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Around the City. The Queen sailed yesterday. To-night the Astoria Social Club. Everyone enjoyed the sunshine yesterday. The lost Victoria had 1,100 cases salmon aboard. Election next Wednesday. Who is your candidate? It is rumored that the Portland News is to be moved to Seattle. A Knapp, of Knapp, advertises some desirable stock for sale. The Morgue is reported to be in a bad fix on Postoffice lot. E. C. Holden's sale of Japanese goods begins to-morrow evening. The Metastethen has finished and the Littleton is loading at Knappton. The Sarah Bell docked yesterday and will begin discharging 900 tons of coal to-day. The British ship Oregon cleared yesterday with 56,941 bushels wheat, worth \$35,480. F. C. Norris returned to the city yesterday from a four days overland trip to Portland. Judge Moore, of Columbia City, is preparing abstracts of title to all lands in Columbia county. S. B. Crow utilized the bright sunshine yesterday by taking some fine views of Astoria residences. The steamship Astoria put off several hundred cases coal yesterday morning and went to sea. Zanzibar appears again this evening in a most attractive performance. Get your seats early and avoid the rush. Capt. Gray received a telegram yesterday from New York. He would sail for San Francisco on the 7th. The Shubrick cooled at the new O. R. & N. bunkers yesterday, and goes up stream to-day to paint some beacons. The Marine M. Watts is out 208 days from New York. She was spoken when 71 days out, and hasn't been heard from since.

THE CONGRESSIONAL MEMORIAL. The Astoria and Forest Grove Railroad. The Present State of the Matter. The Astoria has recently published a full report of its proceedings on the part of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce in regard to the forfeiture of the Astoria land grant subsequent to Mr. Villard's letter of September 30, 1883. At a meeting of the chamber about three weeks ago, it was decided to memorialize Congress praying that the land grant be forfeited. Accordingly the following was prepared by an appointed committee. MEMORIAL. To restore to the public domain certain lands granted to the Oregon Central Railroad Company. To the Honorable the Congress of the United States: Your memorialists, the chamber of commerce of the city of Astoria, of the state of Oregon, would most respectfully represent: That on the 4th day of May, 1870, your honorable bodies passed an act granting to the Oregon Central Railroad company of Oregon the alternate sections of land to the extent of twenty sections per mile, including the iron and coal therein, to aid in the construction of a railroad from Portland to Astoria, with a branch from Portland to Astoria, with a branch from Astoria to Forest Grove, in the state of Oregon. Said lands were conditionally granted to said railroad for a distance of twenty miles each side of said railroad, and in case the full sections per mile could not be found on each side of said road within the said limit of twenty miles, other lands should be selected within a limit of twenty-five miles on each side to make up such deficiency.

Council Proceedings. A special meeting of the city council was held last evening, Mayor Hahn presiding. Present—Councilmen Case, Caruthers, Johns and Hume. The object of the meeting was to take into consideration the erection of a fire alarm, and to provide for the payment of certain claims. B. S. Worsley appeared before the council and stated that there had been about \$1000 subscribed by citizens, and that to get the alarm that the city required would need about \$500 more. After discussion of the question it was, on motion, resolved that the matter be referred to the committee on fire and water, with power to act. The following claims were ordered paid: J. H. D. Gray, \$11; L. W. Case, \$18; T. Broemer, \$40; Ed. D. Curtis, Jr., Co., \$250; P. N. Kearney, \$15; T. Broemer, \$100; B. F. Stevens & Co., \$430; The Astoria, \$23.93; Gatta Percha Manufacturing Company, \$15; W. Case, \$55.35; Surprenant & Ferguson, \$2.50. The remainder of the claims were referred. An ordinance making an appropriation of the general fund to the Gatta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company \$22.15, was passed under suspension of the rules. An ordinance making a similar appropriation to pay the West Shore Lumber Company \$363.20, was passed under suspension of the rules. On motion, council adjourned.

Spontaneous Combustion. The American ship C. C. Chapman, from Antwerp, which arrived in port a few days since with her cargo of coal on fire, docked yesterday at Section 4 of the seawall and commenced discharging. She was an object of considerable curiosity and attracted hundreds of visitors. So great was the number that it was found necessary to post a "No admittance" notice in a conspicuous place, in order that the men should not be interfered with in their work. Although not enough of the cargo had been taken out to fully determine the amount of damage sustained, yet it is already ascertained that the vessel suffered considerably. There is a hole burned through on the port bow two feet in length by about twice that distance in width, and several of the inside timbers are also considerably charred. The question of spontaneous combustion in vessels with coal cargoes is one that has occasioned a great amount of thought and suggestion, but as yet no successful method of prevention has been agreed upon. Fires occur most frequently in highly inflammable coal, such as that used for making gas and for smelting purposes. Owing to the close confinement and the long voyages a body of foul air and gas is generated that, coming in contact with the damp coal, occasions combustion, and it frequently happens that a cargo of coal is slowly consuming itself for days in a vessel's hold before it is discovered. Insurance rates are much higher on coal laden vessels than on ordinary cargoes, and some companies refuse to insure vessels laden with Cumberland coal unless wind sails are rigged and the air permitted to circulate in the lower holds. During the past twelve years the losses by fire from spontaneous combustion in coal laden vessels exceeded \$4,000,000 and hundreds of lives have been sacrificed. Considering these facts, it is a matter of wonder that more stringent and careful methods have not been discovered and adopted.

