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THE CITY.

The Daily Astorian will be sent by mail at 75 cents a month, free of postage.

The Supreme court is in session in Salem.

The bark Rival arrived at San Francisco on the 1st.

The Webfoot, Robert Lees, and Wastwater are ready for sea to-day.

The mail boat from Portland got through to Astoria all right yesterday, arriving at 6 P. M.

The Ordway arrived yesterday morning from Portland and started back with the barge Monarch in tow.

There will be preaching at the Congregational church this (Wednesday) evening by the pastor.

Mr. Lewis, of Nehalem valley has sent us a beautiful specimen of the fruit produced in that section of Clatsop county.

The H. L. Tiernan sailed from San Francisco on the 11th for Shoalwater bay, and the schooner Enterprise will sail to-day also.

The Oregon Steamship company, and also the Pacific Steamship company have advanced passage to and from San Francisco.

The Robert Lees is laden with flour principally from the Salem mills. The Statesman says the same company will lead the Oban Bay.

The mountains within sight of Astoria, and the hill sides bordering the river, as far as can be traced by the eye, show that a heavy fall of snow has lately occurred.

On the 19th, Senator Mitchell introduced a bill providing for the appropriation of \$50,000 to carry on the work of improving the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river.

There was so much ice in the river yesterday that the steam tug Columbia concluded not to try to force her way to Portland against such great odds for wear and tear.

Wm. Strong, Fred R. Strong and Thos. N. Strong, have formed a co-partnership for the practice of their profession under the name and style of Wm. Strong & Sons.

Diphtheria still rages at Walla Walla, Pendleton, La Grande, and in fact, everywhere. From all quarters of the globe comes the doleful sound: "Death, diphtheria."

The British ship Caitlock is taken at 35s to U. K., and the British ship Hannah Landles to lead Walla Walla wheat at an advance-report says of 3s, but we are unable to learn the particulars.

The Multnomah movement for a district fair has at last assumed definite shape, the articles of incorporation having been filed. The incorporators are A. Luelling, H. Hanson, A. F. Miller and Edward Long.

We are informed that upon the arrival of the steamship Idaho in Portland, to-day, purser H. Sonnenfeld, who has filled that position to the satisfaction of the public in the past, will disconnect himself from the steamer, and join the firm of H. Ackerman & Co. We regret to part with him on this line, but shall hope to meet him frequently in Portland. He is P. B.

A Scandalous Libel.

In the course of remarks upon the ice blockade, the movements of the steamship Oregon, etc., the Standard has this grossly libelous paragraph upon Astoria:

Should the steamer be compelled to remain at Astoria she must furnish board for the passengers; as their tickets call for their delivery at Portland and will be very expensive. And it is not only the expense, as we are informed upon reliable authority that the stock of flour and meat at Astoria is very limited and cannot hold out long. The expected decline in the beef market was the cause of the limited supply, and the stock of flour, at no time large, is now smaller than usual. From indications, the end is not yet of the blockade and we may expect to hear of the people of Astoria, the passengers on the steamer, and six or eight ships, going on short rations, as the ships stores which are mostly purchased in this city; had not been engaged.

We are quite certain that the Standard would not maliciously publish such statement as this, nevertheless, when taken in connection with the facts, it is not only an injury to the port of Astoria, which is as abundantly supplied as Portland, at all times, if not more so; but is a direct insult to a very large class of readers and friends of the Standard here. The Astoria merchants and business men are prepared at any time to supply the entire wants of any one or all of the Oregon Steamship company's steamships at any time, for the round trip to San Francisco or Portland, also any number of vessels, or ships, but they will not submit to any deductions on account of "commissions" to any person in any line of vessels whatever, believing it to be the curse of trade in any city where the system is tolerated.

In this connection we have been permitted to quote from a private letter from one of the leading meat dealers in Portland the following extract: "The butchers here are having rough time getting cattle. All the cattle up the valley and around the bottoms are poor, and good cattle will bring three cents gross, now. I think the river will soon open and relieve us. I think we can get good cattle east of the mountains yet. I shall go to The Dalles on the first boat." The letter from which the above is an extract was written at Portland on the 8th. There is no scarcity of first-class beef cattle in this vicinity—the best on the Pacific coast.

