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**ASTORIA BENEFITED.**

The railroad news of the past 48 hours is pregnant with good for Astoria: Mr. Harriman is about to avail himself of the option he has long held on the Astoria & Columbia River railroad, and which expires next month, at a price approximating \$40,000 per mile, or \$4,000,000 for the line. This is a shrewd hedge against the encroachments of Hill and the Santa Fe people, and if it shall result as anticipated, the surveys and estimates long ago made for dockage facilities at Young's Bay may prove something more than the "stuff that dreams are made of." One possible and early favor that should fall to Astoria is the putting of this port on a basis with Seattle and Tacoma as to "common point" rates on wheat and lumber, a concession that means much and will mean more very shortly. The differential now standing against Astoria as between Portland and the Sound ports named is a burden, that once lifted, will be lifted for all time, and if this should prove the only immediate benefit accruing from the Harriman purchase of the "A. & C." this city can afford to rejoice in the premises.

**NAVAL FAILURE**

It is unpleasant news which comes from Washington to the effect that the latest battleship aunched, to wit, the Mississippi, is not up to date, but belongs to a class that has become obsolete. The ship was built at Cramps' yard, but the blame for her alleged deficiency in modern requirements is laid at the door of congress, which, it is said, refused to listen to the protests of the navy department. The Mississippi's sister ship, the Idaho, which is still on the ways, is also condemned by the experts, both, it is declared, being deficient in speed and not equal to the Connecticut and the Maine, which represent the advanced type of battleship.

The demand of the naval powers today is for ships of larger tonnage and greater speed, and in these respects the Mississippi and the Idaho are said to fall behind the other two named. Speed and maneuvering ability are considered indispensable requisites of a modern battleship in these days of long-range guns, those qualities giving their commanders practically the choice of position in a combat. Seventeen knots is said to be the best speed the Mississippi and the Idaho can develop.

All this, if true, would seem to point to the advisability of the national legislative body listening to advice from experts, who know what it needed in particular departments.

**DIFFERENT IN OREGON.**

"The judicial ermine seems to command little respect in Colorado, or at least in one part of it, particularly when it is arrayed against gambling, for gambling, in certain portions of the country, is held to be an inalienable right of the inhabitants as an essential part of life, liberty, etc. So, when the county judge of Adams attempted to enforce the anti-gambling ordinances, he was mobbed and dragged in the dust until he promised to rescind the order. Such a spectacle is something unusual in an American community, and is not likely to be repeated, even in Colorado.—Ex."

The edict that displaced gambling in Astoria was taken with much protest and some bad humor, but the law was,

and is, respected, in the greatly larger sense, and so are the people responsible for it, and those that have its enforcement in hand.

A recent typhoon in China annihilated 12,000 natives. What need have we to be exercised about Chinese immigration? Leave it to the typhoon.

Next summer Astoria should be able "to point with pride" to her new, modern and beautiful hotel. If she is not, it will be her fault, and hers alone.

For a city that uses as much wood for its highways as does Astoria, her streets and sidewalks are in splendid condition, with a few exceptions, and the difference between the repaired and unrepaired will not be long in announcing itself to the owners of the latter and suggesting what ought to be done.

It is to be hoped the light-house department of the government will use expedition, with abundant success, in floating the two vessels recently lost, one by storm, the other by collision, the bar light-ship and the tender Manzanita, neither of which can be spared from this port with any comfort or safety.

There is an ominous silence prevalent in regard to that new Nehalem railroad. Can it be possible the bottom has fallen out so quickly? Such ventures usually exhaust newspaper space and comment before they lapse to memories.

So Uncle Sam, through his capable engineer in charge of the jetty work at the mouth of the Columbia, is going to give the world of marine people a QUARTERLY report on the depth of water available on the Columbia river bar? What about the water in the interim? Surely it will not be "so long between ships" as all that!

The marvel of it is that there are no more boys drowned at this port than there are. It is simply awe-inspiring to note the reckless audacity of the youngsters along the water-front. But that is part and parcel of the make-up of an American "kid" anyway, so it is needless to hold one's breath about it, nor waste it, neither; it is bound to go on as long as the genus survives.

