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ASTORIA'S LACK OF DOCKS AND ed the farmer for it? Can't the WAREHOUSES.

Under the caption "Help Yourself," The Dalles Times-Mountaineer quotes combination and necessitate a new the following paragraphs from the As- deal all around, if it did not utterly des-

Wheat today delivered by the railmads at the cheap port of Astoria, right on the seacoast, and from three toseven days' closer sail to the markets of Europe and the Orient, would to expect any developm bring 60 to 65 cents a bushel. With the care and shipment of grain at the great free port of Astoria established ket on the Pacific coast. The publica- and sometimes more distant points to tion abroad of the fact, long-looked for by foreign ship owners and masters mouth of the Columbia river, where export vessels may be loaded unvexed by towage and port charges; where no de- STICKNEY ON THE INTERSTATE lays need occur; where the hatches may be battened down and the shipreach the open sea to take advantage of the most favorable weather within one hour after loading is completed. would bring such a fleet to the Columbia every year that natural competition would reduce charter rates to per-

Then why do not the wheat producto give them the option of shipping their wheat to Astoria at the same rate charged to the more distant and exdo not the newpapers of the interior take up this question and show the facts as to this discrimination of the transportation companies, and the reason for it, to their farmer readers?

ing them.

On these statements the Dalles paper makes the following comment:

ties has Astoria for storing wheat? Instituted by the railroads and they is there a warehouse, dock or elevator there capable of taking in 1900,000 bushels of wheat? Are there any facilities for handling the grain output of the Inland Empire, amounting to some 15,000,000 or 20,000,000 bushels? Does Astoria expect the farmers of the interior to go there with their wheat and furnish stowage facilities too? Does to expect the farmers of the interior to go there with their wheat and furnish stowage facilities too? Does it expect up country papers to lent Stekney makes in the proposition.

San Francisco but it are nas a lot of visions of the law.

On the question of tacit violation of pressent seeding yar of 372-br. T. N. Ball people of the interior to do for them what they should do themselves.

Since the Astorian has seen fit to tell the restimony of President Sickney, that the receipts for the present year

172. Dr. T. N. Ball property of the present year by the law the public is willing to accept the present year by the law the public is willing to accept the present year by the pre us what we should do, we consider it even though it cannot indorse his radi- all approximate \$285,000,000. cal views regarding the right of the federal government to exercise some when you gave Mr. Hammand your control over the business of these railroad to Seaside and denated him a quasi-public carrier corporations. Do a liberal portion of your water front, why did you not stipulate as a part of ident Stickney does not consider the why did you not stipulate as a part of the consideration that his rancead right of ongress to incerter in may should make connections with other roads whereby Astoria would be made a common point? Why when you were giving so much away didn't you display a little business since when it was in our power to secure connected that a pooling favouries selected in the lateral world was in our power to secure would record the interval. when it was in our power to secure convessions. And now that you have neglected to him yourself then you had an opportunity, why don't you advise your people to exect docks, warehouses and electrons apable of hand, bug the wheat of the Inound Empire if it were offered you? After this is accomplished why don't you induce wheat buyers to make Astoria their headquarters and send a presentable. headquarters and and or presentative time favore the emactment of a law that out over the interior to purchase grain will permit extrict companies to not direct from the farmers and pay a few cents more a bushel for wheat in Astoria than can be paid by Portland and Sound buyers? Why don't you dem-state commerce commission as will enonstrain that there a ten't be wint you able it to enforce strict couplincs with state about Asteria being the highest wheat market on the North Pacific coast? In short, why don't you quit grumbling at others and do something for yourself?

