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THE CITY.

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Steamer day.

Peach trees are in blossom.

The steamship Idaho goes to sea.

Remember Mrs. Arrington's sale to-day.

Green garden sass is abundant in the market now.

Schmeer's confectionery is undergoing repairs.

Dement has an antidote for the smell of fresh onions.

The steamship Oregon took first salmon on her last trip.

The Snake river mines are owned by San Francisco sharps.

Due to-day from San Francisco—steamship Geo. W. Elder.

The annual expenses of the Astoria fire department are now \$2,750.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, of the Sea-side house were in the city last evening.

The noise of the hammer and saw is once more resounding on all sides.

Board of delegates meeting on Saturday evening. See call of the President.

The Canby has returned to her field of service at this port from Shoalwater bay.

The mail boat from Portland did not arrive last night until after six o'clock.

Clatsop farmers are in the height of busy scenes, attending lambs, gardening, etc.

Capt. E. C. Merriman, superintendent of the 13th Light-house district, is in the city.

The schooner Reporter, reported for Astoria, may come in here, but her destination is Seattle.

Hang up the umbrella and put the wet-weather clothing away. There is no use for such things now.

Mr. S. L. Lovell, of Riverside, was the happy recipient of a bouncing boy, presented by his better half, on the 4th.

The practice of ball playing, on the streets of the city, should be stopped. The plaza is the place for sport of that kind.

Dr. Severn is confined to his room from a painful attack of St. Anthony's fire which has spread over a large portion of his face.

The scandal about Governor Thayer has subsided somewhat. As it is only based on the word of W. H. Watkins, it should never have been mentioned.

To-morrow (Good Friday) the services in Grace church will be 10 1/2 A. M. and 7 P. M. In consequence of the sacred character of the day it is hoped that a full congregation will be present. You are cordially invited to attend.

Captain James Troup made a trip last week from Wallula to Lewiston, with the steamer John Gates, in a little over 25 hours; distance, 344 miles; up in 14 hours and 35 minutes, and down in 10 hours and 20 minutes. This is the best time ever made on that route.

Next Sunday (the 13th inst.), being Easter Sunday the services will be as follows in Grace church. Early service 7 A. M. Regular morning service 11 o'clock, evening service 7 1/2 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend. Sunday evening services are changed from 7 o'clock to 7 1/2 o'clock.

The war department has paid the Oregon Steam Navigation Company \$120,000 during the past two years for army transportation on the Columbia river. This was caused by the Indian campaign; and while it brought a neat sum to the company, it was not one-third as much as they would have realized from other business had the outbreak never occurred; so it is stated by those who claim to know whereof they speak.

F. S. Bates has recently established a pony express route, from Westport and the Clatskanie, into Nehalem valley, making trips from each place into the valley, weekly. Transportation of goods, groceries and visitors, can be obtained by sending notice to Mr. Bates through either of the above mentioned post-offices. "Through by daylight" is his motto. Quick and sure dispatch guaranteed at living rates. This is a move in the right direction, for emigrants and others wishing to visit this locality, have been much delayed for want of conveyance.

The Lenten Umbrella.

If any coarse, unfeeling feller, Asks the loan of your umbrella, Tell him it's Lent.

If any tramp presumes to foller And begs the loan of half a dollar, Tell him it's Lent.

And so tell all who come to borrow Some treasured article to-morrow— Tell 'em it's Lent.

Court Proceedings.

POLICE COURT—H. B. PARKER, J. ASTORIA, April 9, 1879.

Dan Kelly, drunk and disorderly, forfeited three dollars.

John Doe, for using profane and abusive language, paid ten dollars and costs.

Julius Richter, arraigned for permitting a breach of the peace in a bar-room. Cause continued until 2 o'clock P. M. Thursday.

Mary McCarty was so fond of jail that she behaved immoderately and was returned to her cell soon after her release yesterday.

The business of marine insurance companies on both sides of the Atlantic is in a depressed condition, showing an excess of losses over gains, explained by the marked depression of the shipping interests, compelling many owners to do a part of their own underwriting while an unusually large amount of tonnage is left wholly uncovered.

The Dalles Mountain says: The many weeping willow trees which ornament the city are responding to the fine weather of the past few days by assuming a robe of rich green. The effect of their beauty may almost be read in the face of the passer by, who is reminded of the near approach of summer months, when the same beauty will characterize all nature.

The proprietors of the Umatilla house have determined to build a new hotel at the Dalles, in addition to the one they now have. It will be 120 feet deep, 40 feet in width—50 feet including the porch. When the hotel is completed it will contain 125 bedrooms—large, light and airy—capable of accommodating from 350 to 400 guests. This will no doubt be the largest and handsomest hotel east of the mountains.

