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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The steamship California returned to Portland yesterday under command of Capt. Irving Stevens.

Mr. Foster, messenger of Wells, Fargo & Co's Express on the Oriflamme, will accept our thanks for valuable favors.

We are informed that a movement is on foot for a social party to be given in Astoria this evening, for the benefit of the sufferers by the Portland fire.

What's the date of your bustle? was what an anxious papa asked his eldest daughter who was just going out for a promenade, after searching for the paper containing an account of the Portland fire.

Mr. Wm. Falkenburg of Woody Island, will leave Oregon by the outgoing steamer for a trip to Europe.

The schooner Rough and Ready arrived from Gray's river Tuesday evening with the last of a shipment of stove bolts got out for the Honolulu trade by J. D. Ray and Mr. Thorson.

Capt. Kippen and Prof. Worthington returned from their overland trip to Portland on Tuesday. They seem to have enjoyed themselves very much.

Mr. H. S. Shuster of this city is taking some very fine pictures of scenery, and views about Astoria, which he is selling to parties at \$3 per dozen.

The barkentine Melancthon is loaded at Knappton for San Francisco, and is ready to depart. The following ships were lying in the harbor at anchor, loaded for outward voyages yesterday.

Mr. S. D. Howe has sold his interest in the Olympia Washington Water Works to Mr. W. N. Horton, who now owns two-thirds of the stock of that company.

If the population of Tacoma is made up of the quality of loose adventures and skinflints such as we could name leaving this part of the country for that part, we exclaim: "Goodness, gracious, and God save any honest man who chanced to be among them."

A pretty scene was presented in this harbor Tuesday evening. The steamer Gussie Telfair coming in with the bark Forward in tow, followed by the steamship California towing the Garibaldi, both vessels loaded by Geo. W. Weidner, one for Shanghai and the other for Melbourne with lumber and spars.

Astoria Engine Company, No. 1, will elect the annual officers at the next regular meeting, September 9th.

We wish to call the attention of mill men, etc., to the advertisement of the Oregon Iron Works in another column.

Hon. J. H. Mitchell, United States Senator for Oregon, was in the city Tuesday evening on his return to Portland from the Seaside.

The old patrons and friends of S. J. McCormick, Portland, will find his card in the ASTORIAN to-day. Mr. McCormick was a sufferer by the fire of last December but was lucky enough to escape unscathed from the late conflagration, though it nearly reached his residence property.

The crew of the British ship Middlesex refused to hoist anchor and be off Tuesday morning when the tug came alongside to take the vessel in tow for sea.

The steamship Oriflamme, Captain Bolles, crossed the bar during the night Tuesday, reaching her berth at the dock here at 12 o'clock, where she remained about two hours and a half, and sailed on her course for Portland.

Georgie, a little son of Thomas Logan of this city narrowly escaped drowning at the foot of Jefferson street yesterday afternoon. He was rescued by Mr. Noyes Welch, an attaché of the ASTORIAN office.

A precocious youth was asked by a Portland attorney on the streets of Astoria yesterday if there was any place in the town where a man could get his boots blacked? "No, sir," was the prompt answer, "but you can get your eye blacked most any where about here."

The very heavy fires now so numerous throughout the United States should be a warning for all cities, large and small to be on the safe side.

A difficult operation in surgery was performed at Fort Stevens last Tuesday upon the foot of Mr. A. Johnson. It will be remembered that Mr. J. received injuries in his foot about a year ago which rendered amputation almost certain, but by the operation of Tuesday he will be relieved of further pain, and the foot will be saved.

Of those vessels in port at the present time five are for foreign ports—viz: bark Garibaldi, loaded with lumber for Shanghai; bark Forward, Capt. Whyte, loaded with lumber for Australia; bark Edward James, Capt. Wagoner, lumber for Australia; bark Lient, Maury, Capt. Brockleback, to load wheat for Europe; barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg, Capt. Forbes, loading for Honolulu.

The Port Townsend Argus is authority for saying that the fog Whistle at Cape Flattery is almost worthless in consequence of a defect. It was intended that the whistle should be heard at a distance of ten miles, but, we are told, it can scarcely be heard three miles away.

A knowledge of the superiority of the quality of leather manufactured here by Messrs C. Lieneweber & Co. is daily growing among consumers. For instance—an interior dealer, sending to a Portland house for an order, says: "Send me the Astoria leather, I believe it to be as good as Kirby's Santa Cruz."

One of the leading firms in Portland from whom we received a private letter on Monday, closes with this expression: "Success to your Seaside city. It must attain to and hold all your claim for it. Of course this makes it a little sour on the outside, but no help. The Columbia will find its way to the Ocean, and the carrying trade must center at Astoria sooner or later for transportation."

Court Proceedings.

Circuit Court—W. W. Upton, Tuesday was occupied in the case of C. H. Bain vs. J. W. White, a suit for the recovery of pay for extra work on a building. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the sum of \$308.72 coin yesterday.

The following Grand Jury was sworn: Philo Callender, foreman; S. B. Howard, Hiram Carnahan, Madison Gibson, P. W. Wood, A. C. Wirt, and George Davidson.

