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 THE ASTORIAN guarantees to its advertisers the largest circulation of any newspaper published on the Columbia river.
 This paper is on file at the St. Charles Hotel, Portland, Or.
 A few more choice seats for to-morrow night's performance at Carl Adler's.
 The State arrived in at 10 A. M. yesterday and the Columbia left out at 5 P. M.
 Another effort is being made to carry Oregon wheat to San Francisco via Yacouba Bay.

Reserved seats for "Victor Durand" at Carl Adler's. Box sheet open from 12 to 2 o'clock to-day.
 The Odd Fellows' Land and Building association will have a business meeting at two o'clock to-morrow afternoon.
 Rev. M. D. Wilson will hold divine service in Knappa to-day. Grace church will be closed in consequence.
 Gospel meeting in the Y. M. C. A. room at 3 P. M. to-day, conducted by Prof. H. K. Warren, of Portland. Every body welcome.
 Hon. R. P. Earhart, secretary of state, and ex-Senator Grover were among the outgoing passengers on the Columbia yesterday.

Charley Rohr, with an efficient corps of assistants has successfully raised the roof of frame buildings in the Corbett and Brown block.
 E. C. Holden announces in another column a special auction of household effects and a new skill, on the premises on Concomely street, to-morrow at 11 A. M. See advt.
 Invitations will be out in a few days for an entertainment at the Astoria gymnasium by the boys' class and a social hop after the exercises, on Friday evening, August 28th.

It is stated that the Northern Pacific railroad is preparing to ship 40,000 to 50,000 tons of grain, at \$8 per ton, over its line from eastern Oregon to Duluth, its eastern terminus.
 The steamer *Sora* will leave Wilson & Fisher's dock for Skipanon at half-past seven this morning, weather permitting, and will return at 5 P. M., giving a good opportunity to visit the beach.
 The fog and smoke has little effect on the river and ocean service from here to all points reached by steamer. The *State* came in yesterday, the *Columbia* crossed out, and the river steamers came and went with no delay or irregularity.

The *Pacific Journal* announces that steps have been taken to secure the right of way for the construction of a telephone line from Oysterville to live wire with stations at various points along the beach, with every probability of success.
 Two mining experts from the Cosco d'Alene mines, former residents of Astoria, were in yesterday on their way to California. They say their experience leads them to believe that we have more wealth in the river and sea at our doors than in all the Cosco d'Alene mines.
 We learn that the damp, cold weather experienced during the past few days will have the effect of breaking up many a camp on the North beach, and that the *Larline* to-morrow evening, and *Gene* and *Telephone* to-morrow morning, will carry away a large number of passengers homeward bound to the interior.

To-morrow evening the celebrated Wallack Theater company present "Victor Durand" for the first time to an Astoria audience. It is a most considerable praise, and will be presented here with the same care and completeness that made it so great a success in New York city. On Tuesday "Lady Clara" will be presented. Reserved seats at Carl Adler's crystal palace.
 Rev. D. O. Ghormley of East Portland was expected to occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church this morning, but has written to say that he cannot be present. Rev. Dr. Garner will conduct services as usual in the morning, but out of respect to the venerable Dr. Roberts, retiring pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, there will be no service in the evening.

The *Columbia* left out at 5 o'clock yesterday evening, with freight from Astoria as follows: Salmon, 3,083 cases, as follows: Cutting Packing Co., 362; Thistle Packing Co., 175; Aberdeen Packing Co., 333; Geo. W. Hume, 385; American Flag Packing Co., 443; North Shore Packing Co., 280; Knappott Packing Co., 32; J. O. Hanthorn & Co., 475. She also took 232 tons of wheat, 233 sacks of oysters, and 100 tons miscellaneous freight.
 The Yamhill Reporter comes to hand with a sort of post mortem examination of the justice of forfeiting the Astoria land grant. It wisely asks, "What if the grant fall into less deserving hands?" The grant has fallen from the hands of those who refused to do anything and defied agitation into the hands of the people, and it will become the Yamhill Reporter or any other journal that does not want to wear the corporation collar, to impugn the motives of congress when that national body, recognizing the prolonged injustice of the railroad's position, declared the tract to be once more a part of the public domain.

