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**IS STILL GAGGING.**

The Portland Oregonian is still gagging over the indigestible morsel handed down to it, recently, by the supreme court, in the matter of the unconstitutionality of the "Port of Columbia" law; it does not seem to be able to rid its offended stomach of the dregs of its chagrin. At all events it harps bitterly, and vainly, against the decision, and is engaged in a futile effort to instruct the appellate tribunal as to its laches in the original appeal, as well as directing it in the matter of the projected plea for a re-hearing; all of which is singularly undignified in a paper of such standing, and a tacit insult to the upper bench. Its latest and most conspicuous claim as against the decision complained of, is, that the law did not create a special

municipal corporation (which is flatly forbidden by the latest amendment to the constitution of the state), because it was a matter of state-wide interest and value. The absurdity of this claim is manifest when it is remembered that the bill specifically limited its functions and territory to the three counties of Multnomah, Columbia and Clatsop; whereas, if it was purely and wholly an Oregon matter, it should have made the terms and purposes of a breadth coequal with the last county and boundary of the state. This may be supplemented by the declaration, that the bill was, primarily, solely, and absolutely, a Multnomah scheme, no one in the two counties annexed (for the purposes of color, pretext and humbuggery), ever heard of the thing until it was launched, surreptitiously, in the Legislature and was there clubbed through to enactment before the people of Multnomah, even, knew of its existence.

Columbia county sat supinely by and let the outrage go unchallenged, but Clatsop went into the ring of publicity with it and sent a corps of able attorneys to Salem to present the claim of this county as to the unconstitutionality of the bill, and defeated it "hide, hair and horns." Now the Oregonian is setting up a howl about the temerity and the success of the "minority" in butting in, and baffling the existence and operation of this wise and beneficent provision of marine law (that was to hog the last ship, cargo, dock and intimate interest, at Portland, to the utter subversion of every port in the state). It confesses, blindly, that the work of defeat was wrought by 5 per cent of the people alleged to be in interest, and deliberately lies when it avers that the 95 per cent, of the majority, knew, approved of, and wanted the law. Out of Portland's (nearly) 200,000 people, we solemnly assert, without fear of successful contradiction, not an even thousand citizens know, at this day, the salient features of the "Port of Columbia" law.

The Oregonian will do well to remember that the "minorities" in this vast human hive of ours are the agencies for good, always; that the little group of thinkers and doers and explainers, is the championing, saving, and guiding factor, always; that it is the protesting, arguing, fighting, figuring bunch that wins out against the blind and helpless majority that goes, sheep-like, into the pit dug for it by the syndicated-leaders of the alleged majorities; in the language of a celebrated American publicist, "The chosen heroes of this earth have a social, political, or religious privilege that you enjoy today that was not bought for you by the blood and tears and patient sufferings of the minority."

When this peculiarly Portland measure was pending in the Legislature, rumor was busy in the State House lobby, to the effect that there was a big graft, to-wit, \$3000, in the thing for a certain well-known member of the Oregonian's staff, in the event the bill became a law, and that, under its successful operation, the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company sold its only tug at the mouth of the Columbia River, the Wallula, for a certain extraordinary figure; and since this same Oregonian writer is still writing, or dictating, the utterances of that paper in this relation, the assumption that rumor was not altogether rumor, is admissible. This is the same gentleman who took a flyer down to this port from Portland, for one day, with a copy of the measure, showed it to three citizens here, and no more, and then went back to Portland and Salem, and gave it out that the people of Clatsop county were a unit for the bill, in fact, were clamoring for its enactment, etc., etc.