These are natural and pertinent questions. They have been asked and Chicago Times-Herald. unswered before. The Assorian has Thomas B. Re-1 signalized his first no disposition or occasion to evade or public appearance as a New Yorker by intimating to his heavers that they ignore them. They can be easily set- were on the fringe of a large country tled to the satisfaction of any intelli- of whose diverse opinions they were gent or unprejudiced mind. The rea- not well informed. There can be no son why Astoria has no better ware-houses or other arrangements to care for the crops of the interior is because the railroads have prevented such tives from everywhere meet that men

preparations. Capital in plenty, local Thousands of peoand outside, stands ready to invest in ple's lives have been these structures a soon as it is safe to do so. The O. R. & N. Company would saved by the use of now crush out the slightest manifestation of such enterprise. That compan Warner's Safe Cure. has already killed two different projects to ship wheat from the mouth of the Columbia river, under circumstances much

less provocative of its opposition than

exist at present. No man who has

had the thrift and brains to accumu

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The reference was, of course, to Washington and the politicans, but unfortunately the politicians are apt to lag somewhat behind their constitu-Reed's address. The orator drew a historical comparison to prove that it was characteristic of new countries to useless once had its wild cat days, so the West sought the former in any guise rather than the latter

As a philosophical generalization that wheat delivered here in the course of railroads are forced by legislation or may be allowed to stand, but it does not a few years, perhaps one year, would other means to make a common rate apply to recent events in this country, make Asteria the greatest wheat mar- to that seaconst point with the inland and was strikingly inapt as an apology undoubtedly the view of many western which the present combination new politicians in Washington. Because of that wheat can be obtained at the finds it profitable to force the grain for a survival of a tradition on the stump. those man believed that their constitucuts desired a chean currency. Some of them, republicans too, and from this state, went so far as to doctare that a gold platform was impossible. They asserted a few months before the meet coast, from all the principal ports of state commerces commission is new plurality of 53,875 and he had 102,612 which wheat is carried to Liverpool merely a statistical bereau. The stat more votes than his principal compettistics which it compiles each year in itor in Wisconsin. Even that very new regard to milway mileage, number of state. North Dakota, went strongly ers of the interior force the railroads employes and accidents are useful and republican, while South Dakota was R SCHIMPFERMAN, Prop. interesting, but it can hardly be con- lost by the insignificant plurality of tended that these statistics are of 181

enough importance to justify the ex- On the coast California and Oregon pensive ports of Puget sound? Why pense incident to the maintenance of a were republican, Washington demosalaried federal commission for collat- cratic. The only western states which were correctly guaged by the apostles The public impression in regard to of "bimetallism" were Kansas and the farcial character of the attempts Nebraska and the silver mining strongof the commission to regulate rates holds, which voted for a local industry has just received unqualified confirma- rather than for a financial principle. tion from President Stickney of the Too many of the representatives from Chicago Great Western railroad. Press everywhere did not represent. They "Since the Astorian has been so free ident Stickney goes further than most only thought they were representing to ask questions of the up country commisentators on the railway law. He and the campaign of 1896 has caused press, we desire to ask some questions declares that the law, so far as investigate them to repair their thinking apparators and constant and constant and the campaign of 1896 has caused by the country of it. Suppose the producers of the Interior were to force the railroads to tigations and corrections are concerned tos. As a rule politicians are inclined give the same rate on their wheat to is a "roaring farce". He also avers to credit the people with less some than Astoria as given to the Sound or even with great emphasis and boidness that they possess, and awing to a consister 560 Commercial Street. to Portland, what would they do with the published freight rates are not rional timidity they will stick to an old it after they got it there? What facilihas Astoria for storing wheat? maintained by the railroads and they abus which time has canctioned rath-

Does it expect up country papers to dent Stickney makes no consequent bureau, in his report to the secretary to a post where there are no facilities. to a port where there are no facilities of the conditions that now prevail in of the treasury of the operations of his for handing them? It cannot be desired that Astoria has opinion, makes it impossible for there office for the fiscal year ending June the best harbor on the coast outside state carries to comply with the pro- po 1829, shows that the receipts from all mossbacks that appear to want the

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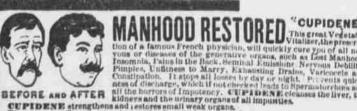
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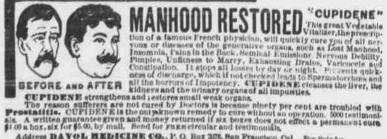
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