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**THE CITY.**

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The Barracouta arrived at Liverpool on the 30th.  
 Three inches of snow fell in Portland on Friday last.  
 The Herbert Black arrived at Honolulu on the 27th of November.  
 The Bark Edward James sailed from Honolulu for San Francisco on the 5th ult.  
 The weather at Astoria was of the usual winter mildness yesterday, and the ever welcome rain has taken the place of the beautiful snow—and not a growl was to be heard in all this fair city.

Private dispatches yesterday inform us that the weather has moderated considerably in Portland. It was snowing there, and all along the line, from Kalama up to 11 A. M.

Steamship passengers who are weather-bound at Astoria and have taken up their abode at the Occident are unstinted in their praise of this popular hotel, which is really the best kept house north of San Francisco.

Messrs J. G. Megler & Co's., steamer Edith made the trip to Brookfield and returned successfully yesterday. Mr. Megler was thus released from his isolation, and is in the city enjoying the news. The Edith went up as far as Bay View.

The steamship Oregon remained at her berth at the Oregon Steam Navigation company's dock in this city all day yesterday. Commodore Connor thinks he will make a success of his next effort to reach Portland. We sincerely hope that he may not be disappointed.

A man by the name of Haywood, a passenger on the Oregon, was taken into custody yesterday by Chief Barry on a warrant by telegraph from San Francisco, charged with robbery. Haywood's story is to the effect that it is a trumped-up charge, for the purpose of separating him from his wife and children, who are here with him. He has been leading a somewhat crooked life, keeping a saloon in a style beneath his taste, and had become estranged from his family, but with a determination to do better, came to Oregon to resume the status of a man, only to be confronted with new troubles.

**Week of Prayer.**

The members and friends of the Congregational, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches will observe the week of prayer by a series of union meetings to be held as follows:  
 Thursday Jan. 9th, at the Baptist church. Subject, "Prayer for nations; rulers and people; for peace and religion; liberty on the earth."  
 Friday Jan. 10th, at the hall of the Presbyterian church. Subject, the press; publishers; editors; and authors; the cause of temperance and their social reforms.

Saturday Jan. 11th, at the Congregational church. Subject, "home and foreign missions and the conversations of the world."  
 The services on Sabbath Jan. 5th and Jan. 12th, will be conducted by the churches as usual, separately.  
 A cordial invitation is extended to all. "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people."

**Printing by Steam.**  
 In consequence of the freeze-up, navigation closed before we received the belting, and one piece of machinery necessary to start the steam engine in THE ASTORIAN office, but thanks to the timely assistance rendered us by Mr. John Fox, chief engineer on the bar tugs, and Mr. G. W. Raymond, of G. W. Hume's works, the engine is now in full and complete running order, and printing by steam was thoroughly inaugurated yesterday, and the engine is pronounced a perfect success. The second trial will be made to-day.

**Disreputable Business.**

Kentucky is one of the few states in the union which legalizes lotteries. But Kentucky does worse than this. She appoints her own state officers to conduct the lotteries, and appropriates her share of the proceeds towards the building up of a state library. There have been five of these lottery drawings in Kentucky, from which the gross sum of \$6,250,000 was realized. Of this amount there was awarded to the holders of prize tickets, \$3,142,500. The library was given \$124,396 32, and the remainder, \$2,683,103 68, stuck to the fingers of the lottery managers. Thus, it will be seen, the library fared worst of all. This sum of \$24,396 32, so comparatively small, is but a poor recompense to Kentucky for lending her name to such a disreputable business.

**Father DeSmet's Gold Mountain.**

We are glad says the Black-Hills Times, that that famous mountain of gold, the existence of which is said to have been known to Father DeSmet, has been found, even if it is in the mind of the editor of the Bismarck Tribune. It has been discovered all the same, and we are glad of it. Witness the following item from the last issue of that paper:

Father DeSmet's famous mountain of gold seems to have been discovered at last. At any rate quartz has been found in the Rockville district which yields \$2 50 to the pound—\$5,000 to the ton, and there are immense quantities of it in sight, and there is a story afloat that a solid body of gold has been found weighing several tons.

This mythical mountain of gold has allured many a credulous tenderfoot to roam the hills and gulches in quest of it, but now they can quit their weary pilgrimages, cry Eureka, and take a rest.

A new poet is coming to the front at the east; He threatens to rival the Sweet Singer of Michigan: Here is a specimen chunk cut from his latest idyl:  
 She leaned upon the fence,  
 And then she gave a cry,  
 And for his footsteps down the lawn  
 She waited patiently.  
 And presently he came to view,  
 And then she yelled a yell—  
 A heavenly howl of joy she howled,  
 And her bosom swelled a swell.

