

THE SHIP-RAILWAY.

The Astorian has always been a staunch advocate of the improvement of the Columbia river, and never missed an opportunity to put forth earnest efforts to that end.

Senator Dolph may after all obtain the appropriation which he has for the proposed ship-railway at the fall session.

All papers published in the vast region of country tributary to the Columbia river should sustain Senator Dolph in his fight against the notions of Gov. Penneyer for a portage road and the statement of Mr. Blanchard that Oregon is receiving too much in the River and Harbor bill.

The Republicans never tire of denigrating their party as one of progress. It is such a party, but its progress is in surrendering this government into the hands of capital and destroying it as a republic.

The anniversary of the natal day of the republic is rapidly approaching, and it is to be expected that political bickerings will cease until after the celebration.

An exchange truthfully says: "The national Democratic platform is a cumbersome document, full of denunciations and promises. It particularly denounces reciprocity and the McKinley tariff, and promises many things if the people will only place Democrats in power again."

The people may consider the question of permanent improvements to the navigation of the Upper Columbia laid over until the next session of congress. This is to be credited to the letters of Gov. Penneyer and the obstruction policy of the Democratic lower house.

The Pendleton East Oregonian is in line with the Democratic nominations. For the past four years it has howled for the single-tax theory and free-trade and free-silver, and now it scolds Cleveland and his plottings.

The New York Sun printed the following vigorous editorial protest, just after the nomination of Cleveland: "We tender the assurance of our admiring salutations to William Collins Whitney, the cleverest politician of the day."

THE FINANCIAL ISSUES JOINED.

The Democratic platform contains two financial planks. One is a silver straddle, says an exchange, and the other a commitment of the party to the policy of restoring the paper money system which was obtained before the war.

Sec. 7. We denounce the Republican legislation known as the Sherman act of 1890 as a cowardly makeshift, fraught with possibilities of danger in the future.

The Sherman bill referred to is the act under which practically all the silver output of our own mines, except what may be needed for the mechanical arts, is utilized in the form of bullion or coin, for money, being bought by the government in the open market at the market rate, and paid for in brand new United States notes, redeemable in coin.

Then take the dallies mystery. When Governor Penneyer, the legislature and most of the press of the state advocated the building of a portage road, at least a temporary solution of the matter, and to be used while the great boat-railway scheme was hatching.

When the letters of Gov. Penneyer came before congress, for a portage road, the chairman of the committee on commerce in the house came to the conclusion that if such was the desire of the people of Oregon there was no necessity for the locks—as the state had already constructed a railway—or for further permanent improvement on the upper river.

Nobody at the north, so far as we are aware, wants to return to state money, but at the south the feeling in favor of it is very strong. The Democratic party has agreed to give the south this pet measure if allowed to control the government.

It may be said that no state need authorize the issue of bills if it does not want to, which is true, of course, but it is to be remembered that if even only one out of the forty-four states in the Union should authorize bank issues that would be enough to open the floodgates for the whole country.

The editor of the Portland Telegram advocates Democracy not because he believes Democratic doctrines correct as a national policy, but simply because he is a Bourbon or Bourbonist, and would support any principle, even if it were contrary to his conscientious belief, if he thought it was consistent with party principles.

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