The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

SUNDAY.....OCTOBER 16, 1887

Astoria enjoys beautiful weather.

Billy Emerson's minstrels will be here on the 24th.

The *Tam O'Shanter* and *Jno. Worcester* went to sea yesterday.

The electric lights seem to have considerable difficulty in keeping alight.

The Norwegian bark *Alert*, 904, 18 days from San Pedro, arrived in yesterday.

Rescue Engine Co., No. 2, are going to have a new constitution and by-laws.

Large quantities of shooks, fruit boxes, etc., are being sent to San Francisco.

In the Baptist church subject of morning sermon is "Worrying," in the evening "Baptism."

The *Geo. C. Perkins*, loading at the Clatsop and West Shore mills, will take 550 M. feet lumber.

The pulp mill at Young's river falls, is getting into completed shape and will soon begin operations.

There will be no service in St. Mary's Roman Catholic church today, Rev. Father Dielman being absent in Salem.

The *Dolphin* sailed yesterday with 2,500 cases and other cannery supplies for Elmore, Sanborn & Co.'s cannery on the Siuslaw.

A pump was dropped overboard from Gray's dock yesterday morning and will be recovered by diver Anderson to-morrow afternoon.

County commissioners Crow and Nurnberg will meet on Thursday, the 20th inst., and set the state and county tax levy for the current year.

Geo. Upton, who killed De Jarnette on the Klaskanine a short time ago, is reported by the *Oregonian* to have been indicted last week at St. Helens for murder in the first degree.

The Astoria track is now assured, says the McMinnville *Telephone*, and inside of twelve months we hope to chronicle the direct shipment of wheat by rail to Astoria—the great seaport of the northwest coast.

As fourteen-fifteenths is to seventy-fifths, says the *Vidette*, so is the civic pride of Astoria to that of Portland, at least in the matter of public subscriptions "to give the town a boost."

Edward Jochimsen, aged two years and eight months, died yesterday afternoon. The funeral will be from his parents' residence at ten o'clock this morning. The interment will be on the hill.

Last Friday Jos. Hume bought two lots on the west side of First street, near Washington street, Portland, paying $67,500 therefor. That is the highest price ever paid for property in Portland, being $1,350 a front foot.

The *Gen. Miles* left for Gray's harbor yesterday. D. C. Ireland was among the passengers. E. C. Finch, the editor of the Aberdeen *Herald*, arrived down from Portland just in time to miss the boat, on his return homeward.

In Judge Stearns' court in Portland last Friday, Wm. Dillon was convicted of the killing of Chas. Manciet over a game of cards on the 26th of last month. The verdict of the jury was murder in the second degree: the penalty is imprisonment for life—which means pardon about 1892.

The Tacoma *News* hears that on account of the scarcity of fish, cannerymen are now furnishing seines and paying ten cents each for silver salmon, and where the fishermen furnish their own seines, the canners pay fourteen cents apiece for fish. A boat and crew make on an average $200 a day, at these rates.

J. R. Roork, a logger working for Powell & Donaldson, at Knappa lost his life last Friday evening, by slipping off a log that was lying in the boom at that place. Every effort was made to rescue the unfortunate man, but without avail. The body was afterward recovered and a coffin was sent up from here yesterday on the *Favorite*.

Wm. Stowe, the oldest net maker in this country takes pretty strong grounds for a change in large seines and traps for our fishermen. He asks an examination of materials so that the fisherman can see for himself that the statements of the Gloucester Net & Twine Co. are correct. This company wishes to be correct in all their statements, and not lead the fishermen astray.

Last Wednesday morning the saloon occupied by Billy Linn, the pugilist, was burned to the ground, at Vancouver, W. T. Linn was shot and dangerously wounded. It would seem that the place was frequented by soldiers from the garrison and Linn had some trouble with them. It is thought the soldiers set fire to the place and shot its proprietor. Linn is well known in this city.

R. L. Boyle recently returned from a visit to friends and relative in Iowa, reports a widespread desire in the Hawkeye state to find some place to live where one won't have to work like sixty, eight months in the year to keep alive the other four. California and Oregon are the Mecca of the intending emigrants from Iowa, and there, will, he thinks, be considerable immigration this way shortly. There is room for all.

C. P. Upshur, agent Pacific Express company, is in receipt of a letter from that company in which they decline to take any steps toward establishing a route from here to Shoalwater bay, Gray's harbor and Chehalis county points, but will afford all possible facilities to any one who wishes to establish such route. The next thing in order is to form a local express company and go ahead. The thing can and should be done.

The salmon run on the Siuslaw is above the average; there is a fair run at Coos bay, Yaquina, Tillamook and the Nehalem. The catch of silversides in the Columbia improved some last week: in Shoalwater bay the run has fallen off somewhat: at Gray's harbor it still continues. The fall run in general is light this year, and is considerably later than in former seasons, but the large number of canneries in operation this fall will make the aggregate of the pack exceed that of any former year.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. C. Telfer is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Holden will return on the *Telephone* this afternoon.

