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LET'S GET NEXT!

In the face of all that is impending for the great good of this city and section and which, in the early months of the new year, will take actual shape in a hundred forms of progress, we believe it will be of very practical benefit to the whole community here to get together in a big and friendly "pow-wow"; to summon ourselves into a huge mass-meeting with the sole purpose of reaching a broad, sensible, unanimous, heart-to-heart agreement as to how we are going to make the most of the promising future of Astoria and Clatsop, and to unite upon a general program of helpful, communal action, along all the lines that touch the commoner interests and "get next" to the chiefest requirements of the hour. Such a gathering, representative of the business, property, and industrial concerns of the whole people, cannot fail to be of service in determining the course we are to pursue in the larger items of public and private business inseparable from the coming development; and may mitigate many a misunderstanding; solve, at least, in part, what may be the real problems of the later hour; show the tone of public feeling in relation to the larger projects already on foot, and assist very materially in shaping and solidifying the plans that are to serve us best in the task of taking over the new advantages thrust upon us; and put the entire populace on the qui vive for all that is in store; the meeting cannot do any harm to a single man or interest involved, and is likely to do far more good than the mere thought of it indicates, provided all hands come together unhampered by selfish purposes, and with minds wide open for the reception and consideration of what shall be wholesome and good for the community as a whole.

The suggestion is respectfully submitted to the Astoria Chamber of Commerce for primary and authentic action such as is requisite in a case of the kind. The Chamber has done a wonderful work in heralding the name and resources of city and county over the whole continent and the larger part of Europe, and it may not be amiss if its influence shall be turned, for the moment, to the more intimate and influential elements of life and business at home, especially at a juncture when the best wisdom and widest concert of action is imperatively demanded for the section that Chamber stands for.

NO INSTRUCTIONS NEEDED.

The Oregonian (newspaper) yesterday indulged us to (what was intended to be) a satirical lesson on the way Astoria should, or would, or might, treat the Harriman interests when they got in here for good. All of which was entirely unnecessary, as this place has been soundly enough lambasted by that particular paper, during the past two or three score years, to drill it into knowing, to a misery, just what to do to make its own friends and keep them. It will never treat anyone, nor any place, nor any group or combination along the lines that have been rigorously followed by the Oregonian in its dealings with this city and county; we are too well disposed even toward Portland, for that; we want friends and are going after them, even in the good season of the up-life when we may not need them so badly as we have in the past; we are going to make a stalwart friend of Portland, despite the heartless campaign she has waged against us from time immemorial; we need her more than any other, and she is coming to us, all in good time, if only for the pickings and parcels of commercial profit that will lure her to our side.

"It is a long lane that has no turn," and the Astoria by-way has its turning just ahead. The tangent has been set up by James J. Hill, who, in January last, was never dreamed of as a factor in the swinging of transportation matters in the Columbia Basin, but who, since that time, has spent 21,000,000 of dollars, not only to get into the Basin, but to traverse it from its richest outlying districts to its very mouth. He it is that worked the miracle of development that is shifting the base of operations from Portland to Astoria; and he it is who will perfect the program of a commercial success never imagined by the most sanguine dweller in the lower valleys of the Columbia and the Willamette.

When the time comes Portland will be to the fore, where she ought to be, with her huge leverage, right here at the seagate of the state; she will have her branch houses, her big agencies, her strong and full representation in every conceivable line of trade and commerce, here in Astoria, and she will always control and build and expand her interest; to her abundant good, and ours. She will lose nothing in the transition, nor does anyone in all Astoria want her to. She will be compelled to shift her course and sail close-hauled on the tack that leads to a greater success than even she has known, and in the doing of it she will have to take us as consort whether she likes it or not.

It is an open secret at the metropolis that these things are certain, only the hour is not ripe for her candid confession in this behalf; but it is coming all the same. In the meantime, we are to see to it that we make the most of everything that comes our way, railroads, ships, incidental investment of all sorts and description that go with such an unfolding; and she need not worry about our falling to husband, nurture and make good upon every thing of the kind that enters here; we may be new to the processes, but we will find some way of expressing our sense of appreciation and of doing our duty by the access. We need no lessons; we have an intuitive idea of the fitness of things, and once they are established, we will hold them securely until she can get down and exploit them, properly.

If she has any real interest in Astoria, she will know how and when to make friends with us. Trust Portland not to lose anything of importance, commercially, as near home as this is.

TO ADVERTISE THIS CITY

CASHIER OF NEW BANK MAKES TRIP TO ST. PAUL AND CARRIES A STOCK OF BOOST LITERATURE TO DISTRIBUTE AMONG FRIENDS.

Carrying a good stock of boost literature describing this section and the chances for investment, Cashier Anderson, of the Scandinavian-American Savings Bank, left for St. Paul last night to close up his business in that city. While away he will talk of this part of Oregon until he runs out of words, and with such a subject this would hardly be possible.

He has already been corresponding with St. Paul business men and announces that he will have some good news for the people of Astoria in the way of investors as soon as things have materialized to the publication point. Mr. Anderson took quite a large amount of circulars with him and it will not be his fault if more than a few hundred people do not find out something about this section.

