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**BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT.**

--- New invoice of these Medallion Ranges at Magnus C. Crosby's.  
 --- Twelve yards Chinese Grass Cloth, 36 inches wide, for one dollar at Hamburger's.  
 --- A new lot of full bound blank and receipt books, specially for use in canneries, at the City Book store.  
 --- 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.

--- A new lot of crockery to be seen at Bailey's.  
 --- See late specimens lightning process of photographs, at H. S. Shorter's Art Gallery.

--- The name of Mr. Frank Elberson does not appear in the list of passengers by steamship Ancon.  
 --- Warren & McGuire have the early rose potatoes for seed. Farmers, please remember this.

--- The Daily Statesman is considerably improved of late in its "personal appearance" and press work.

--- C. H. Bain & Co. will, from this date, discount ten per cent, for cash, on former prices on sales of mouldings, sash and doors.

--- Since writing the notice which appears elsewhere, the Salem Statesman comes to us all bedraggled with ink in the DEEPEST kind of DIRTY mourning.

--- Dr. J. Welch has arrived in Astoria for the purpose of filling his engagements here, in the practice of dentistry. See card elsewhere in this paper.

--- Mr. A. F. Gunn, with Messrs. Cunningham, Curtis & Welch, stationers of San Francisco, is traveling on Puget-sound, and will soon visit Astoria in the interests of trade.

--- A fine lot of Whitaker hams to be found at Bailey's.

--- Grand Master H. H. Gilfry has issued a general dispensation for lodges of the jurisdiction to turn out in regalia if so desired, to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America, on the 26th day of April.

--- During the absence of Mr. Carl Adler people are invited to call at his store and help themselves to whatever they choose, at bed-rock prices. His present stock will be reduced to make room for a large assortment in new lines of goods.

--- At the sale yesterday Mr. G. W. Hume became the owner of the Arri-goni hotel property, paying therefor the sum of \$5,160 cash. Mr. Hume thus adds to his interest at Astoria. The sale was conducted by Mr. B. S. Worsley auctioneer, for Mr. Gilbert, master in chancery.

--- Dispatches of the 24th, from San Francisco, informs us that "the body of a young unknown man was found on a pile of lumber at Hathaway's wharf that morning, a pistol shot wound in the right temple, and the right hand clutching a Sharp's four-shooter. From papers on his person, he is supposed to have been a baker by occupation and to have recently arrived from Oregon." Some fears were entertained by friends of Mr. Frank Elberson that this was him, but Mrs. Binder has letters announcing that he may be expected home by the Ancon.

**Letters from the People.**

ASTORIA, March 26th, 1879.  
 EDITOR ASTORIAN:  
 Permit me a small space to answer "one of the city Dads." He says:  
 I call your attention to the council proceedings of Tuesday 18th, at which time the council adjourned, to meet Saturday 22d. Several ordinances and resolutions having been read and reported upon at the meeting the 18th, were laid over until the adjourned meeting, mainly because two councilmen were absent. When the council met on the 22d, councilman Shively moved that matters laid over at the last meeting be taken up, which motion was carried, and ordinances together with reports laid over at the meeting of the 18th were taken up and acted upon, and no others.

The following is from the records of the council on Tuesday March 18th, among other proceedings:  
 An ordinance making an appropriation for expenses of litigation, &c., and read first and second times and on motion laid over until next meeting and referred to committee on rules and regulations.

Ordinance increasing salary of night watchman, &c., read first and second times and referred to committee.

Ordinance for employment of special attorneys, &c., read for information and referred back to committee.

Ordinance regulating bar-rooms, &c., was reported on and a substitute offered by the committee, and referred back for amendments.

Ordinance for licensing certain places of amusement, laid over until next meeting.

Resolution dismissing city attorney, laid over until next meeting.

All these matters were reported on and taken up and acted upon at the adjourned meeting.  
 The records do not show any ordinance or reports laid over from the 18th until the adjourned meeting as alleged by the City Dad. In fact, as appears by the records there was nothing laid over until an adjourned meeting. What was laid over, was laid over until the next meeting, and as the distinguished president of the council ruled the Saturday meeting being only a continuation of the Tuesday meeting, it certainly stands to common sense it could not have been the next meeting. Again, Mr. City Dad, I quote from record and not from memory.

