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To City Subscribers.

There are such frequent changes in the residence of our city patrons that we shall feel obliged to any who make such changes if they will report the same to this office. Otherwise we shall not be responsible for failures of the carrier to deliver the paper promptly and regularly to them.

—The schooner W. F. March left San Francisco for Shoalwater bay on the 1st.

GARIBALDI CARGO.—The cargo of the bark Garibaldi for San Francisco consisted of wheat and flour and was valued at $40,087.

EDWARD JAMES.—This bark from Astoria, arrived at Honolulu on the 11th of August. Her owner, Walter Moffatt esq., of Portland, is home again.

OREGON CITY BREWERY SALOON.—The original proprietor of the famous Oregon City brewery, Mr. H. Humbel, is now sole proprietor of the business in Astoria, formerly run by H. Humbel & Brother.

FALLING OFF.—The postal money order business for the last fiscal year shows a very large falling off, the decrease as compared with the previous year having been over $4,000. The preceding year there was a decrease of about $4,000 in the aggregate amount of the orders called for.

STILL LIVES.—We are pleased to note by the Oregon City Enterprise that we were in error regarding the death of Mrs. Keizer. The Enterprise says: "It should have been of Umatilla county. Our Mrs. Keizer is enjoying good health and has no intention of dying for many a long day yet."

VIA ASTORIA.—The Commercial Herald and Review is our authority for stating that the dumping offer of $1 25 per ton as *a bonus* to take his ship to Portland, was not sufficient to make Capt. Auld consent to attempt the *riffles* again with the British ship City of York. She will load at Astoria.

PERSONAL.—Our esteemed young friend Willie Loeb, an Oregon boy, leaves by the Elder for the purpose of purchasing a stock in San Francisco with which to replete our shelves in his father's store on Main st. in this city. This is Willie's first business trip to the gold city. May success attend him.

IMPORTANT DECISION.—The notorious case of Ben Holladay and C. Temple Emmet vs. S. G. Elliott, pending since November, 1869, brought for dissolution of copartnership between the parties for construction of railroads in Oregon, was decided on the 25th in favor of plaintiffs by Hon. R. P. Boise of the third judicial district, to which the case had been removed on account of Hon. E. D. Shattuck having been attorney in the case. The court decreed a dissolution of copartnership, adjusted the partnership accounts and gave plaintiffs a judgment for balance found due against defendant Elliott. Attorneys for plaintiffs claim that this decision virtually determines all suits brought by Elliott against Holladay, the railroad companies and others, growing out of Elliott's transactions with Holladay.

BRANCH OFFICE.—A branch office of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company of California, was effected at this place on Monday evening October 1st, by G. W. Carey, general agent. At which time the following persons were elected, from the board of directors, officers for the ensuing year: I. W. Case, president; C. S. Wright, vice-president; C. Brown, secretary; J. Q. A. Bowlby, attorney; R. R. Spedden, R. Alexander, C. J. Trenchard, D. K. Warren and J.W. Gearhart, executive committee. The number of persons in the board is fifteen. This is a move in the right direction. Success to it. The Pacific Mutual is a first-class company as may be seen by Judge Shattuck's report on its financial condition, and the California law under which it works. See ad.

STEAM FIRE ENGINES.

The new Silsby vs. the Pump that can Throw a Stream Ten Miles.

Exciting Scenes in Astoria.

Evening before last, Rescue Engine company No. 2 having received their new steam fire engine in tip top order, they marched down to Capt. Flavel's wharf and challenged the steam fire pump, owned by that gentleman, for a contest. It should be stated possibly that Capt. Flavel's pump is a monster, such as they use in the petroleum regions of Pennsylvania for conveying oil from the well (through pipes) to the railroad stations, sometimes a distance of over ten miles. But this fact was no terror to Rescue No. 2, and the bright little steamer backed up, took suction, gave the whistle to pass, and threw a lively stream, receiving the plaudits of the multitude assembled to witness the contest. The big engine by this time came to the front with a pretty stream and for a time threatened to deluge everything in sight. It was then that the crowd swayed to and fro in eager anticipation, and cheer upon cheer went up. A visitor thus describes the scene: He says:

