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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—The Rival from Columbia river arrived at San Francisco on the 28th.

—The Farmer Company's pile driver is at work on the new wharf.

—That new show case at Dr. Kinsey's was made in this city by Mr. Stoll.

—Dr. Kinsey has a little the best liquors in this market, for medical purposes.

—Sounds of hammers and saws are increasing in this vicinity. There is yet a demand for more houses.

—Van Dusen has the celebrated Hurricane lantern. Call this evening at his store.

—We hear of several important real estate transactions this week, in Astoria.

—Two of the San Francisco sailors for the Wetterhorn, deserted immediately on their arrival here.

—Capt. Reed has removed his market to Chenamus street, near Mr. Ross' place. The old corner will be occupied by A. J. Donaldson.

—George Trenchard, who has been very ill of late, has again resumed his place at L. W. Cases' Store. Mr. Case now has three attendants at his place of business.

—Geo. W. Warren & Co. are prepared to supply any quantity of fresh oysters. They have this peculiarity, that they never fail, and always continue in trade until the end of the season.

—Ship Privateer and bark Wetterhorn and Windemere have been completing their cargoes at this port for the past week. If they had stopped here instead of going to Portland for a part of their cargoes, they would have been to sea long since. Ship owners would find it greatly to their advantage to charter direct for Astoria and refuse to go above.

—An excursion for farmers and their families is proposed, from Albany to Astoria and return, to transpire about the 20 inst. The fare by rail and boat will be \$12 for the round trip, without meals. This will be a very cheap ride, and the small amount of money required will enable everybody to go and enjoy themselves in sight-seeing.

—With this issue begins the second quarter of the ASTORIAN. That we have been of some service to this community, and to the State of Oregon, is attested from the support we are receiving. The ASTORIAN is not a local paper—although Astoria is the principal theme for the present. We are working for Oregon. Many of our friends who have been receiving the paper for three months will not offend us in the least by remitting a year's subscription. Send by money order on Astoria, or legal tender or gold notes, registered. Never send a dollar in money by mail without registering. It is not safe.

—The Windward is to load for Hongkong.

—J. G. Coe has returned from the Albany fair, and reports himself well used.

—The farmers excursion to Astoria this month will be a big thing for both ends of the route.

—Mr. McMerrick, now of Albany was once a chief among bar pilots here.

—The steamship John L. Stephens arrived Tuesday morning from San Francisco.

—We invite special attention to the Meteorological reports from Mr. Louis Wilsons pen, published in our columns.

—N. Koefoed is now supplying oysters at the Globe in every variety. Charles Binder is also supplying parties single, or by the dozen plates.

—H. Wing & Co. of Oysterville have instituted an Independent Oyster Company of this title at Oysterville, and will put oysters in the Portland market at the lowest rates. They now have 3000 baskets of the best in the bay, ready for export.

—The silver-headed cane awarded as the third prize at the late regatta on Shoalwater Bay, was won at last by Elder E. K. Patterson. It is a very handsome one, and paid a visit to Astoria last Monday in the hands of Inspector S. E. Barr, who came over on a visit to his family on Gray's river.

—George Coggan, the "Dan Hibbard" of the Pacific Northwest when staging is considered, was at the American Exchange in Portland on the 28th. George is paying attention to routes on Puget Sound now, and from Tenino. Where this hemisphere is a corydon of railroad bars, he will transfer his operations to Africa, in the region now being explored by Dr. Livingstone.

—The British ship Privateer, Capt. Cox, left Astoria on the 30th of August in ballast for Portland. Towing and pilotage up and down amounts to about \$700. After suffering delays in getting out of the Wallamet, dragging over shoals, etc., her lighterage amounted to 638 tons—or about one half the whole amount to load her. She cleared on the 29th. Now if this vessel had stopped at Astoria in the first place for her cargo she could have been off, fully loaded at less expense, by the 15th of September, besides avoiding the extra hazards of grounding the vessel on shoals where her insurers would not have her go. There is not a single exception to the rule: that every ship master leaving the Columbia river assert they would not like to repeat the dose. There is a saving of at least from seven to ten shillings a ton on every charter for a load at Astoria—and the sooner arrangements are perfected for bringing the crop here for shipment, the better it will be not only for the farmers, who may then get San Francisco prices, but better also for the buyer.

A plant ought not to be watered until it is in a fit condition to receive a liberal supply of that element, having previously secured a good drainage, in order that all superabundant water may be quickly carried off. Those who are constantly dripping a moderately small quantity of water upon their plants will have them in a flourishing condition for any length of time.

