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—Steamer day.
 —Steamship Oregon will sail for San Francisco.
 —Steamship State of California due from San Francisco.
 —Oregon strawberries, the first of the season, at Larsens.
 —Stanley M. Grimes and wife, are passengers to Astoria, on a visit.
 —The Oregon left three hundred and fifty tons of her cargo at Astoria.
 —Strawberries and Cream and Strawberries by the pound for sale at Schneers.
 —Bethel services will be held to-day on board the Jane A. Falkinburg by Chaplain Stubbs, in Portland.
 —There was a bunch of keys left at M. C. Crosby's a few days ago. The owner will please call for them.
 —The steamer Rip Van Winkle was laid up for temporary repairs yesterday, and the Katie Cook took her place in the trade.
 —Mails for San Francisco via steamer Oregon, will close to-day on the firing of the gun. Bear this announcement in mind.
 —Yesterday was a favorable time for burning out flies. We learn that three or four were burned out. No alarms were necessary.
 —A burning flue, in H. S. Shuster's building, at noon yesterday attracted notice, but caused no alarm. Flues in this city are generally too small.
 —Messrs. C. J. Trenchard, and Thos. Crellin, Mrs. Crellin, and Miss Kant and Miss Adler are passengers by the incoming steamer for Astoria.
 —A young man by the name of Alles, from Westport, was adjudged insane at Astoria on Friday, and was sent to the asylum yesterday in charge of W. B. Headington.
 —We understand that on the 5th inst. Mr. W. J. Denver, of Nehalem valley, was married by Justice Hobson to Miss Annie Ledford, at the residence of Mr. Walker.
 —Two citizens of Astoria report to us that Gus Sprague is deserving of a situation in the Oregon penitentiary, whether he gets it or not. Regarding their statements as fact, we believe so too.
 —A pack of about twenty-five pounds weight of Sunday school books, papers, etc., made up by Mr. E. C. Holden, was taken to Nehalem valley by Ralph Jones yesterday, presents from Astoria.
 —Capt. Thatcher was surprised by a party of Astoria ladies and gentlemen last evening, who took their own music with them, and took possession of ship Garibaldi (Capt. T.'s home), and a splendid party resulted. It was a well-planned and a deserved tribute to a very worthy gentleman. The Garibaldi is now nearly loaded and ready for sea. She will sail for Liverpool laden with about 30,000 cents of wheat, and 10,000 cases of salmon.

A Large Screw Loose.
 Somewhere between Portland and Shoalwater bay there is a large sized screw loose in the mail matters. Letters have miscarried or been entirely lost so often, this spring and summer, that we are requested to make a note of it, and call the attention of the postal authorities to it. It is believed that these letters are purposely stopped to delay immigrants from coming in there.

Proceedings in Congress.
 Do you ever read the proceedings in congress?
 No, Never.
 What, never?
 Well, hardly ever.

GIVING UP THE DEAD.
 Further Report of Disasters to the Fishing Fleet.

RESULT OF THE TOO NEAR APPROACH OF TINY BOATS TO THE SURGING BREAKERS.

PETE, BEANS POINT, Chehalis Co. Thursday, May 29th, 1879.
 EDITOR ASTORIAN:
 This morning two Indians came to my place and reported a dead man on the beach. In company with four other men I went to the place described by the Indians and found the remains of a man, very much disfigured. The hair of his head was all gone, his face was so far gone that we could not tell anything about his features. His dress would indicate a sailor. He wore stogy shoes, blue cotton overalls, blue woolen drawers and undershirt, blue cotton over shirt; two short clay pipes, tobacco and comb in one pocket, and four dollars and eighty-five cents in silver done up in a flannel cloth, a one bladed pocket knife with the figure of an anchor on the handle. He had evidently been in the water several weeks. We prepared a grave, made a coffin, and gave the remains as decent burial as we could under the circumstances.
 Day before yesterday the Indians found at the entrance of Grays harbor a fine fish boat, containing a fish net, butcher knife and the sails belonging to the boat, oar-locks, etc., all in good order. The boat was uninjured. The Indians launched the boat safely and yesterday sailed it up to the head of the harbor. The boat was marked "18 Hume & Duncan." I presume it came from Astoria.
 There was also found on the beach, by two young men, a new net about three weeks ago. The floats are branded A. A. P. Co. The net was not damaged in the least, and it was cleaned, washed, and put away in the dry. The owner of the boat and nets no doubt will be pleased to hear from them.
 GLENN PETERSON.