Shortly after our arrival on the Dixie, we witnessed the trial of the new steam fire engine and the mammoth suction pump of Capt. Flavel's, in which the latter was undoubtedly triumphant. In a more delicious scene [illegible] every body excited, [illegible] and generally elevated above their heads. Old [illegible] back [illegible] fair maidens [illegible] clear of the spray; excited lectures [illegible] every [illegible] and as [illegible] hold on it [illegible] Capt. F. [illegible] of success, calmly walked the deck of his pleasure. The [illegible] offered [illegible] two bits; "Lafayette" drawled "Dull" down the chilling spray; "George," receiving to have [illegible] for the crowd [illegible] fill their holders; "Aleck" attended to the ladies with his usual gallantry, while "Charlie" exclaimed, "[illegible] boy! may the best man win!" Did you see some [illegible] holding for [illegible] old No. 2 pipe, which [illegible] fully labored for its self water, or the best intimated by the Chief of Police holding as "first man." Did you see how our No. 2 jumped for joy [illegible] pipe [illegible] new water? Did you see how [illegible] they [illegible] how many homeless [illegible] were [illegible] to a good bite? How [illegible] sought [illegible] children; wives [illegible] husbands; fond loving [illegible] sweethearts; courageous [illegible] heroes. Did you miss all this danger? If so, you missed one of the most [illegible] experiences ever attempted in this fair city, which all [illegible] to disarmed [illegible] enterprise has proven that the old way is the best way and affords great gratification to both parties.

ORGANIZED.—Our friend C. La Du, of Mt. Coffin, was chosen Speaker of the House in the territorial Assembly at the temporary organization on the 14. C. H. Hanford was chosen president of the council, and T. B. Merry, chief clerk. The assembly would probably be ready for business yesterday, fully organized.

HEAVY BEET.—Commissioner Carnahan of Clatsop has left at our office a sample product of the soil of that locality which may be considered worthy of mention. It is a blood red beet, which weighs 12 lbs., and measures 19 inches in length, and 18 inches in circumference.

STREET FIGHTS.—Corvallis and Seattle have recently each been the scene of disgraceful street fights. No arrests were made. The sight was a sickening one in Seattle, and the Intelligencer says: Not less than one hundred people formed a ring about the belligerents and cheered them on, while men of less pretensions (because newer comers) stood by in disgust. It must have been a very pleasing sight to a new-comer.

YES OR NO.—We hope Astorians will decide the pending question as to whether we shall start more cent milling here or not in the affirmative. And the only way to do it is to come up to uncle David Ingalls' office and subscribe the balance of twenty per cent. to the capital stock of the company. This balance is but $5,600. Mr. Ingalls will be pleased to see any person who desires to favor the enterprise. The letter from Mr. Bequette, which was published on the 15th ult., fully explains his great anxiety on this inportant matter.

CITY ITEMS.

....They all want it. They do? Well they can get a little of everything at Adler's store next door to the White House.

....They all like it. What? Adler's Innocent cigar!—Smokers and dealers will do well to examine Adler's stock before purchasing elsewhere. 25,000 just received by steamer for the wholesale trade.

....Peter Rusey is still in the market with all kinds of building materials in his line. Has just received 100,000 lath, 200 bushels of sand, and a large stock of first quality of brick at his warehouse foot of Benton street.

PERSONAL.—Prof. Wells who is about opening a writing school, has taught large classes in many of the leading business colleges in the country, and is recommended by some of the leading educators including L. L. Rowland, superintendent of this State. Those who wish to improve their writing should not let this valuable opportunity pass.

....The "Dance of Death" and the "Dance of Life," an answer to the Dance of Death, by Mrs. J. M. Bowers. For sale at the City Book Store.

....We have on hand 50 pair of Mission Woolen mills Blankets which we offer for less than factory prices. Warranted all wool at B. Hamburgers.

....The largest and latest styles of dress goods and waterproofs can only be found at B. Hamburger's. Don't fail to inspect them and depend upon it, prices extremely low. See advertisement.

....Persons requiring furnished rooms can be accommodated at Mrs. Munson's new lodging house.

....Miss Brown intends opening a private school at Arrigoni's hotel 1st of October. Will also give lessons in music. Terms, 50 cents per week, music $5 per month.

....Board and lodging by the day or week at the Astoria Beer Hall, Main street, Astoria. Peter Daviscourt, proprietor.

....Persons wishing the services of Dr. J. Welch, Dentist, will bear in mind that business will necessitate his temporary absence from the city for a time after a few days.

....Have you seen the Bismarc stove? No? Then call at once to-day, upon L. P. Richman & Co.

...Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeer's.

....The "Sunny Hearth" is what you want for your private office. Call on L. P. Richman & Co. and see it. Beautiful stove.