W. N. Castle's Affairs.

Referring to the defalcation of W. N. Castle, who suicided at the jail door in Astoria, a San Francisco paper says: "Castle has been a resident of San Jose for the past ten years, and has hitherto borne a good reputation, being industrious and enterprising. He has been twice elected to the office of city clerk and assessor. Castle's bonds as assessor show that he is delinquent to the payment of \$1,963, collected by him on personal property assessment, for which receipts were given, the stubs of which are in Lotz's possession. It appears that Castle was behind hand \$600 a year ago, but as he paid it up before the treasurer made his annual settlement, nothing was said of it. Treasurer Lotz discovered the deficiency early in November and told Castle that he must make up the amount at once, which he promised from time to time to do, but failed."

The Centerville Mills Fire.

Referring to the destruction of Mr. Trullinger's mills in Centerville, the Hillsboro Independent says: "There had been considerable trouble and litigation between the owner of the mills and other parties, who had been damaged by overflow caused by the mill-dam. The persons aggrieved had won the suits in the courts, and the offending dam had been cut down, so that, leaving out their good name, it is not to be believed that they had any thing to do with the burning. There is much suspicion, but no clue to the incendiary, and these suspicions may be unfounded and unjust. If it was the work of an incendiary, it was very boldly done—almost incredible."

The San Francisco News says the Costa Rican ship Hermann, Capt. Perks, which sailed from Callao on the 6th ult. is for Puget sound to load with lumber. Grace & Co.'s circular says Columbia river, Oregon.

Reported Death of Mr. Ball.

From a Portland, Oregon, dispatch of the 5th, published in the S. F. Call on the 6th, we quote the following: "A. H. Ball, of the firm of Ball & Platt, contractors on the United States canal and locks at the Cascades, died suddenly at that place yesterday. As the river is closed, the remains can not be brought down for some time. Mr. Ball came from New York a few months ago. He has been a large government contractor for some years. He leaves a family." We have not received the above report in any Portland paper. We sincerely hope that it is untrue.

"An Oasis in the Desert."

The Bee says: "It is a relief to glance at an honest man's picture, that of Hon. L. L. Rowland, late state superintendent of public instruction. This photograph, life-like and natural, taken by Davidson Bros., may be seen in the window of Morse's palace. According to the report of the investigating committee, Mr. Rowland is the only honest member of the late defunct and dishonest state administration, "an oasis in the desert" of fraud, it is a source of gratification to know that in all this putrid mass of fraud, embezzlement and corruption, there was one honest man, and he a Simon-pure, solid republican.

Oil Clothing.

We understand that Mr. Wm. McCormick will leave this city to-day upon business connected with the Astoria Shirt and Oil Clothing factory, corner of Squemoque and Hamilton streets. We hope that his mission will be rewarded by extensive orders for oil clothing, as he is now prepared to fill all orders that may be given to the factory. This is the beginning of an important enterprise for Astoria. It is said that the Columbia river oil clothing trade amounts to between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually, for fishermen alone. If this money can be saved to the country it will be a very important item. Mrs. McCormick has supplied a portion of this for several years past, and her work has always recommended itself. It will do so this year.

The British ship Allegiance is wanted in Puget sound by her master, who went up by the river boat on Monday. The charter will expire to-day unless the vessel reports there by a certain hour. The steamer Wonder is on the way down after her.

Maj. C. H. Page and Prof. A. Meachen of this city have been admitted by the Supreme court to practice in the courts of Oregon. Prof. Meachen has associated himself with Gen. O. F. Bell, as will be seen by card elsewhere. Major Page expects to enter upon the practice of his profession at an early date.

James Kazerta Mercer, sentenced to the penitentiary for fifteen years, has been furnished with an easy job. He has been appointed to the position of horse collar stuffer. During his idle time he will dive down into Blackstone and Greenleaf, and when his term expires will come out fully fitted for congress.

We are informed by Capt. E. F. Stevens, who returned from San Francisco yesterday by the steamship Idaho, the steamer Great Republic has been drawn off the route for two months, so as to allow a complete overhauling of the boiler and machinery. But as we understand it, that the agent in Portland knows nothing of this movement; and the telegraph yesterday says she will sail for Portland from San Francisco, probably on the 18th, in company with the Elder.

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.

No quack medicine advertisers of any kind, nor quack doctors, need apply for space in the columns of THE ASTORIAN, as it will not be granted to them. We do not want money bad enough to tempt us to aid unscrupulous adventurers in fleecing the unfortunate man or woman who is broken down in health, and that, too very often by the use of nostrums which are puffed up by the newspapers.

AROUND THE CITY.

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

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.

Fresh fruits and vegetables at Bailey's.

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.

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.

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

Chamber of Commerce of Astoria. Regular meeting every 1st and 3d Monday of each month. J. Q. A. BOWLBY, President.

