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The Edith made a trip to Knappa with supplies yesterday.

See the new advertisement of Messrs. Wilson & Fisher.

Postmaster Chance forwarded mails to Knappa by the Edith yesterday.

You can get fresh oysters in every style at the Walla Walla restaurant.

The first job of printing done by steam in Astoria was for John Badollet & Co.

The barkentine Portland is due here from San Francisco. She sailed on the 28th.

The barkentine North Bend arrived at San Francisco on the 30th from Knappton.

News to-day is favorable to the opening of the Dalles and Celilo portage to competition.

Dr. Aug. C. Kinney has our thanks for a splendid stereoscopic view of the Cascades canal, by Shuster.

Capt. Berry has agreed to stay out of the sofa raffle and let somebody else have a chance to win something.

We are unable to ascertain whether or not a steamship will leave San Francisco to-morrow for Astoria; but presume that there will be one.

Geo. Hill has let the contract for a variety theatre building on Benton street, which will be ready for the fishing season of 1879. Mr. Kimball is the contractor.

Mr. Worsley will give another of those delightful soirees at his hall on Saturday evening next. For three or four hours splendid enjoyment, we have never seen them equalled. Ben being full of fun himself knows how to make the time pass pleasantly for all. Don't fail to attend on Saturday evening.

County commissioners court has been in session at Astoria this week and we have dropped upon some of whys and wherefores concerning the question of roads in this county, particularly in the direction of Nehalem valley, and we shall stir the matter with a long pole, rest assured of that, if we are informed correctly. We can stand no nonsense of any kind.

We observe that there are several vessels marked in the list of our contemporary, the Commercial Herald and Review, as en route to San Francisco, from various ports which we know to be erroneous. The Prince Rudolph, British Commerce, Sabrina, Europa and Mountaineer are most of them here, or lenden and departed for other ports. There may be such mistakes in our list, if so we will thank our contemporary to correct us.

The steamship Oregon made another effort to get to Portland yesterday. She left Astoria very quietly, at an early hour in the morning; so quiet, in fact, that nobody dreamed of her departure, no notice of the hour having been announced by the officers of the ship, and she not only left some of her passengers here, but the Astoria mails. The last we heard of her she was stuck in the ice some hours below Kalama, but got out and passed Kalama at 2:15 P. M.

Let us Have Roads.

(Communicated.)

On last Thursday, Jan. 2, our mail carrier was peculiarly fortunate. He started on his route from Astoria, reached his boat at the old mill, reached Youngs river and found considerable ice; so much that he concluded he must give up his trip. The steam propeller Varuna, having been sent with freight to the Klaskanine farm, came along and took him in tow, and broke through the ice till it reached McMullen's place. It gave up the trip, returned, and left its freight at Mr. Hastle's. The mail man succeeded in breaking the ice till he reached below Metz's place; had to leave his boat in the ice, take his mail on his back and foot it through the brush, till he reached the post-office at Olney, for the night. The next day, January 3d, a party of four men commenced, and were all day cutting the ice to get to the place where their freight was landed, and till 10 o'clock in the evening in getting back to the landing on the Klaskanine. And why was all this? Has it been to gratify the spleen or malice of an individual or a neighborhood, or of a whole road district that fifty, or seventy-five days work, and over three thousand dollars should be expended to make a road and bridge one mile and one-eighth, through the farm of Mr. Jacob Kaman, where a good, passable wagon-road and bridge has been made and freely given to be used by the public for six years past; that the people of the county should be taxed to pay costs and damages, and be closed up by ice twice within the six years, their mails stopped, and cut off from any correspondence with the county seat? To gratify the malice of a few at the inconvenience of many settlers, and an extensive country?

