

The Astoria Railroad.

"God Helps Those Most Who Help Themselves."

There are differences of opinion respecting the advantages derived by special localities in consequence of the recent interruption to navigation on the Columbia river, by the ice blockade. We are firmly of the opinion that unless Astorians move in the matter of securing direct connection with the valley themselves, individually and collectively, nobody else will. The result of the ice blockade has had the effect of stirring up an almost unanimous expression of sentiment all along Puget sound, from Olympia to Port Townsend, favorable to an early completion of railway connection via Kalama, with Portland. Past experiences demonstrate Portland's indifference to the subject of locality, with respect to the outlet. If any thing Portland interests would be found favorable to the Sound connection; because, the farther removed from the center, at Portland, the more certain would be the prospect of her holding on for a time longer to the death-like grip with which she is now fastened, like a barnacle upon the commercial interests of this entire northwest—a grasp which will not be relaxed except upon the certain decay of lifeless things, and to relax which Astoria must be moving in something else besides talk. Portland wants no railroad connection with Astoria—she will do nothing herself to secure such connection with Puget sound; but if the enterprise of the sound people, stimulated with the hope of acquiring benefits from such connection with Portland, accomplishes the object, and Portland finds an outlet by that means which will answer her purpose well enough under such circumstances as have existed the past half month, this will all the more necessitate Astorians doing something, to protect not only their own interests, but secure for the valley an outlet within our own state. We believe that railroad connection with the valley is now possible, even probable, if this people will but place their shoulders to the wheel, and prove by their action that they are ready and willing to put the ball in motion and help it along. If these periodical freeze-ups do not promote the growth of railroad fervor in our midst, we are pretty well settled in the fact that they are of no advantage whatever to Astoria. It is plain to be seen that Puget sound interests are demanding railway connection with Portland; Astoria interests demand connection with the Walmat valley railway system, and with the east via Winnemucca. There is sufficient capital lying dormant here, in the shape of real estate, improved and unimproved, to form the beginning of a fund to carry out these projects,—and it would be better, far better, for Astorians to give a quarter or one-third, or even half of all our present possessions, if necessary, to secure this connection, than to live any longer in expectation of that delusion becoming realized, whereby some imaginary capitalist is going to come along and take us by the boot-strings and lift us up and make a grand railroad city of Astoria without any effort on our part. This is a delusion, and the sooner we realize the fact that

God helps those most who help themselves, the better it will be for Astoria, and the people of Oregon generally. Astorians should meet together just as soon as possible for mutual consultation over this subject, and there should be no conflict of opinions. All must agree that we must have railroad connection with the valley, and a decision must be reached harmoniously as to the best means of accomplishing the object, after which there will be no serious obstacles in the way of attaining the end. We refer this matter to the Chamber of Commerce, for immediate and considerate attention.

The Indian War.

The war-cloud which has for some time hung threateningly over eastern Washington territory, has cleared away. Moses is a captive, and it seems quite likely that he and his nation will yet be induced to go peaceably upon a reservation. Moses has sense enough to observe the signs of the times. He knows that his power is not so vast as it was but a year or so ago, when he was monarch of the realm with none to dispute his will but a handful of settlers in that country. And when Moses and his braves got to putting on airs, the other day, they found themselves confronting a band of citizen warriors in all respects their match, and a good reserve in the background ready to move when the signal sounded. Prompt and decisive, yet moderate and lawful, were the actions of these men, and as a result, the cries of bloody strife which filled the land is changed to messages of peace, very suddenly, and quietly, and without the firing of a gun. So stands the matter to-day, and there is good reason to hope that with the exercise of the same policy of firmness and justice with these Indians, as has so far been observed, they will be disposed of satisfactorily to both parties, and without the "regular campaign" which we have been counting upon for the next summer's sensations.

Chart of the Bar.

Col. J. R. Farish of Portland has left at this office charts of the entrance to the Columbia river, from the government survey of Lieut. A. H. Payson, made in the summer of 1878, and reduced by Capt. Gus M. Jessen, former hydrographer in the United States Engineers office, at present steamship pilot on the bar. The chart has been published by Col. Farish by permission, and it is pronounced the most perfect of any chart that has been made of the entrance to the Columbia. It shows innumerable soundings, all the buoys and beacons, sands, breakers, capes, and points, marking out the tracks for vessels so plainly that with this chart a land lubber ought to be able to bring a vessel in safely.

Those who desire this valuable chart can procure copies at this office, in Astoria, or of Hamilton & Higgins, Portland. Every vessel coming into the Columbia should have one of them, and in order to supply them to ships to come during next year they should be sent out immediately. Col. Farish authorizes us to sell this chart at the low figure of one dollar each.

—The New York Sun agrees that it is vulgar snobbery to address the president of the United States as "his excellency." Congress once decided that point. But the Sun indulges in still greater snobbery by the use of military titles for men who are not in the military service. An illustration of the absurdity of this custom

occurred in Washington a few years ago. The occasion was a society reception, and the time was late at night. Two ladies, anxious to find their husbands, met each other. One was Mrs. U. S. Grant. "Have you seen Mr. Grant?" said the latter. "No; have you seen the general?" was the answer. And the general, in this case—so denominated by his own loving spouse—was a ninety-day brigadier, with a record which showed him to be the reverse of a hero.

—Is it not a little gratifying, says a Washington correspondent, to learn that while many of the senators and representatives in congress are occupying a great portion of their time discussing politics and president making, Booth, Sargent, Mitchell and Grover are quietly at work looking out for, and attending to the duties of legislation, recognizing the fact they were not elected to make buncombe speeches in congress or set up pegs in party caucuses.

DIED.

In Astoria, at 6 o'clock A. M., Jan. 15, 1879, J. S. Chambers, aged 42 years. The funeral will take place from Franklin's undertakers rooms, on Squemoche street, at 2 o'clock P. M., to-day.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PICKED UP.—A skiff was picked up on or about January 11, 1879, in Astoria by the undersigned. The owner is requested to call, prove property, pay charges and take the same away. S. SCHMEER, 14-daw Opposite the bell tower, Astoria.

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