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Miss Irene Ackerman, the well-known dramatic reader, writes us the following letter from her residence, 20 W. 15th Street, New York City. This talented and versatile young lady has made an enviable name for herself on the stage by her excellent work in support of some of the leading stars, besides being noted in literary and art circles as an adept with the pen and pencil. She is justly proud of her magnificent head of hair, which is shown to advantage in the accompanying photograph.



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HAMMOND ASKS FOR FAIR PLAY.

In a letter in yesterday's Oregonian he points out the inconsistencies of Portland's position.

PORTLAND, Nov. 12.—(To the Editor.)—My letter contained in your issue of November 4 is confined to the consideration of a transportation problem. It shows that the presidents of two transcontinental railroads have conceded the merit of our contention and were willing to extend common rates to Astoria and to the mouth of the Columbia river. In the last paragraph of that letter are to be found questions regarding our claim, that are directed to the management of our only remaining transcontinental railroad. These questions are as follows:

Would it not be for the interest of Oregon generally, and to the western portion particularly, if common rates be extended to the mouth of the Columbia river? Are not the rates now charged by the railroad companies sufficiently liberal to justify the delivery of our products at the cheapest ocean port without any additional compensation? Are not the views of the Oregonian, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Melien and Mr. Hill more progressive and more to the interests of the people of Oregon, by affording cheaper export facilities, than are the views of those respected citizens of Portland, who, through apprehension that their individual interests may be jeopardized, seemingly oppose all extension and enlargement of our commerce, if conducted upon new lines not heretofore followed?

These are primarily transportation questions, and must not be dodged, evaded, suppressed or obscured by the injection of other extraneous matter.

Though hardly incumbent, I reply in a general way, only, to correspondents. They must not entertain an opinion that the builders of the Astoria road are complaining or offering apologies for its existence. We have no complaint to make nor apology to offer. My allusion to editorialists contained in the Oregonian, to the resolution passed by the Portland chamber of commerce, and to opinions of Mr. Huntington, Mr. Melien and Mr. Hill was merely for the purpose of giving answer to co-ordinate subject matter, which has been improperly injected. According to Mr. Hughes, the aforesaid editorialists, resolution and opinions do not count for much. The chamber may expunge the said resolution, which was passed at a special meeting composed of 214 members, but it cannot wipe out the Astoria road—it is here to stay. Its builders did not depend upon town lots of Astoria, Port-

land or elsewhere to furnish the needed capital for its construction. We do know that Mr. Huntington extended the Central Pacific railroad from its original terminus at Sacramento to the ocean at San Francisco, and the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad from its original terminus at Richmond to the ocean at Newport News. Does anyone question his wisdom in doing so? We do know that Mr. Melien's views accord with a policy that has extended a common point to the entire west coast of Washington—increasing the commerce of Puget sound 1200 per cent, while that of Portland has remained almost stationary. We do know that Mr. Hill is building two 24,000-ton ships—not 27,000, as stated in my letter—and that his company in every way favors the deep-water ports of Puget Sound in competition with the Columbia river.

How clear and convincing is the argument of a prominent member of the chamber of commerce and the port of Portland, which shows that Portland, among her past sins of commission, had forced a ruinous policy upon the O. R. & N. Co. by breaking the joint lease, which would have given Portland undisputed control of the Northwest, as well as the Oriental trade, and left the Sound without a Tacoma, and probably without a Seattle. Will not the refusal of the O. R. & N. Co. to extend common rates to Astoria still further contribute to the growth of Puget sound ports to the detriment of Portland and the whole Columbia river valley?

The following quotations are familiar at least to all members of the 1894 chamber of commerce; they are as true and sufficient today as they were when uttered. They are suggested as appropriate answers to friendly correspondents:

"We shall have the Columbia River railroad to Astoria, which will place our railway 'common point' at the seaboard." "The advantage of the gateway of the Columbia river over every other route from the interior to the coast never will be fully asserted and established till a railroad be built along the river from Portland to Astoria, so that the doctrine of 'common point' may be made to tell in our favor with all its proper force." "Though vessels may come, and do come, to Portland, yet Portland is not on the seaboard. Till the 'common point' for our great route of commerce, the point in common recognized by the railways, shall be actually at the sea, we shall not get the full advantages of our position." "This is not a Portland scheme, nor an Astoria scheme, but an Oregon scheme."

Let Portland deepen her channel to any depth she may desire, but let not her citizens needlessly antagonize the producer and unwittingly retard the state's growth by supporting and advocating the policy pursued by the only transportation company now opposing the extension of common rates to the mouth of the river.

A. B. HAMMOND.

A FOSSIL MAN.

Boston Herald.

Out of the West came an overland train; out of the train came a man; into a dray and over the bridge to South Boston, into a high brick building, up a freight elevator to the third floor, on a hand truck to a corner under a skylight the passenger made his way. Here, surrounded by heaps of old iron, scrap brass and a potpourri of odds and ends of copper, lead and zinc, the stranger has been holding a reception for the last twenty-four hours to such as cared to view his person.

He is six feet tall, weighs 450 pounds, and his age is estimated as from 1800 to 2000 years. His "right name" is unknown, but, in the language of science, he is a "true fossil," and is probably worth his weight in gold.