FISHING DISASTERS.

—Another boat, unknown, capsized in the breakers yesterday abreast of Cape Hancock. Our informant could not tell whether the men were saved or not.
 —The Italian taken from a boat which went to sea on the 3d, and returned on the 6th, more dead than alive, is still in the hospital at Fort Stevens. He was in Wm. Hume's No. 8.
 —Boat No. 22, from Cooks cannery, Clifton, attempted to save a man who was clinging to the bottom of a boat on the 5th, but were compelled to abandon the effort. It is not known who he was.
 —Friday evening, about six o'clock, boat No. 569 belonging to the Astoria Packing company was struck by a sea below Sand island which completely ended the boat end over end. The net was lost but afterwards picked up by one of Watson Bros. boats. The men swam ashore on the island and were brought to the city by the steamer General Canby yesterday.
 —Boat No. 60, belonging to Humes cannery, got down so near to the breakers yesterday that the men were compelled, in taking up the net, to throw overboard sixty fish previously caught. The net was filled with the largest sized salmon. They got out of the scrape, hailed the steamer Gen. Canby, and were brought to the city, their boat loaded to the thwarts with fish.

Church Notices.

—The Grace Church Strawberry festival will be given Tuesday evening.
 —Strawberries and Cream, and admission free, at the Episcopal church festival Tuesday evening.
 —Services in Presbyterian hall to-day at 11 o'clock. Sabbath school at noon. All are cordially invited. No evening service.
 —A strawberry and ice cream festival will be given on the 13th inst., for the benefit of the Congregational and Methodist church of this city.
 —Divine worship will be conducted by J. T. Wolf in the Congregational church of this city, Sunday morning and evening. Subject, morning, "Resistance to evil." Evening, "The moral Culture of Courtship."
 —Rev. O. Parker leaves on the next trip of the Oregon. There will be divine service in Grace church this A. M. and P. M., the Rev. Mr. Sellwood officiating. It being Trinity Sunday the holy communion will be administered and the offertory in accordance with the notice already given will be for the Episcopal fund. You are cordially invited to attend.

—A new lot of Dolman's just received at the Bee Hive, and to be closed out right away by M. H. Steers.
 —Boat sponges, wholesale and retail at Dements drug store, Astoria. Five thousand just received.
 —Sixty packages choice Tillamook butter ex-schooner Honora—all sizes of packages from 20 lbs. to 40 lbs kegs—at Larsens.

ANONYMOUS.

Accompanying the following lines, from which we know not, is a statement, showing it to be a sister to the waif mentioned recently as being worthy of a father. Our correspondent says: "Wai's most always have mothers; this is the case with my poor fatherless waif." It is published because we consider its sentiments worthy:
 Off, when a child, I played with glee,
 In the glittering sands beside the sea;
 And never a thought as I watched it
 Wave,
 That the beautiful sea was a mighty
 Grave.
 But Time has laid its hands on my brow;
 Things have changed, and look different
 Now.
 Now, as I view its power with pride,
 My heart with emotion swells with the
 Tide.
 But receding, it draws from my breast
 A sigh,
 And oft time the tear drops from my eye.
 Tears are but tints of spring of the sea,
 And I'll dash them back to it, cheerfully;
 And chide it not, for my grief and pain,
 For those tears have brought peace to
 My heart again.
 And when Time lays its hand upon my
 Crown,
 To cut the mortal from immortal down,
 Then lay me close by the mighty sea,
 Where ever is heard its minstrelsy,
 Its sobbing, sighing, moaning, crying,
 Dashing, foaming, ceaseless rolling.
 From shore to shore,
 Singing a requiem over its dead,
 That sleeps in silence in its pearly bed.
 O, bury me near to the beautiful sea,
 For I love it: I love it, because it is f. e.
 R. J. D.

