

THURSDAY.....AUGUST 16, 1888

Brown & McCabe are having an office built, 23x23, on Capt. Flavel's wharf, just north of his office.

Dan Castello's circus showed to a large audience last night, and the universal verdict was "the best circus that ever visited Astoria."

Several coal prospectors are scouring the country between Astoria and the Nehalem for new coal deposits. Some indications have been found that look promising.

Andrew Anet, a member of the I. X. L. Co., died at his residence in upper town yesterday morning, of heart disease, aged 33 years. The funeral will take place from the Scandinavian church this afternoon.

All persons who arrived in Oregon previous to 1853 are eligible to become members of the Oregon Pioneer Association whether they came by water or land, and all who were born in Oregon previous to that year are also eligible to membership.

In another column appears notice of the marriage of Mrs. E. S. Warren, and Mr. I. W. Case, of this city, which event took place at Oregon City last Sunday. The many friends of the bride and groom join with us in tendering heartiest congratulations.

Messrs. Hellenbrand & Forsyth, of Salem, who have been at Neatucca beach, found there a fishing boat belonging to S. D. Adair & Co. They hauled the boat up to J. W. Hellenbrand's and launched her in a small lake for safe keeping until the owners call for her.

In the police court, yesterday, George Foster, charged with vagrancy, was discharged; Thos. Wallace, charged with vagrancy, was discharged; John Wiseman, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$6; George Hill, charged with keeping open after midnight, forfeited \$50 bail.

The Walla Walla Watchman man says he travels on a pass from the railroad company, and that he can enjoy his free ride and do his duty as a member of the legislature at the same time. When a man succeeds in deceiving himself, he always tries the same game on other people.

The hydrographic surveying party in charge of Assistant Engineer Otto Von Geldern are about through with their labors on the bar, having taken several thousand soundings. Clatsop and Peacock spits will receive attention this week, and then the channel, more particularly where the hulk of the Sylvia De Gracia lies.

R. D. Dodson, a carpenter working on the Eagle mills, two miles west of Dilly, accidentally shot and killed himself on Sunday. The circumstances, as near as can be learned, are these: At the time the fatal accident occurred, Dodson was in a room lying on a bed, resting, or simply lounging the time away. He was known to possess a mania for pistol shooting, often firing out of the window of his room at such objects as his fancy might select as targets, notwithstanding the warning that he would some day get hurt had often been given him. When the shot was fired parties in an adjoining room took no notice of it, until about a minute had elapsed, when they heard poor Dodson exclaim: "Boys, I'm shot clear through," which were the last words he was known to have uttered. In a moment his friends were at his side, but all efforts to save were vain, as in a few minutes life was extinct. Oregonian, 15.

Yesterday's session of the circuit court was altogether taken up with the trial of Jos. Hays, charged with the murder of E. D. Baker, on the 13th of last May. At half-past three in the afternoon a jury was empaneled and the case begun, F. D. Winton assisting District Attorney McBride in the prosecution, C. W. Fulton and F. R. Strong appearing for the defendant.

Chris. Radmeyer was the first witness called, followed by Drs. Baker and Fulton. Upon the conclusion of their testimony, George Hill was placed upon the stand, followed by Hattie Marks, whose testimony was exceedingly damaging to the defendant. At its close the court adjourned to nine o'clock this morning.

Baker was stabbed in George Hill's saloon about one o'clock on Sunday morning, May 13th, and died at the hospital next day. On the 15th a coroner's jury was summoned, who, in their verdict, charged Jos. Hays with murder. On the 17th he was given a preliminary examination before Justice Fox, and was held without bail to await the action of the grand jury at the present term of court. A true bill was found against him and his trial is now progressing.

Wanted. A girl to help take care of children. Apply at once at this office.

A fine lot of Silverware just received at Adler's—the old, reliable brand.

Rogers Bros. plated ware and West-ambolm cutlery at Jordan & Boroth's new store.

THROUGH THE BURNT DISTRICT.

What a Returning Astorian Would See.

