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THE CITY.

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BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT.

Read I. W. Case's new advertisement, particularly if you are in need of garden seeds.

An elegant stock of the finest styles of valentines now open and for sale cheap at Adler's.

Capt. Munson has purchased an engine, which will be placed in the sloop Magnet, after which she will be classed as a steamer.

A large number of masks will be received at Adler's Monday evening. Patrons intending to attend the masquerade are invited to call.

Dr. Baker reached Walla Walla by private conveyance from The Dalles. Major Truax accompanied him, but the Doctor handled the ribbons.

Cannermen and business men in general will do well to examine Adler's new stock of Blank-books and Stationery which he bought in the East and offers at less than Portland prices.

The name of the Perkins' murderer caught by strategy near British Columbia, is Selusku, son of Peter Le Mox Mox, a Cayuse belonging to the Umatilla reservation.

Snow, then rain, then sunshine, then cloudy, then clear, then a little more snow, a little more rain, a little more sunshine, little more cloudy, clear again, etc., etc., was the style of the weather at Astoria yesterday.

Mr. Dan O'Neill, the popular Oregon Steam Navigation company's pursuer, is at present doing the Cascade route, acting pursuer of the Emma Hayward, but there is scarcely enough business doing to keep him out of mischief.

Look here, brother Kelly of the Roseburg Independent, if you don't stay away from that millinery shop, and let Mrs. Compton finish that wedding dress for Miss —, we shall be compelled to refer to your conduct as enrolling clerk.

Our friend S. B. Smith is happy. A big English estate, valued at many millions of dollars, is awaiting proof of heirship by a branch of the Smith family in this county. Silas B. thinks there would be about fifty cents a piece, if divided up equally among the Smiths of America.

Salem is being victimized by a traveling quack in medicine, proposing to effect certain cures or no pay, only taking part pay in advance, enough to make five or six prices for the medicine, the remainder, to be paid when the cure is effected, in all probability will never be called for.

People who receive their papers through the carriers would do exceedingly well by putting little boxes with a covering, at their gates. It would save them from the rain and the pilferers gaze, from the jaws of bird dogs and the high winds, which sometimes carry them off and casts the blame of not getting the paper on the carrier, or your neighbor. Put up a box at your gate, if it is only a cigar box.

Mr. Sam Gray's pet, a cross-breed between a cat and a coon, which escaped some time ago, was killed night before last by a dog. The collar on its neck must have been a source of great annoyance to the animal, as it had the appearance of having chafed its way into the flesh. This coon has caused many a fat chicken to submit to the eating-out process.

Social Events.

The Masquerade Ball, which will come off at Worsley's Hall on Friday evening the 14th, promises to be a very attractive affair, and will no doubt be largely attended. Every necessary preparation has been made by the committee, and nothing which can contribute to the success and pleasure of the event has been omitted. Mr. Worsley deserves the thanks of all the amusement-loving public for his untiring and successful efforts to furnish them with amusements during the dull winter months, and the Soiree this evening, and the Masquerade on next Friday, being the closing ones of the winter, we should like to see his large room crowded on both occasions, and for the benefit of those who intend masking, the committee desire us to say that it will only be necessary for maskers to show the blanks to the committee in the committee room, and those attending as spectators, their invitations at the door, and let everyone make it a point to show "Genial Ben" that one and all appreciate his efforts.

Good Lord Save Us.

Red lead in cayenne pepper, chromate of leads in mustard, sulphuric acid in vinegar, corrosive sublimate in pickles, prussic acid in tea, scented and colored clay in coffee, alum in bread, sand in sugar, marble dust and plaster of Paris in flour, powdered stone in soda, terra alba in cream of tartar, damaged grain in Graham meal, chalk in baking powders, mercury, arsenic and copper in the coloring of candy, creosote and salts of copper in whisky—such are only samples of some of the adulterations in food and drink pointed out the other day by Mr. George T. Angell, in a paper read to the American social science association of Boston.

Notice.

A special meeting of the A. O. H. is hereby called for Sunday, the 9th of February, 1879, at the Chamber of Commerce, at 2 o'clock P. M. by request of several members. Business of importance. F. H. Fox, President.

