

## PORT ORFORD POST.

THURSDAY, - JAN. 13, 1881.

### TELEGRAPH POLES FROM CALIFORNIA.

A dispatch states that a schooner loaded with telegraph poles for Oregon was wrecked in Santa Cruz bay. What a parody! "Coals to Newcastle" is not a circumstance alongside of the folly of shipping telegraph poles from away down at Santa Cruz up into Oregon. These poles are doubtless intended for the railroad lines building East of the Mountains. Of course, fir, the chief timber of the interior of Oregon, is not fit for telegraph poles, as such will rot down in about four years. Hence, for want of transportation facilities to the Port Orford or white cedar belt, where multiplied millions of poles could be sawed and delivered, the demand must be supplied from the red woods of California. A line of railroad from Roseburg, 100 miles, over a very practicable route would pass through miles and miles of cedar forests, and as a lumber tree for all purposes, this cedar probably has not an equal on the globe. And for telegraph poles, our cedar—the yellow species—is as much superior to red wood in the quality of resisting decay, as the average of the latter is superior to fir. And so far as the supply for East of the Mountains is concerned, the supply of poles for that section could be drawn from Port Orford without reference to a railroad. They could be put on board schooners in our harbor and shipped hence cheaper than from any point in California, of course. But where's the enterprising mill man to saw these poles and put them upon the market?

Some of the Central Valley papers have been devoting space to a showing that, by railroad connection with Yaquina, passengers from San Francisco would reach Portland sooner by one day than they possibly can via the Columbia. But what sort of steam craft can enter Yaquina? A railroad from Roseburg to Port Orford would meet the largest vessels that sail the seas, and the time from San Francisco to Portland would be reduced to less than 36 hours.

Gen. Sherman says he can't see for the life of him what a "Captain General" could do, or what use there would be for one. This greatly irritates Grant's squad of "Captain General" propagandists. But Old Tecumseh has the best of the argument.

The Senate of the United States wrangled and debated two days over the subject as to whether the holiday recess should extend one day over two weeks or one day under. The "one day over" proposition carried finally.

The gods help those who help themselves. If the people of Curry county will act upon this theory, they will hasten a railroad into their midst much sooner than they dream of.

### Historical Notes on The Pacific Coast.

A pamphlet bearing the above title issued from the Catholic Sentinel office at Portland has reached us, as a "Christmas Gift." It contains in brief, sketches of the adventures of the early navigators and explorers in Pacific waters and is, altogether, an interesting little work.

Several bids have been duly forwarded for the mail service between Port Orford and Newcastle, so we may pretty soon be able to announce the lucky man, and see the long delayed service resumed.

The Standard of Jan. 1st, was a double sheet, containing a chronological showing of the events of the year 1880, and much other matter of interest.

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