The British iron ship Jessie Osborne, which ran ashore at Tennessee Cove, four miles north of San Francisco heads, September 15, 1878, has been rebuilt. She was sold on the 18th of September to Goodall, Perkins & Co. for \$2,450. She was subsequently floated off and repaired, and rechristened the Mariposa. She was built at Dumbarton, Scotland, in 1874, and was formerly owned by W. & A. Brown of Glasgow, and was rated an A 1 clipper ship, and valued at \$83,000. She is 221 feet in length, 34 in beam, and measures 20 1/2 feet to the hold. The Mariposa is now taking a cargo of wheat for Liverpool.

The exodus of negroes from the south is evidently becoming a serious question. The movement is organized and conducted under the guidance of those whom negroes regard as their superiors. Many have already settled in Kansas and are prospering there. Reports of their success have further demoralized the laborers in the old states, who are badly used very often, even the industrious are sometimes ill paid, and are not prosperous in any way, and are alarmed to find that the party always in sympathy with their enemies is dominant in the nation. This departure of labor, if it assumes the proportions apprehended, will greatly hurt the south in its industrial interests, and the southern people may have occasion to reflect upon their own folly in their failure to regard the great element of their prosperity in any other than a strictly political spirit. Plainly it is no ordinary discontent that has caused throngs of people to leave the scenes dear to them from old associations, and seek new homes in distant states. They have evidently grown weary of waiting for "the year of jubilee," for which they have prayed so fervently in their little rude churches in the woods. The "good time coming" seems, alas, as far off as ever. They wanted to be treated like white folks. Alas, for their hopes! The west has no place for them. White men, equipped with superior brains and energy, and accustomed to the rigor of the northern climate, have a hard time in making a start in a new country like Kansas, unless they have a capital to begin with. Probably most of the emigrants will bitterly regret the hasty step they have taken. It may be, however, that good will come out of the movement, if not to the poor wanderers. Planters who have lost hands that were their sole dependence for making a crop—for there is no surplus labor in the Mississippi valley—will realize that it is for their interest to make the blacks contented, and create a public sentiment that will demand better treatment of the bone and sinew of the south.

Boat sponges, wholesale and retail at Demonts drug store, Astoria. Five thousand just received.

Wall-receivers, brackets, and a splendid lot of picture-frames, at Adler's, almost at your own price.

Troubles of the Northlands.

An Interesting Letter from Major M. P. Berry on the Situation in Alaska.

The following is a letter from Major Berry, who was collector of customs for Alaska from 1874 to 1877, and returned to Sitka on the last voyage of the mail steamer California:

SITKA, March 9, 1879.—We arrived here this morning and found at anchor in the harbor H. B. M. war-steamers Osprey, also the U. S. revenue cutter Oliver Wolcott. From what I can gather during the short time that I have been here, I believe that the precautionary measures adopted by the citizens here of addressing the British admiral stationed at Victoria, British Columbia, a petition, and the prompt manner in which it was answered in the shape of a powerful vessel, saved Sitka from a repetition of an attempt at general slaughter, such as was precipitated on the Russians in what was known as the Indian church, the date of which I have forgotten. The few Americans here feel very thankful for the prompt relief. Nevertheless they wear sack-cloth and ashes when they look across the harbor and take in at a glance the proud bearing of the Osprey, with the banner of England floating in and fanned by the breeze, and then at the nondescript war vessel of the great Republic, which is elevated into supposed power as an arm of the government by treasury leeches—which even the unwashed washes of the coast laugh and sneer at—a vessel representing the naval power of the United States that is not permitted to show or fly the national flag in government waters only under certain and peculiar circumstances—which to-day, now, that it has arrived here at Sitka, is begging coal that it may be able to run away if necessary—for which blessing, doubtful as it is, the people must thank God, or the economical manner in which the \$90,000 which the vessel cost was expended on her build. Truly we live in a great age—it must be a great age—when one hundred and fifty Indians can bully and ride over four or five million of men, and the same number of Indians in canoes can threaten and will eventually take, all the naval power that can be spared from San Francisco, that is not required to keep the Barbary coasters from driving the soldiers of Alcatraz Island into the bay. You must excuse my growl at the naval and treasury officials, as I am using my pen as a kind of safety valve, because this day I have eaten humble pie for all the citizens of my country—this bright and beautiful day, away here on the Northwest coast, in the far off Alaska, have I seen with mine own eyes that which a few years ago, had it even been insinuated that such a thing was possible, would have put the person's life in peril—this sight that I have seen and that I desire to impress upon you, is that of American citizens on their own soil being protected by their hereditary enemies—English tars and marines. Just think of it! Think what criminal enormity and negligence must rest somewhere!

The weather has been dry and clear since January. Snow lies on the ground yet that fell during that month. About one hundred and fifty men start up the Stickeen on the ice, bound for the Cassier mines; during this week. Snow is reported very deep a far as the great glacier, about sixty or seventy miles up the river. After that less snow and moderate weather.

NEW ORGAN.

