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THE CITY.

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-You can buy a binnacle for \$15 00 of Capt. J. H. D. Gray.

-The weather was considerable colder at this point last evening.

-The clouds were scudding southward from all quarters last night.

-Franklin is always preparing for death. He has several coffins on hand

Alert Hook and Ladder company Furniture, carpets, etc. No. 1 held their regular monthly meeting last evening.

-The steamer City of Chester is to take the place of the Alaska, on Puget -sound and Victoria.

-Mr. Johnny Bozorth is pegging away at the buoy depot. He don't get to town very often.

-Mr. G. W. Weidler dispatched the Ordway for Asteria yesterday with a portion of the Shepir's cargo,

-Mr. Reynolds of the Union house, has been elected steward of No. 1, and the Engine looks "way up."

arrival of the Oregon at Portland.

-Lots of Coating ice was met in the river between Astoria and Brookfield by the party on board the Edith Sun-

-The lines were down to San Francisco all day yesterday, and it is not known whether the Idaho sailed for Astoria.

-The proposed canal, commeeting Shoalwater bay with the Columbia river, or a narrow gauge line of railcountry.

-The Oregon Steam Navigation company's steamer Welcome arrived at the dock in this city at 7 o'clock last evening from the frigid regions of the great Wallamet, bringing passengers and the lodged mails of twelve days.

fovorably impressed with the appear- near \$20,000 for the year. giving his observations in regard to appears that the receipts for the year, the same.

-Two cigars and two drinks a day costs at least twenty cents. If a young man commences at eighteen, this sum, at simple interest, when he is thirty, amounts to \$1,225; at forty it reaches \$2,774; at fifty \$4,628; at sixty \$7,-603; at seventy \$9,906.

-But for the cool breeze that has been blowing during the day, our weather would resemble the early budding spring, rather than midwinter. A clear sky has smiled upon us 'during Paid and cancelled warrants..... the entire day. The above item should have appeared last week.

-Miss Neal, teacher in the public school at Astoria, telegraphed to Prof. Worthington yesterday from Portland, that she would be here to-day, or resume her class to-day, in case that the boat came through from Portland. Miss Neal went to Portland to spend the holidays, and was detained in con- the, city January 1, 1878, was about sequence of the ice blockade.

.. Fresh fruits and vegetables a Balley's.

Condition of the City Finances.

The following copied frem the mayor's annual communication to the city council, delivered on Monday evening, the 6th inst., shows the condition of the city finances. The expense incurred the past year by the city government has been \$29,179 32, consisting of the following items, to-wit:

POLICE DEPARTMENT. Salary of Police Judge to July 15, Salary of Police Judge thence to Salary of 4 or 5 poticemen, at \$75, Board of city prisoners, 1878.

Medicine and bedding for prisoners
Fees paid witnesses in Police court.
Cleaning beach of dead fish Repairs of jall, stove, rent, etc...

FIRE DEPARTMENT. \$796 00 Co's house... Repairs of engines No. 1 and 2. Monthly allowance company No. 1. Monthly allowance company No. 2. Monthly allowance Hook and Lad-Salary of Chief Engineer, 1 quarter. STREET DEPARTMENT. Lumber for street crossings and re-Pairs. Hauling dirt, lumber, etc.

Paid men for work.... Salary of Superintendent. 794 80 Repair of tools, powder, fuse, etc Spikes, mails, tools, etc., 128 86 \$2,262 62 STREET LAMPS. Oil, chimneys, wicking, etc ... Lighting and care of lamps New lamps, posts, etc...... FINISHING AND FURNISHING CITY HALL.

Pinishing building, mechanic work. \$1,419 45 Water pipes and fitting farmiture.... 40 80 458 87 \$1,918 50 CITY CEMETERY. Clearing off grounds Grading streets adjacent 234 78 130 50 Moving remains from old cemetery Surveying and repairing fence. SALARY OF CITY OFFICIALS, NOT GIVEN ABOVE.

Auditor and Clerk, and Clerk of Po-\$1,150 00 City Attorney and assistance... City Assessor, per diem. Treasurer, per cent 171-00 477 04 \$2,461 61 Printing, blanks, etc... Stationery Total

Interest on city bonds . \$390 91 REFUNDED, ETC. Private dispatches to Capt. Flavel
yesterday forenoon announced the safe
yesterday forenoon announced the safe In 1877.
To Brown & McCabe, for rope burned in 1877. POLK STREET IMPROVEMENT. Amount charged to lots. Balance West-9th street improvement ...

PLANK ROADWAY.

4,718 55

not in warrants.

Cedar street crossings, bonds.

Salmon street, not in warrants.

Hemlock street, not in warrants.