City Dad is wrong in one of his assertions as is clearly shown, and if time and space allowed we could show him wrong in others. As for instance I am informed, that some of the council, even City Dad himself, knew that ladies had left the sidewalk on account of the lamp-lighter's horse.

The fact is Mr. Editor: the council were determined to dodge the Main street lamp question, for the reason that the residents of that locality had made their grievance public, and warned the *amour propre* of City Dad and his associates, and there lies the gist of the whole matter.

There are other points in City Dad's letter which ought to be noticed, but inasmuch as he admits the wrong and promises amendment, by lighting the lamps again, I leave the matter to rest where it is.  
 HILLSIDER.

ASTORIA, OREGON, March 26, 1879.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:  
 A communication in THE ASTORIAN to-day signed "Vin" reflects severely on a fling at the city council, by a correspondent of the Oregonian in the issue of March 21st, and further states, "this correspondence has, in several former notes, taken occasion to slur and misrepresent the council." "Vin" also questions the competency of any person to act as a regular correspondent of a paper having the circulation that the Daily Oregonian has, unless he confines himself to the truth. In this I heartily coincide with him. I have been reliably informed that the present presiding officer of the council (is he "Vin?") is under the impression that I am the author of the "flings, slurs and misrepresentations" complained of. By your permission I wish publicly to undeceive Mr. Gray and every one else interested, by assuring them that I am not the author of the "Astoria notes" which have lately appeared in the Oregonian. I have not written a line of news for the Oregonian since the stranding of the ship City of Dublin, in October last. When anything of importance occurs in this section of the state, calculated to interest all the readers of the Oregonian, I have been accustomed to write it up, and that paper has always been pleased to publish it, but I have never imposed upon them any "fling, slurs or misrepresentations" reflecting on any one, nor any conceited puff or personalities referring to myself.

I should not have troubled you with this, had I not known that lying misrepresentations have been made as to who is really the writer of the "Astoria notes," alluded to by "Vin." Yours respectfully,  
 E. C. HOLDEN.

The Walla Walla Watchman truthfully remarks that every now and then we hear of billiard and pedestrian matches, how many runs made, how many miles walked, but we never heard a match among rail splitters, wood-choppers, plow-men, nor how many rails one could split, cord wood pile up, or acres turn in a day; still it may happen yet.

**Journalistic Imposters.**

It appears that the Police of Astoria were not slow in "spotting" the fellow Geo. Legrand, referred to in the Itemizer extract quoted by us. It turns out that the man Geo. Daniels, who has been "starting a paper" THE FISHERMAN, at Astoria, for about a week past is the same person alluded to by the Itemizer as guilty of swindling them out of several dollars collected as subscriptions, and also the one who got the best of several firms in Portland, among others, L. Samuel of the West Shore, of whom he came out about \$30 winner. Officer Oliver received word to arrest him here on Tuesday, but as he had no warrant, deferred the duty until yesterday when the bird had flown. Now, one more word to the people of Astoria. THE ASTORIAN office is always with you. We stay here 12 months in the year—nine months of that time we do not make a dollar and fifty cents a month over expenses; but we stay, the printers stay; we pay taxes, and all help to keep the city together. If any of you want a little extra printing during the flush of business three months in the spring and summer, THE ASTORIAN is here to accommodate you. You need not put up for any set of seedy adventurers; by doing which you have lost so frequently before, and now probably lose again.

**The Dalles Portage.**

We have had the pleasure of examining a map, showing the survey of the Columbia river between The Dalles and Celilo, which was recently presented to the Astoria Chamber of Commerce on request, by Major Gillespie.

When we examine this map, in connection with the report of Mr. Habersham—who made the survey, it will be seen that the improvements which Mr. Habersham proposes, in order to make the river navigable between The Dalles and Celilo, are not very extensive. We regret however that no estimate of the cost of these improvements accompanies the report. In the river and harbor appropriation act of the last congress, the continuance of this survey was provided for, and it is probable that the estimates of costs will soon be made.

It will be well in the meantime, for our Chamber of Commerce to petition so as to render it navigable from The Dalles to Celilo be proceeded with, and be made a part of the work of improving the upper Columbia.

If this be done it will benefit a large body of farmers who live between The Dalles and Celilo, a distance of four-tenths miles, and will be another step towards opening up the lordly Columbia from its mouth to its head.

