

Our Bridge of Sighs.

Yesterday we felt very much as a man would feel after sitting at the bed-side of a dear friend for sometime, expecting that any moment would mark the flight of the vital spark of life, until at last the eventful moment arrived and his friend launched out into eternity.

This sort of feeling was produced in consequence of the announcement that the threatened removal of the Thirteenth District Inspector's office from Astoria to Portland had been accomplished. We have been expecting that Capt. Merriman would some time receive notice to pack up and "go into the country" where Light-houses are not wanted, where there are none, nor will ever be any, because it was in the programme to beat Astoria. Portland influence cannot rest so long as there is an interest to be agitated which may be considered vital to Astoria. The next move will be the reduction of this collection district. Astoria will now very soon be reduced to a simple port of delivery, and all the smugglers in God's creation can come here, as Kanakas, Chinese, or Indians, and our government will be powerless to suppress flagrant violations of the revenue laws. But what of it. This is a life and death struggle going on with Portland and if Portland can rob Vancouver of department headquarters to prolong her life; if she can stop the construction of a branch mint at The Dalles in hope of killing a rival city; if she can compel every farmer east of the Cascade mountains who raises a ton of wheat for export to pay tribute to her wharves at the expense of a trip of 12 miles up the Wallamet river and back again; if she can run the Oregon and Washington legislative assemblies, but she did not do that, quite!—come to think about it,—but if she can do so confounded much as she has done to set the country back, why can't she do more? She will do more! We expect a delegation of the board of trade down here next week to make city nominations for the Astoria municipal election on the 12th of December.

Soberly and sensibly: Is it not about time that the Astorians began to bestir themselves a little and by reorganizing their chamber of commerce protect themselves? Without concerted ideas, it is impossible to secure concert of action,—and if it is not about time for us to do a little in that line, when do people think the day is going to arrive.

Senate Bills in Congress.

October 25th Mr. Mitchell asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the committee on public lands.

A bill to enable bona fide settlers upon the public lands of the United States to locate upon and purchase a tract of timber-land not exceeding forty acres to each settler.

Be it enacted, etc., That any person who has heretofore procured title under existing laws to any tract of the public lands, or the assignee or legal representative of such person to such lands, or any person who has in good faith settled upon any tract of the public lands with the intention of procuring title thereto, or who may at any time hereafter make such settlement in good faith under existing laws, or any laws hereafter enacted, with the intention of securing title thereto, shall be entitled, under the following conditions and restrictions, to purchase a timber tract of any unoccupied surveyed public lands, not exceeding forty acres to any one person, by paying therefor to the proper land office the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

Sec. 2. That any person so entitled to purchase timber-lands as provided in the first section of this act shall make and file with the register and the receiver of the proper land office an affidavit, which affidavit may be made before any officer authorized to administer an oath, in which shall be fully and clearly stated all the facts required in the first section of this act to entitle such person to purchase timber-lands, and the further fact that the tract of land upon which he has settled in good faith, for the purpose of procuring title thereto, to as aforesaid, or to which title has already been procured, and which tract must be specifically described in such affidavit, does not contain timber sufficient to meet the ordinary wants of such tract of land for fuel, fencing, building, or any of these purposes, and, further, that the tract of land included in the notice which shall accompany such affidavit, as hereinafter provided, is timber land, and that the intention of such person, in procuring title to such timber-tract, is for the purpose of securing timber for fuel, fencing, building, or any of these purposes, or any other necessary purpose connected with the cultivation, improvement, or use of the tract upon which such person has settled, or of which he is the legal representative or assignee, and shall also make and file with such affidavit a notice, directed to the register and the receiver of the proper land office, and signed by the applicant, in which shall be described, according to the public surveys, the tract of land which such person desires to purchase; and which notice shall state that the applicant desires to purchase said timber-tract, under the provisions of this act, and for the uses therein stated; and, upon making and filing such affidavit and the notice with the register and the receiver of the land-district within which such lands lie, and on payment to such receiver of an amount equal to one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre for the lands described in such notice, such register and such receiver shall issue and deliver to such applicant a certificate, in which shall be recited a description of the lands included in such notice, and the fact of the making and filing of such affidavit and notice, and the payment of the money as aforesaid; a duplicate of which certificate, together with certified copies of the affidavit and notice, shall, by such receiver, be forwarded to the commissioner of the general land-office, whose duty it shall be, if no valid objections exist, to cause a patent to be issued and delivered to the applicant for such tract of timber: Provided always, That the receipt by any applicant of a certificate as aforesaid from the register and the receiver shall entitle the holder thereof to enter into possession of the tract of timber-land described therein, and use the same.

Sec. 3. That any person who shall wilfully make any false statement of any material matter required to be stated in any affidavit by the second section of this act shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and, upon trial and conviction in the United States district court for the district in which such affidavit is made, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than one year nor more than three years: Provided, That no person shall be prosecuted or held to answer under this act unless such prosecution is commenced within three years from the date of making such affidavit: And provided further, That such limitation shall not run against any person while absent from the district.

On the same day (Oct. 25th), Mr. Mitchell asked, and by unanimous consent, obtained leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the committee on commerce.

A bill authorizing the construction of a light house at the mouth of the Umpqua river, on the Pacific coast of Oregon.

Be it enacted, etc., that the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a first-class light house at the mouth of the Umpqua river, on the Pacific coast.

On the 22d ult., Mr. Mitchell asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the committee on commerce.

A bill authorizing range-lights on Sand Island at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Be it enacted, etc., that the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a first-class light-house on Tillamook head, Oregon.

Be it enacted, etc., that the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, for the construction of range-lights on Sand Island, at the mouth of the Columbia river.

On the 22d ult., Mr. Mitchell asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to bring in the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the committee on commerce.

A bill authorizing the construction of a first-class light-house on Tillamook head, Oregon.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—At The Astoria Laundry, CONCOMLY ST., ASTORIA, OREGON. A man or woman who understands washing, ironing and fluting. Apply to J. T. BORCHERS, Proprietor, Astoria, Nov. 17, 1877.

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NOTICE.

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed by Ordinance No. 224 and 225 to assess the benefits and damages caused by the widening of Commercial and Commercial streets, do hereby give public notice, that we shall proceed to view said proposed widening and to assess said damages and benefits on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1877; and that we shall meet at the office of the City Attorney at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, when and where all parties interested will appear and attend.

JOHN HOBSON, C. A. MCGUIRE, ALMARIN MONTGOMERY. Astoria, Oct. 12, 1877. The Board stands adjourned to meet at the same place on Wednesday, the 31st day of October, 1877, at ten o'clock a. m.

JOHN HOBSON, C. A. MCGUIRE, A. MONTGOMERY. Astoria, Oct. 24, 1877. The Board stands adjourned to meet at the same place on Wednesday, the 7th day of November, 1877, at ten o'clock a. m.

JOHN HOBSON, C. A. MCGUIRE, A. MONTGOMERY. Astoria, Oct. 31, 1877. The Board stands adjourned to meet at the same place on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1877, at ten o'clock a. m.

JOHN HOBSON, C. A. MCGUIRE, A. MONTGOMERY. Astoria, Nov. 7, 1877.

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