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NOTHING MALICIOUS ABOUT IT.

The Oregonian is becoming sadly mixed. Evidently the Portland Journal is rattled. In a spasm entitled, "A Case of Malicious Mischief," it undertakes to create the impression that The Astorian (otherwise characterized as the "Knocker") has been advocating the idea that the Sound offers some advantage over Portland as a seaport. Quite to the contrary, the Astorian has always insisted that the Sound is as badly off as Portland, or nearly so. Heavy grades lead into Tacoma and Seattle and the cost of railway transportation is very great. The Sound has, however, the advantage of plenty of water. Portland, on the other hand, has easy grades—a water-level route from the interior—but an insufficiency of water. Both are on the same plane—both are recognized and utilized by the railroads because a wrongful condition of affairs exists. Let us be understood, then, that The Astorian has no interest in Puget Sound; the destiny of that section of the Northwest is a matter of little concern to the people of this city.

Now for the truth about the Glenturret and St. Donatian. The Oregonian says that the Glenturret was extremely fortunate in making her trip across the ocean, and that she arrived some days ahead of time. From this the conclusion is deduced that the owners will not lose anything by the delay in the vessel here because they did not expect that she would get away before the actual time of her departure.

This must be a joke. The Glenturret is worth about \$750 a day to her owners when normal conditions prevail—when she makes fair ocean passages and receives fair dispatch at ports. Suppose that she meets with extraordinarily favorable conditions and makes fast passages: are not the owners entitled to greater earnings? If four days were saved by the Glenturret on the trip across the Pacific, should not that saving rebound to the financial gain of the owners? Suppose the owners of the Oregonian figure daily receipts of \$2500, but, on account of favorable business conditions, the receipts aggregate \$3000: would the owners feel that they were getting all that was coming to them if some enterprising business manager spent \$500 a day for peanuts? The earning capacity of the Glenturret is not limited to any scale, and, if fortune favors her, the owners expect to derive some benefit there-by.

If Astoria were the shipping point of this basin, the Glenturret would have consumed about eight days' less time in taking her present cargo. The river trip to and from Portland occupied three days, while the steamer was delayed here five days. This time means money to the owners, though it is gratifying to note the Oregonian's admission that the owners were reimbursed. Presumably this was done by the Port of Portland commission, which has already squandered nearly \$250,000 of the people's money in an effort to add to the wealth of the gentlemen interested.

The Oregonian refers to The Astorian as a liar, but neglects to point out wherein this paper has prevaricated. It is to be presumed, however, that The Astorian's statements about the accident to the St. Donatian call forth this unkindly sentiment. But will the Oregonian's character bear inspection? Let us see: The Oregonian says the St. Donatian and Samona came down the river together. The Donatian's companion on the occasion in question was the lumber schooner Lena Swasey, the draft of which is, perhaps, about ten feet. The Oregonian says the Donatian swung out of the channel, striking a log and dealing one of her plates, a leak resulting that let in three pints of water in eight hours. The Donatian did not swing out of the channel, but was run into sunken rock (or log) which has been in the channel for years. When she was examined it was

found that there was a foot of water in the forecastle. Of course, the St. Donatian was not damaged to any material extent, and the Astorian took occasion to say so; but she was delayed on account of the accident, which would not have occurred had the bark been loaded here.

The Oregonian may shout all it chooses about lay days, but no one will believe that a charterer will hold a ship just for the fun of the thing. When a vessel is loaded by the charterer, it is to his interest to allow her to proceed to sea at once, whether or not the time limit has expired. If there was no loss to owners to the two instances here cited, then the owners were reimbursed. At any event, there was loss to someone.

The contention is, of course, that Portland is not the seaport which the needs of this basin require. If Portland were a port, ships would be loaded there. The steamship Sutherland, comparatively a small vessel, is taking on the balance of her cargo at Astoria. The delay thus occasioned and the cost of lighterage two large loads of piles down the river entail considerable loss. The coal-laden ship Cleopatra from Newcastle, has been at the mouth of the Willamette for four days waiting for higher tides to reach Portland. These statements of fact bear out the local conclusion that Portland is not a seaport, and that the Oregonian is harboring the biggest crowd of grafters which ever operated in this part of the world.

Consolidation of the famous Push Club and the Astoria Commercial Club on the lines suggested will be a wise move. When the idea was first advanced there was no provision for a general meeting of members, at which business of a public nature might be transacted in the manner heretofore followed by the Push Club, and naturally there was opposition to consolidation.

However, this objection has been overcome, and, if the present plans are carried into effect, the Commercial Club will hold one meeting each month which will be open to Astorians generally, whether they are or are not members of the club. The idea is to give every enterprising Astorian an opportunity to air his views on public matters. This is quite a departure for a social-commercial club to make, and speaks volumes for the public-spirited determination to do everything possible to advance Astoria's interests. The Push Club has made Astoria famous in many parts of the country, attention having been attracted by the unique and striking name, and its success will be a matter of sincere regret; but the old club is doubtless ready to do for Astoria, and it seems its time has come. It will not be forgotten, however, and the spirit that characterized its career will live on.

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some years back that Sir Chi Chen, gorgeous in blue and yellow silks, was making his way through the drawing room when he was met by a well-known diplomatic personage who is somewhat fond of joke. Having no time to speak with him, the minister requested the personage to introduce him to a distinguished Englishman of letters and an eminent linguist."

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