A. C. Farnsworth et al. vs George Flavel et al. leave granted to defendants to file supplemental answer and by consent of Council this cause is dismissed as to Aiken & Nickerson Administrators of a Crosby deceased.

Geo. Flavel vs. Ben Holladay et al. Defendants move to suppress the deposition of M D Staples (sustained) Motion by plaintiffs to make the representatives of defendant Ainsley (deceased) defendants Argued

Peter Siemerts and Edward Black admitted to citizenship.

Henry Luck vs Wm Falkenburg & Co Demurrer to the complaint sustained and leave granted to file an amended complaint

Milton Elliott vs James Welch, Decree of foreclosure of mortgage.

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Justice Court—H. B. Parker, J. P

Yesterday the cause entitled George Birchard vs. Thomas Dungan came on for trial. W. L. McEwan, Attorney, appeared for the plaintiff. Judgement was given in favor of Birchard.

One State case was called, but was continued.

Passenger List.

Following is a list of passengers arriving by the steamship Oriflamme, Capt. Fred. Bolles, Tuesday night, from San Francisco:

- F A Block, Hon James K Kelly, Z B Sturges, G W Parker, I Giddon, H Miller, I Moore, L C Gilbert, Mrs J W Wilson and child, Mrs P A Nottidge, Mrs S F McKean and child, Z E Ramsey, J T Cruise and wife, P Manciet and 2 sons, Mrs John Avery, Mrs I F Powers, Mrs E Gardner, Rev N McLeod, Lt Hein. U S A, Dr Coelrane, U S A, I Dodson, E A Sherman and wife, J L Steiner, wife and child, 52 U S Troops and 60 others.

From Chinook.

CHINOOK, W. T., Aug. 13th.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:

The beautiful and picturesque town on the opposite side of the bay from Astoria at, or near the mouth of the Columbia river, heretofore noted as the refuge of fugitives from Justice, notorious in years past for so many murders per annum, has again furnished a sensation. But it has been a long time "all quiet at Chinook," showing that the extension of law, the advancement of civilization, and the increase of knowledge may still save such a place as this.

The event which calls forth these remarks was the firing of a gun by Mr. A. McNamee, at the public officers last Saturday while opening a road across lands claimed by him, or which he represents, which had no other effect than the unseating of a couple of ladies who were riding in the vicinity.

The shootist, we understand, fearing the consequences of his act, has taken a trip for his health. Yours respectfully X.

John Hunter has been appointed Post-master at Unity, W. T.

The schooner Elnora arrived from Klaskanine last evening with a cargo of hay to Thomas Logan.

The bark Forward took on 130,000 feet of lumber at Holladay's wharf in this city to complete her cargo yesterday.

We have samples of potatoes growing on vines, alluded to by our Fort Clatsop correspondent, which are worth looking at. The production is a natural curiosity.

The sloop Mary H., Capt. Poole, brought a huge load of wool, hides, etc., from Skipanon on Tuesday for Kahn Bros. of Portland.

Col. Reed's panorama of Oregon is spoken of in the highest terms by all who have seen it.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Gold in New York to-day, 115 3/4.

Portland Legal Tender rates, 85 1/2 buying; 86 1/2 selling.

General Ord is in Salt Lake on an inspecting tour, and proceeds to Beaver.

Many strangers are leaving Vienna, and the number of visitors to the exposition decreases daily.

The office of Master of Rols has been offered to Sir John, Duke of Cambridge, and declined.

One of the Grass Valley stage robbers, named Dribblesbee, was arrested at Coloma. Part of the property stolen was found on him.

The Agricultural Department reports that the probable wheat yield for 1873 will be two hundred and twenty million bushels.

The steamship Alabama, for New York, was spoken Tuesday last a considerable distance west of the locality where portions of a wreck were seen.

The argument in question as to the jurisdiction of the court in the Webb-Young divorce case is completed in Salt Lake. The court has reserved the decision.

Fifty-eight car loads of wheat, aggregating 280 tons, arrived at South Vallejo Friday evening. Receipts of wheat have been very heavy during the past week, and as no vessel is now loading grain is accumulating rapidly.

There is only one question connected with the Virginus which is considered of sufficient importance to justify an examination, namely, whether that vessel was about two years ago sold to one of the South American republics, as stated at that time. If so, the Virginus is now sailing under papers of the United States, to which she has no right.

The trial of eight members of the Hip Yee Tong Society for conspiracy, was resumed in San Francisco on Monday. Several Chinese witnesses corroborated the testimony of Yet Sang, the man from whom the defendants tried to extort money. The trial will not be concluded to-day. The wife of Yet Sang is a very unwilling witness. She said she dared not tell all for fear that Hip Yee Tong would kill her. She ventured, however, to testify about having been sold to a keeper of brothel, and seeing money, as her price, paid to members of the society. Dr. Loomis was sworn.

