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THE ASTORIA SPIRIT WILL DO IT.

The proposal for the construction of a sea wall along the city front is by far the most important ever undertaken by the people of the enterprising city of Astoria. No other improvement could be of such far-reaching value, nor can the people of the city hope for the future greatness of Astoria without a sea wall such as is now contemplated. It means everything for Astoria, and long ago the matter should have been taken up and carried to a successful issue. Our past indifference does not, however, detract one iota from the importance of the present-day undertaking, and every Astorian with the interests of his city at heart will lend his hearty cooperation to the project.

The sea wall will have two effects of primary importance. It will provide us with a first-class water front, making it possible for us to erect suitable docks and undertake improvements of permanent character, and it will give great value to property that now is little better than worthless. With a solid water front extending, at first, from the foot of Ninth street to the Clatsop mills Astoria would add more than a million dollars to her realty wealth. The benefit would accrue to the entire city, not alone because the improvement means inexpensive leveling of the hills, but because it is impossible to improve one section without benefiting all other sections.

The sea wall proposal is a gigantic undertaking. Estimates of the cost of the work are necessarily inaccurate, because of the lack of preliminary work, but it will cost a vast amount of money. However, it is an inevitable improvement. The sea wall must be built sometime within the next 10 years, and reflection will bring one to the conclusion that it can be undertaken at the present time more expeditiously and with smaller cost than at some future date. Astoria will continue to grow in the future as it has in the past, and the cost of the sea wall will increase with the growth of the water front and be rendered just that much more difficult. Streets must be widened and grades properly regulated, and there are many other improvements to be made which can best be carried out at the present time. The matter has been opportunely taken up, and it should be the aim of Astoria Astorians to push it to a satisfactory termination.

The committee of ten has an important work on its hands. Upon it will depend largely the efforts to be made hereafter. This committee must bring obstinate property owners around to the public spirited way of looking at municipal conditions. It must convince them that their own true interests lie in the betterment of the Astoria water front. It will meet with rebuffs, just as other committees have met with them, but it must go cheerily onward, preaching the gospel of Astoria's salvation, without particular consideration for the discouraging influences which may be exerted, and in the end the objectors will rise up to call it blessed.

The committee's stock in trade is the Astoria spirit—the spirit that has accomplished great achievements. It will be recalled that the railroad undertaking was considered hopeless, but the Astoria spirit was equal to that emergency. The railroad could at best but offer indefinite results. It has greatly assisted the city in many respects, but it has not brought to us the foreign commerce which we so sanguinely anticipated. In some time that commerce will come. But it does not follow that we should wait for what the railroad must inevitably bring us. Instead we must be up and doing for ourselves. After what we have accomplished in the way of improvements in the past it is ridiculous to entertain even for a moment the idea that we can not now carry the sea wall proposal to a successful issue. All that is required is a proper display of that enthusiastic sentiment which baffles opposition and surmounts all obstacles.

The Astoria spirit will build the sea wall.

THE REAL HEINZE.

"I don't pretend to know much about the inside of this fight," said a prominent New Yorker yesterday, discussing the Heinze-Amalgamated litigation in Montana, "but Heinze appears to have the big end of it so far, and popular sympathy seems

to be with him as a man who is fighting, single-handed, a combination of millionaires."

It is human nature, perhaps, to err in such circumstances. But it is not human nature to withhold justice from anybody, rich or poor, strong or weak, when the truth is known, says the New York Commercial.

The Commercial made reference a day or two since to the case of Heinze against the Anaconda Copper Mining Company in 1899—an attempt on his part to seize three of the richest and most productive copper mines in the world on a flimsy claim to ownership in a bit of gravel less than nine one-thousandths of an acre in area, and not big enough for the sinking of the smallest sort of a shaft. In throwing his claim out of court, the highest tribunal in Montana said:

"Every citizen holds his property subject to the power of the state to prescribe reasonable regulations for the property and for the rights of others. This principle must be always recognized and enforced. The statute itself is a recognition of it and, when properly applied, is a wholesome means for its enforcement. When misapplied it becomes, as in this instance, a means of injustice and oppression; and a refusal by this court, with the views that we entertain, to use its power to prevent the threatened wrong would be a betrayal of the trust reposed in it by the constitution."

"Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus." Not one of Heinze's mining suits has a whit sounder basis than that one. They are all conceived in the fertile brain of a conscienceless, thieving adventurer—an unscrupulous rascal whose highest ambition is to get something for nothing.

If the public sympathizes with him, it is only because the public has been blinded to the facts.

General Reyes has arrived in Paris, where he will try to prevent the transfer of the canal company's property to the United States. However, the efforts of General Reyes to embarrass the administration in its Panama policy have had as little success as those of Senator Gorman along the same line.

Despite the gallant efforts of Senator Blackburn, Queen Liliuokalani is still waiting for that \$150,000 from congress as compensation for the rent of her former crown land in Hawaii.

Some one has said that one half of the male population in Missouri is under indictment and the other half serving on the juries. This is an exaggeration.

President Roosevelt has been presented with an Irish blackthorn by a former member of parliament. It is now up to some colored man to give him a razor.

With the war in the far east, the country will not look kindly upon Senator Gorman's plan to cut down the expenses of the army and navy.

Louis Napoleon will command a force of Russian cavalry in the far east. It remains to be seen whether he has any of his great uncle's genius.

Although his last reception at the White House was a very cool one, Addicks, of Delaware, has instructed his delegates to Roosevelt.

Senator Foraker has come to the conclusion that just before election is a bad time to introduce a trust bill in Congress.

If Santo Domingo is not careful Secretary Hay may advise Uncle Sam to cease to respect her "administrative entity."

Up to the present the Chicago professors have not taken advantage of their permission to discuss John D. Rockefeller.

It is said that Mr. Bryan is going to write a book entitled, "Who's who in the democratic party."

If Secretary Hay were a Korean, it is doubtful if he would have scored so many diplomatic triumphs.

It is said that the cost of the war in the orient equals the price of two ounces of radium every day.

Mr. Bryan says that silver is still a burning issue. In that case it didn't go to heaven when it died.

Korea will never forgive Secretary Hay for not including her territory in the diplomatic note.

One of the greatest blessings of Tammany's good behavior is that it keeps Dr. Parkhurst quiet.

Representative Shafroth, of Colorado, made his reputation in congress by leaving it.

The Spanish people can sympathize with the Russians in the loss of their fleet.

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7:45 a m	For Portland and Way Points	11:30 a m
6:10 p m		10:30 p m

SEASIDE DIVISION		
8:15 a m	Astoria for Warren, Flavel, Stevens, Hammond and Seaside	7:40 a m
11:35 a m		4:00 p m
5:50 p m		10:45 a m
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