Judge Deady's recent decision that pre-emption claims can only be canceled by proceedings in the courts, conflicts with the general practice of the U. S. land office. It has been the custom of the land office to cancel pre-emption entries upon sufficient proof of non-compliance with the law or want of good faith on the part of the pre-emptor. Acting Commissioner Walker has officially informed his informant that the practice and views of the land office will not be changed until the supreme court of the United States shall have had an opportunity of passing upon the points raised by Judge Deady.
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NARROW ESCAPE
 From What Might Have Been a General Catastrophe.
 The long continued smoldering of the fire bell shortly after four o'clock yesterday morning aroused every sleeper within hearing and forbade the hope that possibly it might prove, as on many other occasions, a false alarm. A first glance from our window toward the river revealed a dense cloud of smoke slowly rising through the damp, foggy atmosphere in the immediate neighborhood of the Parker House. With a painful foreboding that this impending structure was on fire, and faintly endeavoring to imagine what the end would be if such were the case, we hastened to reach the spot and ascertain the true state of affairs. In a very short space of time both fire companies had stationed their engines at the Parker House, and the active firemen, with their long ladders, had their streams playing on Max Wagner's beer saloon, inside of which the fire first started. Most providentially their efforts were speedily crowned with success, the fire being confined to the rear building in which it first broke out, and which was used for storing coal oil and liquors. The actual loss sustained to either building or contents is comparatively trifling, as fourteen or fifteen hundred dollars will probably cover both.

Capt. E. P. Parker of the *Clara Parker*, was one of the first to see the fire before the alarm was given. He said he was on his way to call his engineer when he saw a light in the rear building. It appeared to be a liquid fire running from the floor down the timbers and continued to burn after it struck the damp rocks upon the beach. This story is corroborated by other eye witnesses. Mr. Max Wagner, proprietor of the beer saloon, was absent from home but returned about noon yesterday from Ilwaco. During his absence his barkeeper was left in charge of the premises. The suspicious circumstances attending the origin of the fire led to the arrest of the barkeeper but shortly after Mr. Wagner's return he was released, the authorities not deeming any evidence adduced sufficient to detain him.

Each of several theories as to the probable origin of the fire, some claiming that the appearance of the premises, together with the fact that some person was seen rapidly leaving the vicinity of the fire about the time it was discovered, and also that the stock and fixtures were insured for some \$3,000, leave no reasonable doubt that the fire was incendiary in its origin. Others claim that an examination of the premises shows that it is probable that a lamp in that part of the premises exploded, and set on fire combustible material which melted the solder on the cans of coal oil, which then flowed in burning streams to the beach. Others accept the story of a former employe on the premises, that the lamp which burned in the part of the house where the fire started, might not have been put fairly under the tin which was placed between the lamp and the painted cloth covering the stove.

Which of these theories is the correct one may never be satisfactorily determined, but however it may be no one can fail now more than ever to realize the importance of exercising the greatest care in extinguishing a fire, and of having lights in dangerous proximity to combustible materials of any kind. When it is considered that the property and even lives of others are jeopardized by carelessness and neglect, it is necessary that we should be careful. Careful citizens who have large property at stake should exercise the greatest care and discrimination against over insurance. Vigilance by every man, woman and child, is well that our fire department responds so promptly and effectively to the first tap of the bell.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE COLUMBIA.
 Major Jones reports that the proper way of overcoming obstacles at the cascades, on the Columbia river, is by a canal and a system of locks extending over a space of thirteen miles and costing about \$11,000,000. But as it would require a very long period of time to excavate the canal—which indeed from a statement of the obstacles, appears to be a work only second in magnitude to the Panama canal—he proposes in the meantime a portage over railway tracks, to cost something like a million and a quarter. Those who have read Stanley's account of his passage of the catnacts on the Congo will understand how the thing can be done.
 No one but a competent engineer is qualified to form a judgment on Major Jones' projects. But it is clear that the navigation of that noble stream ought to be improved at the national expense, even if it did cost as much as \$11,000,000. The Columbia is destined to prove as important to the Pacific coast as the Hudson river is to the east and the Mississippi to the south. Whatever engineering can do to make it navigable throughout the length ought to be done. It is not creditable to American enterprise that the blockade above The Dalles should be permitted to exist, and we trust that congress will lose no time when it assembles, in appropriating money to remove the obstructions.—S. F. Chronicle.