Every Astorian making an eastern trip should "go and do likewise."

MEDIOUNAS SEEK PROTECTION.

General Drude Declines to Aid Tribe Attacked by Hostile Moors.

CASABLANCA, Oct. 10.—Representatives of the Medonnas tribe today formally complained to General Drude, the French commander, that they had been attacked and their camp raised by hostile Moors since their submission of the peace terms, and asked for the protection of French troops.

The general replied that the attacks had occurred beyond the radius of French action, adding that he thought that if the Medonnas were strong enough to attack the international troops they should be able to defend themselves against their native enemies.

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Men's Raincoats.

Made from genuine Priestley Cravenette cloth; the only real rain-proof coat made. Sold everywhere at \$15. Forced Sale Price..... \$11.98

MEN'S HATS

New, up-to-date shapes and colors in soft and stiff hats at prices never before known in Astoria for goods of equal value. Men's \$1.50 hats, Forced Sale Price, \$0.89 " 2.00 " " " " 1.39 " 2.50 " " " " 1.98 " 3.00 " " " " 2.19

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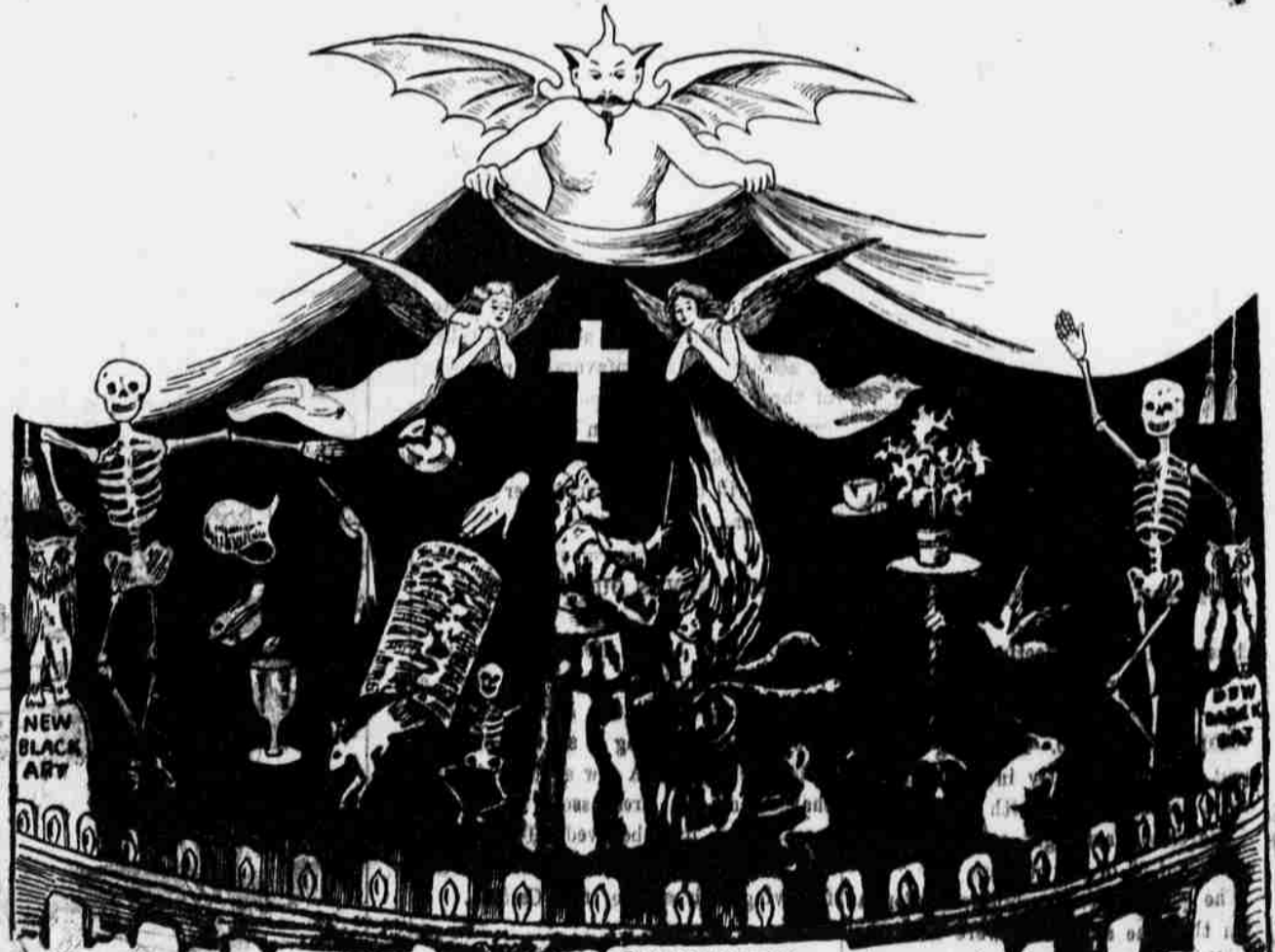
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