The fine, bracing weather of the past week ought not to be called cold. Take a trip east if you've forgotten what cold weather is.

**WHAT WE LIKE.**—To hear a man try to borrow his neighbors paper. And the neighbor have courage enough to reply: "I would as soon loan you my tooth brush;" to have a party imagine that he can do as much business without advertising as he can with it; to look at the blank astonishment that settles down on that man's face when, after trying a month, he finds that it cannot be done; to see a man refuse to take his local paper and all the time sponge on his neighbor for the use of his; to hear a man complain when we ask him to subscribe for his home paper, that he takes more papers now than he can read, and then go around and borrow his neighbor's or loan about him until he gets the news from it; to see a man run down his home paper as not worth taking, and every now and then beg the editor for a favor in the editorial line; to see a man refuse to advertise in a home paper, and then try and get a share of trade that the paper is instrumental in bringing to his door; to see a man who is able to pay for his local paper, always manage to be around in time to read it at the expense of a friend not worth the tenth part of what he himself is, it looks so economical, thrifty, and progressive, you know.

"I am doing a good enough business without advertising." No doubt you are doing well enough for your present needs, but do you forget the panics, the exciting elections, the times of war or pestilence, or any of those many causes which create dull terms of business? These must be calculated for and discounted if you would bridge them over. One must make more than he needs, to make a fortune, and advertising is a powerful auxiliary in money-making.

—Dr. Mary Walker comes to the front with the latest "true version" of the Charley Ross story. She says that when he disappeared she hastened to his parents, and gave them not only condolence, but also money, and her personal efforts to fathom the mystery. She stumbled across a bit of information which led her to believe that all was not right, and she finally discovered that Charley's father had put the little boy out to board with a family who were in the conspiracy. She says she did not expose the fraud, because it took her many months to find out where the boy was kept. She claims that Ross has made a large sum of money out of the sympathies of the public, and that he has offered to pay her handsomely if she would keep her knowledge to herself. The boy would have been discovered long ago, and, indeed, arrangements were once made to have the child found in St. Albans, Vermont, but it was known that she would expose the fraud, and so he has been kept secluded. She says that within three weeks she has seen and spoken with the child, and that she is acquainted with his entire history since the supposed abduction. She will publish a book in two or three weeks containing the complete story of what she calls the greatest hoax ever perpetrated upon the American people. A good many people have given considerable credence to Dr. Mary's story, while others think it is a shrewd device for raising the wind in a forthcoming literary effort.

A passenger on the Oregon, name unknown to our informant, left the steamer yesterday in quest of fresh milk for one of his children, and is still missing. His wife is very anxious about him. He was dressed in a gray suit, about 5 feet 11 inches of stature, thin face and light whiskers.

**AROUND THE CITY.**

Call and see stereoscopic view of Cascade canal, and photographic copy of 1878 chart of the Columbia river bar, at H. S. Shuster's art gallery. Photography is truly a science.

Fresh fruits and vegetables a Bailey's.

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

Fresh oysters in every style at Schmoe's. 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.

Peter Raney is still in the market with all kinds of building materials in his line. Has just received 100,000 bath, 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.

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.

Mr. Peter Wilhelm has permanently fitted up a shipmaster'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 in the same building.

**I. W. CASE, MERCHANDISE.**



**GOODS CHEAPER THAN EVER.**

**FULL STOCK OF GENERAL MERCHANDISE,**

**Christmas and New Year GOODS**

**IN ENDLESS VARIETY.**

**A Splendid Assortment of KID GLOVES.**

**Full Line of Gents Hats and Furnishing Goods!**

**Pocket Cutlery Toilet Sets, ETC., ETC., ETC.**

**I. W. CASE**

Has now to offer to the people of Astoria and vicinity the finest display of

**USEFUL AND FANCY GOODS**

**FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**

**Every Other Day in the Year**

Yet shown to the Citizens of Clatsop County.

**JUST RECEIVED.**

A splendid assortment of Lauterjung's India Steel and Electric

**SHEARS**

**AND RAZORS.**

**IVORY HANDED PLATED KNIVES AND FORKS.**

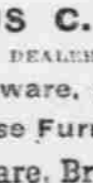
These are the finest goods manufactured.

**We Defy Competition.**

No. 1 Cedar Shingles on hand for sale in lots to suit purchasers.