Vacant Lands and Coal.

From a gentleman who has been lately exploring the country towards Forest Grove from Astoria, we learn that there is a large scope of valuable country vacant for settlers, right and left of the military road leading southeast towards Cornelius. The land is exceedingly rich and mellow, well watered and susceptible of making good homes for those who are disposed to pitch into clearing up lands ready for the plow. In Nehalem valley alone are excellent quarter section homes vacant for a thousand families. A few settlers are there and on Fish Hawk who are very much isolated, and will be, until the railroad shall pass through that country from Astoria to Forest Grove. There are vast coal fields along this route which will yet prove a bonanza to our county. Further researches will be made shortly as to their actual worth. The vein as found is six feet deep. Messrs. S. G. Caudle and E. E. Brand, have been awarded a contract by the government to survey four townships in that vicinity, on the headwaters of the Nehalem. They will start out as soon as the weather permits.

A New Way of Raising Potatoes.
San Francisco Chronicle.

A subscriber writes to us all the way from Missouri in regard to a new process for raising potatoes, which we summarize. In the first place, he says the man who practices the system has grown rich at potato raising, always having a full crop and always producing more to the acre than his neighbors. First the ground is well manured and made perfectly mellow, when the potatoes are planted with a plow. As soon as they come through the ground he takes a small plough and throws a furrow from the center each way, so as to entirely cover up the young potatoes, which soon, however, grow through the new covering. After that all the weeding is done by hand, either pulled up or hoed off close to the ground, but in no case is the ground to be again disturbed. The yield, he says, is enormous. The man who practices this novel method has no scientific revelation to make, but simply contends that the potato roots should never be disturbed, and also claims that if planted in the first place as deep as it is desirable there is danger of some of the seed failing to come through.
 —Master Thomas Hare has returned to the city for the summer vacation, from school at Forest Grove.
 —It is easy enough to see why the New York Herald calls the proceedings and results of the Darien canal congress a farce, and says the congress disregarded American interests. The route advocated by the Herald was not adopted.
 —The Union telegraph company expect to have its lines or wires connecting Boston, Washington and Chicago, and all intermediate points, in full operation on or before August 10th.
 —There are nine steam and water-power saw mills in a radius of twelve miles around Dayton W. T. As a consequence, lumber is furnished at low figures, comparatively to the people of that thriving town. Common lumber sells for about fifteen dollars per M. in Dayton, while common lumber commands twenty dollars per M. in Walla Walla.

AROUND THE CITY.

