

San Francisco Charters. There has not been sufficient tonnage here during the past week to establish a market, says the News of the 24th. On Tuesday the German bark Musca arrived from Honolulu, being the first disengaged vessel for nearly a week. Yesterday, the City of Florence arrived, and there is quite a fleet fully due, which will probably put in an appearance within the next few days. In spite of the scarcity of tonnage on the spot, there is, therefore, but little anxiety to charter, as shippers prefer to wait till the fleet due is in port before operating. One vessel has come to hand under charter, which, with the two above mentioned, comprise the deep water arrivals suitable for wheat since date of last review. The last month of the cereal year of 1880-81, is nearly completed, and but few more cargoes will be dispatched. Thus far the shipments, including flour reduced to wheat, have been 15,179,748 cents, or 758,987 short tons. We go into the new cereal year with a very large amount of old wheat on hand, and a large and fine crop is being harvested. In all there will probably be a greater surplus for export than has been available during the present cereal year. As the tonnage supply is larger, and producers are apparently disposed to sell rather than hold for high prices, there is reason to believe that the exports will, during the coming year, be the largest in the history of the state. The arrival of the steamer Naples late Tuesday night, has settled the rumors regarding the amount of rice shipped by her. She brings 10,900 bags. The amount of rice is not large and probably will have no effect on the market. The receipts of sugar during the past forty-eight hours have been heavy, aggregating 39,345 packages. The cargo of the German bark Musca, was one of the largest ever received from the Islands, consisting of 2883 packages and 17,210 bags. The refinery rates for sugar were reduced one quarter cent per pound yesterday. Quotations for flour show an advance of twelve and a half cents per barrel. Offerings of choice wheat continue light and the market is firm, but inactive.

Astronomers say that the comet is the most brilliant since that of 1843. They hope to photograph it. The poet, John G. Saxe, has refused to go into company since the death of his daughter, June 5th. He is no longer the gay, witty, charming conversationalist. His mind is apparently clouded by his grief.

A company has been formed to control the Northern Pacific and Oregon Railway and Navigation company. Villard is president of it. Its capital stock is \$50,000,000. Mr. Villard said that it was merely formed to relieve him of the responsibility which hitherto he has borne alone.

A citizen of Atlanta has in his possession an amethyst recently found in Rabun county, which contains a drop of water in the center of the stone. There is a specimen of white crystal on exhibition in Philadelphia containing a drop of water, but this is the only instance on record of any amethyst so peculiarly formed.

Mr. Etibach, of the United States coast survey, telegraphs from Mount Callahan, Nevada, to Professor Davidson that he has discovered another comet. It is visible in a northwesterly direction about an hour after sunset. It has a very bright nucleus, and the tail extends over an area of about 18 degrees. Another one is due to-morrow, and two more in November.

Mr. Villard's new Oregon Transcontinental company, attracts the attention of investors both in America and Europe. It is understood that shares can be had only by favor. Confidence in Mr. Villard and in the success of all that he attempts, is the foundation on which these large offerings of money are made. The reputation he has established is one of the most extraordinary in the history of great operations.

"Like a Comet Burned." A pilot boat off the Golden-gate claims to have seen the comet about an hour after the time it was seen from the steamer Gen. Canby in the Columbia river. The Alta of the 24th says.

If there is nothing under the sun, there is something surprising over and within ten degrees of that luminary, the phenomenon of a comet, unpredicted by the astronomers. The discovery of this long-haired visitor, flashing in the northeastern heavens, at two o'clock Wednesday morning, will tend to startle the scientists, if it does not take the wind out of their sails, rather than alarm the general trash of mankind. The guilty are no longer maddened nor the free appalled, when From the dread immensity of space returning, with accelerated course, The rushing comet to the sun descends. In fact, the general run of mankind, while deeply interested in the results of scientific observations on this comet, and while they fully appreciate the wonderful progress and achievements of astronomical science, having heretofore been obliged to rely on almanacs for information as to the time and features of celestial phenomena, will in this affair hardly be disposed to remark with Addison,

Why shrinks the soul Back on herself, and starts at destruction? But will rather enjoy this north-eastern joke on their scientific superiors.

