DNESDAY Nov. 28, 1877

If we were abundantly supplied with coin hould not ask patrons to remit, but one of very hardest things to do in this world, is to n a printing office on "promises." Our busiess is all in small amounts, and it is about as easy to pay one time as another, hence we trust that our patrons will freely respond to our calls for the sums due us on account,

The Astoria Railroad.

When the provisions of the Astoria railroad bill were first telegraphed from Washington we expressed a desire to know whether the Oregon Central railroad company (commonly called the West Side company) was in -earnest in getting the franchise extended which had already expired. We were also anxious that as a matter of good faith on their part the bill be so changed as to require at least one half of the road to be built from As-

Supposing Mr. Villard to be the president and manager of the Oregon Central railroad company we forwarded him the following dispatch. (If we are mistaken in presuming Mr. Villard to be the manager of the Oregon Central railroad company some one of our Portland readers will correct us.): ASTORIA, Nov. 20, 1877.

HENRY VILLARD, 328 Washington St. Boston-Astoria's interests are not well enough protected in the railroad bill, as telegraphed from Washington. If you will change the bill so that it shall require half the work of each year at least, to be cione from the Astoria end, and pledge us that you intend to complete the road within the specified time, we will sup-port and work for the bill. Answer.

Here is the answer:

I had nothing whatever to do with the framing of the bill to which you refer. II. VILLARD.

We cannot help saying that this "perplexes us." If the Oregon Contral railroad company really intend to build the road, it seems to us their president (Mr. Villard) ought to know it. And, from an Astoria stand-point, it is not unreasonable for them to declare their intentions and build half at ports. Collectors of customs are dileast from Astoria. If they do not rected to transmit certified statements mean business they should not have in all cases of exaction at their ports the land grant. We wait anxiously under protest of tonnage tax on Spanletters from Mr. Villard and Mr. Mitchell explaining these matters.

Fire in Ships at Sea.

Last week we gave a brief item-concerning the burning of the coal ship Teviotdale, from Cardiff to India, picked up by the steamer Mauritius after burning ten months, and drifting | end partake of them. 2,000 miles. The case of the Ada Iredale is similar in some respects to that of the Teviotdate. The The San Francisco Bulletin says of the latter:

ritish ship Ada Iredale, which in mid-ocean, on & voyage Clyde to this port, and was ed October 15, 1876, drifted o Tabiti, and was towed into t June 9, 1877. It appears burning ship, at the mercy of rents and winds, floated for opths. She was towed into by French man-of-war and ed by the English consul and Turpic. The whole of the work, indeed everything comle has been consumed, leaving he ironwork of what was once a kably strong and substantial ves-The Captain says: "There still ains, I should suppose, about 100 s of ashes and debris, which are Il burning. No water is visible in e hold, and the iron plates of the ship outwardly appear little damaged. The bottom is clean-kept so, I imagine, by the intense heat. The figurehead is uninjured. From the position where she was abandoned to this place is about 2,550 miles. The ship has herefore drifted that distance between t. 15, 1876, and June 9, 1877. The rse made by the burning wreck I ose to be about w. s. w., south of ota group; then meeting with uthen t winds with prevail dueril, May and June, she was to the northwest until taken in he French man-of-war. It is markable thing that a burnshould have drifted over P. O. Box 61. s in the Pacific without ed and that she should at

last be brought into t port which her captain and crew had reached seven months previously. What is equally as strange as the floating of the burning ship, that she shoule have drifted to the port at which her captain and crew had taken refuge.

-The Samoan government have sent out an ambassador to the United States to negotiate a treaty.

-Chief Joseph is in the military prison at Leavenworth, Hansas, and will remain there until he fixed for the Indian territory.

-The greatest floods that ever occured in America are reported from the Atlantic side on the 25th and 26th in the vicinity of Richmond and Charlottesville, Virginia, and in the Cumberland valley along the Potomac river. Immense damage was done to property, and business is at a stand

-- The bark New Light, about 470 tons, in the Rio trade, has been required to pay 50 cents per ton additional to the regular tonnage tax of 30 cents, at the Baltimore custom house, because one of her officers, the second mate, was not a citizen of the United States. The money was paid by the owners under protest. The owners of the ship Macaulay, 1092 tions, were notified to pay a like additional tax for the same reason, the second mate on her last voyage home being a foreigner. The money will be paid under protest. The Macaulay sailed for Europe several days ago with all American officers. The tax in the case of the New Light was \$235, and the Macaulay \$546.

-The American Minister at Madrid informs the State department that the Spanish government will not assess any defferential duties in any Spanish port, peninsular or colonial, on American vessels. A circular to custom collectors is to be issued, saying that in pursuance of the assurance that American vessels in Spanish ports pay no other or higher duties on tonnage than Spanish vessels, hereafter only thirty cents per ton tonnage tax will be collected on Spanish vessels in American ish vessels, at the rate of eighty cents per ton, in order that the excess of MENS', BOYS', LADIES', MISSES fifty cents may be refunded.

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