Certificates, posting notices, etc. .829,504 36 This includes the expense of the improvement on West-9th street, while some \$745 of this may be colway, is the only salvation for that lected from the adjacent lots. Also, the amount paid for lot 1, block 19, on West-9th street, sold for street assessment some \$300, and bid in by the city. Also, the entire expense of the expense, it is claimed should be paid by the adjacent property, so that the

above sum of \$29,504 36 may be reduced by one or more of those several -Judge C. C. Goodwin, of the Vir- amounts, viz: \$745, \$300, and \$8,000, ginia City Enterprise, visited our state in all over \$9,000, which, if collected, about a month ago. He was very reduces the actual expense current to ance and prospects of Oregon, and is From the city treasurer's report it at H. S. Shuster's art gallery. Photog-

from all sources, were as follows: Balance in treasury, July 1, 1878 \$ 953 20

Rec'd for licenses to sell liquors. 7,239 00 474 57 teams. billiard tables. dogs at large... pawn brokers. hotel runners. shows, theatres wharfingers..... auctioneers pedlers Fines in Police Court. 1,499 55 street. Received from Superintendent of Streets, taxes Received, board of county prisoners for cemetery lots...... on general tax, 5 milis..... special tax, 10 mills \$24,100 76 .821,853 06 bonds Cash in treasury... 114 80

This sum is \$5,503 60 less than expenses of the city, including the roadway and West-ninth street improvements; and about \$3,750 mere than the expenses, exclusive of what it is any outside workman. His work in the claimed should be collected from those improvements. The indebtedness of

-Astoria Engine company No. 1 will meet this evening.

Newspapers as Text-Books.

The west has made many discoveries that have been adopted by other parts of the country, and it has of late been finding a new use for newspapers. In many schools in Illinois, Iowa, and elsewhere, teachers hear reading lessons from newspapers instead of using the selections of miscellaneous literature which are found in school reading books. The advantage of this is that the pupils, while gaining accuracy and fluency as readers, obtain a knowledge of the affairs of the day which they would obtain in no other way, and thus learn to take an interest in subjects which in their latter years, will practically engage their attention as business men and women. It has often been remarked that our college graduates know much more about the history of Rome and Greece than they do about the history of their own country. One reason of this has been the absence of any work giving a concise and connected history of the United States from the administration of Washington to that of Buchanan during that time. We might go a step further and say that the great number of the pupils in our schools know much more about the times treated of in their school history than they do about the really serious questions of their own day. Occasionally there is a parent who makes his children interested in contempo rary history, but most children are allowed to look on the news columns of newspapers as devoid of entertainment to them if not beyond their comprehension. They therefore have, for instance, only the vaguest knowledge of such a war as has just been fought between Turkey and Russia, or of such a diplomatic contest as is now taking place in Berlin. But the plea of no text book will not hold good in such cases so long as newspapers maintain their present enterprise; and any teacher who hears his pupils reading lessons out of a good newspaper, supplementing them with necessary explanations, can give those pupils information which will cost them little study and be of invaluable advantage to them all their lives.

A Chinese Dector.

Many persons have entertained extravagant ideas concerning Chinese 674 88 doctors. A case in point may tend to cool the ardor of such people. A Chinaman died lately, at San Jose, under circumstances which caused the coroner to hold an inquest. At the examination, Dr. Gog Fly (Shoo Fly, hereafter,) stated that he had treated the patient for lung disease. On being questioned in regard to his knowledge of human physiology, he asserted "a man had seven lungs." He also informed the "Melican" barbarians that there were five holes in the human heart, and that the principle function of that organ is to "eatch air in." But the laugh comes in best when it is roadway, while some \$8,000 of that stated that Dr. Cog Fly has had a large and lucrative business among the white citizens of San Jose.

AROUND THE CITY.

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

....Call and see stereoscopic view of Cascade canal, and photographic copy of 1878 chart of the Columbia river bar, raphy is truly a science.

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

... Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeers'. See advertisement. New invoice of those Medallion

Ranges at Magnus C: Crosby's. at all hours at the Pioneer restaurant.Shipmasters wishing to secure seamen can have their wants supplied

by 'ealling at the Chicago house, Main ... 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 fash-

ionable style of gent and ladies boots, .. 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 entier of Astoria will guarantee satisfaction to all ordering work of him, and will do a better job for less money than cemetery here should be sufficient recom mendation. Before you let your con-tracts for work of this kind it would be

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well to call upon Mr. Stewart.

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turns promptly made. Regular sales day. SATURDAYS at 2 P. M.

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Page's building next door to E. S. Larsen. GENTS CLASS On Monday and Thursday venings, at 7:30. LADIES CLASS—On Monday and Thursday ADDES CLASS—On Monday and Thursday afternoons, at 2 30.

Boys Class—On Tuesday and Friday evenings, at 7 30.

Misses Class—Wednesday and Saturday

None admitted except scholars Saiuritay evening SOIREE. TERMS-Laities and gents class per Boys and Misses class per Month,

at 4 P. M. Wednesday evening for the entire school.

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RESTAURANT, THEO, BROEMSER, - - PROPRIETOR.

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Astoria, July 15, 1878. OCCIDENT HOTEL,

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