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**IN THE PORTLAND "POND."**

Another steamer cut in two and a fine ship more or less injured by the collision, through the vain attempt of the former to navigate safely the meagre limits of Portland's pond-like "harbor." There are at least 30 ships docked and anchored there now, and the congestion reacts on the current of the Willamette until it is almost impassable for the local steamers; hence, such news as this of the loss of the Annie Cumming. Of course, the "harbor" is, at best, but the wider reaches of an inland river approaching its mouth, fairly dredged to barely adequate depths, and does decent service so long as too many vessels are not towed in there at any one time. If the commerce of Portland grows to anything more than its present abnormal scope, we cannot see, for the life of us, where she is going to dispose of the outside fleet, unless her home boats tie up and cease moving about the long, narrow, pond-like estuary.

We would be glad to relieve the pressure now, or at any time in the future. We have world's of room down here, and Portland could easily ship her cargo-stuff down the river by rail, steamer or barge, and thus avoid the continuous line of accidents occurring by reason of her lack of room. For a small fleet she is adequately prepared, and usually disposes of it very successfully, but she is certainly not in shape to take care of more than two score ships of any size; while we can handle an even thousand without congestion, save for dockage, and that of course, would come in time, if Portland took the notion to use this port, which, by the way, belongs to her quite as much as to any place in the State, and even more so, since she is the commanding commercial center for the basin of the Columbia.

**ENTITLED TO NONE OF IT.**

One of the absurdest things in the current record of the day, was the refusal of the Pennsylvania clergyman to accept five twenty-dollar gold pieces, tendered him along with \$120 more in other phases of currency, on the ground that the new coins did not bear the customary inscription "In God We Trust," a type of expression he has been taught to reverence by his mother in his boyhood days, etc., etc.

If this man was a poor man, as, unhappily, most country clergymen are

(and \$20 purses are not often tendered to rich preachers), he was a first-class chump for declining coin of the "realm" when he, and his family more than he, needed every dollar of the generous gift. If he was well-to-do, then his declination was no less assinine, since it was, not only extremely bad manners, and a slap in the face to his donors, but a raw, and groundless, discrimination against the money of the land; done wholly for effect, a cheap and childish bid for notoriety. He is the laughing-stock of the country and will not hear the last of it until it has palled upon the inventive humor of the American paragon.

**VINDICATES HIS HONOR.**

It strikes us that William M. Ladd, of Portland, has done a very honorable thing in assuming the indebtedness of the Title, Trust & Guarantee Company to its depositors. That his name, as a one-time officer of the defunct institution, should have led many a man and woman to trust their savings with its bank, goes without saying; and that that name should have been retained on the stationery of the house after he had severed all connection with it, and still indirectly lured the confidence of many people, is quite as palpable as the dishonest subterfuge involved in it, and employed by the religious humbug that guided its erstwhile destinies.

Mr. Ladd's assumption of this phase of the big indebtedness, on this particular score, counts very strongly for his sense of moral obligation and does him distinct credit in these times of "piping" elusiveness and general repudiation of far honest debts than this. We congratulate the Portland community on the possession of a man with such pronounced ideas of personal honor and the higher quality than puts them into practical expression.

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**WOOD PULP TARIFF.**

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 31.—Congressman Charles E. Littlefield in a speech last night on "Forests and the tariff on wood pulp," took issue with President Roosevelt on the president's effort to reduce the tariff on wood pulp, claiming that such action would tend to increase rather than diminish the drain on American forests. He argued that the Canadian Government would surely impose an export duty as agitation to that end already had begun. The American manufacturers of paper, he declared, would then be forced to seek their pulp wholly in American forests on account of the higher price the Canadian product would command. Regarding the protective tariff in general, Congressman Littlefield said in part:

"There will be a general revision of the tariff in the near future, but there will be no more of any necessity of a revision of any particular schedule at this time. That part of the country in which you and I now exercise a determining influence in that revision. The suggestions which will come from the committee of ways and means will be submitted to a caucus of the Republican members of the House and Senate. In that caucus those states west of Pennsylvania will have a majority of 60 over those states east of Pennsylvania. When you realize what that majority of 60 means you will realize that there never will be another tariff schedule that will treat the industries of New England with the consideration that they now enjoy."

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**WEATHER.**

Western Oregon—Partly cloudy with probable occasional light rain along coast and in Northern portion.

Western Washington—Partly cloudy with possibly occasional light rain.

**ASTORIA'S NEW YEAR.**

Along with every loyal Astorian and Clatsopian, we are hoping that 1908 is to prove the greatest of all our century of existence. But we want to say right here, in the very dawn of the day that heralds the possible up-lift, that the year 1908 will be just what the citizens of this city and county make of it, and no more.

We believe in no dream-stuff and deprecate all attempts to work spells; concrete results are not coined from "hot air" nor from filmy webs of gossamer promise; the sooner this people get down to bedrock conviction that they themselves have got to move for their

own salvation, the better and quicker and more positive those results will be. And what is more to the point, Astoria has got to go into the markets of the world and bid for business. Among the businesses she is best adapted for is that of shipping. She has simply no road open just now but the commercial line, and she must put on a ship or two, and make a beginning; and those vessels must have the last limit of local good-will and patronage to the utter exclusion of everything in competition with them. It is going to take money and business sense and close application, all of which is here in abundance, if it will but loosen up and apply itself to the point of ownership and real direction. What is done must be done by Astoria, for Astoria, and in Astoria.

One small steamer in oceanwise trade between this port and San Diego, touching at Port Los Angeles, San Francisco, Eureka, Coos and Tillamook Bays; and another, running northward to Juneau with intermediate calls, would, in a couple of years' time, resolve themselves into a fleet that would be a credit and a certain advantage. But they must be

long here, and take their orders here; load and discharge here, and be registered out of this port. Trans-shipment, hence, can be easily arranged with the railway out of here, and by the same agency, from the interior markets to the docks of this port.

Of course, it cannot be done, if we are quite unified in such a negative; and it will never be done, nor even attempted, so long as we sit still and wait for someone else to saunter in here and dictate impossible terms, hedged in with hypothetical assurances. There is no chance of our gaining a thing that we do not go after; and the doing of it, by ourselves, for ourselves, will make it ours; a status at once prolific of encouragement and all the energizing influences of ownership and control. This city has built a fine railway. She can float a steamer line just as well, reserving the cardinal element of entire possession and direction to herself, instead of "passing it up" to the outsider.

We should like to see the attempt made, at any rate! "Let the dead past bury its dead," and remember we have a brand new record to make for 1908!

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