....Mrs. Dr. Burr, Homeopathic physician, has removed to her new residence four doors from Liberty hall.

....White wire goods in every style, at L. P. Richman & Co's.

....Dr. B. R. Freeland has located permanently in Astoria for the practice of dentistry. Office in Shuster's building, on Cass street, next door to THE ASTORIAN office.

☞ Photographs! The latest styles taken at Shuster's new gallery, Cass st., next to the Astorian office.

☞ For clean towels, sharp razors, and an easy shave, go to Gillespie at PARKER HOUSE BATHS. Hair cutting, shampooning, and dyeing.

☞ Little Van has reestablished himself at the old corner, refurbished by his late journey to the Atlantic states, and will as formerly attend to all orders in his line as general jobber.

☞ Who wants to know about the great State where the exports equal in value $578 per head of the entire population, send $1 00 to D. C. Ireland for THE ASTORIAN, the only Oregon paper, published wholly in the interest of Oregon.

SOMETHING NEW.

For Glassware, Crockery, Powder and Shot, Gun Weds, Percussion Caps,—in fact everything that is useful as well as ornamental, go to J. W. Gearhart, who sells cheap for cash. Goods delivered free of charge.

CANARY BIRDS.—for sale at Gillespie's, Parker house baths.

SHIP-MASTER'S READING ROOM.—Mr. Peter Wilhelm has permanently fitted up a ship-master's reading room in connection with the Gem saloon in Astoria The latest shipping papers and homeward and outward bound shipping lists are kept on file. Call and see him.

STREET LAMPS.—At the last meeting of the common council several citizens petitioned for lamps at the intersection of various crossings throughout the city, and the council resolved itself into a sort of committee of the whole to consider the situation. So many lamps have been shamelessly destroyed and posts damaged and pulled out of place by various means, glasses broken, etc., etc., and nobody seemed to care for paying for any of these damages, the council finally resolved to create a new office and install councilman Ferrell a superintendent of the street lamps, with power to employ and discharge persons, and in every way look after this interest. Mr. Ferrell accepted the position, and all complaints hereafter will be inquired into by him. This is becoming a very important branch of the city service, and needs to be well attended to.

Common Council Proceedings.

Common Council met in regular session Monday evening at half past seven o'clock, the Mayor presiding.

Present councilmen Ferrell, Flavel, Page and Warren. Absent, Brown and Trullinger.

Journal of the previous meeting was read and approved.

Petitions for street lamps at various places was referred to committee on streets and public ways.

Communication from the secretary of the board of delegates was placed on file.

Committee on streets and public ways reported in favor of allowing Capt. N. F. Mudge $20 00 on account of moving driver. Adopted.

The same committee reported by ordinance on West-ninth street improvement, and the same was passed in its regular order.

The committee on fire and water made a full report of their purchase, etc., of the new steam fire engine, and the report was adopted, and the action of the committee sustained.

The committee on public property made a report by ordinance relative to street lamps, and the same was passed in its order.

An ordinance providing for the construction of a sewer on Jefferson street passed.

An ordinance authorizing the construction of a sewer on West-ninth street passed.

An ordinance to establish the grade of Benton street passed.

An ordinance authorizing the chief of police to appoint a deputy for collecting delinquent city tax, and fixing his compensation, passed.

An ordinance providing for the widening of Chenamus street, and an ordinance providing for the widening of Concomly street passed.

Warrants were ordered in payment of claims against the city as follows:

R. S. Caufield	$ 1.12½
Co. Clerk	10.00
N. F. Mudge	1,030.00
C. H. Page	7.75
Trenchard & Upshur	17.25
B. S. Franklin	2.25
C. Stevens & Son	8.88
H. Gearhart	15.00
D. Ingalls	9.00
Morris & Chappel	525.00

The following communication from the auditor, was referred to the city attorney:

To the Honorable, the Mayor, and Common Council, of the City of Astoria, Oregon:

GENTLEMEN:—I desire to call your attention to the fact that at the last regular meeting, the appropriations for purchase and repair of fire engines and apparatus also the appropriations for expenses of police court were over drawn, the former by about $1,200; the latter by about $50 or $60; and I think it would be advisable to make appropriations sufficient to cover the above amounts.

There are bills now on hand for work done in improving Jefferson, Olney and Lafayette streets, for which there have been no appropriations. There have also been sums of money ordered refunded to persons for a proper time of licenses existing at the time of the June fire, but no payments have been made thereon, nor warrants issued as there have been no appropriations made therefor.