Silver Salmon.
 Silver salmon are now plentiful in the market, and Indians peddle them about town at ten cents each. A fisherman stated to the writer yesterday that in case of a famine he would be ten times as rich as he is now. He said the salmon are in the Sound but will stay in the deep water until a rain comes and washes a sediment from the fresh water streams down into the Sound. The salmon, being anxious to ascend the river will follow this sediment up to the mouth of the river, and when once in shallow water they are easily caught.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

A Startling Discovery.
 Physicians are often startled by remarkable discoveries. The fact that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and all Throat and Lung diseases is daily curing patients that they have given up to die, is startling them to realize their sense of duty, and examine into the merits of this wonderful discovery; resulting in hundreds of our best Physicians using it in their practice. Trial Bottles free at W. E. Dement & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size \$1.00.

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"VICTOR DURAND"
 At Ross' Opera House To-morrow Evening.
 This is from the *Oregonian* about the Wallack company on their presentation of "Victor Durand," last Wednesday night in Portland:
 For the first time before a Portland audience the latest New York success, "Victor Durand" was presented last night by the Wallack company, and to say that it was given in a most creditable manner and to a thoroughly pleased and appreciative house is but simple truth. It is full of strong situations and there is running through it a vein of humor which affords a most agreeable foil to the leading dramatic thread. Strongly conceived and with an interesting story well developed it cannot fail to please when given by a company of such general excellence as the Wallack company. The entire cast without exception executed their respective roles with such care as to make the audience as if not often seen. Mr. C. E. Welles as the hero, Victor Durand, increased the favorable impression he had already created in "Lady Clara." There is an earnestness and honest sincerity about his acting, a clear-cut tone, a neat and evident sinking of his identity in the personality of the part he is portraying that indicates the true artist. All of his scenes last evening were managed with artistic skill, particularly that in which he met the third act and with the detective at the end of the second. His fondness for his gentle wife and grief at the prospect of losing her under a false accusation were admirably rendered. The scene in which he made a very charming lull, and in addition to dressing the part in exquisite taste, appealed to the sympathy of the audience by the fidelity with which she clings to her husband, a clear-cut tone, a neat and evident sinking of his identity in the personality of the part he is portraying that indicates the true artist. The former, with his "diary," and "in other matter," and "typical" of the audience in a ripple of laughter whenever he wandered over the stage with his huge step. His persistency in proposing to violate every day, and philosophic endurance of the successive snooks attending the refusal of his offers, were amusing in the extreme. It was a very clever characterization of a type of being not infrequently seen in our "best society." The Mrs. Dudley of Kate Dennison, the Duke and Antonio from *Four Corners*, and Jacques Bonnard of *Wm. Warren* were all well done, while the villain of the play, Baron de Mersse, one of those French villains whose sang froid (on the stage at least) is always greatest at the moment of the discovery of their villainy, was cleverly personated by Harry Talbot. We must commend the general mounting of the play as well as the tasteful dressing of the characters by both the ladies and gentlemen of the cast. It is a pity that to one's enjoyment of a play, particularly of a society play, to have the people so array themselves as to aid the imagination in the delusion of the hour, and the company has the additional merit of being good dressers. "Victor Durand" for the first time in Astoria to-morrow night. Reserved seats at Carl Adler's.

That Dawne Appointment.
 New York, Aug. 21.—The Sun's Washington special says: The man to whom the recent scathing letter of the president was written is declared to be A. Bush, a banker and one of the wealthiest citizens of Salem, and the judge referred to is Dawne. For several reasons Bush is fixed upon as the man who wrote the letter addressed to "The President." Inspection of four letters written by Mr. Bush to President Cleveland shows every one to have been addressed "To the President" out of a hundred different styles of addresses. "We are friends and do business with one another," says the letter. "Bush is the only man in Salem with whom Dawne has business dealings and pieces of the same time was on his paper. A. Noltner, a prominent resident of Portland and a close friend of Senator Slater, said the statements regarding Bush's political career and his relations to Dawne are accurate, and that he believed Bush to be the author of the letter of July 21.

