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COAST RAILROAD TO ALASKA.

The subject of a Pacific Coast Railway line to Alaska is being warmly discussed in San Francisco. The scheme originated with Mr. Herbert J. Jones, of Toronto. His project is to build a railroad from Portland to Alaska. Mr. Jones gives it as his opinion that there will be little difficulty in raising the capital stock of \$50,000,000. Starting from Portland the proposed Coast road is to run north to Tacoma, Seattle and thence to Vancouver in British Columbia, where the Canadian Pacific Railroad can be interested. It will then go north through British territory, sticking pretty well to the coast, passing between Chillico Lake and Jervis and Butte Inlets and after crossing the Humahlich river reach Bentinck Arm. From there the route is in a north-westerly direction to Port Essington and Skeena village, where the river of the same name is crossed.

Continuing in the same direction Fort Wrangel is reached, and then Devil's Thumb, Mount Window and License head is passed, and at last the route is to terminate at far away Juneau. The letter goes on to say that the opening of Alaska by the United States and the northern part of British Columbia by the Dominion of Canada, is of great importance; that a railroad would successfully build up both regions, and that there was little doubt that both governments would encourage the project. In addition his scheme embraces the buying out of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, so as to operate it in connection with the road. He thinks the undertaking will be a big financial success. But the steamship officials who read his letter expressed quite the opposite view, with mingling sarcastic remarks about the mental character of the railway genius who conceived the scheme.

THE CLACKAMAS HATCHERY.

In a letter to Senator Dolph, which we print to-day, State Senator Barin answers completely the criticisms made recently by Gov. Penover upon the Clackamas salmon hatchery and its location. Upon comparison of testimony the governor is overwhelmed. The judgment of Prof. Livingston Stone, well known as an expert, supported by that of many practical fishermen, located the hatchery on the Clackamas river. The weight of evidence is still in favor of that location. None other has been proposed that, according to the best judgment to be had, is comparable with it. To defeat the appeal in behalf of this establishment is to defeat the whole scheme of government aid, and this is the only possible effect of the governor's letter, which to say the least was untimely and indiscreet.

Mr. Barin, the author of the letter printed to-day, is the chairman of the joint committee appointed by the legislature to investigate the fishery interests and report with recommendations at the next session, one year from now. The letter to Senator Dolph affords in advance some hints as to what the forthcoming report will be, with reference, especially to the methods of taking salmon. Mr. Barin says: "After a thorough examination of the fishwheels and traps last July by the committee, and the state fish commission, also Maj. Jones, U. S. engineer, who was also along by invitation, it was the opinion of the entire party that with proper restrictions and regulations trap and wheel fishing could be made even less harmful to the salmon interests of the state than the gill-net fishing, which covers the Columbia from Astoria to the ocean with a net-work that makes it almost a miracle for a salmon fit for propagating purposes to escape." This is quite sufficient to indicate that the committee will not urge a law to prohibit fishing by means of wheels and traps. —Oregonian 8.

FOR SAVING LIVES ON A STORMY SEA.

Real Admiral Ammen has proposed to the secretary of the navy a plan for the rescue of shipwrecked passengers. It consists of the construction of what is called a balsa, or a float. The rear admiral proposes that in the event of the abandonment of a vessel at sea the balsa could be used in a sea so rough that ordinary boats could not be utilized, and he suggests the following mode of launching: "The head sail should be hoisted so as to bring the wind quarterly; oil bags would be thrown over from each quarter. The railing at the stern, fitted for unshipping, would be let down and the launching skids put in place, and a balsa carried aft by eight men and lowered with four on it. Then a rough car to fit in the skids would be loaded with the helpless persons and lowered to the balsa, be received and placed and the operation continued until the boat had her load, then she would be cast adrift, make a drag of her mast and sail, throw overboard her oil bag, and the same operation would be repeated until every one was embarked. Then they should fasten to each other in sections of fives." The admiral in a letter to Secretary Whitney, asks that the department construct a balsa and subject it to practical tests in all kinds of weather. The balsa consists of two casks, upon which a platform is laid. In the casks are scuttles for stowing provisions. A sufficient number of them to carry 1,000 people could, in the opinion of the rear admiral, be carried on a large steamer without inconvenience.

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Senator Dolph says he will introduce at this session of Congress a bill to fortify the seaports of the Pacific. but it is very doubtful that he will succeed in getting one passed if introduced. It is a national disgrace to allow our seaports to remain in their unprotected state as at present. Foreign powers hold us in contempt, and should any one of the leading nations of the world send one of their fleets against us, by attacking one of our large cities, in two hours time they could destroy properly enough, which, if turned into cash, would build a powerful navy. The entire defense of the country would be practically useless against an attack of the iron clads of either England or Italy, and should the complications now being adjusted lead to a war with the former government, there would be no time to build a navy before they could destroy our leading cities. The matter has been allowed to go too long now, and the present Congress would win the confidence of the entire country by appropriating a part of the large surplus funds in building up the defenses of the country. The Pacific coast is particularly defenseless, and the growing interests and flourishing industries demand a better protection. Any little third class power could send a gunboat and destroy any city on the coast. This state of affairs should not exist so long as millions are being collected annually by a war tariff. If Republicans had protection Democrats will not allow a reduction of this war tariff, they should be consistent enough to build a navy and better coast defenses. By building a navy now, they would put a large portion of the money lying useless in the treasury into circulation, and, in a measure, keep more from getting there. —Ex.

The superintendent of the dead letter bureau, with the approval of the postmaster-general, has prepared a circular letter, which will be sent shortly to all postmasters, directing enforcement of section 509 of the postal laws and regulations. This section makes it imperative upon the postmaster to advise, in newspaper or post manuscript, a list of non-delivered letters. It also requires the "large and collection of 1 cent in all cases where a letter has been published, whether the list has been published in a newspaper, either gratuitously or at 1 cent for each letter, or less sum, or whether publication was merely by written list posted in some public place."

A Canadian paper has been embarrassing for an expression of annexation to the U. S. It heard from 910 persons, 800 of whom favored annexation. Nova Scotia is almost unanimous for it. Ontario and Quebec gave a majority nearly two to one in the same direction.

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- Prize 1st. Elegant Lamp, worth \$10. Prize 5th. Bell butter dish. Prize 9th. One scrap album. Prize 13th. One cake stand. " 2nd. Oil painting, 24x30. " 6th. Pair elegant vases. " 10th. Pr. gents' sleeve buttons. " 14th. Set tea cream dishes. " 3rd. One set glassware. " 7th. Plush autograph album. " 11th. Crystal compact. " 15th. Dec. tea set, 44 pieces. " 4th. Pair ladies' sleeve buttons. " 8th. Framed picture, 15x20. " 12th. Set majolica plates. " 0

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