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FURTHER ANSWER TO FURTHER DRIVE.

At San Francisco or Puget sound the grain is put into foreign ships that reach these ports independent of the railroads. The railroads are done with it—they get no further money or other benefit from it. But how is it with the wheat laid down at Portland? Well, every grain of it has to pay another toll to the O. R. & N. before it can be exported. Aside from the enormous quantities manipulated for trans-shipment to export ships at San Francisco—upon which the O. R. & N. collects a toll of \$2.50 a ton—no ship can cross the Columbia river bar and reach Portland without paying the O. R. & N. Co. for the privilege—Astorian, Dec. 15.

The charge made by the O. R. & N. Co. for towing a grain ship from sea to Portland and return, is less than the charge made by the Puget Sound Tugboat Company for towing a grain ship from Tacoma and return. Thus the Portland company does more to aid ships coming here than the Puget sound company does for ships going to Tacoma. This is one of the reasons why Portland's grain fleet for the season to date numbers 56 ships, while that of Puget sound numbers but 15. Of the "enormous quantities" (of wheat) manipulated for trans-shipment to export ships at San Francisco, they have reached, for the first five months of the cereal year, the stupendous total of 74,274 bushels, of light wheat sent south to mix with heavy California wheat. On this "enormous quantity," three or four small coasting steamers of an opposition line, and the two steamers of the O. R. & N. Co., divided the fabulous sum of about \$5,000. Portland's foreign wheat shipments for the period mentioned, exclusive of flour to the Orient and Europe, amounted to 2,010,873 bushels. Verily, the possibilities of words and figures, when manipulated by irresponsible "knockers," are great—Yesterday's Oregonian.

The attention of the country press is called to the significance of the above comment. It involves the admission by the Oregonian of one of the most vital truths in the Astoria contention. The statement is made that the charge for towing ships from the sea to Tacoma is cheaper than the charge for towing ships from the sea to Portland. Portland, therefore, from the Oregonian's standpoint, is a cheaper port to reach from the sea than Tacoma. Now, the distance to Portland over the O. R. & N.'s water level grades from interior points like Walla Walla and Pendleton is much shorter than from the same points over the mountain grades to Tacoma. Thus Portland must be not only a cheaper port from the sea than



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is due not only to the originality and simplicity of the combination, but also to the care and skill with which it is manufactured by scientific processes known to the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and we wish to impress upon all the importance of purchasing the true and original remedy. As the genuine Syrup of Figs is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, a knowledge of that fact will assist one in avoiding the worthless imitations manufactured by other parties. The high standing of the California Fig Syrup Co. with the medical profession, and the satisfaction which the genuine Syrup of Figs has given to millions of families, makes the name of the Company a guaranty of the excellence of its remedy. It is far in advance of all other laxatives, as it acts on the kidneys, liver and bowels without irritating or weakening them, and it does not gripe or nauseate. In order to get its beneficial effects, please remember the name of the Company—

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.
 SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
 LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N. Y.

Tacoma, but also a cheaper port to reach by the railroads from the interior. If, then, Portland is a cheaper port to deliver wheat to than Tacoma, and if Portland is a cheaper port for ships to take wheat from than Tacoma, how does it happen from the Oregonian's own quotations that wheat of the same quality brings an average each year of a dollar a ton more at Tacoma than at Portland? Will the Oregonian quote this comment from the Astorian and favor its many interior readers with a satisfactory answer?

The Baker City Republican has an article beginning:
 "It's a lie."
 "Every word is a lie, and every argument is based on a false premise."

These were the statements made yesterday by a visiting railroad man who is familiar with the great traffic problems of the world. His remarks were called forth by the latest utterances of one of Astoria's newspapers in its eighteen months' attempt to force the O. R. & N. railroad to extend the rate on wheat from the inland Empire to Portland 100 miles further to Astoria.

And then follows a column of "argument" contributed by the "railroad man."

The Astorian cheerfully acknowledges that the railroads are opposed to the Astoria proposition. The Astorian Republican fails to see that this very fact sustains the Astorian's position. The Republican does not pretend that a single individual in Baker county would be injured by "extending the rate on wheat from the inland Empire to Portland, 100 miles further to Astoria." Then why that papers seeming bitter hostility? Since the reason is apparent the Astorian is not "giving away" secrets in selling it.

The editor of the Republican was first known to fame as the free silver journalist-politician of Florence, a city of at least 100 people situated somewhere down the coast.

Lately he has posed as the original and main advocate of the election of Mr. Scott to the United States senate and is striking out blindly in every direction to attract the favorable attention of the Oregonian. Colonel Allen wants an office.