At the Empire Store. You will find the finest laces and embroideries, of richest quality. Notice.—Dinner at "J E F F 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." When you feel life is a burden, and nothing you try seems to ease your dyspepsia, find a sure relief in Brown's Iron Bitters. GOLDEN'S LIQUID BEEF TONIC is endorsed by physicians. Ask for Golden's Bitter. When you feel life is a burden, and nothing you try seems to ease your dyspepsia, find a sure relief in Brown's Iron Bitters. Sleepless Nights, made miserable by that terrible cough, Shiloh's Cure, the remedy for you. Sold by W. E. Dement. That Hacking Cough can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it. Sold by W. E. Dement.

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The Leading Dry Goods and Clothing House of Astoria. LARGEST STOCK - FINEST GOODS - LOWEST PRICES! New Goods Received by Every Steamer.

Hotel Arrivals. OCCIDENT. T. Suttou, N. Y.; J. N. Stark, Oyst. S. Kamm, Port; H. P. Hart, Oyst. S. Ducker, Cath; T. W. Jenks, Port; J. Francis, Port; H. D. Godly, Ind; J. A. Chamberlain, J. G. Megler, W. F. Canby, Brookfield; F. Brown, Port; C. Baker, Eugene; J. M. Moor, E. Port; J. H. Wheldon, F. R. Coggshall, Eureka; N. A. J. Cook, city; H. H. Watkins, F. W. Lake, Port; S. E. Oakland; E. A. Bradman, Port; S. E. Avery; J. N. Faught, Frem't; W. P. Gabriel, Cath; J. Wood, South Bend.

Belag Circulated. A petition is being circulated worded as follows: "We the undersigned, citizens of the United States: We the citizens of Oregon and Washington Territory would most respectfully but urgently petition your honorable bodies that the land grant of the Oregon Central Railroad Company (Astoria Railroad) be declared forfeited, including all the lands within the overlapping grant whether they may be in Washington Territory or in Oregon; and that they may be thrown open to public settlement.

Real Estate Transactions. J. O. Hanthorn, et al. to M. Wise, lots 3 and 4, block 40, first addition to Alderbrook; \$280. J. O. Hanthorn, et al., to M. Wise, lots 5 and 6, block 40, first addition to the town of Alderbrook; \$315. Albert Aylward, et al., to J. R. Partido, 69 acres between McEwans and Rogers' land claims; \$200.

Corsets and Underwear. All the latest makes and styles of corsets and ladies underwear at Prael Bros' Empire store. Via N. P. R. R. Fresh Baltimore oysters packed in ice at Jeff's. The Clarions. Just the thing for balls and parties, a complete orchestra, with dance music, figures for calling dances, etc., complete. To those desirous of having dances, and not otherwise provided with music, it is invaluable. Call at the New York N. C. city store and examine it.

Meeting Notice. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Fishermen's Packing Company will be held at the Company's office in Upper Astoria Or., on Saturday, Dec. 29th, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. By order, F. C. REED, President. J. W. GEARHART, Secretary. Astoria, Nov. 17th, 1913. 4-11

Figures Never Lie! FIRST QUALITY LUMBER. THE WESTPORT MILL COMPANY IS IN THE FIELD AND PROPOSES TO remain. We will take orders for lumber from 100 to 1000 ft., at the mill delivered. We also manufacture lath and shingles of All quality. Flooring a Specialty. Address all orders WESTPORT MILL CO. S. E. BENSER, Supt.

Job Ross was in the office yesterday with some remembrances of his Eastern trip. He found many a change in his Illinois home from the way things used to be when he first went there in the spring of 1880. The latest thing in runaways is for the horses to shed their harness, as witness that runaway on Tuesday in front of Geo. McLean's blacksmith shop, where the ferry steeds succeeded in clearing themselves of all harness. Capt. Al. Stream arrived in with his new tug Hunter yesterday afternoon from Shoalwater Bay. He reports a good voyage and lively times on the other side. He brings 700 cases of oysters, which mostly go to San Francisco.

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OVERCOATS!! Men's, Youth's, and Boys!! Fall and Winter Clothing! Of Every Description. Just opened at the Occident Store. Styles to Suit all! Quality to Suit all! Prices to Suit all! D. A. McINTOSH, The Leading CLOTHIER, MERCHANT TAILOR, AND HATTER.

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LOEB & CO. Ed. D. Curtis & Co. WINES, LIQUORS, AND CIGARS. UNSURPASSED IN STYLE AND FINISH. NEW FURNITURE, A COMPLETE STOCK. S. B. CROW, PHOTOGRAPHER. Corner Benton and Squemoqua Streets, East of the Court House, Astoria, Oregon.

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