

Board of J. Griffin

Dear Sir

The Whaler Ship Maine Capt. Fletcher of Fairbank  
in Mass with 1500 Bbls of Oil from the  
Coast was totally wrecked on the South Sand  
mouth of the Columbia River night of the  
29<sup>th</sup> August all hands saved in boats. The  
Ship has gone to pieces & together with nearly  
all the cargo is a total loss. There was no  
Pilot on board Mr Hawks who had charge  
of the Pilot Station was detained by Mr. Reed  
keeping the Camp belonging to the Boat  
which we may attribute the loss of the ship  
to Reed suspended Pilot the Mary Jane  
came in the same day & the Ship in-  
attempting to follow at a great distance  
could not keep in the direct course &  
got in over the Bar late was becalmed  
& anchored that night it came on to blow  
strong with a heavy sea the ship drifted  
ashore with both anchors a keel & soon  
knitged the Capt Officers & crew came on  
destitute with scarcely any thing but what  
they stood in - the Honolulu sailed the 24<sup>th</sup>  
for San Francisco cargo 366 Bbls Oil 100 do  
Salt mon 30 do Pork 2 do Butter 1 do Cheese  
100 Pick axes 6700 feet Lumber Potatoes Onions &c  
with 37 Passengers Benjamin C. Fairfield  
first officer & Mr. Coats 3<sup>d</sup> do of the late ship  
Maine with Mr. Hawks are now appointed

Potato for the Mouth of the River Columbia  
& Willamette & will receive them Basishes  
as soon as competent they are all fine  
young men of steady habits & I doubt not  
will soon dispell the gloom that has been  
thrown over the mouth of our River

The Maria Capt. G. J. With sails the 5<sup>th</sup>  
for San Francisco she is a fine  
little ship built at Portland & takes out  
a cargo of Tilamook Buttern vegetables &c  
any letters or Papers we should be happy to  
forward in haste I remain sincerely  
yours  
W. Crosby Jr

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