The free silver gadabout aided in the defeat of Senator Dolph. This, he realizes, does not commend him to the good graces of the Oregonian and he endeavors by a frantic display of Portlandphobia to blot out the past and become a hair on the tail of the dog.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
 Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of \$100 for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.
 FRANK J. CHENEY.
 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 6th day of December, A. D. 1898.
 A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.
 (SEAL)
 Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.
 F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
 Sold by druggists, etc.
 Hall's Family Pills are the best.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank OF ASTORIA,

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, December 2, 1899.

RESOURCES.
 Loans and discounts \$222,785.53
 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 10,225.85
 U. S. bonds to secure circulation 12,500.00
 Premium on U. S. bonds 303.00
 Stocks, securities, etc. 99,253.24
 Real Estate 3,317.01
 Due from national banks (not reserve agents) 2,679.47
 Due from state banks and bankers 24,396.30
 Due from approved reserve agents 105,371.91
 Checks and other cash items 960.00
 Notes of other national banks 155.00
 Nickels and cents 88.17
 Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:
 Specie \$96,550.00
 Legal tender notes 420.00
 Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) 562.50
 Total \$556,410.71

LIABILITIES.
 Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00
 Surplus fund 25,000.00
 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 28,543.85
 National bank notes outstanding 4,500.00
 Due to state bank and bankers 1,609.07
 Individual deposits subject to check \$356,306.00
 Demand certificates of deposit 90,204.52
 Certified checks 227.27
 Total \$556,410.71

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss.
 I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 S. S. GORDON, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of December, 1899.
 C. R. THOMPSON, Notary Public.
 W. M. LADD,
 W. F. MCGREGOR,
 JACOB KAMM,
 Directors.

When a man offers to produce evidence to prove what he says, always let him do it.



Flakes the Hair grow. Clears the Complexion. Softens and whitens the Hands. Preserves and beautifies the skin of Infants and Children.

Mr. J. Sherr, Sedalia, Mo., moved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. DeWitt's Cough Cure. It is an infallible cure for coughs, colds, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Relieves at once. Chas. Rogers.

You may lead a man to drink, but you can't make him take water.

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 BROWN & GRANT, Props.

CALL FOR WARRANTS.

Notice is hereby given to all parties holding Clatsop County warrants endorsed prior to September 1, 1897, to present the same to the County Treasurer at his office, 154 Tenth street, for payment. Interest ceases after this date.
 Dated, Astoria, Oregon, this twelfth day of December,
 H. C. THOMPSON,
 County Treasurer.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alaska Packers Association will be held at 2 o'clock on Monday, January 8, 1900, at Hanthorn hall.
 G. O. MOEN,
 President.
 Attest: JOHN NORDSTROM, Sec.

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Carpenter and Builder
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GRAVEL, CONSTIPATION, INFLAMMATION OF THE BLADDER, AND ALL KIDNEY DISEASES.

Purifies the blood by eliminating all poisonous matter, stimulating the secretory organs, regulating the bowels and aiding nature in throwing off that which makes a yellow skin. The effect on the complexion is quite pronounced, as a few days' use will demonstrate.

The profligate rake is never able to hoe his own row.

Miss Annie E. Gunning, Tyre, Mich., says: "I suffered a long time from dyspepsia; lost flesh and became very weak. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure completely cured me." It digests what you eat and cures all forms of stomach trouble. It never fails to give immediate relief in the worst cases. Chas. Rogers.

When a man is in his cups, he is apt to get into family jars.

DeWitt's Little Early Riser purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Painful little pills for constipation and liver troubles. Chas. Rogers.

The smaller the hole some men get into, the louder they howl.

J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says: "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. Chas. Rogers.

Some men's heads are like vacant rooms—they lack furniture.

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. Chas. Rogers.

Liquor affects a man's brain, if he has any; if not, it affects his legs.

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I am advertising for the cash grocery trade, for which I offer the fullest assortment and lowest prices. Everything clean and fresh. Prompt attention.
 CHARLES LARSON,
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There's Satisfaction

In buying silverware where the stock is complete and you have an assurance as to quality. I have a large assortment of sterling silver and hollowware in latest designs for wedding presents and holiday trade. Be sure to see it before you buy.
 G. W. SMITH,
 525 Commercial street.

Who Does Your Laundry?

We claim, and will prove to every one, that we have the best and most up-to-date laundry on the coast. A trial order will convince the most particular. If you want neat, prompt work, try the CITY STRAM LAUNDRY.
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 H. EKSTROM,
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The Bond Street Fish Market is better than ever prepared to supply fresh and salt fish of all kinds. Goods delivered to any part of the city and satisfaction guaranteed.
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I desire to further call the attention of the ladies to my handsome stock of trimmed millinery. It comprises the latest creations of the millinery art, and I am offering reduced rates for the next 30 days.
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It is always the self-unmade man that lays the blame on others.