Astoria fought the bill because it was designed, first, and last, to kill this, the best port and harbor in Oregon; because it was a Portland measure framed for the express purpose of fastening at that alleged port, for all time to come, the marine interests of the state; be-

cause it was, upon its face utterly unconstitutional; because it was the patent scheme of a group of Portland ship-owners, aided and abetted by the aforesaid Oregonian writer, to particularly damn, defeat and destroy the Port of Astoria, and hold the balance of power against this place forever; because it was dangerously drawn and gave over to the commission it created a free hand in the assessment, levy and collection of taxes, after the sum of its original fund was exhausted; because it was a sham, a blind, a trap, an evil and a raw injustice to every man in Columbia and Clatsop county, in that it taxed their citizens for the maintenance of a system that would, within two years of its application, leave the lower counties and their ports, shipless, and dockless, and possessed of the two barren privileges of seeing the sea and river fleets sail by their towns and wharves to, and from, Portland; and paying handsomely each year for the humiliating spectacle.

We make no sort of denial that we are fighting this and all other rotten plans, emanating from the metropolis, for the discomfiture and detriment of Astoria as a seaport and as the second city in the great State of Oregon and will continue to scrap until we have won recognition at hands that mean well by us. We have nothing to hope for from Portland; that hope never existed in the heart and conscience of Astoria. Portland takes our several millions of money annually and hammers, and blocks, and curses us from years end to years end, and we know just where we stand in her commercial eye. But there is a near-by day that holds the key of our deliverance; when that hour comes we shall take our place and do our work without let or hindrance, and we'll do it honestly, for Astoria, and for Oregon.

Do you know that Pinesalva Carbolyzed acts like a poultice in drawing out inflammation and poison? It is anti-septic. For cuts, burns, exzema, cracked hands it is immediate relief. Sold by Frank Hart's Drug store.

**COALITE PROVES A SUCCESS.**

Much interest has been shown in England in a new coal product named coalite. A practical demonstration of its use was made at New Castle recently. Coalite is a bright, hard substance, similar in appearance to the best grades of coke, and in burning makes no smoke and produces, it is alleged, twice the heat of coal, while a coalite fire lasts 40 per cent longer than the ordinary coal fire. Coalite is produced by a process similar to that employed by the gas companies for the gas companies for the production of coke. Gas companies treat coal at a high temperature, the gas and by-products being collected and the residue being coke. By the coalite process, however, the coal is treated at a much lower temperature, with the result that the gas obtained is much richer, as also are the by-products, the residue being coalite, which can be easily lightened, and which burns with great steadiness and economy.

The use of coalite in London, where it is being adopted largely, is expected to abate in a large measure the present fog and smoke nuisance. A ton of coal produces 70 per cent of coalite, but its heating power being much greater, the ton may be said to have suffered no loss in value, while at the same time the gas and by-products have been extracted and utilized.

A coalite company has been organized and will erect works at Barking, near London, where some three million tons of coal will be treated annually. The process, it is said, can be applied to all bituminous coals, and contracts have been made to supply 2,000,000 tons a year to London alone.

**Sick Headache.**

The disease is caused by a derangement of the stomach. Take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to correct the disorder and the sick headache will disappear. For sale by Frank Hart and leading Druggists.

**FIGURING ON DREDGES.**

MARSHFIELD, Sept. 26.—The subcommittee of the Port James Flanagan, H. C. Diers and Henry Sengstacken held a meeting yesterday and discussed the matter of purchasing a dredge. There will be a company organized for purchasing the dredge which will proceed with the work as soon as it can be purchased and brought to the Bay. Afterwards, if the people of the Bay district wish to take it over, the company will sell it and the commission will have charge of the work. The present plan is to obtain information about a combination bucket and suction dredge at Portland, of a 2,000 yards capacity, which has been in operation for one year. This dredge is not of sufficient capacity, but it can be re-arranged and enlarged to a capacity of between four and six thousand yards, which would fill the requirements. Captain Pohlman has been asked to investigate the matter for the committee and he will likely have his report here soon. The cost of the dredge in mind will be about forty-five thousand dollars, complete with the larger capacity. It is now planned to at first dredge a good ship channel from North Bend to the C. A. Smith mill on Isthmus Inlet with a depth of twenty feet at low water. Such an undertaking will require the removal of somewhere around one million yards of earth.

