

ASTORIA, OREGON:

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FRIDAY, OCT. 5, 1877

The Dance of Death.

This is the day set apart by Sitka Jack, a leading Indian chief in Alaska, for a grand potlatch in Sitka. In addition to the testimony of Captain Collins, we have the report of Capt. J. W. White, of the United States Revenue Marine, who recently went to Sitka under instructions from the secretary of the treasury where he arrived on the 10th of August, and subsequently, with the steamer Tom Corwin, visited the following Indian villages: Chilcats, Ank, Takon, Kake, Kontzen and Hooner; returned to Sitka Aug. 27th and sailed thence on the 28th; arrived at Fort Wrangle on the 29th and sailed Sept. 1st; arrived at Kaita on the 1st and left on the 3d; arrived at Astoria on the 12th.

Capt. White's report to the treasury department on the situation in Alaska, closes as follows: "I have to add that from the best data obtainable the population of this place is as follows:—About twelve or fifteen white men, of various nationalities, claiming to be American citizens, five full-blooded Russians, including the priest and about two hundred and seventy half-breeds, including men, women and children. The Indian population varies from 300 to 1,500, according to the season. The priest informs me that the half-breeds are a low, degraded class, over whom he has no influence, and that more fear is to be apprehended from them when drunk than from the Indians themselves."

That there is urgent need of doing something for Alaska besides protecting the seal skin monopoly, all must agree, and we cannot think otherwise than that our friend Harvey, acting collector of customs at Sitka, is being murdered, while the Lackawana swings at anchor in the bay at Port Townsend full of Nanaimo coal, and her officers and men are indulging in the giddy mazes of the waltz ashore, to "exquisite music" from Olympia, as the Argus expresses it, and the shouts of the Port Townsends is:—"Hurrah for the United States navy; but think of poor Maj. Berry, on his death-bed in a British hospital at Victoria, think of poor Harvey, alone in Sitka, powerless to restrain Sitka Jack from tearing down government buildings, and murdering our own people. Yes, hurrah for the United States navy, and the Dance at Port Towasend, and the Death in Sitka.

Eastern Oregon Enterprises.

While people here are apparently dreaming over things that ought to be done for Astoria, such for instance as the organization of a company to build a wagon road out of the town, so that we might have some means for getting away from this peninsula in case of a storm, besides going in boats; the organization of a company for buying wheat for shipment; the building of flouring mills; the construction and use of vessels; and a dozen or twenty other matters which demand prompt, energetic action, concentrated action, for the benefit of every man in the city—we say, while we are composedly dreaming over the situation here, our friends elsewhere are at work. Before we fully awaken from this lethargy, this "Astoria sleep," the people of eastern Oregon will be coming down here in force. They have incorporated another railroad company up there in the Blue mountains, the Blue mountain and Columbia river Railroad Company, and the new Gazette just started at La Grande, tells us that the company expect to have 50 miles completed by one year from this time, and the whole in two years. It is to be a three foot track, and to be every way equipped with first class rolling stock and rails. The company have undertaken this work because their own interest and business demand that it be done. They are no adventurers. They are men whose every dollar and every hope is in Grand Ronde valley. Hence they are pledged, in every way,

to a truthful and energetic fulfillment of their task, and the public may trust them to finish what they have begun. The value of land alone in the valley, in one year of the completion of this road, will more than pay the entire cost. Every land owner ought to aid the enterprise forward by labor, money or materials. They have the same interest as those who have organized themselves into a company solely to consolidate and utilize the force and ability of the people for the benefit of the people. A strong pull, and a pull altogether, though not a very long pull, will surely open the valley within two years to the coming and going of one of the most prosperous trades of Oregon, and make it the favorite resort of tourists and pleasure seekers from all over the country.

Walla Walla has been ground exceeding fine by the mills of the Walla Walla valley road, and it is proposed to tap this Blue mountain road, twenty-five miles from Walla Walla, and thus secure a competing line, and put a check upon Dr. Baker's style of doing business. This Walla Walla branch would intersect the Blue mountain road in a fine region, and every mite of the entire system, from Grand Ronde valley to the Columbia river would pay as it was built. This is the line the Oregon Steam Navigation folk wanted the last legislative assembly to assist, but failed to get the desired aid, more in consequence of local prejudices about home than for any other reason.

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