—The atmosphere in the oil regions of Pennsylvania, heavily charged as it is with petroleum, acts almost as a specific for the relief of asthma, and at the same time as a preventative of consumption.

Post Office Notice.

The General Delivery at the Astoria Postoffice will be open daily, (except Sundays), from 8 o'clock A. M. until 7 P. M. On Sundays from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.

Money Orders issued from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.
MAILS CLOSE:
For Portland and intermediate offices, at 5 o'clock A. M. daily.

For Skipanon, Seaside house, and Tillamook, daily on arrival of the mail from Portland.

For Forts Stevens and Cape Disappointment, Unity, Oysterville, and Olympia—Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 7:30 A. M.

For Knappton, Grays river, Klaskanine, Youngs river, Lewis and Clarke, Nehalem valley, etc., irregular.

NEW SCHOOL BOOKS.—I have just received all the different kinds of New School Books required to be used in this State, that can now be found in San Francisco. Also, Slate pencils, Blotting pads, a good assortment of Stationery, Drawing paper, CARD BOARD, Perforated board, Ink, (Carmine, Purple and Black). Likewise a new stock of Crockery, Clocks and a large assortment of Lamp Chimneys, all of which will be sold cheap for cash.

I. W. CASE.

Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. C. F.

Meet every Thursday evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Cass and Jefferson streets, Astoria. Members of the Order are invited to attend. By order, N. G.

Temple Lodge No. 7—A. F. & A. M.

Regular Communications first and third Saturdays in each month, at 7 o'clock P. M., at the Hall in Astoria. Members of the Order in good standing are invited to attend. By order of the W. M.

—A substitute for ivory and bone veneers has recently been discovered, made from goat and sheep's bones, the fleshings of deer skins, parchment parings, etc.

MM. Magitot and Legros have made some interesting observations with reference to the grafting of teeth. The teeth grow in a small bag or pouch named the *dental follicle*, in which are distinguished the organ of the dentine, or the bulb, and the organ for the production of enamel. Having grafted on an adult dog an entire follicle from a pup, these experimenters observed a regular development of this germ, and the production of a complete tooth.

A correspondent of the Rural New Yorker tried an experiment last season with raising potatoes by hilling, and by leaving the surface flat. The summer was wet, giving the hilling the advantage, if any. The result was about the same quantity for each, but the potatoes from the part not hilled were larger, fewer in number, and finer in quality. He thinks much labor, worse than useless, is expended in hilling potatoes.

—A German experimenter, Herr Harvath, in studying the physical effect of cold on frogs, claims to have made the singular discovery that the immersion of the human finger in alcohol at a temperature of 25° Fah. renders the finger insensible to pain, but not insensible to contact with other bodies. He also claims to have discovered that upon immersing wounds and burns in cold alcohol the pain immediately ceased; this effect being very remarkable in the case of burns, the subsequent progress of recovery being greatly accelerated by this means. 25° is below the freezing point of water which is 32°.

—At night a person is not quite so tall as in the morning. A French physiologist says his son lost an inch by a single night's dancing. The action of oxygen, so destructive—wasting us away constantly from birth to death—is yet essential to our existence. Why is this? Here is the glorious paradox of life. We live only as we die. The moment we cease dying, we cease living. Our lives are perpetuated by the destruction of our bodies. Hence the necessity of food and sleep to repair constant material losses.

—Decorators use for gilding, what is known as "mosaic gold," a bisulphuret of tin. This is mixed with varnish and applied to wood.

OYSTERVILLE LETTER.

Cause of Jay Cooke's Failure—He'll Win at Last—Oystering Generally.

OYSTERVILLE, Sept. 28, 1873.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:
News from this quarter at present writing is somewhat meagre. The Louisa Morrison, Peterson Master, arrived in the bay on the 22d, with merchandise for T. & J. Crellen, and departed on the 24th with a cargo of Oysters for San Francisco.

The necessity of having to charter a pilot boat to take oysters of the Independent Company from Baker's bay to Astoria recently, will cause the Artimesia to go around into Baker's bay, to convey freight and passengers from Unity to Astoria and back—at least such is the talk here now. The Artimesia is a splendid boat, and will cut quite a figure in that trade. She will be very apt to make things rather lively in your vicinity for a small craft.

As soon as Woods & Co. get their saw-mill running at Bruceport, there will be a schooner built at this place, to put on the San Francisco trade. The wind-work is already done.

It is reported that the failure of Jay Cooke is in consequence of having taken too largely of Oyster stock in this bay. It is also said in business circles, that by the time their young growth is ready for market the bank will be able to resume operations, and be on a better basis than ever—the whole thing amounting to no more than a change of base.