**PERSONAL MENTION**

Sam Adair went to Portland last night.

Leander Lebeck came over from Chinook, yesterday.

Mrs. J. D. Craig, of Chinook, was in the city yesterday.

J. A. Howerton, the Ilwaco furniture dealer, was in the city last night.

George L. Colwell returned from a business trip to Ilwaco last night.

Dr. J. P. Goray, an eye and ear specialist of Portland was in the city yesterday.

Captain and Mrs. W. A. Sherman are occupying the Dunbar cottage on Harrison avenue.

Henry McGowan came over from the cannery, on the Miller yesterday and returned in the evening.

Representative W. R. Williams, of Chinook, accompanied by Mrs. Williams, was in the city yesterday.

Eli Beeler came over from Chinook on the Miller yesterday, and left up the river in the evening for Portland.

Chris Olsen and Nels Futterup returned on the Miller to Chinook yesterday. The spent several days inspecting their prime ranch near Vancouver, Wash.

Dudley R. Blount was a passenger on the Telegraph yesterday afternoon. He will take in the exposition and visit friends in Oregon City.

Nels Sankala, an Ilwaco fisherman, came over on the Nahcotta last evening.

G. Wingate returned to Astoria from a pleasant visit to Portland and the fair, on the steamer Telegraph, yesterday.

Fish Warden Van Dusen is expected to arrive in the city today from Salem, where he attended the meeting of the fish commission.

A competitive examination for the positions of clerk and carrier in the Astoria post office will be held October 27. Information can be secured from C. T. Crosby, local secretary.

Today is the last day in which you can pay your water rent and avoid the 25 cent penalty. Payments should be made at the city hall.

Charles Erickson, who has been confined to St. Mary's hospital for several weeks with an attack of typhoid fever, is quite low. His ailment has developed into a case of meningitis.

Water connections with the new addition to St. Mary's hospital were made yesterday.

Captain C. D. Stuart, of the Cape Disappointment lifesaving station, returned from a trip to Portland last evening, and will leave for Canby on the steam-

er Nahcotta this morning. The Columbia river light ship went ashore during the captain's absence, but he states that Peacock spit, where she is lodged, is one of the treacherous points of the river.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Marie Rables to Mr. Austin Osburn, to occur next Monday, in St. Mary's church.

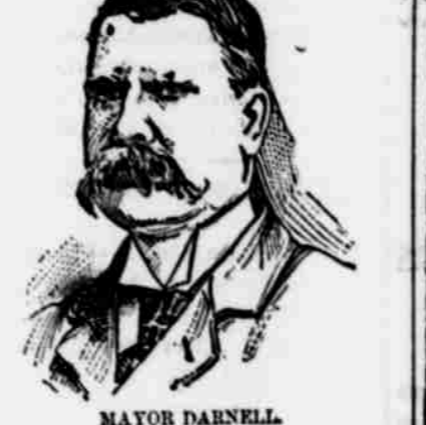
All Jewish stores in the city were closed yesterday in observance of the sacred Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur.

**MAYOR OF FRANKFORT, KY.**

Tells What Vinol Is Doing in the South.

"To whom it may concern: For the benefit of the people of Astoria permit me to say a few words in the columns of the Astorian endorsing the peerless merits of that modern cod liver oil preparation, Vinol.

"For years I have suffered from indigestion, stomach trouble, and general nervous debility. I had spent lots of money with different doctors and tried all kinds of medicines, but without any benefit whatever.



"Some of the city officials and prominent citizens here called my attention to what Vinol had accomplished for them, and induced me to give it a trial. I confess that it certainly worked wonders for me. It was delicious to take and did not upset my stomach like old fashioned cod liver oil and emulsion; it gave me a hearty appetite, cured my stomach trouble and strengthened and invigorated my entire system. I wish every sick person in Astoria would try this great cod liver oil preparation, Vinol. J. S. Darnell, mayor of Frankfort, Kentucky."

Our local druggist, Charles Rogers, says, "The above letter is perfectly genuine, and we endorse all Mayor Darnell says. We guarantee Vinol to increase the appetite, cure stomach troubles, renew the vitality of the aged, build up the run down, tired and debilitated, make the weak strong, cure chronic coughs, colds and build up the convalescent, or we will return to the purchaser every dollar paid for it." Charles Rogers, druggist.