To an Astorian who had been absent since the first of last month, the appearance of that portion of the city east of the old sawmill would be a singular one. Were he to saunter down Water street, strange indeed would be the sight. Where Hume's sawmill stood, out of whose tall brick chimney poured clouds of thick smoke, he would see a pile of shattered debris. The mill and the lumber yard have disappeared; the chimney, once the highest and long the only brick chimney in the state, is a shapeless mass; part of the material is already carted away, and nothing would be recognizable to our returning Astorian but the old engine bed. On the same side of Water street he would find a force of men busily engaged in opening West Ninth street, so as to intersect the western extension of Cedar street and continue southward up the hill and past the Catholic church. On the east side he would find, upon inquiry, that all the ground was leased, and that every available inch that was not already covered with buildings would be as soon as material could be procured and put in place. Were he from the smoky interior, the brilliant rays of the sun would dazzle him as reflected from the glistening tin roofs of the new buildings across the street, and, moving eastward, he would find the sound of saw and hammer growing louder, till farther progress was almost barred by the crowds of busy workers, some removing the charred and blackened posts, others resetting foundations and squaring beams, still others putting them in place, and more on ladders and scaffolding framing and nailing at a rate that suggested they were working on contract.

Were he to turn his eyes northward, he would see a strange sight—a continuous line of half-burned piles, as thick as piles are generally driven, and covered with half-burned beams, melted glass, twisted pipe, old iron, bits of copper, charred box ends, barrel heads, and other truck. In the slip he would see a funny looking craft with a grappling iron fishing up its long-lost brothers, viz.: sundry and divers pieces of water pipe. So far about 1,563 of these have been brought to the surface, and the good work goes on.

Further on the dweller in Astoria who, by his absence, had been saved the anguish of the fire, would see great barges from which lumber from Weidler's mill at Portland was being discharged, and would find a broad and firm roadway built by the O. R. & N. Co., on its private property, 410 feet eastward from the old entrance and directly opposite the new landing place. North of that roadway he would find an army of men engaged in very ugly but very necessary work—men with saws cutting off the tops of the burned piles, showing a fresh, smooth surface, as sound as the day it was driven. Swaying on the flood tide he would see a scow with a pile-driver, and in place of the jarring thud of the driver he would notice how well and quickly the chain was thrown around half-burned beams, which were wrenched from their bolts and sent adrift. He would note the immense amount of labor it will take to get this burned timber away and the piles cut down ready for the new foundation, and make a mental calculation that it will be January 1, 1884, before the new dock, which will be eighteen inches lower than the old dock was, will be completed.

Balancing himself on a giddy plank, the strolling seeker after useful knowledge would now go out to the edge of the old dock and on board one of the vessels lying at the edge, where clouds of soot and a smell of sulphur, alternating with the rattle of a donkey engine showed where cargo was being lightered so that the vessels that come to the seaport of Oregon may go eastward, even unto the pleasant inland city of Portland-on-the-Wahlamet.

Dinner at "JEFF'S" CHOP HOUSE every day at 5 o'clock. The best 25 cent meal in town; soup, fish, seven kinds of meats, vegetables, pie, pudding, etc. A glass of S. F. Beer, French Claret, tea or coffee included. All who have tried him say Jeff is the "BOSS."

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More West Shores. Just received a new lot of July Number which sell on sight. Also a new invoice of views of Astoria, Youngs River Falls, Tillamook Rock Light, Fort Canby, etc., at Carl Adler's.

Fine Ornaments. A beautiful lot of Plaques of all descriptions and designs; also other novelties just received at Carl Adler's Book Store.

The best preparation of iron a doctor can prescribe is Brown's Iron Bitters, because it does not injure the teeth as other iron medicines will.

Will you suffer with Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint? Shiloh's Vitalizer is guaranteed to cure you. Sold by W. E. Dement.

Averil's mixed paints, the best in use, for sale at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident Hotel.

SINGULAR PHENOMENON.

Alleged Rain Yesterday Morning.

Citizens who rose early yesterday morning, were greatly surprised to note that as the hour came at which the rays of the morning sun usually shone upon their eastern windows, that useful luminary did not make its appearance. As the hours went by, and six, seven, eight and nine o'clock arrived, the continued non-appearance of the sun caused the greatest surprise. So used have we of Astoria become to cloudless skies by day, radiant with glittering stars by night, that the general gloom was the general topic of remark.

Upon observation it was found that though the sun had evidently risen, yet there was a layer of moisture some distance above the earth, so thick that its rays could not penetrate it. Careful observation proved that this unusual vapor was growing in thickness and density, and that as it increased in volume it took a darker hue. Men who had lived where rain used occasionally to fall said it reminded them of the appearance that the sky used to present just before a shower, and even ventured the opinion that there was going to be what they called "a shower." Their predictions were received with "wild incredulity," though we cannot see why, for in those countries where rain is said to fall, it is evident that some such appearance must be noticed in the sky as was seen here yesterday morning. However, be that as it may, it is certain that this great mass of dark vapor which seemed to come from Youngs river, or perhaps the Nehalem, moved up and soon was so directly over the city that the sky seemed to come down at the same distance from every side.