Respectfully yours, X.

FASHION NOTES.

Fashionable milliners inform us that the Winter bonnet will be a "charming modification" of the head gear now worn.

Cane fans are one of the latest novelties. They are of ebony, with knob handles, out of which springs a small silk fan edged with lace and handsomely decorated.

Lobe, or stud ear-rings, continue in fashion. These of diamond or pearl are, perhaps, the most in favor. Pendent ear-rings have by no means gone out of fashion, and never will, so long as ladies imagine that they are becoming to their style of beauty.

Tortoise shell jewelry increases slowly but steadily in fashion. No fashionable lady's jewel-box is considered complete now-a-days without a set of tortoise, especially the necklace and monogram locket. These ornaments are always genteel and stylish, and can be worn with almost any toilet appropriately.

Ladies may be interested to know that over-skirts are to be discarded for promade costumes and indoor toilets, next Winter. Skirts will be trimmed with puffing, etc., to simulate over-skirts, and for this purpose lace will be much used. Worth, we believe, originated this idea. To him the ladies anxiously look for a practical illustration of the novelty.

Feathers form the chief, and oftentimes only trimmings, on the hats now fashionable among ladies. Brown, black, and purple are the popular colors. A graceful curling and long, drooping feather over the crown of the hat is very stylish. Some of the hats are very elegant. The ladies all know that handsome feathers, like handsome birds, are very expensive.

Narrow gage passenger cars, as generally constructed, stand thirteen inches nearer the rail, and have about fifteen inches less overhang at the side; hence, the center of gravity is considerably lower than on the standard gage, making the car ride very steadily, and with less oscillating motion than is usually observable upon the wide gage. The seats, thirty-six to a car, are arranged double on one side and single on the other, with the order reversed, midway of the car, to distribute the weight equally.

TELEGRAPH DISPATCHES.

The Price of Gold.

PORTLAND, Oct. 1st.—Gold in New York to-day, 112 1/2; Portland Legal Tender rates,—87 1/2, buying, and 88 1/2 selling.

—Seven banks suspended in Louisville Kentucky, on the 27th, causing much excitement.

—Secretary Richardson says the statement of Jay Cooke & Co. is much better than was expected, and that advices received at the Treasury show a decidedly improved condition of affairs throughout the country.

—The Pacific Mail Company has hauled off the steamer California from the Mexican route. The Colorado Steam Navigation Company will perform the service with the Montana and Newbern.

—At a late Cabinet meeting, at which Mr. Richardson and Attorney General Williams were present, financial troubles were discussed four hours, and it was determined that the policy of the Government could not be changed, and it will therefore remain as announced last evening.

—The Pittsburg (Pa.), Post-office was taken possession of this afternoon by Major Pithbridge, Chief of the Special Service Bureau of the Post Office Department. Col. John H. Stewart, Postmaster, has been arrested as a defaulter. It is believed the defalcation will amount to \$30,000.

—Reinforcements for the Spanish army in Cuba will be forwarded by the steamer sailing from Cadiz, for Havana, next week. Dissensions in the ranks of the Carlists continue. Don Carlos has ordered General Sallado to present himself at headquarters to answer to a charge of disobedience of orders.

—By the collision on the Midland Railroad on the 26th, the engines were nearly torn to pieces and the cars badly wrecked, while few of the passengers escaped injury. The accident was occasioned by the carelessness of a freight conductor, who was running eight minutes into the time of the passenger train.

—A New York dispatch of the 26th says the first failure at the Produce Exchange is reported. Several parties are short of gold, and refuse to pay one half of one per cent. for borrowing, consequently there is a hitch in the clearance of Gold Exchange Bank. There was extra excitement in the Gold Market to-day, which at one time promised disastrous results. The price moved from 14 to 14 1/2, against 11 1/2 at the opening. The general feeling in financial circles has decidedly improved. The day's record closes with some confidence in the belief that the bottom of the panic has been reached and there is a fair prospect that when the Stock Exchange is opened there will be little to avoid in the way of settlement between brokers, so that there will be no new failures.

When color on a fabric has been accidentally or otherwise destroyed by acid, ammonia is applied to neutralize the same, after which an application of chloroform will, in almost all cases, restore the original color. The application of ammonia is common, but that of chloroform is but little known.

—The celebrated upas tree of Java seems not to be altogether fabulous. The poison is not derived from the tree itself, but is due to the fact that it is located in a deep valley about a half-mile in circumference, in which carbonic acid is evolved in quantities sufficient to contaminate the entire atmosphere. The valley is said to be strewn with the bones of dead animals and birds, which have strayed into this gascollected valley.