

Tri-Weekly Astorian

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"SOME THINGS SET RIGHT."

Under the above caption the commercial reporter of the Oregonian of the 5th instant quotes from the San Francisco Commercial Herald of the 29th ultimo the following:

During the current week we have had several important arrivals from Oregon. Heretofore Portland was the chief-shipping point; but lately Astoria has been coming up considerably. Some of the largest steamers now clear for that port, while a number of vessels have been loaded with flour and wheat at that point for the United Kingdom. But more recently we notice the arrival at this port of a fleet of sailing craft. This week we note the bark Portland from Astoria with 12,778 sks wheat, 2,400 sks flour, and 4,500 sks oats, 3,600 sks wheat, etc; schooner Hera, with 2,202 sks wheat, 1,638 sks oats, 3,000 bbls flour, and 663 bags shorts. Doubtless there are others, but these are now in mind, and show the growing importance of this out port. In this connection we ought not to omit reference to the growing importance of Shoalwater bay, Oregon, where many oyster-beds have been planted, and from whence we have received this week no less than three cargoes of oysters, containing 16,000 baskets, making upwards of 30,000 baskets for the month. The Astorian says this latter trade the present season will amount to \$200,000.

Then the Oregonian endeavors in a mild manner to "set some things right." The commerce of the Columbia river is now too great, and the number of dissatisfied ship masters sailing out the river too large, to admit of extension or concealment of the truth, even if it were ever best to deviate from the adage that "honesty is the best policy," in this matter.

The Oregonian admits that the water is not as deep all the way from sea to Portland as it is at Astoria, and that Portland, with all her pretensions has only a tri-weekly communication with the sea board!

No one on the lower Columbia wishes any harm to Portland, nor desires to curtail her privileges, but it is well known that taking deep sea vessels to Portland has injured the reputation of Oregon's harbor and port for all ocean vessels. It is that erroneous and baneful impression abroad that THE ASTORIAN wishes to remove.

As another proof of the idea abroad concerning Oregon's facilities for ocean vessels, we quote from a letter in the Portland Bulletin of the 5th instant, written in San Francisco by an old citizen (and editor) of Oregon, this statement:

But here (San Francisco) ships can be always obtained to carry away the cargoes of wheat, and in this San Francisco maintains a great advantage over Portland where it some times happens that much delay is encountered in procuring ships from ports abroad. The wheat producers of Oregon labor under the disadvantages which arise from this cause and hence those who have their grain readiest at the shipping point for immediate transportation or sale are likely to profit most by any advance which will accrue between this and next harvest time. So long as Portland is the only place in Oregon known abroad so long will these advantages of San Francisco assert themselves to our State's detriment.

It is this difficulty to get vessels to Portland to go foreign, that has obliged the merchants this year to charter such a fleet of sailers between San Francisco and Portland to lighter our grain to deep sea ships at the former port, thereby deducting from the dues of the Oregon farmer five or six dollars per ton to pay this lighterage and provoke hatred against this port while it is in no way inferior to the port of San Francisco.

But to return to the Oregonian. We find it stated that,

The fact that some of the largest steamers now clear for Astoria appears very well on its face, but when it is known that these same steamers come to Portland to discharge and receive their entire cargoes, in nineteen cases out of twenty, the bit of importance that is to be attached to it will be manifest.

Now we defy the Oregonian to back its assertion with two cases in twenty where the San Francisco steamers, which are the largest, have taken to Portland the whole of the cargo with which they entered the river from sea. They almost universally have freight for Clatsop county, Washington Territory, and the lower Columbia, which is discharged at Astoria before going to Portland, and in more than one case in twenty do they take on cargo at Astoria before going

to sea. Further than this: the largest steamers draw nineteen feet when loaded, and cannot approach Portland with that draft according to the Oregonian's own statement—that there is but seventeen feet of water.

We admit that most of the freight goes to Portland, and on that account the steamers do not take on full cargoes either way. During the rush of lightening grain to San Francisco the largest steamer (Ajax) has been going to sea nearly loaded, but she would leave Portland several hours in advance of the advertised time, and stop below the shoals, where she would take on more cargo from river boats, which followed her. At the advertised hour another river boat would leave Portland with passengers and baggage, which would be transferred at such places as it was thought safe—which was sometimes at Astoria docks.

The Ajax, on her last outward trip, reached Astoria from Portland with seventeen feet, which was commented on as "lucky." Yet she consumed time enough in getting down (110 miles), to have gone from here to San Francisco (647 miles). The same Oregonian from which we quote says she grounded below the mouth of the Willamet. She left Portland Thursday at four o'clock P. M., grounded, lightered, and reached Astoria too late Saturday evening to take on the freight here and get to sea before dark, so she did not leave the Columbia river till nearly noon Sunday. Thursday till Sunday getting from Portland to sea, drawing but seventeen feet, when if she had been fully loaded would have drawn nineteen feet.