The claim also of Messrs. Norris of THE ASTORIAN, and Mr. J. A. Gillespie must be respected. Dispatches from the east report that Prof. Swift, at the Rochester observatory, was notified of the discovery twenty-four hours later than the report made to us by the steamer Gen. Canby, and forty-eight hours later than the report made by Messrs. Norris and Gillespie. With regard to the dispatch from Rochester, it is to be remarked that Professor Swift's specialty is that of comet-hunter, and that while he has scoured space and shaken the scientific bush, somebody else has secured the astronomical bird, and is wearing the feathers. If the comet was seen in the constellation of Auriga (the Waggoner), as intimated in his dispatch, it must have been in the outmost limit of that cluster of stars. The difference of time between Astoria and the east being allowed, it must be admitted that the observation there on the morning of the 23d preceded that on this coast by several hours, which shows the advantage of being on the sunny side, if comets will mysteriously appear in the east anticipating the glorious king of day; but our steamboat is ahead so far having discovered the comet on the morning of the 22d, an hour ahead of the report made by the San Francisco pilot-boat. Concluding upon this topic the Alta says:

Official astronomers seem to have been taken by surprise by the news of the event. It is admitted that no comet was due or expected, and that the one seen could not be a telescopic comet, observed May 1st by Professor Swift, and which was expected to reach its perihelion May 20th, when it would recede from the sun. The comet of Wednesday seems to have presented itself with no letter of introduction, and astronomers must now resolve into a committee on credentials, and report. If some historical comet has been playing hide and go seek behind the sun and now brings with it airs from heaven, the public want to know it. If, on the other hand, this unexpected visitant springs from the vasty deep, having used the sun to mask its approach, and now emerges from ambush, bright enough to cast a perceptible shadow, this community wants to know that, too. It is thought that this may explain the sudden appearance of the interesting star with a tail. Astronomical observations on the sun are concentrated about the disc of that orb, and the existence of a comet in the vicinity might not be noticed. The identity of this comet can be determined only by several observations, and it will be several days before the question of its being a new member in the solar system can be settled. Observations were made this morning from the observatory of the United States coast and geodetic survey on Octavia street. Among the fortunate observers was H. G. Hanks, who had a fair view of the comet from his windows on the Greenwich street hill. He stated to an Alta reporter that the nucleus at the lower end which points toward the sun was surrounded by a nebulous envelope, and that the comet extended six or seven degrees into the heavens. The planets Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and Saturn, the moon horned and wickered, and the comet, were in close conjunction, and the sight was one of the grandest ever witnessed by mortal eyes. The comet itself was so brilliant that the observer could plainly see it

after the rise of the sun. It moved in a northeasterly direction, and its tail seemed to be about—feet long, its nucleus being as large as the palm of a man's hand. It rises in the east, seemingly, and can be plainly seen from the summit of the California street hill. It rose this morning shortly before three o'clock, and those interested in such matters will probably have an opportunity of viewing it every morning for the four weeks next to come.

It is not clear whether the contents of Auditor French's letter to the president of the Central Pacific railroad company, or the manner in which it was made public, is most displeasing to certain people on both sides of the continent. The exhibit was in the form of a knock-down to certain journals which have been predicting the failure of the Central Pacific company to meet its obligations, and it shows a vitality which may not be pleasing to parties who would find their projects advanced by such failure. But we believe the correctness of Mr. French's figures has not been questioned. It was not in accordance with law and usage, perhaps, for him to report to the company before he did to the government; but this is a matter which the government will attend to. The fact that most interests the people of this coast is, that the road shows a material improvement of the business of California.

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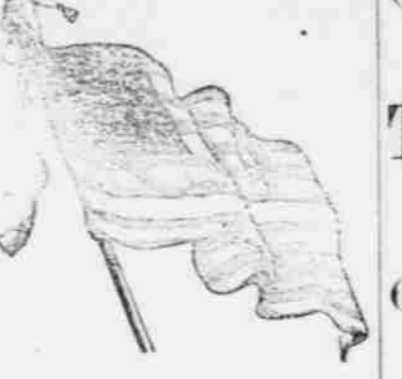
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