Pendleton is a very desirable place to live, according to Bro. Turner. He says every church in town is occupied, every school house filled with pupils, every hotel and restaurant crowded, every saloon well patronized, every carpenter employed, the blacksmith shops overrun with work, the lawyers all idle, people all happy and everything moving on as lovely and quiet as though no Indians were in the country.

The Aetna Life Insurance company of Hartford, Connecticut, is one of the reliable companies of the United States. Its cash assets represent a value of \$24,000. Mr. Arthur Wilson, the manager for Oregon and Washington, called upon us yesterday, and informs us that Mr. E. C. Holden has been appointed local agent at Astoria, and Dr. W. D. Baker examining physician. Hon. I. W. Case has carried a policy in this company for nearly ten years.

The Oregonian has discovered that the causes of Bishop Purcell's delinquencies, in Cincinnati, are the direct result of the "shrinkages of property values." Senator Grover can be no more to blame for the shrinkages in Oregon values, held as securities for money loaned here when he was governor, than Bishop Purcell is for the shrinkages in Cincinnati, but the Oregonian does not appear to have manhood enough about the concern to prompt such statement of the facts.

Judging from a private dispatch from Chas DeYoung & Co., yesterday, the fellow who represented himself as an agent of the Chronicle in this city, W. B. Sewell, was not only a dastardly cur, but a fraud upon the DeYoungs. Our grand jury let him off easy because of the fact there is a certainty of a moral stretch arising in any community from the trial of such cases. He was therefore permitted to leave. Sewell is a man of about five feet nine inches stature, sandy complexion, hazel eyes, and long reddish whiskers, rather pleasant address. This is all we know about him.

The Indian Question.

[LETTER FROM MR. W. H. GRAY.] CLATSOP COUNTY, Feb. 1.—In THE ASTORIAN of the 24th ult. is an article headed "Yakima Indian Affairs." Following the above, I find "The Other Side," by D. P. Ballard, of Yakima city. In this effusion he constitutes himself the censor of Agent Wilbur, and of the government policy in relation to the Indians, and also attempts to prove that all, or at least 70 per cent. of the Wilbur Indians are a fair sample of the Perkins murderers; only nineteen or twenty-one keep up the forms of worship as taught by Father Wilbur, etc. This Mr. Ballard would be a wise man if he had not a foolish head to guide him. He goes back to an Indian by the name of Peter, whom Gen. Fremont took to the states in 1844, to prove all his statements on the Indian question.

I propose to occupy but a small space in your paper to meet such statements with the statement that the fools and falsifiers are not all dead. There may be in that communication a slight semblance of truth, but it is covered so deeply with ignorant prejudice, superstition and bigotry, that the head or heart that dictated that letter could not certainly see it. I have no doubt but this decided expression of opinion on my part, will cause a yell from all enemies to truth and humane treatment of the Indians, and especially to all true American moral influence over them. For the last year you are aware that I have given this question careful attention, not only through official reports but through newspaper correspondence and a personal visit to the Indians.

That agents within and without the Yakama and Nez Percés Indian agencies should be the special object of hatred is not to be wondered at; those agencies are standing proofs that the Indians can be civilized and become not only christian "heretics" but American citizens.

Show me the same conversion of our American or English people that I have seen in the years of 1839-40 among the Indians named, and I would say a thousand were converted to christianity; and here let me say, that I have the testimony of the Roman priests to show, that they claim that many thousands of our Indians have been "converted" to Romanism since 1838. That that sect claim at least four Indians belonging to their church, to one belonging to the American, as they (the Romanists) call the "heretical" protestant churches. It is an old adage: "Straws show which way the current in a storm runs." Vice is bold when true moral or christian sentiments are cast aside. Falshood travels faster than the truth.

Can any sane man tell me why it is this desperate effort is made to return the Indian bureau to the war department which had control of the Indians for over sixty years! without accomplishing as much for their civilization, all over our country, as has been accomplished by President Grant's peace policy in ten years?

A close observer of this Indian question for more than 40 years would say why not give the peace policy time enough to train one generation of Indians to test its results? The war policy has already had three generations. Mr. Ballard appears, if his letter is true, to seek a residence near them, and to know all about their moral condition; also, of the necessity of the change. Has he been discharged from its services. Respectfully, etc. W. H. GRAY.