The fossil was dug up some weeks ago on a mining claim near Reno, Nev. George D. Burton, the stock car inventor, discovered it, and promptly bought it from the original discoverers. It

has been shipped here with a view to its ultimate resting place in some museum. Meanwhile, any one interested in fossils, ethnology, archaeology, geology or any of the kindred "ologies" is invited to call at the establishment of Samuel Butler & Co., No. 18 West Second street, South Boston, view the curio, and, if able, tell the story of its life.

It is a remarkable specimen. The preservation of every part is flawless. It is the form of a well built, athletic man, some thirty-five or forty years of age, apparently, at the time of death. Experts say that it is probably not the body of an Indian, as the features and the feet are not those of the American red man. It resembles more the remains of a white man, but whether he antedated the Indian or not can hardly be determined without an examination of the strata in which the body was found.

A Herald representative viewed "the man of stone" and then hurried out to Cambridge, where he found Professor Gordon, of the Peabody Museum, ready to listen to the story of the curio and to accompany the newspaperman for an examination of the fossil. Professor Gordon has recently returned from Honduras, where for the last nine months he has been making ethnological and archaeological investigations. His opinion as an expert is reliable.

"No, it is not a fake," said the professor, in reply to a question. "It is really demonstrable that it is a true fossil. Furthermore, it's the only fossil of its kind ever found. The thing reminds me more than anything else of the casts which they are getting out of Pompeii. This specimen is similar to those from the buried city. The only difference is that the moulds of the bodies formed by the hardened lava in Pompeii are being filled by plaster of paris to make the casts, while here nature performed the whole process.

"It is impossible to tell offhand what is the age of the fossil. That could only be learned by a careful study of the strata from which it was dug. Hundreds of years—and this is quite probable—the fossil is very, very old. In that case this specimen might have great value in determining the predecessors of the Indians on this continent."

The professor paused to examine one of the feet, both of which were broken off just above the ankle when the body was being exhumed.

"Now, you see," he continued, "you can scarcely distinguish the location of the bones of the leg. This would indicate that complete decomposition had taken place before petrification was accomplished. This fact seems to prove that it was a long process, and to argue for the extreme age of the fossil. However, as I said, nothing absolute can be determined until a careful study of the surrounding strata has been made."

Professor Gordon would not hazard a guess on the age of the thing, but admitted that might be a thousand years old, and possibly much more. He declared that it was not the body of an Indian, but resembled more that of a white man. The features he pronounced well formed and regular, with a high brow, indicating good intellect. He seemed inclined to the opinion that the feet were those of a man who had worn shoes, or at least sandals or moccasins of some sort.

The Nevada State Journal, the local paper of Reno, gives this explanation of the formation of the fossil, which is practically the correct one:

"The stone man was found in Spring Gulch, about three miles north of Reno, in a two foot seam of clay, with gravel above and below it. The body was found on the outer curve of the gulch, opposite where an ancient stream had

cut to bedrock. It is undoubtedly the fossil of a man drowned in an old lake. The body became imbedded in the mud at the bottom, which hardened as the waters receded, and left an exact impression of the body which later decomposed and vanished in gases. Subsequently this clay mould was filled with the depositions of a stream which later flowed over the place."

The body was petrified while lying in a restful pose, the left side uppermost. The right hand rests easily just over the heart, while the left lies on the left thigh. The face is turned so that the head would be supported at the base of the skull.

Some day a museum may claim the man of stone, and he will be brushed up and given a bath and sent on a wagon with easy springs to where he may "star" forever and a day in a big glass case. But just now he is hobnobbing with junk barrels, laid out in a box of thick plank, much like a coffin, half buried in straw and with the powdery dust of Nevada in his sightless eyes, a terror to small children, a curio to the laity, and a personage much sought after by men of science.

REPORT OF ASTORIA WATER COMMISSION.

Astoria, Oct. 18.—To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council of the City of Astoria, Oregon.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with Sec. No. 133 of the City Charter, we herewith report the Receipts and Disbursements of the Astoria Water Commission for the Quarter ending September 30, 1900, as follows:

GROSS RECEIPTS.
For the month of July, 1900:
From account of water rates \$2338.50
From account of tapping mains 2.50
From account of delinquent charges 6.50
From account of sale of stock 1.00 \$2348.50

For the month of August, 1900:
From account of water rates \$2383.50
From account of tapping mains 7.50
From account of delinquent charges 7.50
From account of sale of stock 1.45 \$2399.50

For the month of September, 1900:
From account of water rates \$2317.50
From account of tapping mains 15.00
From account of delinquent charges 5.75 \$2338.25

Total receipts for quarter \$7066.25
Balance in treasury at date of last report filed July 17, 1900, 10,559.20

Total \$17,625.45

DISBURSEMENTS.
Salary of superintendent \$75.00
Salary of assistant 210.00
Salary of keeper at power house 75.00
Salary of keeper at head works 60.00
Salary of clerk 25.00
Salary of city attorney 30.00
Salary of janitor 15.00
Rent account 75.00
Expense account 21.10
Advertising account 9.00
Stationery and printing 11.75
Repairs to conduits 24.00
Repairs to mains 8.44
Tools account 3.50
Loose property account50
Headworks account (repairs to dam) 65.75
Distribution system (extension) 5.75 \$1,220.82

Leaving balance in general fund of \$16,404.63
Respectfully submitted,
ASTORIA WATER COMMISSION,
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