—FIREMAN DEAD.

SIXTY FEET OF SNOW SHEDS BLOWN TO ATOMS.

THE ENGINE IS A TOTAL WRECK.

COLFAX CAL., Jan. 4.—At 2:15 this afternoon engine No. 17, while going from Truckee to the Summit, on a special train of the Central Pacific railroad blew up a few miles east of the summit, killing the engineer Morton instantly, and scalding the fireman, Chas. Hoyt, so badly that he lived but a few hours. Conductor Green was badly burned about the head. About 60 feet of snow sheds were blown to atoms. The engine is a total wreck. The track will probably not be cleared before 3 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Beat and Belcher levies and assessment of one dollar, and Leopard and Lady Bryan 50 cents each.

Edward P. Snively, ex-policeman, and part proprietor of a saloon on the corner of Merchant street and Dunbar alley, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the head with a Colts revolver, in a house of prostitution on Morton street. It is believed it was done while he was half crazed with whisky. Snively had no family. He is 35 years of age, a native of Virginia.

Bethabara.

From Good Words.

BETHABARA.—The tradition which fixes the site now generally shown as that of the Lord's baptism can be traced back to the fourth century; but, like nearly all other ecclesiastical traditions connected with Palestine, it is not known at an earlier date, nor are there any indications of the reason which led to its being chosen by the fourth-century Christians, for the name Bethabara is not found in the neighborhood. The site is shown at the main Jordan ford, east Jerico, and the place is not improbably that at which the children of Israel crossed the river, when first entering the promised land under Joshua. The scene annually presented, when the Greek and Latin pilgrims come down from Jerusalem to dip in Jordan, has been described. The river is about twenty or thirty yards wide at the bend where the ford is found; on the west there is an open shingly beach, on the east a flat bank, with a cliff of marl above; north of the ford, on the right bank, is a clump of very ancient tamarisks of unusual size, and little paths, have been beaten by the pilgrims' feet through the underwood between the trunks. This spot, which is called by the Arabs the Ford of Hajlah from the Arabizing Ain Hajlah the ancient Beth Hogalh, is the only place for many miles where the brink of the river can be reached. Above and below the ford Jordan lies hidden in a jungle of tamarisk and willow, and a thick canebrake extends down into the stream. North of the pilgrims bathing-place is an old crusading monastery in ruins, built on the foundations of a yet older structure. This place was called St. John on Jordan, and even as early as 530 A. D. a monastery built by Emperor Anastasius and standing on vaults as a precaution against the spring overflow of the Jordan, is described by pilgrims. To this monastery Justinian added a fine reservoir, which remains intact outside the building on the west.

If a person orders his paper discontinued, he must first pay all arrearages, or the publisher may continue to send it until it is made, and collect the whole amount, whether the paper is taken from the office or not.

Dalles City not Dead.

Walla Walla Statesman.

A few years ago The Dalles was considered a "dead town." Property there was almost worthless, and the owners were willing to sell at any price. Business men were compelled to remove to other places, and the town had the appearance of a veritable "deserted village." But now every thing is changed, and The Dalles of to-day is the liveliest place in Oregon. Business is represented as being good, and signs of improvement and advancement are to be seen on every hand. The town has made such progress that it finds it easy to support two newspapers; and when the expenses of such luxuries are taken into consideration we form some idea of what rapid strides can our friends have made during the past few years. There is a brilliant future in store for The Dalles, and the day is not far distant when it will be the second place in importance in the state.

—Old lady Applegate, formerly for a while resident of Astoria, suicided in Walla Walla.

—Arthur Crisfield has skipped out from Pendleton and left his effects to be sold for personal favors rendered to him by Bishop Morris.

—The sheriff of Umatilla county being apprised of danger, should the Indian prisoners be hanged on the 10th day of January, issued a call for a posse of 100 men. Indians threaten to retaliate which means a great deal, but the people will arm and fear not.

—On the arrival of the steamship Oregon we will have a full assortment of blanks for Justices of the Peace, attorneys, county and circuit court, etc., etc., which we will sell at San Francisco catalogue prices. Send in your orders and we'll send you assorted lots. We knew about what a Justice will require, probably better than officers with a limited business do themselves.

—Dan. J. Ingalls writes from Omaha under date of the 16th ult., that he had got along so far very comfortably, but that the weather was a little rough for a Webfoot. They passed through a beautiful snow storm on the summit. The Oregon landed him in San Francisco 47 hours from Astoria. He says he has not seen a blade of green grass since he left Astoria.

—The Pendleton Independent says that the treachery of Moses has justly put eastern Oregon and Washington territory in a great state of excitement, and what is to be the final solution of this matter remains yet to be seen. That the whole of Moses tribes, as well as the chief himself, were in sympathy with the Snakes, Bannocks, Columbia river and Umatilla Indians, during the recent outbreak, there can no longer be any doubt.

—The East Oregonian is a democratic paper of that stamp that is not afraid to speak its sentiments with respect to an honest opponent. It says: "After all that has been said against Senator Mitchell he will be missed in the senate. No man, we will say in justice to him, ever paid more attention to the wants of those who wrote him on business and answered their inquiries more promptly than has Senator Mitchell."

