

That Northern Pacific Railroad Branch to Astoria.

The citizens of Astoria are not satisfied with any secret assurances from the Northern Pacific Railroad company that they will build any branch to Astoria. We do not believe they intend to do it, without the people of Oregon compel them to. We want public assurance, not private assurances. We want to see it in the acts of Congress extending aid the coming session; and if the people of Astoria and Oregon take hold of the matter right it will be there; we know we do not mistake the public opinion of all Oregon when we say that one of the termini of the road must be at Astoria. It is Oregon's interest to have a terminus in Oregon, not a station. WHERE ELSE CAN A TERMINUS BE EXCEPT AT ASTORIA? Gentlemen! of eastern Oregon, Wallamet valley, Rainier, Columbia city, St. Helens, Clifton, Westport and Astoria, get up your petitions and send to us; we will see that they go to Washington and are heard. The word is we do not want a Northern Pacific railroad excepting it be required to build a branch to deep water on the south side of the Columbia in three years. Besides this, we must have the interests of eastern Oregon settlers protected.

The Fisheries.

Already in the diminished catch of the present season we see indisputable proof of the result of over fishing in the Columbia river; and if we have the beginning of this so soon, what may we expect a few years hence? Our board of trade has discussed it with an earnestness worthy of the subject; and now the papers of Puget Sound and British Columbia are giving attention to the same matter, and urging the adoption of measures that will tend to prevent the destruction of fish in their waters. At Fraser river, during the recent fishing season, there was reckless waste of fish. A paper published at New Westminster (the Guardian) says it is susceptible of the most complete proof that the salmon were followed to their spawning-beds and there captured. It properly denounces those who thus destroy the very sources of fish life, and in their greedy haste to get rich annihilate wantonly a property that belongs to the commonwealth. Great as has been the slaughter of Columbia river salmon, it has never been attended by such outrage as this. Nearly all the fish taken have been captured in the lower river; but the experience of the present year shows that this method cannot continue on a scale of such magnitude. Diminished supply is a warning of actual scarcity for the future. If our fisheries were protected and fostered, they would be a perennial source of wealth. But unless this be done, and done quickly, the country has seen already the most profitable fishing it will ever witness. Washington territory shares with Oregon an interest in the fisheries of the Columbia river and jurisdiction over the subject.

It will therefore be highly proper for the assembly of that territory, which will meet now within a few days to devise and enact legislation to secure the end desired, to take effect, as our board of trade suggests, only on a similar law passing next year in Oregon. Next year, let us hope, there will be no member of our legislature narrow and stupid enough to assert, as some did last year, that no protection is needed because the salmon of the Columbia are inexhaustible.

A grand international cattle fair is to be held in Switzerland at the close of September, 1878.

To Much Wheat.

From the Walla Walla Union. The farmers are delivering wheat at the depot and the various warehouses faster than the cars can take it away, while the railroad company is delivering it at Wallula faster than the Oregon Steam Navigation company's steamers haul it off. All the warehouses at the depot are full and running over. The railroad platforms are loaded and rods of sacks are piled on the ground in the inclosure around the depot. Between 300 and 400 teams unload at the depot and vicinity daily. At Whitman station the depot is full, tons of grain are piled up along the track and more coming daily. Those who know say that there is wheat enough at the depot here now to keep the railroad running to its full capacity for a month, without the addition of a single wagon load. Parties from Wallula report the Columbia as still falling and as being very low. Mr. Peabody, the agent at Wallula, is reported as saying that in two weeks more the river would be too low to run the big boats above Umatilla. The poor prospect for getting the wheat to market is deterring buyers from investing in the golden grain. The present outlook is, that over one half of the grain will have to be held over until next spring. This will surely be the case unless we have a mild winter and an open river. The necessity for the improvement of the Columbia was never more manifest than now. Over a million bushels of grain obstructed on its way to market, should receive the speedy attention of congress. A railroad down the river would be an immense benefit to us, and so would one to the Sound.

—One of the most remarkable trials of the day was begun in Ancona, Italy, August 14. It is a trial for murder in which the assassins were hired. The victim was Mario Pancari of Vittoria, in the province of Syracuse, and the deed was perpetrated in 1871. The courts of Cassation, of Palermo, and Rome have twice sustained a verdict in favor of the accused, who, in each instance were released from prison. Their rearrest and new trial have come to pass, through an extraordinary process of Italian law. Two hundred witnesses figure in this case, the greater number of whom have been obtained at lavish expense by the relatives of the murdered man, who have gone to all legitimate limits to open the trial. Still the mystery of the murder seems impenetrable, so intricate and obscure are the numerous clues, which, it is alleged, Pancari's relatives have gained. The crime is imputed to three wealthy and influential men—sig. G. B. Mazza and Antonio and Salvatore Jacona, brothers. They are said to have planned the assassination and paid Giovanni Piazzere and Salvatore Lo Monaco to perpetrate it. Twelve lawyers, with numerous assistants are engaged on the trial.