**An Ounce of Prevention**

is worth a pound of cure. There are many poor sufferers. Consumptives who are hopeless of getting well—who, if they had taken care of themselves, would now be well. A cough is the foundation of Consumption. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure that cough. Mrs. S., Great Falls, Montana, writes: "I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my family for years—my children never suffer with coughs. Sold by Hart's Drug Store."

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**The NATIONAL'S GREAT FORCED SALE**

Begins To-Morrow, Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 9 a. m.

We must have the money quick—and to get it in ten days we have mercilessly slaughtered our already lower than the lowest prices on high grade Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Underwear and Furnishings for Men, Women and Children. Here are a few good reasons why you should go to this

**GREAT FORCED SALE**

<p><b>The Reasons Why</b></p> <p>Men's \$8.00 suits.....\$5.29 Men's 10.00 suits ..... 6.98 Men's 11.00 suits ..... 7.98 Men's 12.50 suits ..... 9.98 Men's 15.00 suits .....11.98 Youth's 7.00 suits ..... 2.98</p> <p><b>The Reasons Why</b></p> <p>Men's \$1.50 pants ..... 98c Men's 2.00 pants .....\$1.29 Men's 3.00 pants ..... 2.29 Men's 4:50 and \$5.00 pants ..... 3.49</p> <p><b>The Reasons Why</b></p> <p>Men's \$1.50 hats ..... 89c Men's 2.50 hats .....\$1.98 Men's 3.00 hats ..... 2.19</p>	<p><b>The Reasons Why</b></p> <p>Ladies' \$2.50 petticoats..... 89c Ladies' 3.00 street skirts.....\$1.39 Ladies' 1.50 wrappers ..... 49c Ladies' 25c hose..... 9c Ladies' \$1.00 waists ..... 29c</p> <p><b>The Reasons Why</b></p> <p>Ladies' \$1.75 shoes.....\$1.19 Ladies' 2.25 shoes..... 1.49</p> <p><b>The Reasons Why</b></p> <p>Men's underwear ..... \$1.39 Down to, the garment ..... 35c Men's dress and work shoes, \$4.75 down to .....\$1.29</p>	<p><b>The Reasons Why</b></p> <p>Boys' suits \$3.49 down to.....\$ 1.29 Cravenette \$15.00 rain coats ..... 11.98 Rain-proof umbrellas \$1.98 down to 49c</p> <p><b>The Reasons Why</b></p> <p>Men's dress and work shirts ..... 35c Monarch shirts ..... 89c</p> <p>Everything good and durable known in these lines will be found here. Percalines, madras, sateen and drill, Oregon pure wool blue flannels and all go at Forced Sale Prices, 2.65 down to.....35c</p> <p><b>The Reasons Why</b></p> <p>Men's 10c hose ..... 3c pair Men's 15c hose ..... 5c pair</p>	<p><b>The Reasons Why</b></p> <p>Men's 25c hose..... 18c pair Men's wool 25c hose ..... 19c pair Men's wool 40c hose ..... 29c pair Men's wool 50c hose ..... 33c pair Men's Rockford hose light ..... 2c pair Men's Rockford hose heavy ..... 7c pair Men's white, colored border h'd'kf..... 5c Men's 25c initial h'd'kf. .... 7c Men's 10c bandana h'd'kf. .... 3c Men's 25c suspenders..... 9c Men's 35c suspenders..... 19c Men's 50c suspenders..... 29c Boston Garters..... 19c Sleeve garters..... 4c Men's 35c four-in-hand ties..... 19c Men's 50c four-in-hand ties..... 39c</p>
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**Forced Sale Prices on Rubber Coats and Boots, Rubbers, Oil Skins, Mackinaw Coats and Wool Blankets**

REMEMBER

**Saturday, Sept. 28th**

At 9 o'clock a. m.

The great Ten Days Forced Sale begins



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