Temple Lodge, No. 7, A. F. A. M. Regular Communications first and third Saturdays in each month, at 7 o'clock, p. m., at the Hall in Astoria. Members of the Order, in good standing, are invited to attend. By order of the W. M., N. G.

Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F. Meet every Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, in the Odd Fellow's Hall, cor. of Cass and Chenamus streets, Astoria. Members of the Order are invited to attend. By order, N. G.

Astoria Lodge No. 40, I. O. O. G. T. Regular Meeting every Tuesday Evening at 7 o'clock, at Good Templar's Hall, Chenamus Street, Astoria, over C. L. Parker's Store. Members of the Order, in good standing, are invited to attend. Degree meeting 1st Monday each month. By order W. C. T.

Common Council. Regular meetings first and third Tuesday evenings of each month, at 7 o'clock. Persons desiring to have matters acted upon by the Council, at any regular meeting must present the same to the Auditor and Clerk on or before the Friday evening prior to the Tuesday on which the Council holds its regular meetings. R. H. CARDWELL, Auditor and Clerk.

Astoria Engine Co. No. 1. Regular monthly meeting will be held at the hall of the Company, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 o'clock p. m. Members are expected to attend promptly, if not the usual fines will be imposed against them, unless legal excuse is offered. By order of the Company, A. VAN DUSEN, President. F. A. FISHER, Secretary.

BUSINESS CARDS. J. W. ROBE, C. W. FULTON. ROBB & FULTON. Attorneys-at-Law, Collecting and Real Estate Agents. Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, Dr. Welch's new building, Squemoque street, Astoria.

F. D. WINTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in City Hall Building, ASTORIA, OREGON.

DR. W. B. BAKER. (Late Surgeon U. S. Army.) Office—Corner Chenamus and Main sts., over White House store, Brown's building.

DR. I. M. SEVERN. Graduate University of Pennsylvania. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. EXAMINING SURGEON OF PENSIONS. Office—Larsen's building. Office Hours—8 a. m. to 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. At night can be found at Turpin House, ASTORIA, OREGON.

DR. F. CRANG, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, ASTORIA, OREGON. Office—Room No. 7 over C. L. Parker's store, Opposite Demont's drug store.

G. F. DENNISON, F. J. TAYLOR. DENNISON & TAYLOR, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. ASTORIA, OREGON. Office—Up stairs in Parker's building, corner Chenamus and Benton streets.

OTTO DUFER, WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER. HAS REMOVED TO Main street, Parker's building, ASTORIA, OREGON.

J. STEWART, Stone and Marble Cutter, ASTORIA, OREGON. All kinds of building work, and monumental work attended to promptly and to order. Satisfaction guaranteed.

DR. J. W. OLIVER, HOMEOPATHIST. Having permanently located in Astoria, tenders his services to the citizens of this place. Office—For the present at his residence in Col. Taylor's house, Cedar street.

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. E. 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.

WALLA WALLA RESTAURANT, THEO. BROEMER, PROPRIETOR.

Fresh oysters, and other delicacies of the season, served in every style. Opposite the Telegraph office, Squemoque street, Astoria, Oregon. MEALS AT ALL HOURS.

ASTORIA CANDY FACTORY

AND OYSTER SALOON. HAVING ENLARGED MY STORE I have now on hand the largest and best assortment of plain and French candies in town, also, all kinds of CAKES, CRACKERS AND BISCUITS. All of which I offer for sale at the lowest cash price, wholesale and retail at SCHMEER'S CONFECTIONERY.

Opposite the bell tower. Retail candy from 25 to 75 cents per pound. Fresh Eastern and Shoalwater bay oysters served in every style.

TURPIN HOUSE, D. L. TURPIN, PROPRIETOR. MAIN STREET. Between Squemoque and Chenamus. ASTORIA, OREGON.

Board and lodging per week \$6.50 Board per day 1.00 Single Meal 25. The table will be supplied at all times with the best 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 RECEPTION OF BOARDERS, by the week, day or single meals. Fresh oysters in every style at all hours.

PALACE LODGING HOUSE, (Alasky & Hegel'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. MENEFFEE, Lessee.

WOOD WORKING MACHINERY. IRON WORKING TOOLS. STEAM ENGINES. BERRY & PLACE. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. CIRCULARS SENT FREE TO ALL.

Three Schooners for Sale. TWO schooners, with center boards, 25 tons each, and one without center board, five tons, all fully equipped and in good order, will be sold cheap for cash. Apply to WATSON BROS., Astoria, Oregon.

SPILES. The undersigned is prepared to furnish a large number of Spiles and Spore at this place on short notice, at reasonable rates. Apply to C. G. SPILES, Columbia.