—Fresh California fruit can be had at C. A. May's on the arrival of every steamer.
 —A full assortment of counter and grocers scales can be found at M. C. Crosby's, at bottom prices.
 —Magnus C. Crosby is sole agent for the Medallion Range in the Astoria market, which is unquestionably the best range on the Pacific slope. Call and examine.
 —The boss knight of the shining Sheffield blade and a first-class hair cutter, can be found at the Parker House. Prices, 25 cents each for hair cutting, shaving, dyeing, shampooing, and bath.
 —Owing to making a change in her business, Mrs. Steers offers her stock of millinery, notions, and ladies and childrens ready made clothing, underwear, jewelry, musical instruments, books and stationery, at the lowest figures. Call at the Bee Hive and see for yourself.
 —Go to the Little Bee Hive, branch of the old Bee Hive, for books, music, musical instruments, blank books, stationery, and notions generally, where for a short time you can get bargains. Remember the Little Bee Hive, next to Dements drug store, and look at the nice goods offered very cheap by Mrs. STEERS.
 —Bergman & Berry have two new boats for sale very cheap, 26 foot keel.
 —Notions, candies and fruits of the best quality, at C. A. Mays.
 —Persons wishing to prepare for fishing on the Sound, or for small fish will find a quantity of suitable twine at J. H. D. Gray's. It is just the thing for trout and herring nets.
 —Fishermen can get a square meal at any time, at Pike's restaurant, Unity, for fish. References: Fishermen who have eaten there.
 —J. S. Mayer has opened Rudolph Barths beer hall near the Fishermen's cannery. Call in when you are passing and refresh yourself with the best in the market.
 —Mr. G. Hansen watchmaker and jeweler of long experience, has permanently established himself in business in Canfield's drug store, Chenamus street, Astoria. Watches and Jewelry cleaned and repaired. Gems re-set. Engraving a specialty. All work guaranteed. Give him a trial and be your own judge of his workmanship. He will soon add to his stock a well selected invoice of Watches, Jewelry, Silver and plated ware, which he will be able to sell at very low prices.
 —Ice cream, and fresh fruits of all kinds at Schneers, opposite the bell tower. Also fresh oysters, in every style.
 —A new lot of full bound blank, and receipt books, specially for use in canneries, at the City Book store.
 —There is no use talking Max Wagner of the Great Eastern saloon is the only man to please his customers well. He keeps the finest San Francisco beer in the city, it sparkles like champagne.
 —Fresh fruits and vegetables at Bailey's.
 —Rooms to let, by the day, week, or month, at Mrs. W. H. Twilight's.
 —Oysters served in every style at the Walla Walla Restaurant.
 —Now that building is reviving in Astoria, bear in mind the fact that Peter Runey is well supplied with all kinds of building materials which he is prepared to dispose of to all at very lowest rates.
 —When you are looking for a place to amuse yourself, drop in at Max Wagner's, Great Eastern saloon, and listen to the organ and take a glass of his fine San Francisco beer.
 —Get your baskets filled for a little money at Bailey's.
 —White Darling potatoes at Bergman & Berry's.
 —Now is the time for cleaning up our houses, and ornamenting them. For this purpose you can find nothing that will add to the appearance of your parlors so much as a pair of those beautiful chromos at the City Book store, sold for nearly one-half the usual cost of such pictures. Call and see for yourselves.
 —P. J. Goodman, on Main street, has just received the latest and most fashionable style of gent and ladies boots, shoes, etc.
 —M. C. Crosby is prepared to do all kinds of jobbing in the plumbing and steam fitting line; also, bath tubs, and water backs for stoves and ranges furnished on shortest notice.
 —The proprietor of the Chicago house, whom everybody knows as a popular enterer, 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.
 —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.

AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND OPENING
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Hill's New Variety Theatre,
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NEW AND ELEGANT BOXES,
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First Class Entertainment,
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 Consisting of
Singing, Dancing, Acrobatic Feats, Negro Sketches, Trapeze Performers, Pantomimists and Jugglers.
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 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.

THERE WILL BE A BALL
GIVEN AT MUSIC HALL ON
WEDNESDAY EVENING,
JUNE 11, 1879.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE.—All persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned are requested to call and settle the same as soon as possible, as under the circumstances funds are necessary. We may be found at the office of Warren & McGuire for the present.
 TRENCHARD & UPSHUR.
 Astoria, May 19, 1879.

STREET IMPROVEMENT NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the city of Astoria propose to order the improvement of that portion of Astor street from the west side of Lafayette street to the east side of Genevieve street, by grading and building of sidewalks on each side of said street, and unless a remonstrance signed by the owners of two-thirds of the property fronting on said portion of said street be filed with the Auditor and Clerk within ten days from date of this notice, the Common Council will order said improvement to be made.
 By order of the Common Council.
 R. H. CARDWELL,
 Auditor and Clerk.
 Dated Astoria, June 6, 1878. 32-4102

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