**BABY'S FACE MASS OF SORES**

Ears Looked as if They Would Drop Off—Body Entirely Covered with Humor—Three Doctors Could Not Cure—Child Grew Worse.

**CURED BY CUTICURA IN TWO WEEKS**

Mrs. George J. Steese, of 701 Coburn St., Akron, Ohio, tells in the following letter of another of those remarkable cures of torturing, disfiguring skin humors daily made by Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, after physicians, and all else had failed: "I feel it my duty to parents of other poor suffering babies to tell you what Cuticura has done for my little daughter. She broke out all over her body with a humor, and we used everything recommended, but without results. I called in three doctors, they all claimed they could help her, but she continued to grow worse. Her body was a mass of sores, and her little face was eaten away, her ears looked as if they would drop off. Neighbors advised me to get Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and before I had used half of the cake of soap and box of ointment the sores had all healed, and my little one's face and body was as clear as a new-born babe's. I would not be without it again if it cost five dollars, instead of seventy-five cents, which is all it cost us to cure our baby, after spending many dollars on doctors and medicines without any benefit whatever."

**SLEEP FOR BABIES**

Rest for Mothers. Instant relief and refreshing sleep for skin-tortured babies, and rest for tired, fretted mothers, in warm baths with Cuticura Soap and gentle anointings with Cuticura Ointment, the great skin cure, and purest of emollients. Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Pills are sold throughout the world. Fuller Drug & Chem. Co., Inc., Boston, Sole Props. Send for "How to Cure Baby Humors."

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**This is the kind of a Story for which the NATIONAL MAGAZINE is paying \$10,000**

TOO DIFFICULT. In a Pennsylvania town where 'the Friends' abound a pithy old Quaker speaker one day attended the marriage of his grandnephew, a young person who had in the course of his twenty years received much needed discipline at her hands.

**Do you know of a better one**

Think, Laugh or Cry. We want little stories, anecdotes, bits of verse—any clipping from a newspaper, magazine or book that has made you

Joe Chapple, Editor  
 946 Dorchester Avenue,  
 Boston, Mass.

**OFFENSIVE CATARRH**

I suffered for a long time with a bad case of Catarrh, and took a great deal of medicine without any benefit. I had a continual headache, my cheeks had grown purple, my nose was always stopped up, my breath had a sickening and disgusting odor, and I coughed incessantly. I heard of your S. S. S. and wrote you. I commenced to use it, and after taking several bottles I was cured and have never since had the slightest symptom of the disease. MISS MARY L. STORM, Cor. 7th & Felix Sts., St. Joseph, Mo.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 29, 1903. I had Nasal Catarrh for years for which I used S. S. S. with very gratifying results. I tried local applications for some time, and getting no permanent relief I came to the conclusion that the seat of the trouble was in the blood. Knowing S. S. S. to be a good blood medicine I began its use, and after using it for some little while it did away entirely with the offensive mucus in the nostrils, and I did not have to hawk and spit, especially in the morning, to dislodge the catarrhal matter. 1637 South St. FRED H. PERRY.

The filthy secretions and foul mucus that are continually dropping back into the throat, find their way into the stomach and are absorbed into the blood. Catarrh then becomes constitutional, and the only way to get rid of it is through the blood. Write us if you have Catarrh, and our physicians will advise you without charge.

**SSS**  
 The Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga.

**Are You Interested In Advertising?**

The third quarterly convention of the Pacific Coast Advertising Men's association will convene at Seattle, October 23 and 24. The association is made up of advertisers, advertising writers and agents and advertising solicitors—and every one who is interested in advertising. Papers on advertising salmon, shingles, retail stores, export trade, etc., will be read and discussed.

**You Are Invited**

Whether or not you are at the present time a member of the association, the meetings are open to the public and will be immensely helpful to any one who uses ore expects to use advertising space. This is the place where new ideas are sprung—make it a point to be there. For further information write to

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 WASHINGTON VICE-PRESIDENT P. C. A. M. A.  
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 General Agent, Rock Island System,  
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**Weinhard's Lager Beer.**