

REMONSTRATORS SPEAK OUT

Westport, Ore., August 17, 1903.
 To the Editor:
 The Weekly Astoria Herald of August 13, in regard to the denial by the county court of a liquor license to Mr. John West Jr., of Westport makes some assertions which bear within themselves the stamp of the author and as silence in regard to this matter may be construed as evidence that they are true, we beg to state some facts in connection with the application and remonstrance which will be "the other side of the story" and, we shall confine ourselves to the truth.
 Instead of "some clerical gentleman from Knappa and Westport," the ladies, mothers of families living at Westport, circulated the remonstrance, and only two (2) names were obtained by Rev. H. R. Hill, the "clerical gentleman from Knappa and Westport." Perhaps through a misunderstanding some person conveyed the idea that both saloons would be closed now if the remonstrance would get enough signers, but we rather believe the misunderstanding was on the other side. Some people thought we have a personal grudge against Mr. West, and we stated that we would try to do away with both saloons; and probably some one misuderstood our meaning. Regarding our assertion that Mr. West intended to purchase the Olsen house, and convert it into a saloon, we did hear rumors to that effect, and merely repeated them, but in only one instance was this used to obtain a signer, and we were acting in good faith, believing at that time our statement to be true. We are aware of the date when the license of the other saloon gets renewal, and we will do our best to get same denied. We are working as hard as before with a remonstrance to Mr. West's application, and it will come into court with the application to be made by Mr. West at the October term of the county court, and although we have a hard row to hoe, we succeed in convincing the people that the misstatements made did not originate from our side.
 We shall use all legitimate means to beat the application of Mr. West, and no personal feeling shall enter into the matter, but, as mothers of families trying to raise children whom we hope to become useful members of society we ask the assistance of all true-hearted men in our effort to remove from our village anything that may have a detrimental effect on the morals of our children.
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 The cell is in circuit with a battery, and the line-wire, according to its resistance varies with the intensity of the way the current on the wire varies. The receiver is a d'Arsonval galvanometer with a light aluminum needle, which under the varying current, moves its ends nearer to or farther from a metal piece which allows currents of high frequency, or as they are called Tesla currents, to illuminate the interior of a Geissler vacuum tube.
 The light from the tube varies with the current, and with the transmitting ray at the other station. It falls on a second revolving barrel, covered by a sensitive film as in the transmitter, and reproduces the image.
 Owing to the fact that the light of the transmitter is not focussed to a point, the reproduction is rather vague, or indistinct, but it is fairly good, and (observes the Globe) we dare say a portrait would be recognizable. Of course the method requires a photograph of the object whose picture is to be sent, and it is rather slow, but from a scientific point of view an advance.
 Still, it is far from realizing the idea of "seeing by wire," or, in other words seeing the object in all its natural colors, or as it is seen in the image of the camera.

NEWSPAPER MEN TO ATTEND

Ogden, Utah, August 18.—Half a hundred prominent newspaper men, representing nearly all the influential news papers of the country from Maine to California, will be in attendance when the national irrigation congress convenes in this city next month, according to information received at the headquarters of the executive committee. The eastern newspaper men will come West in private cars and will be accompanied by representatives of several prominent eastern magazines.

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Chicago, August 18.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Omaha, Neb., says:
 "The Hamburg-American Steamship Company will invade the Pacific ocean and together with the Orient and Wabash railroads, will encircle the earth." said Vice-President Edward Dickinson of the Orient railroad, who has just returned from London, where he, together with President Stillwell of the Orient line, negotiated the traffic agreement between the railroad and the steamship company.
 "The night before I left London, we concluded a contract with the Hamburg-American line for a line of steamers from Port Stillwell to China, via Hawaii and Japan. That company already has steamers plying to all points in the Orient, via Suez."

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Salem And The Big Flax Crop

Fibre Product There Is Shipped to California Because Capital City Has No Linnen Mill

The work of harvesting the flax crop is progressing very rapidly under the direction of Eugene Bosse, the flax expert. He reports that by next Wednesday the entire flax crop raised in the vicinity will be hauled in and stored in the flax mill. The crop amounts to about 250 tons of choice flax fibre, and there is on hands 100 tons of flax of the last year's crop also in the mill, all of which Mr. Bosse expects to manufacture into fibre before the new crop comes on. The flax is now being threshed as rapidly as possible, eight men being employed on the threshing machine which is a specially devised machine, consisting principally of rollers. Mr. Bosse intends to continue the threshing for about two weeks, and in the meantime he will keep a force at work spreading the straw for the process of retting. The flax will not be all threshed by any means, but the seed keeps better if not threshed out, and he will then have all the straw which he can put through the retting process before the wet weather comes on.
 The perfect method of retting is in vats built for the purpose, as the fibre then comes out white and is of finer texture, commanding a much higher price. But not having the vats Mr. Bosse is compelled to spread the straw on the ground and depend on the dew and light rains. When wet weather comes on this cannot be done and he will spend the winter retting flax at the Scio flax mill, where there are vats and a drying room. Next spring the remainder of the flax will be threshed and retted.
 In a few days Mr. Bosse will go to Scio, where the work of pulling the flax has just been completed and will commence threshing and spreading there. The crop at Scio this season amounts to about 200 tons of straw, and there is about 50 tons of last year's crop on hand. Next year he expects to have 2,000 in flax at Scio, as the farmers realize the value of the industry and the great profit to be derived from it, and all are anxious to engage in raising it. Mr. Bosse has so far raised the flax himself, but having demonstrated the practicability of the industry, he will henceforth devote his attention to manufacturing the fibre, and will depend upon the farmers to grow the straw.
 He has a contract with a large linnen mill in Oakland, Cal., to take all the fibre he can produce, and unless someone can be found to invest \$150,000 in a

first class linnen mill in Salem, he will continue to sell his fibre to the California mill.

Mr. Bosse now has a patent pending for his new scrubbing machine, and expects to make a large one for use in the mill this winter. He intends to devote his energy toward perfecting machinery for every process of manufacturing fibre, even to a machine for pulling the flax, as he has found that it will not do to depend upon hiring help to do the work by hand. The machine already invented for scrubbing the flax is something new, and far ahead of any other machine ever perfected. When he gets a full equipment of machinery for the other processes, he will be able to turn out flax fibre at a much greater profit, and a great deal faster, than by the old process. It is by this means that Mr. Bosse expects to succeed in the new industry.

H. B. Thielson, president of the Greater Salem Commercial Club, is attending regatta. The club with which Mr. Thielson is connected has been an important factor in promoting the flax industry in this state. Mr. Thielson states that a Mr. Boyce, of Muncie, Ind., is looking into the industry near Salem, and is contemplating the erection of a scrubbing mill. He will probably choose McMinnville as a site.

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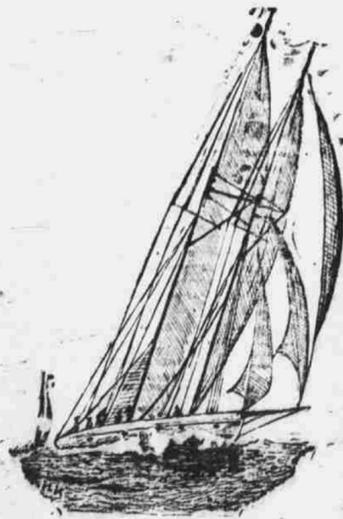
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