The schooner Trustee, now loading in San Francisco for Astoria, is the last vessel built by A. M. Simpson. She took the rigging of the lost schooner Oregonian. Mr. G. W. Hume informs us that the Trustee is a fine, staunch vessel.

We met General Adair yesterday for the first time in a long while. "Wintering" in California has given the General renewed energy. We also met Mr. S. D. Adair, for the first time in about two years. Sam is pulling through his seige of sickness all right, but has had a hard time of it.

Oregon beats the world for fruit. A seedling, originated and propagated by Barton of Portland, proves it. The new pomological beauty ripens in October and will keep till June. It is called the *Centennial*. It is of fine flavor, and solid fruit. Specimen copy left us by W. H. Dodge attests the fact.

The board of trustees at Junction has passed an ordinance increasing retail liquor license to \$250 per annum. The saloon man must not only pay this sum, but get the consent of a majority of the legal voters and give a bond of \$500 not to open house on Sunday, or sell liquor to minors under the age of 18 years.

A relic of the copper age, being no less than a part of a ships cable which was fished out of the sands at Tillamook, is on exhibition at E. S. Larson's store. The ship bearing this cable was most likely the ship that discovered America. Perhaps to the sorrow of her commander. The copper age preceded the iron age.

**AMUSEMENTS.**

The company to arrive here by the Ancon and play at Metropolitan hall on the 28th, and 29th, is highly endorsed. It is said that Messrs. Barlow, Wilson, Primrose and West have few if any peers in their individual lines of business. The houses which have greeted the company elsewhere have been large and appreciative. There is a newness in the songs and jokes of the entertainment which is seldom found nowadays in minstrelsy. Among the few old things done by the company are Barlow's "Old Negro Specialties," which the public demand. "Old Black Joe" is one of his most artistic pictures of the venerable darkey, and never grows stale. George Wilson's songs and specialties are side-splitting and new. Nobody but the irresistible George can so convulse an audience. Primrose and West need no praise, they have no rivals as song and dance men in the United States. F. M. Hall is a good banjoist.

Several papers in the Willamette valley, irrespective of any political bias, have found fault with Governor Thayer for practicing law before judges of his own appointing. Candidly we confess that the thing is not altogether to our own liking, says the Inland Empire, but what can be done to remedy the evil? Will any of those same papers advocate the formation of a new constitution to give a governor a salary befitting the chief magistrate of a great state like this? Our fears are to the contrary. Had the state been admitted under a constitution allowing the state officials salaries ranging from \$2,500 to \$4,000 a year and compelling them to pay into the state treasury quarterly, under oath, all fees received by them in the discharge of their duties, she would have been thousands of dollars richer for it to-day. Her offices would have been heretofore filled by upright men, instead of hand-jobbers and constructive salary-grabbers. Does any one suppose that such leading citizens as Henry Failing or William S. Ladd, could be induced to accept the office of governor at its present salary? Not for a moment.

**AROUND THE CITY.**

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

The cheapest ever offered is Hamburger's Embroidery.

Nick Squivalence has concluded that there is no millions in shipping sailors, and he has given up that business, and is attending closely to keeping a hotel. Call at the Chicago House and see for yourself.

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

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

You can get Tumernickel bread at Mrs. S. Binder's bakery in Astoria, where it is baked regularly and kept on hand for sale, the same as other bread.

L. C. Johnson may be found at the Occident in Astoria every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening, ready to attend to messenger duty in Portland or to points along the river in a satisfactory manner.

Five thousand yards Embroideries from 5 cents upwards, at Hamburger's.

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

Buy your domestic goods at Hamburger's. You can do better than at any other house.

Fresh fruits and vegetables at Bailey's.

Oysters served in every style at the Walla Walla Restaurant.

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.

**Fashionable Dress-Making.**

Miss M. J. KELLEY having made arrangements with Miss E. C. Benedict to do cutting and fitting in her shop, and feeling fully competent to offer herself as a first-class trimmer, would be pleased to have the ladies of Astoria give her a call, as she will hold herself responsible for all work done. Terms reasonable. Next door to THE ASTORIAN office.

Miss E. C. BENEDICT wishes to inform the Ladies, that she will still continue instructing all those who wish to learn Mrs. C. K. Rinker's system of Dress-cutting, having taken rooms with Miss M. J. Kelley.