An article from the Toledo Blade of December 12th, reviewing testimony before the joint commission regarding the transfer of the Indian bureau to the war department, is omitted for want of space.—Ed.

Why They Pay Down.

A good many people who are not accustomed to paying fare in advance on river steamboats can see the point better, perhaps, after reading the following from a late Paris paper:

One of the great and comfortable steamships which the Yankee construct descends the Mississippi with a vertiginous rapidity.

When, lo! a cry makes itself to be heard:

"A man in the water!" "Stop!" cries himself the Captain. Then, turning himself towards the pursuer, he demands: "Has he paid his fare?"

"He has paid," replies the pursuer. "All rights!" howls the captain, and the steamer retakes its course, leaving the passenger behind.

If the unhappy man had not paid in advance he might have been saved.

Real Estate at Auction.

We call attention to E. C. Holden's auction sale of city lots on Saturday. These lots will all be valuable in the near future, though the chances are they will be sold cheap enough now. Lot 5, block 37, adjoins upper town and Finn town; lot 5, block 49 is in close proximity to Mr. Devlin's residence; lots 2 and 9, block 91, are close to the cemetery lot, and one block north from Mr. Williamson's block, all favorable locations.

The Cental System.

The grain and flour dealers of Liverpool and New York are making vigorous efforts to introduce the cental system in estimating the weight of all breadstuffs. It is recommended that a barrel of flour shall contain 218 pounds, 200 pounds of flour, leaving 18 pounds for tare; and also, that when flour, oat-meal, etc., is packed in sacks, they shall weigh, exclusive of tare, equal parts of a cental. The Portland board of trade has received a communication on this subject from the New York Exchange, and the subject is now under consideration.

This is only another step towards an adoption of the metrical system. Since our decimal system of currency is easily applicable to the cental system above mentioned, a world of labor and perplexity would be saved if the suggestion of our English neighbors were adopted.

Card From Mr. Newton.

UPPER ASTORIA, Feb. 6.—I proclaim to all who suffer from Rupture, that for ten years previous to getting one of Dr. Pierce & Son's Magnetic Elastic Trusses I groined from a terrible Rupture, and used four steel trusses during that time, but these steel trusses seemed to aggravate my malady. By some direction of good fortune I came under the able treatment of Dr. Pierce & Son, procured one of their Trusses, and for six months I have not taken it off, and I believe that I am now completely cured. This certificate is freely and conscientiously given. I am advanced in years, and have no object in deceiving the public. I do this to relieve those who will heed my notes of rejoicing, and to carry the glad tidings to whoever may wish it. THOMAS NEWTON, Astoria, Oregon.

To Dr. Pierce & Son, d&wt 603 Sacramento St., Cal.

AROUND THE CITY.

August Danielson, the proprietor of Astoria Liquor Store, is sole agent for the celebrated Damiana Bitters. It is the best medicine for Dyspepsia. Try a bottle.

Trenchard & Upshur have at their store samples of cedar net floats made by Pixiev, at Westport, and which will be furnished in quantities to suit at \$3 00.

Squivalence says the Chicago House is supplied with a register from the City Book Store, and that he is pleased with the prospects ahead for business.

Good Templar entertainment at their hall on Friday evening next. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Admission free. For particulars see posters.

A small house to let in a desirable locality for residence. Inquire at this office.

Capt. J. G. Hustler wishes to give everybody timely notice that if that school tax is not paid within a few days costs will certainly follow.

If you want anything in the line of Cigars, Tobacco, Notions, Fruits, etc., call at Fosters, on the Roadway.

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

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.

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

A stunningly beautiful selection of valentines were opened at the City Book store yesterday. Call around and see them.

Valentines, all kinds, C. A. May's

Parties in want of good Cedar Shingles will do well to apply to H. C. Comegys, Kalama, W. T.

Newspapers, Periodicals, Stationery, Notions, Cigars, and Tobacco, at Hamburger's Variety Store.

Photographic Back-grounds, Park and Parlor scenes, the cheapest and best Pictures in Oregon, at H. S. Shuster's new Art Gallery, Astoria.