**I. W. CASE,**

Corner Chenamus and Cass Streets ASTORIA, OREGON



**MAGNUS C. CROSBY.** DEALER IN Stoves, Tinware, and House Furnishing Goods.

**Hardware, Brass Goods, Lead and Iron Pipe, Pipe Fittings, Engineers Supplies, Sheet Lead, Iron, Copper, Brass, and Zinc.**

**COAL LAND FOR SALE.** 160 ACRES of iron and coal lands for sale, situated near Columbia city, Oregon. Price \$8000 cash down. For particulars inquire at THE ASTORIAN office.

**AUCTION SALES.**

**E. C. HOLDEN,**  
 Notary Public for the State of Oregon.  
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 Rents and Accounts Collected, and returns promptly made.  
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 N. B. Parties having real estate, furniture or any other goods to dispose of either at auction or private sale should notify me as soon as convenient before the day of sale. No storage charged on goods sold at Auction. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

**AMUSEMENTS.**

**WORSLEY'S Dancing Academy.**  
 Page's building next door to E. S. Larsen.  
 GENTS CLASS—On Monday and Thursday evenings, at 7:30.  
 LADIES CLASS—On Monday and Thursday afternoons, at 2:30.  
 BOYS CLASS—On Tuesday and Friday evenings, at 7:30.  
 MISSES CLASS—Wednesday and Saturday at 4 P. M.  
 Wednesday evening for the entire school. None admitted except scholars. Saturday evening SOIREE.

TERMS—Ladies and gents class per Month..... \$5.00  
 Boys and Misses class per Month..... 2.50

**HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.**

**TURPIN HOUSE.**  
 D. L. TURPIN, PROPRIETOR.  
 MAIN STREET,  
 Between Squemoine and Jefferson, ASTORIA, OREGON.  
 Board and lodging per week..... \$8.50  
 Board per day..... 1.00  
 Single Meal..... .25  
 The table will be supplied at all times with the best the market affords.

**PARKER HOUSE,**  
 ASTORIA, OREGON.  
 H. B. PARKER, Proprietor.

THIS HOTEL is the largest, most comfortable and best kept hotel in the city. Is supplied with the best of spring water, hot and cold baths, barber shop, and a first-class saloon with best of liquors and cigars, and fine billiard table. Free coach to and from the house; charges reasonable, \$1.00 to \$2.50 per day, according to room occupied. Astoria, July 15, 1878.

**OCCIDENT HOTEL,**

A. J. MEGLER, C. S. WRIGHT, Proprietors.  
 Astoria, Oregon.  
 The Proprietors are happy to announce that the above Hotel has been REPAINTED AND REFURNISHED Adding greatly to the comfort of its guests AND IS NOW THE BEST HOTEL NORTH OF SAN FRANCISCO.

**MRS. S. N. ARRIGONI**

Has re-opened the Pioneer Restaurant on Main street, Astoria.  
 FOR THE EXCEPTION OF BOARDERS, by the week, day or single meals.  
 Fresh oysters in every style at all hours.

**PALACE LODGING HOUSE.**  
 (Albisky & Hegele's new building)  
 Corner of Morrison and Third streets, PORTLAND, OREGON.

Furnished rooms in suits, or single, by the day, week or month.  
 Miss H. MENEFEE, Lessee.

**Puget Sound Clams, AND Puget Sound Oysters, The BEST.**

FOR SALE IN LOTS TO SUIT AT THE Walla Walla Restaurant.  
 Call and give these fish a fair trial.  
 THEO. BROEMSER, Prop.

**JUST RECEIVED.**

BOILED CIDER;  
 PLUM PUDDING, IN CANS;  
 CODFISH BALLS, IN CANS;  
 PORK AND BEANS, IN CANS;  
 EASTERN CRANBERRIES;  
 ZANTE CURRANTS;  
 FRESH CITRON;  
 ORANGES AND LINES,  
 the finest ever brought in the market;  
 CRYSTAL DRIPS, GALLON CANS;  
 NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES.  
 PICKLED HERRING IN KEGS.  
 JUMBLES, ETC., ETC.  
 MUSCATED RAISINS, 2-lb PACKAGES, VERY FINE;  
 PIGS FEET, 1-lb AND 2-lb TINS;  
 CHICKENS AND TURKEYS, IN TINS;  
 EASTERN AND OREGON HAMS,  
 best quality. Also, a fine assortment of BREAKFAST BACON AND OTHER MEATS. AT  
**J. W. GEARHART'S**

**NOTICE--CAUTION.**

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY CAUTIONS everybody and gives notice that he will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any other person than himself, for or on his account, without his written order, after this date.  
 Also that all moneys due the undersigned on current accounts must be settled and paid within ten days, otherwise they will be put in the hands of an attorney for collection.  
 H. B. PARKER,  
 Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 1, 1878.