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A BETTER PLAN.

The Astorian desires to reply to the following from the Tillamook Headlight:

"The body of the escaped convict Merrill was taken to Salem for burial, and if Salem could manage to kill off some of the boodie politicians who infest the state capitol during the state legislature and bury them with the notorious outlaw, that city would be entitled to the thanks of the whole state."

We do not think this is advisable for then they would have to destroy the quorum; it would include every man from the speaker to the door-keeper. But better yet, let every county elect as good a representative as B. L. Eddy of Tillamook, and then all will be well.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To the Astoria Chamber of Commerce: Gentlemen—The committee on commerce and navigation beg to report, that the ship channel from Astoria to points on the river above including Portland has been along the peninsula front to Tongue Point, and then either up the middle of the river or across what is called the "Hog's Back," up to the north shore near Harrington's point and then up the north side.

Some years ago the channel in the middle of the river shoaled and vessels preferred to cross over from Tongue Point to the north shore. To deepen the water across the "Hog's Back" a drag was attached to one of the ocean steamers and hauled back and forth across the back deepening the water considerably. Since that time the channel has been used, but the channel across the back has moved down stream until now it is close to Taylors Sands.

Since reaching the present position the channel, or rather the water from the middle channel below Tongue Point across the sands to Astoria in a line with Taylors Sands has increased in depth, and some of the pilots advocate dredging the shoals on this line with a view to making the channel there instead of along the Astoria harbor front to Tongue Point.

Previous, however, to dredging on this line, the Port of Portland built a dike along the south side of Millers Sands with the object of preserving and deepening the middle channel above Tongue Point, but as appeared to observers here, the dike was not carried far enough up the river, did not enter the main channel coming down from above, so instead of enlarging the middle channel, it seemed to turn the water to the North Shore.

and behind Pillar Rock down to Harrington Point. The river at and above Tongue Point widens out into a broad bay and contains many sand bars and islands, etc., which shift more or less.

It seems that the ship channel has now reached its northern limit and is about to return to the places in which it ran years ago. Perhaps for endless cycles it has swayed back and forth as probably, the channel across the bar at the mouth of the river has moved to the south and then broke out in the north only to work down to the south again.

At any rate the channel behind Pillar Rock has shoaled so much that dredging is now necessary to keep it sufficiently open for the passage of ocean vessels of greater depth, while the deep channel above the head of the dike seems to be coming down toward the south side of the dike, i. e., into the old middle channel, known as Corde II, and Snag Island channels.

Across "Hog's Back" also near Beacon No. 2, it is reported the water is cutting a channel across towards Tongue Point, a great distance east and above the channel at Taylors sands, and it is predicted by some that if the channel from Taylors sands direct to the front of Astoria, about the O. R. & N. Co. wharf was left to nature (not dredged) it would close up as the channel opens in the old line directly across to Tongue Point.

To preserve and improve the channel along the city front to Tongue Point the government has removed the reef of the Silvie de Grasse, or a considerable portion of it.

Below Astoria, it is claimed that the channel between Astoria and Fort Stevens has deteriorated, narrowed and shoaled.

Desdemona sands, which 20 years ago were barely visible at low water, are now united into an island uncovered by the water at all times. Wharves and buildings are erected upon the north side thereof and the government is building a light plant upon it. All these works it seems to the committee will tend to fasten and fix the island. The dry sand with the northerly winds will be carried into the channel on the south side, gradually shoaling and narrowing it. The fixed island will catch the drifting sand and grow into greater size.

Astoria harbor should be protected. The whole front should be kept in a condition to accommodate any vessel entering the river.

A large export sawmill is now being erected on the front a little below Tongue Point, by a party who owns ships of large draft.

These conditions suggest many questions, among which are: Should the middle channel above Tongue Point be opened, or should the channel be kept across the Hog's Back?

If across the Hog's Back, then should it be thrown down against Taylor sands, or opened in the vicinity of its former position?

Will not a channel across to the O. R. & N. Co. wharf tend to fill up the channel from the wharf to Tongue Point?

Does it not by changing the amount of water along the city front or carrying more silt, injure the channel below Astoria?

Does the dredging and constant stirring up the sands above injure the Astoria harbor?

Does the Desdemona sands as an island menace the channel from Astoria to the sea?

What should be done not only to improve but preserve the harbor of Astoria from Tongue Point to Fort Stevens?

A STARTLING SURPRISE.

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"I was troubled with indigestion for about two years," writes Wm. Bowker, Esq., of Jalisco, La Paz, Cal. "I tried different doctors and remedies but to no avail, until I wrote to you and you told me what to do. I suffered with a pain in my stomach and left side and thought that it would kill me. Now I am glad to write this and let you know that I am all right. I can do my work now without pain and I don't have that tired feeling that I used to have. Five bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and two vials of his 'Pleasant Pellets' cured me."

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