It was also observed that small drops of water which had evidently condensed above were dropping on the streets, the roofs, and whatever else animate or inanimate that happened to be out of doors. One individual, who was about to take a walk, noticing this returned, and sallied forth with an umbrella, opened and held directly over his head and at a right angle with the horizon, but he was so jeered at by those who witnessed the unusual spectacle that he closed his umbrella and disappeared.

By this time the attention of those who refused to believe that the apparition was only a phantom of the imagination, was directed to the sidewalks and streets which had assumed a hue that is caused only by the prompt and steady application of moisture. It was now evident to the most incredulous that it was indeed raining in Astoria, and after our citizens had recovered from the first shock of surprise that the singular phenomenon naturally produced, a deputation proceeded to the top of Main street hill, having with them a piece of ordnance, and having got all things in readiness, fired a salute of five guns. This occurred at twenty minutes past nine yesterday morning. The report of these guns at once created the impression that it was thunder, and every one, without regard to age, sex, or former condition of servitude expressed themselves in terms evincing the greatest surprise. One party who has been haunting the county jail for the last two weeks was seen to strike his breast and heard to say something about "mercy" and "a conscience," and it is with the utmost difficulty that Sheriff Twombly induced him to be quiet and not give himself away in such unseemly manner.

At twenty-five minutes to ten, it was plain to the dullest comprehension that rain was really falling. Sailors on the ships in the stream, to whom such a sight as rain is probably not uncommon, refused to take any special notice of the phenomenon, and kept steadily at work, but the general cessation of all occupation and the universal interest evinced by nearly everyone else showed with what wonder the phenomenon was regarded. For fully twenty-six (or as some assert twenty-seven) minutes, the drops fell continuously, and when shortly after ten o'clock the cloud or mass of vapor we spoke of rolled by and the sun shone out once more, his rays fell upon a much surprised community. It is probable that papers published at other points will have information concerning this unusual occurrence, and should there be any thing additional to what is here noted we shall publish it in the interests of science. Such phenomena as are here described are as rare as they are wonderful, though from the way the mist started in at nightfall it would seem that the hearts of our citizens are gladdened this morning by an abundance of welcome rain.

Look Here! You are out a treat, and don't you forget it, if you miss JEFF'S Dinner every day from 3 to 8. Soups, fish, eight kinds of meats, vegetables, pies, puddings, coffee, tea, wine, S. F. beer, or milk. Dinner 25 cents.

For a Neat Fitting Boot Or Shoe, go to P. J. Goodmans, on Cheamus street, next door to I. W. Case. All goods of the best make and guaranteed quality. A full stock; new goods constantly arriving. Custom work.

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STORE TO LET. SHOW CASES, ETC., FOR SALE, Getting Ready for Steuicing.

The steamship Walla Walla went down the river last night to commence the work of cutting a channel through St. Helens bar. She was accompanied by the government snag boat Corralia, which will be used in placing and shifting the anchors by which the steamship will be moored. She has on board two anchors belonging to the Coloma, two from Astoria and two belonging to the company and formerly used to moor a wharf boat to at Wallula. The lightest of these ponderous mud hooks weighs 3,000 pounds, and the steamship will be made fast to them, two on each side, by nine-inch hawsers. The greater part of to-day will probably be consumed in getting the anchors in position and everything ready for work, which will commence to-morrow. With the experience of last year and the greater facilities afforded by having the steam snag-puller to move the anchors, the work of cutting the channel should make rapid progress. The channel will be cut a little closer in shore than it was last year and the direction will be more in line with the current of the river, which will render the cut more easily kept clean. After a few days it is to be hoped that we shall hear no more of steamers or ships being stuck at St. Helens bar during this season. Oregonian, 15.

Our Progress. As stages are quickly abandoned with the completion of railroads, so the huge, drastic, cathartic pills, composed of crude and bulky medicines, are quickly abandoned with the introduction of Dr. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets," which are sugar-coated, and little larger than mustard seeds, but composed of highly concentrated vegetable extracts. By druggists.

Oysters, Oysters, Oysters. at the Astoria Oyster depot; a stew, fry, pan roast, or raw at Frank Fabre's.

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That Hacking Cough can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it. Sold by W. E. Dement.

For lame Back, Side or Chest use Shiloh's Porous Plaster, Price 25 cents. For sale by W. E. Dement.

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