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

Your complexion is sallow, and skin yellow, your liver is affected. Obtain from your druggist a bottle of Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier.

Keep your blood pure and your health must be good, the great purifier is Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier. All Astoria druggists have it now.

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.

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

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

Fresh fruits and vegetables at Bailey's.

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

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

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

STEVENS & JOPLIN, ASTORIA, OREGON. Trucking, Draying, and General Team Work Done to order, and satisfaction guaranteed. Wood for sale, and delivered to order.

G. T. REID, CALEDONIA SALOON, Corner of Front and A streets, PORTLAND - - - OREGON Late butcher in the Central Market.

CHAS. A. MAY, DEALER IN Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Nuts, Candles, Yankee Notions, Toys. Finest brands of CIGARS AND TOBACCO. Chenamus street, - - - ASTORIA.

WILLIAM TURNER, BOOT BLACK, OCCIDENT SHAVING SALOON, ASTORIA, OREGON.

Astoria Liquor Store, AUG. DANIELSON, Proprietor. Water st. Roadway, - ASTORIA, OREGON. Importer and dealer in

WINES, LIQUORS, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CIGARS. Sole agent for the celebrated STONEWALL WHISKEY.

Branch of MARX & JORGENSEN, Portland. Washington Market, Main Street, Astoria Oregon, BERGMAN & BERRY

RESPECTFULLY CALL THE ATTENTION of the public to the fact that the above Market will always be supplied with a FULL VARIETY BEST QUALITY FRESH AND CURED MEATS! Which will be sold at lowest rates, wholesale and retail. Special attention given to supplying ships. D. K. WARREN, C. A. MCGUIRE

Astoria Market! Corner of Chenamus and Cass streets, ASTORIA, OREGON. WARREN & MCGUIRE, Proprietors (Successors to Hobson & Warren.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in all kinds of Fresh and Cured Meats! A full line of Family Groceries, CANNED FRUIT, VEGETABLES, ETC. Butter, Eggs, Cheese, etc. constantly on hand. Ships supplied at the lowest rates.

IT IS A POSITIVE TRUTH That housekeepers can do better by dealing with J. K. WIRT, on Main street, as he keeps the best of FRUITS, CANDIES, NUTS, LIQUORS AND CIGARS, SMOKED SALMON, BOLOGNE SAUSAGE, JERKED BEEF MEAT.

And also from Clatsop every other day FRESH BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE, CLAMS, DUCKS, CHICKENS, And everything that is needed in the cooking line at the lowest living prices. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere. J. K. WIRT.

CITY BOOK STORE, MAIN ST., ASTORIA.

CHAS. STEVENS & SON Invite the attention of purchasers to their stock, just laid in The Finest Selection! The Cheapest Prices!

The Greatest Worth! RECEPTION POCKETS; LADIES' DIARIES AND PURSES COMBINED; COMB AND BRUSH POCKETS; CUTLERY, JEWELRY, CHARMS, ETC., ETC.; LADIES' FANCY BOARD, ETC.; GOLD PENS AND PENCILS; PAINT PENCILS, GUTTA PERCHA GOODS; EXERCISOR DIARIES, BLANK BOOKS, STATIONERY, ETC. All goods sold at lowest cash prices. CHAS. STEVENS & SON. City Book Store to Main street, two doors from the Pioneer Restaurant, opposite the bakery of Mrs. C. Binder.

CHARLES HEILBORN, MANUFACTURER OF And Dealer in

FURNITURE and BEDDING, ALSO IMPORTER OF CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, WALL PAPER, SHADES, ETC.

All kinds of repairing promptly attended to, and furniture made to order. Full line of picture mouldings and frames, brackets, window cornices, etc. Full stock and lowest prices, corner of Squemoqua and Main street, Astoria.

A RARE CHANCE. I WILL SELL ANY OR ALL OF THE following described property, viz:

400 Acres, Sec. 25, T. 6, N. of R. 9 west, southeast quarter. Also in Olney's Astoria Lots 2, 3, and 4, in Block 79; Lots 3, 4, and 5, in Block 100; Lots 2 and 4, in Block 120; and Lot 4, in Block 120; North half of Block 2, - 1-2 acre. DAVID INGALLS, Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 16, 1878.