H. Wise and I. Cohen are about to open clothing stores at Gray's harbor.

Capt C. G. Gilbert, an old Astorian, is in the city, on a visit from Port Townsend.

Old Mr. Craig, whose right leg was amputated by Dr. Page a few days ago, is getting along well for one of his years—76.

Dr. W. D. Baker is having his house on Cass street, south of Jefferson, neatly fitted up and will make it his headquarters.

J. W. Young has bought A. Noltner's paper, the *World*, and will in future run it as a Sunday Democratic paper. Mr. Young is a lawyer by profession and a journalist of considerable experience.

Capt. J. W. Babbidge, after a twenty years honorable record of continuous service as master of steamboats on the Columbia river, has resigned. About eight weeks ago he secured a pilot's branch and took his first vessel up last Wednesday.

R. H. Crawford, W. F. Reed, C. Campbell and wife, J. MClusky, E. S. Edwards, E. C. Finch, E. W. West, C. G. Gilbert, J. B. Nielsen, Dean Blanchard, F. H. Sherman, are at the Occident.

Willie McFarlane, Walter Shaw, E. A. Emerson, E. Groves, D. M. McLean, A. C. McHardy, Alex. Campbell, Chas. A. Ross, Ben. Fraser, Andy Coleman, P. O. Colvin, J. Reister, J. Garnett, J. D. McIntosh, A. C. McDonald and wife, John Weaver, M. Bennett, J. Birchard, C. Wilson, Malcolm Sale, Mat Ryan, Dempsy Welton, J. C. Chamberlaine, John Dresdend and W. Leveredge are at the Astor house.

James McLiskey, R. Wiley, John Lowell, Sulla Williams, Joe. Rounds, Ernest Perrine, J. W. Barlow, B. P. Wiggins and wife, Robt. Smith, Alfred Yearing, Frank Mattson, John Wallace, H. C. Telfer, Morris Mayer, M. Rappaport, Wm. Wickersham, John White, Herman Kettler, Chas. Young, Jack Woolf, Tom. Wells, Jas. Baxter, Chas. McLellan, C. M. Williams, Ed. Wilson, E. Reid, G. W. Sullivan, W. H. Tye, Mark Kissner, Antone Debast, are at the Parker House.

Lecture on Phrenology and Self Improvement.

Prof. McDonald will deliver a free lecture at Liberty Hall this Sunday evening upon the moral and reasoning faculties. Next week he will lecture several evenings on Phrenology, Health Hygiene, Phisiognomy, Marriage, and other subjects. These lectures are entertaining, amusing and impart much useful knowlege and advice, and are drawing packed houses. He gives phrenological examinations daily in private at the Hall in regard to making the most of one's self in every respect.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Specials to Readers of "The Astorian."

VALPARAISO, Ind., Oct. 15.—Judge Field presiding at the fall term of the circuit court here has summoned a grand jury to convene Monday and make a thorough investigation of the Kouts railroad disaster. Prosecuting attorney Thrumpacker says no pains will be spared to bring the guilty parties to justice.

WENT TO NASHVILLE.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 15.—The presidential reception to the public to-day in the hall of the cotton exchange was about an hour in length. From the exchange the party were escorted to their train and at one P. M. left for Nashville.

BIG FIRE AT CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 15.—A tremendous fire began raging about noon on Eastern avenue. It started in Crane & Co.'s saw mill and burned four acres of lumber; then started northwestward towards the city pushed by a gale of wind. About ten houses soon burned on the opposite side of Eastern avenue, making the situation alarming. At 2:30 P. M. the fire department had it under control. The fire department has abandoned the lumber yards and are giving their whole attention to preventing the flames from spreading among the houses.

A LAMENTABLE AFFAIR.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 15.—Judge H. T. Ellett who made the welcome address to the president here this morning died on the stand before the ceremonies were over. The tragic incident occurred just as the president closed his remarks in response to the judge's welcome. Though the day was not uncomfortably warm the spot in the center of the Court House square where the speakers stand had been erected, was an exposed one and Judge Ellett who stood for a time with his hat off as the president was speaking sat down and was soon overcome by the heat. Dr. Bryant of the presidential party took direction of affairs and remained with the unfortunate gentleman while the president was escorted to the Cotton and Merchants Exchange. Judge Ellett died 5 minutes after the president left the reviewing stand. The fact was studiously kept from the president. Judge Ellett was a courtly gentleman of high local repute and the address was not alone for Memphis but for the whole south and was memorable. The president's reply was equally notable.

Devilfish On The Sound.