—A former resident of Astoria, now living at The Dalles, in a private letter to us says: "When navigation is entirely open from here to Astoria it will be a great advantage for shippers from here, as it is too much out of the way to go to Portland. The mind of the people up here is that Astoria will have most all of the grain from this part of the country, and should beef continue to be sent to the Bay city it will be shipped through Astoria also. People here are anxious to see the locks finished so as to go direct to Astoria and San Francisco."

It costs less to print advertisements than to send out salesmen. A good advertisement is seen and read by more people in one day, than most salesmen call on in a year.

AROUND THE CITY.

....Fresh fruits and vegetables at Bailey's.

....Get your baskets filled for a little money at Bailey's.

....Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeers'. See advertisement.

....New invoice of those Medallion Ranges at Magnus C. Crosby's.

....Fresh oysters in every style and at all hours at the Pioneer restaurant.

....Shipmasters wishing to secure seamen can have their wants supplied by calling at the Chicago house, Main street.

....Wood of all kinds, and a splendid lot of pitch wood, at Gray's wharf, for sale in lots to suit purchasers.

....P. J. Goodman, on Main street, has just received the latest and most fashionable style of gent and ladies boots, shoes, etc.

....Lodging House—Persons requiring furnished or unfurnished rooms can be accommodated at reasonable rates at Mrs. Munson's Chenamus st., Astoria.

....Always ask for McCormick's Oil Clothing, which is the best in the market. All the leading merchants in Astoria keep it. Seamen and cannerymen are respectfully invited to inspect our stock and prices before ordering elsewhere.

....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.

....Mr. J. Stewart, stone and marble cutter of Astoria, will guarantee satisfaction to all ordering work of him, and will do a better job for less money than any outside workman. His work in the cemetery here should be sufficient recommendation. Before you let your contracts for work of this kind it would be well to call upon Mr. Stewart.

....The latest and handsomest style of jewelry, and nicknacks of rare and unique design, at the Bee-hive store of Mrs. M. H. Steers.

....Just received per steamship Idaho, California Gold Medal Fresh Roll Butter and Sultana seedless raisins, at the family grocery store of J. Strauss.

....The usual morning and evening services will be conducted to-morrow at the Presbyterian hall by the pastor, Rev. E. N. Condit. Sabbath school immediately after the morning service. A cordial invitation, is extended to all.

....Mr. J. Rogers' blocks, falls, sling ropes, etc., in fact, the entire derrick rigging, was borrowed by somebody Wednesday night, from the foot of Cass street. Mr. Rogers will pay a liberal reward to any person who will return the same, at the Central market.

....Mrs. M. H. Steers has her new stock now open for inspection by purchasers. Dolls of all sizes, and all colors, at prices beyond competition, they are so cheap. Also: Wall-pockets, slipper cases, wall-shelves, children's rocking chairs, picture frames, etc., cheaper than ever.

....Great care has been taken by the purchaser of the stock just opened at the Bee-hive, to suit the tastes of the people. New music, new books, etc., etc., in fact, you should go and see the nice things in order to know what Mrs. Steers has for you, and how cheap they may be bought.

....You can't buy anything more handsome, no gift more enduring, nothing that will longer revive a remembrance of the day, than one of those magnificent photographic panoramas of Astoria, at Shuster's art gallery. That is a home production, and is calculated to make us all love our homes in Astoria. By all means get one.

Foreign Exports.

Since our last report eight ships have cleared foreign from Astoria, with cargoes valued as follows:

To Queenstown, per Br. sh. Mountaineer.	
From Portland.....3,821,982 lbs.	\$82,907 00
" Astoria.....1,419,850 "	19,516 00
To Queenstown, per Br. sh. Belle of Oregon.	
From Portland.....2,134,415 lbs.	\$36,739 00
" Astoria.....1,419,075 "	24,125 00
To Queenstown, per Br. sh. Martha Fisher.	
From Portland.....2,882,402 lbs.	\$48,283 00
To Queenstown, per Br. sh. British Consulate.	
From Portland.....3,791,650 lbs.	\$82,980 00
" Astoria.....922,900 "	16,110 00
To Queenstown, per Br. sh. Oimari.	
From Portland.....3,247,401 lbs.	\$56,704 00
" Astoria.....963,787 "	19,871 00
To Queenstown, per Br. sh. Prince Rudolph.	
From Portland.....2,671,182 lbs.	\$46,500 00
" Astoria.....1,354,915 "	24,000 00
To Queenstown, per Br. sh. W. H. Bessee.	
From Portland.....2,709,485 lbs.	\$42,000 00
" Astoria.....843,744 "	14,000 00
To Queenstown, per Br. sh. Abouca.	
From Portland.....2,289,585 lbs.	\$39,082 00
" Astoria.....819,849 "	14,109 00

....Mr. Peter Wilhelm has permanently fitted up a shipmaster's reading room in connection with the Gen saloon in Astoria. The latest shipping papers and homeward and outward bound shipping lists are kept on file. Telegraph office in the same building.