Now, gentle reader, my impression is, that the records of the county court of Clatsop county will show that more money and time has been spent by order of the court within the past six years to force a short road across Klaskanine farm than it would cost to open a road and build a bridge across the Wallaski creek, making a road a good passable wagon road to the county seat at all seasons of the year. There is in this road district No. 1, a property tax of \$17,553 00. Mr. Kaman's farm is taxed on road, \$8,960 00, which is over one-half of the property tax of the district. He has not only made good, passable roads through his farm, but has urged by his agent the opening of a road to Astoria, and has offered to double his work, and has actually performed more work to open a road to Astoria than all other workers in the district. Most of the road work put upon proposed roads to Astoria has, by some unheard-of, and perhaps malicious, manner, been lost to the county, showing a decided lack of judgment in the selection of viewers—in the selection of suitable ground on which to make a road—and the appointment of supervisors, who have refused to call out and apply work in that direction. If somebody's toes get touched with Klaskanine port, or ice, don't get near the men who are on their way to Astoria with beef cattle from Nehalem, nor any body else who wants to go to Astoria; from or to. NEHALEM.

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: 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. "Give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people."

There will be divine service as usual on this (Friday) evening in Grace Episcopal church.

An advertisement in a newspaper is worth forty "directory" cards and other foolish imitations. The paper is seen every day by hundreds, while the book is noticed by only a very few.

Beauties of the Bell Punch.

(Chicago Times.)

The craze of the country over the Moffatt bell punch died out suddenly, but in Virginia, the home of its inventor, it continues to punch with care, and is adopted as a permanent institution. The returns for the last year show that it has registered for the state treasury a half million of dollars less than was hoped, yet many times more than was realized under the old license system. The weak spots in the law are being ascertained, evasions detected, and remedies will be applied at the present meeting of the assembly.

Astor Lodge No. 6, Knights of Pythias, elected officers for the ensuing term Wednesday evening, as follows: L. Hartwig P. C.; Geo. W. Rea C. C.; T. Proemser V. C.; Wm. Douglas Prel.; Ed. D. Curtis M. of F.; A. E. Withers M. of E.; Jno. O. Bozorth K. of R. and S.; Fred Colbert M. at A.; Edw. Black L. G.; Nat. Jones, O. G. The event was ratified by a sumptuous repast over oysters at the Walla Walla restaurant, and which was generally productive of much good feeling, acted as a sort of re-union among the Knights.

Some years ago Minnesota was spiked all over with thousands of "drive-wells." These wells were purchased and paid for without the slightest suspicion that the parties selling them were infringing any patent. When the pump had been used some years, the agents of the patentees suddenly swooped down upon them with a claim for royalty—not against those who sold, but against the purchasers. This claim was resisted, although the agents offered to compromise on a basis of \$5 00 for each well. Then began litigation in the United States district and circuit courts, and decision in favor of the patentees was recently rendered to the effect that the selling of the tubes was an infringement of patent. The patentee is therefore entitled to royalty on every one of these "holes in the ground" in that state. There is probably no doubt that the patentee can legally claim any amount he may also choose to levy upon the owners of the wells. The Minnesotans are naturally indignant.

A good point about advertising, in general, is that such announcements never offend. We never dislike that which appeals to us for our good opinion, for the very act seems to say to us that our good opinion is valued.

AROUND THE CITY.

Call at Mrs. Derby's when you wish any article in the millinery line. Trimmed hats selling at cost.

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 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.

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 contractors for work of this kind it would do well to call upon Mr. Stewart.

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.

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.

A 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 \$2000 cash down.

For particulars inquire at THE ASTORIAN'S office.

AUCTION SALES.

E. C. HOLDEN, Notary Public for the State of Oregon. Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer. Agent for the FIREMEN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY of San Francisco. COMMISSION AGENT and AUCTIONEER. Rents and Accounts Collected, and returns promptly made.

Regular sales day, SATURDAYS at 2 P. M. 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. MISSSES 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 Squemoche 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. It 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 RECEPTION OF BOARDERS, by the week, day or single meals.

Fresh oysters in every style at all hours.

PALACE LODGING HOUSE.

(Alisky & Hegeler'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 LIMES,

the finest ever bought in the market;

CRYSTAL DRIPS, GALLON CANS;

NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES;

PICKLED HERRING IN KEGS,

JUMBLES, ETC., ETC.

MUSCATED RAISINS, 2-lb PACK-

AGES, 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 paid in the hands of an attorney for collection.

H. B. PARKER, Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 1, 1878.