There are a good many devilfish in the bay, and every few days some of the fishermen bring in one or more of them. Emanuel Thomas, the fisherman who caught the big shark Sunday last, says he has caught a great many devilfish this season.

"The biggest devilfish, or octopus, as some call them, that I have caught in this bay," said Mr. Thomas, yesterday, "was when its arms were stretched out, 14 feet across, that is, its arms were 7 feet long. Then I have caught a good many smaller ones on my lines. They are very ugly things to handle, and when I take them out of the water I am not, for a moment even, careless how I handle them. They have a mouth just like a parrot. It is located just under the sack, or body. The long arms are covered on the under side with valve suckers, which exert extraordinary power. When they get hold of anything it is a rare instance when they are not victorious. They are cunning, too, for when they fasten their arms around a man they work their arms so as to get the points into his nostrils. If they do he is a goner. They can crush the life out of a man or an animal in a moment. When they are attacked they throw out a black secretion which clouds the water and both confuses their antagonist and enables them to escape. They are very hardy. They will live for three or four days after being taken out of the water. I am going to try and take the next big one I catch to the east. They can be transported without much trouble."—*Seattle Post-Intelligencer, 12.*

SOME SEIZED SEALERS.

Return of a Part of the "Alpha's" Crew.

Al Palmatier, one of the crew of the sealing schooner *Alpha*, that left here last spring for the north Pacific sealing grounds returned yesterday. Jas. Tatton has gone to San Farncisco; H. Olsen took a schooner to San Diego; Wetherell's whereabouts are unknown; Palmatier, Babbidge and the cook returned here. When the *Alpha* got to where the cutter was, or rather when the cutter got to where the *Alpha* was, she had 403 seals aboard, which they had killed on their way up. The schooner is still tied up. When the crew got to Victoria on their return they were offered 75 per cent. for their claims. Palmatier says he lost everything—except his appetite.

Captain Brown, of the *Annie*, is in San Francisco. He says that the Sitka court had decided not to accept any more bonds, and that all vessels seized should remain in Sitka until the cases are finally settled. "We had a one-sided trial," he says. "We simply went into court, and all of us were found guilty, and then they adjourned court. It is a terrible place to stay in. We had to board our men all the time, and you can't get a meal in the place for less than fifty cents. The U. S. marshal there carries things with a high hand. He ejected half a dozen Indian sailors from a Victorian schooner one night when it was raining and hailing as only it can rain and hail in that country. They did not have a thing to eat nor any place to sleep. They came up around the court house, and the judge and some of the citizens took pity on them and compelled the marshal to let them go back to the vessel over night. My vessel was seized when I was about seventy-five miles from Ounalaska and fifty miles off shore. It was about 8:30 o'clock on the evening of August 6th. Captain Shepherd of the *Rush* sent some men aboard and all were taken to Ounalaska. I had about 380 seals. The skins were taken out there and packed away in the store-house of the Alaska Commercial company for safe-keeping. You can depend they'll be safe enough there. None of the British schooners that were seized have tried to get released. They are all waiting at Ounalaska, except the *Alfred Adams*, for the British government to take action in their behalf."

According to all accounts there are now ten of the seized vessels in Sitka. The others have been realeased on bonds.

Palmatier is not very complimentary toward the officials and thinks they might have been to say the least a little more obliging. He secreted and saved from the government's clutches his trusty rifle.

Not Certain of the Crime.

"Kin I git a man arrested?" asked a colored man at the sergeant's desk in police headquarters yesterday.

"What for?"

"Fur callin' me names."

"What names?"

"Well, sah, he called me a dodo."

"And what is a dodo?"

"I dunno, sah."

"Perhaps it mean means a great statesman?"

"Mebbe it does, sah, an' so I'll let up on his callin' me names, an' hev him arrested fur de way he jumped in an' give me two kicks."—*Detroit Free Press.*

Incoming Passengers.

The steamship *Columbia* is due from San Francisco this morning with the following passengers:

S Thall	R J Peterson
J C Massey	C Long
S J Conger	Gov W R Davidson
J Gottleib	D E Bernard & wf
John Clark	E F Burns
Mrs H Ewing	Miss A G Williams
E B Curtis	W H Moore
N H Moore	D Z Mell
Miss Jewell Lawsche	M E Thompson
Miss Goodkind	Mrs Newbauer
Miss R Tom Suden	C H Lombard
Miss M A Johnson	M Abrams
H C Good & wf	H D Sutton
C R Vance	Mrs Green
Donald McCleary	

Republicans Should Vote the Prohibition Ticket—Of Course.

The one thing certain is that since 1882 the prohibition vote has given New York to the Democracy. Here is the proof:

Year	Dem. over Rep.	Pro. Vote
1883	16,249	18,816
1884	1,047	25,000
1885	11,134	30,867
1886	7,797	36,437

—*New York World, Oct. 14.*