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## WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH PORTLAND.

In another column is an article concerning the abortive effort to establish a regular Oriental line between Portland and the Orient. It is a plain statement of actual facts and proves the contention of the Astorian that the real enemies of Portland are some of her leading financiers and business men.

The case in point is of peculiar interest to the large mill owners of Oregon, but it also illustrates in a measure the manipulations under which grain producers suffer and by which, for the gain of a few, Portland is deprived of the benefit of the unexcelled commercial advantages of her position. The Sound cities flourish on business that is deliberately diverted from Portland by Portlanders.

These facts are well known to the Oregonian. That paper is alleged to be closely allied with the interests which prosper under these thriving combinations and it dare not be honest in the discussion of the transportation question. It dare not acknowledge the truth. When closely pressed in its debate with the Astorian it resorts to flippancy and perniciousness.

The Oregonian sneers at the Astorian's consistency in this discussion, but the situation is so radically rotten and the matter one of so great importance to the state that there will be constant incentive to fly the danger signal until the wrong is righted.

It seems to be agreed by Eastern papers that whether a river and harbor bill is presented at the present session of congress or not there are three appropriations which will be brought forward as special measures and put through congress as public necessities. They are the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi, the channel of the Delaware below the League Island navy yard and the channel between Lake Superior and Lake Huron. It will be observed that every section—North, South and Middle West—is thus placed with a sop—nonetheless, however, a needed



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public improvement of vast public benefit—but the Pacific coast. Here it appears, there are so many rivalries and conflicting interests that no harmonious agreement can be had on any single proposition. In this crisis and unseemly struggle we appeal to our old friend the Oregonian to cast aside the party restraints so responsible for his narrow escape from being a great newspaper and to take up with its natural vigor the proposition to improve the mouth of the Columbia. Never mind about the 30-foot channel to Portland and the trade that was to be made therefor on the Lake Washington canal steel. Perhaps these private grafts can be put through next session. Let us, however, for the sake of the whole Northwest—the "Old Oregon"—and the benefits which will accrue to every man, woman and child in the mighty Columbia and Willamette valleys—Senator Corbett and Bunker Ladd in Portland, as well as the humblest tiller of the soil in Idaho—let us unite and urge the passage of the appropriation required to protect the millions already expended by the government and still further improve the entrance to the best and cheapest and only convenient harbor on the entire Pacific coast. Will the Oregonian answer what it thinks about this proposition? Shall Oregon unite for the improvement of the mouth of the Columbia river? Shall we, as a people, urge upon congress our right and its duty in the interest of tolling thousands and millions of property investments, to have this improvement made along with that of the Mississippi, the Delaware and the lakes of the Middle Western region? We pause for a reply from the tall tower on the sleeping Willamette; what has the clarion voice of its powerful inmate got to say on this important issue of the Northwest? Let us hear at once from the Oregonian.

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