I also call your attention to the fact that I drew the warrants for the pay of police force for August in gold coin, but am informed by the treasurer that he was obliged to pay them in silver as he had no gold in hand, and am requested to call your attention to the same.

Very resp'y, FRANK J. TAYLOR,
Auditor and Clerk

The following communication from the chief engineer was referred to the committee on fire and water, with instructions:

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Astoria:

I would respectfully report that there are at the present time in the Astoria fire department,—one hand engine with cart and 350 feet of hose that will be ready for service as soon as it returns from Portland. The engine needs some considerable work done on it before it is in one-class order. The steam fire engine that has just arrived and been awarded by your committee on fire and water to Rescue Engine Co. No. 2, is now ready for service, and I have every reason to believe will do good work when called upon. They have this evening received their new hose cart, and have 500 feet of first class anchor hose upon it ready for duty.

Alert Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, having some thirty members, I regret to say have no apparatus, and I would most earnestly call your attention to the absolute necessity of providing some kind of an apparatus to enable our engine companies to get on to buildings in the city. In case of fire at night even the ladders that citizens may have could not be found, and our firemen be left totally helpless for want of this important aid to save the lives and property of citizens.

I would also recommend that the superintendent of streets be authorized to cut hatch-ways for engine suctions thro' the planking of streets at the intersections wherever the committee on streets together with the chief engineer, may deem necessary.

Respectfully submitted.
J. H. D. GRAY, Chief Engineer.
Astoria, October 1, 1877.

Reports of various officers were placed on file, or referred as the case may be.

City attorney Bell made verbal report concerning misdemeanors and trouble of securing convictions, considering which, upon motion of councilman Flavel, the Police Judge was instructed hereafter to publish the names of all persons appearing for trial in the police court in the newspaper of the city.

The committee on health and police reported finally on city jail and engine house, submitted plans and specifications, and bids. The matter was referred back to the committee, with instructions to prepare bonds and sell the same, and secure the funds in such manner, necessary to build and furnish the building according to plan submitted by Bain & Ferguson.

The committee on fire and water were authorized to report an amendment to the ordinance creating the fire department. On motion the council adjourned.

JOHN SHIVELY ESCAPED.—The Helena Independent prints an account of John Shively's capture by the Nez Perces and his adventures among them. They kept him thirteen days, wanting him for a guide. He says: "They asked me if I would show them the best trail out of the Park to wind river, where they are going. I told them that I would, as I knew all about the country. This seemed to be satisfactory, and the council broke up and the camp moved up a mile or two, where an encampment for the night was formed. A robe was given me, and an Indian named Joe was detailed to sleep with me. He spoke very good English; said I must not attempt to escape; that he would be my friend; that they had come that way to get away from Howard; that the trail by that route to Wind river was not known to them, but other Indians had told them about it, and that if I told them the truth they would not harm me." One night he slipped out and escaped. The Indians told Shively they had been robbed and swindled at Lapwai by an agent they called "John Hall," and on whom they laid all their trouble; that they were going to make a new home in the Crow country, and would be joined by a thousand more lodges, including Crows, when they reached that country. Shively had heard nothing of the outbreak previous to his capture.

RUNNING THE RAPIDS.—The Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, after making the trip down the rapids above Montreal, concludes that "there is real danger in it." Of the Indian pilot he says: "He was the first man to take a steamboat over these rapids. For thirty years he has been driving these steeds down this rocky and dangerous road, and he knows the path well. But I notice that while we are in the rapids his face is in dead earnest, the eye keen, the lips set, the muscles tense, and when we are passed a laugh breaks over his face, as if once more he realized the triumph of doing well a difficult duty." The passage is described as follows: "The previous ones were rapids; this is almost a little cataract. Before we saw the waves beat into foam upon the rocks; once we discerned the rocks beneath the foam; but here they push their sharp and cruel heads above the waters. These pour about them and over them, but always in one direction; never with returning wave. Now we no longer seem to be in a miniature storm at sea, but in the very heart of a rocky current. The tortuous channel is bounded with visible rocks on one side and on the other. The Captain requests the passengers to keep their places, moving to and fro may throw the steamer out of her course and into danger. The pilot holds her head firmly for the rock that threatens to pierce her strong sheathing through until almost within reach from the lower deck, then, with a sudden turn, swings her round, cheats the rock, and aims for her greedy fellow on the other side. So, veering from Scylla to Charybdis, we pass the last rapids."