On Saturday, Snow Attorney-General, moved for an order of the court for a grand jury for the September term. Judge Emerson asked U. S. Attorney Carey if he wished a grand jury. The latter replied that as the Territorial court had already intimated that no jury could be legally empaneled under existing laws, he did not wish to go through the farce of criminal examination, or of trial simply to have it set aside. Immediately thereafter the court held that the Territorial Legislature had taken the subject from the court and given it to the Clerk, who had nothing to do with it.

A new mining excitement has broken out in Nevada, this time the mines are said to be nearer Battle Mountain than any other point on the Railroad—a somewhat significant allusion to town site speculators and toll roads. An Elko dispatch of the 11th says the mining excitement is unabated. Miners of that State express the utmost confidence in the new district of Cornucopia. New ledges were being unearthed which from present appearance insured the district's being one of the richest of Nevada. The Stage Company's agent gives the exact distance from Elko at sixty-six miles, with a prospect of having the distance shortened five miles within the next few days. About four hundred men are at and near the new diggings. The average number leaving Elko daily is fifty.

Governor Austin and Mayor Brackett of Minneapolis had two interviews at Long Branch with the President regarding the Manitoba affair, and explained the whole matter from the beginning, dwelling especially on the cruelty with which the prisoners are treated by the Manitoba authorities. They also sought to impress upon the President the necessity for speedy action, as they feared that people in Minnesota, unless something was done at once, would take the case into their own hands. The president (according to our dispatch) gave the Governor and Mayor to understand that unless the matter was disposed of in reasonable time a demand in unmistakable terms would be made

on the British Government, which would be followed by further action. The President then asked the Governor and Mayor to reduce their statements to writing, which they did, and the paper was forwarded to Secretary Fish, who will be visited to-day by its authors.

PLAIN TALK.

—A Washington dispatch of the 10th discussing the Massachusetts liquor law quotes as follows:

"The Sentinel, the organ of the Brewers Association of the United States, which is published here, makes a very significant statement relative to the trial of fourteen German restaurant keepers in Worcester, Mass., which has just been concluded. It states that these fourteen Germans, every one of whom was in possession of a license for which he had paid the U. S. Government the sum of \$20, have been fined in Worcester, Mass., and sent to the House of Correction for six months, and ordered to find \$100 bail not to violate the anti-beer law for one year, because they had sold fermented liquor. The Sentinel says Massachusetts takes the fourth rank in the manufacture of fermented liquors among the States, and is only exceeded by New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Massachusetts paid last year to the Federal Government \$530,280, as tax on malt liquors, and for the first nine months of the present fiscal year, \$474,531, as against \$404,599, for the same time last year. The Government of the United States received for every barrel of beer thus seized or destroyed the sum of \$1. The Government officials have continued to collect the Federal tax, and thus indirectly to encourage the manufacturer to break the law. The question now arises, What is the Government to do in Massachusetts? If it is unlawful in Massachusetts to manufacture and sell beer, the Government cannot legally collect taxes, and the money forced out of brewers by Federal officers must be returned to them. If it is proper and just to ruin manufacturers and dealers of fermented liquors and confiscate their property, it must be right to do the same with those engaged in the manufacture of whisky and tobacco. If the Federal Government quietly submits to be despoiled of revenue in Massachusetts, let it be despoiled of the same elsewhere."

THE DUTCHMAN'S NINE.

A Dutchman went into a Grand Gift Concert office and inquired for ticket No. 9. He wanted either 9, or 99, or 999, or 9,999, or 99,999. But no other number would satisfy him. On inquiry as to his reasons for the particular number, the following facts in his life were learned.

He came to this country when 9 years old. After he had been here 9 years he got married. Nine months after the wedding his wife gave him a child. The baby when 9 days old was christened. He lived with his wife 9 years and during that period she presented him with nine children. Then he had a fuss with her, and she banged him over the head nine times with the stave of a beer keg, from the effects of which he lay in bed nine days. He left that wife then, and had been a grass-widower just nine years on the day he applied for the ticket. He hoped with ticket No. 9 to draw money enough to recuperate his finances, which were reduced to the sum of \$9, which he offered for the ticket.

On being informed that the number he called for were all sold, and that the tickets were so nearly all gone that selected numbers could hardly ever be furnished, and that those who wanted tickets at this late day should count themselves lucky to get any numbers at all, he rolled up his eyes in horror, stuck his hands deep into pockets, and started off for a drink of beer, nine glasses of which he got on the outside of before he quit. It is to be hoped he will call again in a few days, when it is expected only nine tickets will be left, and that he will then take them all.

—The Olympia papers "ain't afraid" to copy from each other and give credit—a thing commendable, the same which might be introduced with propriety in Portland.

—A portion of the Kalama Beacon office is to be used in publishing the "Northern Pacific Head Light," a Railroad organ, at Tacoma. Bro. Money has enough material to print all the papers the Railroad company may need on the Pacific division.

Lord Chief Justice Cockburn has just made a joke. A Mrs. Jury being examined as a witness in the Tichborne case stated that she had had eleven children, whereupon his Honor observed he had always understood it took twelve to make a jury. England is still echoing the laugh which convulsed the court.