—After a scientific exploration of the coast of Labrador by Prof. Hind, it was found that the fish on the southern shores of that peninsula have alarmingly decreased in number since 1870, and the result of the salmon, cod, mackerel, and herring fisheries this season fully sustains the Professor's opinion. Immediately on his return to St. John's, N. F., where he was to report to Sir John Glover, the Governor, he published a warning to the merchants and outfitters of that island, that if they did not employ larger vessels to sail to the extreme northern coast of Labrador, one of their most valuable resources would be soon in a condition of hopeless decay. The extreme northern waters are, according to Hind's report, teeming with fish, would suffer no perceptible depletion after twenty years' successive fishing; while on the other hand the fishing grounds of the southern coast would recover their ancient yield if the Colonial Government were to legislate against fishing in that part of Labrador for ten or fifteen years.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

Financial. Gold in New York, 103 1/2 @ 103 3/4. Legal Tenders in Astoria—buying 96; selling 97. Silver 4 1/2 @ 5 per cent discount. Coin exchange on San Francisco 1/4 prem. Currency exchange on San Francisco 1/4 per cent premium. Coin exchange on New York 3/4 per cent premium. Telegraphic transfers on New York 1 per cent premium. Currency exchange on New York 1/4 per cent premium.

Astoria Markets. WHEAT.—Sales on bills of lading on board ships freight off \$2 1/2 @ \$2 3/4 per cental. Flour.—Superfine \$6 50 @ \$7 00; Extra \$8 50 @ \$9 00. Corn Meal \$3 cwt. \$4 00; Buckwheat \$3 cwt. \$4 00 @ \$4 50. MILL FEED.—Bran \$25 00 per ton; Shorts \$35 00; Middlings \$40 00; Hay \$16. OATS.—According to quality, prices range from 60 to 70 cts per bushel. VEGETABLES.—Potatoes 60 @ 75 per bushel; Onions 2 1/2 @ 3 per lb. EGGS.—30 @ 35 cts per dozen. Chickens, \$3 @ 5 per dozen. MEATS.—Bacon 15 @ 16 for sides; 16 @ 18 for hams; 12 for shoulders; smoked beef 10 1/2 @ 11; corned beef \$7 @ 8; bbl; corned pork 10 @ 11. LARD.—In tins and caddies 15 @ 20 cts per lb. BUTTER.—Choice roll 30 cts; Eastern in tubs 20; Oregon packed 25 cts per lb. Cheese—18 @ 25 cts per lb. FRUITS.—Apples, green, per box 62 1/2 @ 75; Dry 7 @ 8 cts; Alder dried 2 @ 10 cts; Plums 3 @ 18 cts; French Prunes 3 @ 12 1/2 cts; Zante Currants 3 @ 12 1/2 cts; Citron 3 @ 10 1/2 cts; Peaches 3 @ 10 @ 12 1/2 cts.

San Francisco Markets. By our latest advices by mail quotations for leading articles of Oregon production are as follows: Flour—Superfine, \$5 50 @ 6 00; shipping extra, \$6 25 @ 7 00; Extras in jobbing lots \$7 37 1/2 @ 8 75 per bbl. Wheat—Shipping \$2 1/2 @ 2 3/4; Milling \$2 42 1/2 @ 2 71 1/2 per cbl. Sales of 800 sacks shipping at \$2 27 1/2. Barley—Feed \$1 55 @ 1 60; Brewing \$1 60 @ 1 65. Lumber—\$3 @ 12 for rough; \$4 @ 18 for dressed. Redwood cargo rates are for rough, \$17 @ 18; 2 @ 25 for dressed; \$30 @ 32 for rustic; Lumber, No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; Siding, \$22 @ 24; battens and Furring, 1 1/2 @ 1 1/2 per lineal foot, 3/4 c. Leather—Light sole Leather 2 1/2 @ 2 50; medium do, 2 1/2; heavy do, 2 1/2 @ 2 50; choice tanagers, 1 1/2 @ 1 50 extra; Harness light, 2 1/2 @ 3; medium, 2 @ 2 50; heavy 1 1/2 @ 2; extra descriptions range 2 @ 3 @ 4 in excess of these figures; Wax, 1 1/2 @ 1 75 per lb; Finished Calf Skins, 9 @ 10 @ 11 per lb. Oil—Alaska Cod Liver Oil, 90c; Dog Fish Liver Oil, 65c; Shark do, 65; Tanner's Oil, 45c; Dry Hides, 18c; Dry Hides and Calf, 12 @ 14c; Salt Hides, light 7 @ 8; heavy steers, 9c; do kip, 7 @ 8; Salt Calf, 8 @ 10c. Oats—Quotations for all grades are from \$1 80 @ 2 15 per cbl. as to quality.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

\$20 REWARD. The above sum will be paid by the undersigned for evidence which will convict any saloon keeper or other person, in Astoria, of selling or giving liquor of any kind to minors. D. C. IRELAND, Mayor. Astoria, Oregon, Sept. 27, 1877.

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ATTENTION. On account of forming a new Partnership, all those indebted to us will please come forward and settle their accounts; otherwise it will be given for collection. MENDELSON & BRO.

GEORGE W. CORNART, Is constantly receiving a large invoice of SHEET MUSIC AND MUSICAL GOODS OF ALL DESCRIPTION. ALSO Books, Stationery, Willow Ware, and Bird Cages. ALSO FINE IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC

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