A SURE CURE FOR COUGHS.

Twenty-five Years' Constant Use Without a Failure.

The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar roughness of the throat, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effective. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by Charles Rogers.

The average man is a total abstemious from total abstinence.

A NEW YEAR'S GUIDE.

There is one book everyone should make an effort to get for the new year. It contains simple and valuable hints concerning health, many amusing anecdotes, and much general information. We refer to Hostetter's Almanac, published by The Hostetter Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. It is worth a valuable to any household. Sixty employees are kept at work on this valuable book. The issue for 1899 will be over eight millions, printed in the English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages. It contains proof of the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the great remedy prepared by the publishers, and is worthy of careful preservation. The almanac may be obtained free of cost, at any drugstore or general dealer in the country.

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It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung troubles. Harmless and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for grippe and its after-effects. Chas. Rogers.

A man seldom gets so full of emotion that he has no room for dinner.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—THOMAS C. BOWER, Gloucester, O. For sale by Charles Rogers.

In the District Court of the United States, for the District of Oregon, in Bankruptcy.

In the matter of Charles M. Celler, bankrupt.

To the creditors of Charles M. Celler, of the county of Clatsop, state of Oregon, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of November, 1899, the said Charles M. Celler was duly adjudicated bankrupt. And that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at room No. 4, Page building, corner of Commercial and Twelfth streets, the city of Astoria, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1900, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

CHAS. H. PAGE,
 Referee in Bankruptcy.
 Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 5, 1899.

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 Sewing Machines.
 Roger Bros'. 1847
 Silver Plated Ware
 Table Cutlery at all prices; also
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A full line of Pipes, Tobacco, and Smokers' Articles.
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 European plan, \$2.00 per day. OSCAR ANDERSON, Manager.
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A Delicious and Palatable Drink Absolutely Pure

The North Pacific Brewery, of which Mr. John Kopp is proprietor, makes beer for domestic and export trade. Bottled beer for family use or keg beer supplied at any time, delivery in the city free.

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Successor to
 COLUMBIA IRON WORKS

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 Mince Meat, Currants,
 Pumpkin Cranberries
 Citron Squash Etc.

I Carry the Ralston Health Foods

Wheat Flakes, Grano,
 Whole Wheat Crackers,
 Breakfast Food, Select
 Bran, Yeast Cocoa, Koffy

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LOOK HERE, YOUNG MAN!

Your looks tell you. Can keep it secret a while. Before it's too late go and see or write to this old doctor. He has been treating such cases for over 30 years and is perfectly reliable. Furnishes his own medicine and tells no tales.

DR. KESSLER

Of the old St. Louis Medical and Surgical Dispensary, 2304, Yambou street, Portland, Or., positively guarantees to cure.

PRIVATE

This doctor guarantees to cure any case of Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Gleet, Stricture, etc., no difference how long standing. Spermatorrhea, Loss of Manhood or Nightly Emissions, cured permanently. The habit of Self-Abuse effectually cured in a short time.

YOUNG MEN

Your errors and follies of youth, as he revealed, and this old doctor will give you and restore them and cure you perfectly strong and healthy. You will be amazed at his success in curing Spermatorrhea, Seminal Losses, Nightly Emissions, and other ills.

Patients tried in any part of the country by his home system. Write full particulars, inclose 10¢ stamp, and he will answer you promptly. Hundreds treated at home who are unable to come to the city.

READ THIS

Take a clear bottle of bedtime and urinate in the bottle, set aside and look at it in the morning. If it is cloudy or has a cloudy settling in it, you have some kidney or bladder trouble, and should be attended to before you get an incurable disease, a household die every year from druggists' disease of kidneys.

MANHOOD RESTORED "CUPIDENE"

This great Vegetable Vitamine, the preservative of all diseases of the generative organs, such as Loss of Manhood, Pimples, Emissions, etc., restores the system to its normal condition. It stops all losses by day or night. Prevents quick and slow discharges, which if not checked lead to spermatorrhea and all the horrors of impotency. CUPIDENE cures the liver, the kidneys and the urinary organs of all impurities.

The reason sufferers are not cured by doctors is because ninety per cent are troubled with Prostatitis. CUPIDENE is the only known remedy to cure without an operation. Sufferers should be given and money returned if six boxes do not effect a permanent cure. A written guarantee given and money returned if six boxes do not effect a permanent cure. Address DAVOL MEDICINE CO., P. O. Box 705, New Brunswick, Cal. For Sale by CHARLES ROGERS.

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