Again, the Oregonian Commercial says that no vessel, in the last ten years has loaded at Astoria for the United Kingdom or any other Kingdom. If it is meant any other port then he is greatly mistaken, though no wonder for as it is 100 miles from Astoria to Portland, a vessel can very easily come into the mouth of the Columbia get a cargo and sail foreign without a Portlander hearing of it. Several vessels have sailed foreign with cargoes without going near Portland. Other vessels have gone to Portland, discharged what they had and returned down the river empty to some place nearer the sea and taken on their cargo. He correctly states that the coast fleet of sail generally load entirely at Portland because as we stated above they are lighters, small vessels that have been running into Coos bay and other small ports, but have been put on to the Willamet river, in order to load deep sea vessels at San Francisco. When the people of Oregon will put on river boats from the interior to the sea board these deep sea vessels will come into the Columbia river but not many of them before. True many vessels have gone directly foreign this year but the majority of them have been small, and the masters of the remainder declare they never wish to go up the river again.

Two or three vessels have drawn over 21 feet but the largest portion of their cargoes was put on board at Astoria. Only a few of these vessels have been loaded at Portland. They took in a portion of their cargo at that city but the remainder was taken in below. But seventeen feet has not been the averaged depth with which vessels for the past four months have been able to get away from Portland. An interview with the pilots would convince any one that fifteen feet was the average. Since the rains have swollen the Willamet they have been loading to seventeen feet, but advantage of the tide has to be taken at each shoal, which requires several tides before getting down, as a vessel cannot get from one shoal to another on the same tide.

But there is only a portion of time now in which a vessel with seventeen feet draft can come down. Proof, the bark Aloa, a week since lay several days in Cathlamet bay waiting for higher tides to enable her to cross the hogs-back with seventeen feet three inches. We have given the amounts taken

on board vessels after leaving Portland in former reports and do not deem it necessary to reprint the same at this time.

Shoalwater bay is in Washington Territory, instead of in Oregon, but as its tide waters are within one mile of the same of the Columbia, and only about six miles from Astoria, it might easily be supposed to be in Oregon.

NOTES ON THE MESSAGE.

Constitutional Amendment. There appears to be a very wide difference of opinion, even among Republicans, respecting the proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States so as to empower the President to veto such parts of any act of Congress as he may not approve of, without vetoing the whole act.

Both the Bulletin and Oregonian, leading party organs,—and at least professedly Republican in their views, though we believe the Oregonian belted and bucked at the late Congressional election,—have this to say respecting this matter:

From the Bulletin. President Grant's recommendation for a Constitutional Amendment to authorize the executive to approve parts of an act of Congress, and disapprove other parts of it, in case he may see fit to do so, arises undoubtedly out of his experience in witnessing objectionable matter put into appropriation and other bills, at the end of a session. This is a habit with legislative jobbers. They manage it adroitly, so as to get their schemes into bills which must pass, and then there is not time for the Executive to return a whole act without his approval to Congress for amendment. In this way the back-pay scheme was got through. Objection will probably be made to such an amendment to the Constitution; but it would possess a good deal of merit.

Nehalem on Runners.

KLASKANI FARM, Dec. 7th. EDITOR ASTORIAN: As items are scarce I will give you one that deserves a note. Mr. Wherry and his son came through from the Nehalem, with two horses, and two jumpers, sleighs, (one to each horse), to take back supplies. They found the snow over a foot deep in places.

At this place (Klaskani Farm), snow is four inches deep. We are feeding 48 head of cattle, and 13 Southdown sheep. Yours, etc., W. H. G.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. Members of Astoria Fire Co., No. 1, will take notice that the regular monthly meeting will be held at the Engine house, this (TUESDAY), evening, at 7 o'clock. By order of the PRESIDENT.

Fancy Poultry Sale.

THE UNDERSIGNED, ABOUT TO REMOVE from Astoria, offers his stock of fancy Poultry for sale, at the following reduced prices: Silver Spangled Hamburgs.....\$7 50 per pair Buff Cochins..... 5 00 " Light Brahmas..... 5 00 " Duck-Wing Game..... 5 00 " All Chickens are warranted to be Pure blooded. A. J. MEHLER, Astoria, Oregon.

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Notice. THE ASTORIA FARMERS' COMPANY is now ready to store

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NOTICE.

BY ORDER of the Board of Directors a third assessment of Twenty-five (25) per cent. on the capital stock of the Astoria Farmers Company is made and required, to be paid to the Treasurer of said Company within Thirty days from date. S. D. ADAIR, Secretary. Astoria, Dec. 2d, 1873. n25 tf

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AT THE STORE OF THE LATE GEORGE SUMMERS, deceased, Astoria Oregon.

HAS TO BE SOLD;

And in order to settle up the affairs of the estate, the undersigned, administrator, is now offering the entire line, embracing a very desirable quality of goods at prices below actual cost. Call and Examine for Yourself. n2a

All persons having bills against the estate will please present the same, with proper vouchers for payment. And all persons owing the estate will please come forward and settle, or make arrangements to settle the same, and save costs. C. S. WRIGHT, Administrator. n2tf

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