**The Best Family**

Sewing machine is the New American, sold in Astoria by Chas. Stevens & Son at the City Book store. It is a light running self-threading machine, in fact it is the only sewing machine which has a self-threading shuttle and self-setting needle. It never breaks the thread; never skips stitches; is the lightest running, and is in every respect the best family sewing machine. Chas. Stevens & Son, agents, Astoria, Oregon.

**The Finest Stock.**

When we say the finest stock we certainly mean it; and not only the finest, but the cheapest lot of pictures in the city, chromos, etc., already framed, at the City Book Store of Charles Stevens & Son, Main street. Which must and will be sold.

**AMUSEMENTS.**

**Metropolitan Hall.**  
**TWO NIGHTS**  
 —AND—  
**SATURDAY MATINEE,**  
 Commencing Friday 28th.

**First Appearance of**  
**BARLOW, WILSON, PRIMROSE,**  
**AND WEST'S**  
**MINSTRELS!**

Universally acknowledged to be the most Brilliant and Artistic Combination now before the public.  
 Under the Management of Mr. Job Maguire, Manager of New Market Theatre, Portland.

The company is precisely the same as during the successful engagement just closed at Baldwin's, and after a brief tour of the State, we shall again return to that beautiful Theatre for another four weeks engagement.  
 This is the only minstrel company that has ever had the honor of appearing in Baldwin's Theatre, San Francisco.

**It is a Chaste, Elegant and Refined Performance.**  
**Every Act and Song is New.**

Admission - - - 50c and \$1.00

No extra charge for reserved seats. They are now ready at Caulfield's drug store.  
 H. J. CLAPHAM,  
 Business Manager.

**GRAND OPENING**

—OF—  
**Hill's New Variety Theatre,**  
 Containing six  
**NEW AND ELEGANT BOXES,**  
**SITTING ROOMS, ETC.**  
 The Decorations of the New Theatre were executed by Mr. F. Holt.  
**NEW AND ELABORATE SCENERY.**  
 Painted by Mr. Wm. West. Architect and Builder Mr. Kemble.

On and after this date will be given a  
**First Class Entertainment,**  
 Which for Refinement and Novelty cannot be equalled on this coast. Our Performance commences with our

**First Part of Male and Female**  
**MINSTRELS.**  
**GRAND OLIO,**

Consisting of  
 Singing, Dancing, Acrobatic Feats,  
 Negro Sketches, Trapeze Performers,  
 Pantomimists and Jugglers.

**HOUSE CROWDED NIGHTLY**

To see our Refined and Unequaled entertainment. New Acts, New Songs and complete change of Programme twice a week.  
**GEO. HILL, Proprietor.**

Entrance to Boxes and Circle on Chenamus Street. Performance to commence at eight o'clock precise.

**HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.**

**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.

**Private Boarding House.**  
 MRS. QUINN - - - PROPRIETOR.

Will accommodate day boarders or accommodate any with board and lodging. Prices reasonable. In Ingersoll's building, Jefferson street, opposite Wells, Fargo & Co's Express office.

**CENTENNIAL HOTEL,**  
 Water street, near the O. S. N. Co.'s Wharf, ASTORIA, OREGON.

**HENRY ROTHE, PROPRIETOR.**  
 THIS IS A NEW HOTEL BUILDING, newly furnished, is conveniently situated to business, and will be conducted so as to make it a first class stopping place for the public generally, and will be open from this day.

A. J. MENGLER, C. K. WRIGHT,  
**OCCIDENT HOTEL.**  
 MENGLER & WRIGHT, Proprietors.  
 Astoria, Oregon.

THE PROPRIETORS ARE HAPPY TO announce that the above hotel has been repaired and refurnished, adding greatly to the comfort of its guests and is now the best hotel north of San Francisco.

**TURPIN HOUSE.**  
 D. L. TURPIN - PROPRIETOR  
 MAIN STREET,  
 Between Squemochee and Jefferson,  
 ASTORIA, OREGON.

Board and lodging per week ..... \$6.00  
 Board per day ..... 1.00  
 Single Meal ..... .25  
 The table will be supplied at all times with the best market affords.

**WALLA WALLA**  
**RESTAURANT,**  
 THEO. BRAEMSER, - - PROPRIETOR.

Fresh oysters, and other delicacies of the season, served in every style.  
 Opposite the Telegraph office, Squemochee street, Astoria, Oregon.

**MEALS AT ALL HOURS.**