Just Arrived at the Great Eastern.

SUCCESS OF THE BUSINESS INAUGURATED BY MAX WAGNER.

The long talked of organ has arrived at Max Wagner's. It is one of the finest orchestral instruments ever brought to Oregon. It was imported from Sackwitzwald, Germany, and is one of the German orchestras for which that place is so noted in the manufacture. The instrument is one of the barrel and pipe organ variety, and plays forty German, French, and American airs, including operas, marches, hymns, songs and most of the popular music of the day. The tone of the instrument, which stands ten feet high and is five feet in width, is rich and mellow, and the music is very delightful. Max has showed himself to be very enterprising, and intends that his saloon shall be second to none in Astoria. It shows what pluck and perseverance will accomplish. Max has made the Great Eastern a great success.

Baby carriages of the best styles, and at low prices, at Loeb's.

Warren & McGuire have the early rose potatoes for seed. Farmers, please remember this.

AROUND THE CITY.

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

Fresh fruits and vegetables at Bailey's.

Oysters served in every style at the Walla Walla Restaurant.

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

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.

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

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

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

The proprietor of the Chicago house, whom every body knows as a popular caterer, has fixed his hotel up in splendid style. It is all newly painted and furnished, and is one of the most attractive places on Main street. Call around; every luxury of the season at the Chicago house.

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

The cheapest ever offered is Hamburger's Embroidery.

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

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.

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.

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

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

Best Salem flour is sold in this city at \$5 50 per barrel by Warren & McGuire.

See late specimens lightning process of photographs, at H. S. Shuster's Art Gallery.

For good tobaccos, fine cigars, notions, candies, etc., go to Foster's variety store, on the roadway, opposite the O. S. N. Co.'s wharf.

A brother of Mrs. J. F. Ferehen, of this city, has opened a school on the Clatskanie. There are two hundred bona fide settlers in that part of Columbia county.

Books and stationery of every variety, the best, at Adler's.

Baby carriages from \$7 00 upwards at Adler's.

A magnificent stock of jewelry at Adler's.

The Bee-hive is a busy place. Mrs. Steers has just laid in a very large stock, consisting of millinery goods, a large assortment of ready-made suits for ladies and children, and an excellent line of underclothing, for the ladies and children. Call at the Bee-hive Store and inspect this new stock. The low price of everything will astonish you.

Single copies of the WEEKLY ASTORIAN neatly done up, with stamps to pre-pay postage affixed, for sale at this office. Send a copy to your friends in other parts of the world. Price, 10 cents a copy.

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LOW FOR CASH. 1 Large Steam Boiler; 4 1/2 by 16 feet.

One Large Retort; Two Portable Forges; 1,000 Fire Brick; Eastern Oak Boat Lumber; 2,000 lbs. New Cotton Rope; Two Die Presses.

ASTORIA FISHERY.

FINE FARMING LAND FOR SALE AT GOVERNMENT PRICES. PERFECT TITLE.

The homestead claim of Hayden Gearhart, on Lewis and Clark's river, containing 160 ACRES.

60 Acres of which is creek bottom in one body; balance good up land. Inquire of R. R. SPEDDEN.

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND OPENING

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.

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.

NORTON HOUSE, CORNER C AND FIRST STREETS, PORTLAND, OREGON.

P. NORTON, Proprietor. (Formerly of the Portland Hotel.)

THIS HOUSE IS A FIRE-PROOF BRICK, just finished and newly furnished, with the best of spring beds.

Terms—Per week—From \$5 to \$6 for board and lodging. Per day—\$1.00. Single meals 25 cents. Lodging 25 to 50 cents. Free coach to and from the House.

Private Boarding House. MRS. QUINN, PROPRIETOR.

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

A. J. NEGLER, C. S. WRIGHT, OCCIDENT HOTEL.

MEGLER & WRIGHT, Proprietors. Astoria, Oregon.

THE PROPRIETORS ARE HAPPY TO announce that the above hotel has been repainted and re-furnished, 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 Squemoche 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. BROEMSEL, PROPRIETOR.

Fresh oysters, and other delicacies of the season, served in every style.

Opposite the Telegraph office, Squemoche street, Astoria, Oregon.

MEALS AT ALL HOURS.

J. STEWART, Stone and Marble Cutter.

ASTORIA, OREGON.

All kinds of building work, and monumental work attended to promptly and to order. Satisfaction guaranteed.

MACNUS 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.

C. J. SMITH, (IN THE ASTORIAN BUILDING)

HAS JUST RECEIVED A LOT OF NEW goods, consisting of

MEN'S AND BOYS' CALF AND KIP BOOTS!

Buckle and Congress Gaiters, Women, Misses and Children's

BUTTON BOOTS, Which will be sold at the very lowest prices.

GEO. LOVETT, TAILOR. CLEANING and REPAIRING PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO. Denton street, opposite Post-office, Astoria.