Trouble in Afghanistan.
 London, Aug. 21.—A dispatch sent to-day from Meshed, Persia, near the Afghan frontier, to the *Times* states that a collision between the Russian and Afghan outposts nearly occurred on the 13th instant at Karatepe, eighteen miles from Chaman-i-Baid. Some Russian troops, so the dispatches state, approached Karatepe, and when the Afghans saw the troops there they took up arms. A Russian officer, who had ordered his troops to severly wounded by the accidental discharge of one of these weapons. Before the exact nature of this accident was ascertained the Afghans were excited and confusion, which, however, subsided as soon as the truth was made known. The Afghans then detained the Russians until they received an order from Herat to let them go. During this detention the Afghans treated the wounded Russian officer with great kindness, bandaging his wound, and sent him back to the Russian lines. A hurried investigation of the occurrence was made on both sides. The Russian commander commended the Afghans and promised that his troops should not again advance beyond Chaman-i-Baid. Four English officers continue to supervise the work of repairing and strengthening the forts at Herat.

Complimentary Notice.
 Read what the *Fargo Argus* has to say about the Wallack Dramatic company, which is to appear at Ross Opera house to-morrow and Tuesday evenings. "Never before has Fargo been so completely taken by surprise as was the case in the appearance of the Wallack Theatre company in this city. It is true the company was well advertised, but as is frequently the case, the announcements failed to convince the people that it was the finest troupe that ever paid this city the honor of a visit. From first to last the plays have been given in the most artistic style, without a break or failure in any part. The presentations of "Victor Durand" and "Lady Clara" were so far superior to anything ever presented upon the boards in this city, that those who had the pleasure of witnessing these splendid plays, will not forget the plays or the actors, and should they again favor Fargo with a visit, they will be greeted with an audience equalled only by the capacity of the house."

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THE LOST BARK.
 Further Particulars Regarding the Heddingtonshire.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—No further intelligence could be obtained to-day of the wreck of the British bark *Heddingtonshire* off Point Reyes, last night. A tug started this morning for the scene of the disaster, and will bring back the saved seaman and boy. Until they reach here no accurate information about the disaster can be obtained. The insurance was placed on the cargo of the *Heddingtonshire* by local agencies of various companies as follows: British & Foreign Insurance company, \$5,500; Union Insurance society, \$4,000; Canton Insurance company, \$2,250; Sea Insurance company, \$2,500; Straits Insurance company, \$1,000; Fireman's Fund, \$4,000; Union Insurance company, \$2,500; Chinese Insurance company, \$1,500; Commercial Union Assurance company, of London, \$3,000; Union Insurance company, of New Zealand, \$1,000; in Portland, unknown company, \$2,000; Total, \$29,150.
 The following additional details have been learned respecting the loss of the vessel; she went ashore on the beach about two and a half miles north of Point Reyes light. The sea was breaking heavily, causing the vessel to ground with tremendous force. She was a total wreck almost from the moment she struck, as a few moments later she parted amidships. The officers and crew took to the water and although the distance to the shore was not more than 250 yards only one man and the boy spoken of reached it alive. The captain and his remaining crew were blown down the beach and were against the sides of the vessel or drowned. The weather was so thick that it was impossible to discern anything a few yards off, and as the captain had lost his chronometer in the storm near the equator he could not have had the least idea of his situation or of his close proximity to land. The saved seaman and boy succeeded in reaching a house near the point, where they were this morning, but so unfortunally that the vessel was unable to render any account of the immediate cause of the disaster. Large quantities of canned salmon in cases are being washed ashore. There are hopes that a good portion of this part of the cargo can be saved.

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 I shall be in my office at the city jail every day until September 1st, 1885, to receipt for the same at which time I shall levy upon the property of all delinquents not having paid.
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