

Harbor of Refuge.

We have never taken up with the idea that it was necessary for the general government to expend large sums of money for a harbor of refuge upon the Pacific coast, and we have before this referred to the report of Mr. Robert A. Habersham, assistant engineer, made to Col. J. M. Wilson last September, concerning natural harbors of refuge on the coast of Oregon, north of Yaquina bay. Col. Wilson, under date of September 23d, 1878, in a report to Gen. Humphreys says:

Assistant engineer Habersham made a careful examination of the bay north of the cape; no survey has ever before been made, it is believed, of this bay, and as far as he could learn his boat was the first that ever entered it. He reports that it is a natural harbor of considerable extent without further improvement, and that he was informed that during southwest gales quite an area inside is comparatively smooth. Several of the seamen who were employed as boatmen on the survey, who had sailed for a number of years between San Francisco and Puget Sound, and who claimed to be familiar with the coast, said that if buoys were placed to mark the entrance, vessels could now enter from southwest gales.

Referring to Mr. Habersham's report to Col. Wilson, which we are now in possession of, through the kindness of Senator Mitchell, we find the following:

The hydrographic work of the coast survey in this vicinity terminates at the extremity of Cape Foulweather. No survey had ever been made of this bay, and so far as I could learn, my boat was the first that had ever entered it. It is a natural harbor of considerable extent, even without improvement. I am informed that during southwest gales the whole of the area inside of the reef is comparatively smooth, and the southeast portion quite so. Several of the seamen employed as boatmen on this survey, who had sailed for a number of years between San Francisco and Puget-sound, and claimed to be familiar with the coast and its climate, said that if two buoys were placed to mark the entrance, and the fact published for the information of mariners, vessels of any draught could enter here, but not only for shelter, but for purposes of commerce. If this opinion be correct—and there seems to be no reason to the contrary—the circumstance is of interest in connection with the fact that a narrow-gauge railway is now under construction, from Corvallis, on the Willamette, to Yaquina bay.

Last winter there were a number of vessels in distress off Cape Foulweather at different times, and one that I am aware of was lost, with all on board, in describing this bay I omitted to mention that there is a rock on which the swell breaks during westerly and northerly weather. It is small, and lies about 500 feet from the mainland, nearly opposite the entrance. It is not in the way of vessels anchoring.

Learning that a cove, with good anchorage, existed about ten miles north of the cape, and wishing to get all the information possible on the subject of a refuge, I went there by sea. Two members of my party being familiar with the spot, I found it to be an indentation in the rocky coast, three-fourths of a mile long and about 1,000 feet wide; its longer diameter paralleled to the general direction of the coast line with from 6 to 10 fathoms depth, well sheltered from north wind, but open to the west and southwest. This place is called Wreckers cove, the name having been given by men who saved, or, rather, collected, some fragments of the schooner Uncle Sam, lost a mile north of the cove two years since. Respectfully submitted, ROBERT HABERSHAM, Assistant Engineer.

Captain H. Cook has brought suit against Mr. Henry L. Pittock, of the Oregonian, for the recovery of the expenses incurred by the funeral of A. C. Macdonald. Now with that view of the eternal fitness of things, Multnomah county ought to bring suit against the Bee, for expenses of convicting Mercer, the murderer of Macdonald. Neither of the men were entitled to the rank of journalists, and if Pittock is responsible for Macdonald, the Bee should be responsible for Mercer.

There is a quiet courtesy and modest unobtrusiveness about a wise advertisement that create a certain responsive feeling of sympathy in the reader. We all like to be solicited, and it is natural to suppose that he who most politely, clearly and persistently solicits us, stands the better chance for our trade. The familiar advertisements of local papers often cover these points with great tact and ingenuity.

A newspaper is a window through which men look out upon the world. Without a newspaper a man is shut up in a small room, and knows little or nothing of what is happening out side of himself. In our day the newspaper will keep a sensible man in sympathy with the world's current history. If an unfolding encyclopedia and handbook, forever issuing and never finished,

Affairs in Sitka.

AN OUTBREAK OF HOSTILE INDIANS EXPECTED AT ANY MOMENT.

AMERICAN CITIZENS PETITION THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES FOR PROTECTION.

AN ALARMING STATE OF AFFAIRS--AND A GREAT DISGRACE TO AMERICA.

RUMORED DESTRUCTION OF CUTTING & CO.'S CANNERY.

THE COLLECTOR OF ALASKA TELEGRAPHS TO SECRETARY SHERMAN FOR AID.

PETITION OF CITIZENS OF ALASKA TO THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES FOR PROTECTION.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMSHIP CALIFORNIA AT ASTORIA WITH THE NEWS.

The steamship California, Capt. Thorn, left Sitka Feb. 10th; arrived at Astoria Sunday evening.

Much excitement prevailed in Sitka when she left, the Indians threatened the annihilation of the whites. The citizens, armed, were awaiting their attack. The two Indians who murdered James Brown confessed their guilt, were surrendered to the collector, and were brought down on board the California en route to Portland, to be turned over to the United States District attorney to await the action of the authorities at Washington.

Three families came down on the steamer, fleeing from danger. Storekeepers are preparing to emigrate by the next steamer. Father Metropolsky and his congregation, in conjunction with the American citizens of Sitka, have petitioned Her Majesty's man-of-war now lying at Esquimalt, to come to their immediate aid, fearful that they cannot allay the disturbances before the United States government can send assistance.

It is rumored that Cutting & Co.'s cannery, about four miles distant from Sitka, is sacked and burned. No reliance is placed in the rumor, because the company have Indians in their employ who seem to be quite peaceably inclined.

The collector of Alaska has telegraphed to Secretary Sherman for aid. The Indians threaten to kill two white men in retaliation for the two prisoners.

The night before the steamer arrived an alarm was given through some nervous person creating the greatest consternation. The people barred their doors and stood ready for action. The Priest's house was crowded with terror-stricken women and children, and they could not be induced to return to their houses till daylight. The steamer's arrival created more confidence, but fear began to gain ground at her departure. The whites are well organized, and in case they cannot conciliate they will make a desperate fight if they are driven to the wall, and are determined. James Burnes was murdered in his cabin while asleep. He was hacked to pieces with an axe, and his remains thrown into the ocean from a canoe. Plunder was the incentive and much of his little property was found in the possession of the murderers.

All quiet at Wrangel. Business very dull. Weather clear and cold.

PASSENGERS. Mrs. L. Caplan and Gussie Cohen, 3 children. Mrs. E. Miller, R. Sylvester, James Walsh, C. L. Walters.

[COPY.] SITKA, Feb. 9, 1879.

To the Commissioner of Her M. S.---

SIR--We the citizens of Sitka, Alaska, are now threatened with massacre by Indians of this place. We have made applications to our government for protection and aid, and thus far it has taken no notice of our supplication. We have now again begged protection, which we hope will be extended, but the intricate forms of law through which our petition must drag its way will create a delay, which may result in our entire demolition before the arrival of necessary succor.

Wherefore, we beg and pray that you will at once send or come to our assistance. We beg you will lay aside all forms of etiquette between governments, that you will take the side of an oppressed and threatened people--that you will let sympathy and charity dictate your decision, for before the required aid from our government can be had, we may be past assistance. Our unprotected position is well known. Our appeal to you is from man to man. We ask help from you in the cause of humanity. Poverty prevents the great number of us from fleeing our homes and little possessions, and greater far, the lives of our wives and children and ourselves are in jeopardy. Her Majesty's government has been ever known for promptness in assisting the oppressed of any nation, and we hope our appeal may not be in vain. Signed,

N. J. Burnell, Thomas McCully, E. A. Daley, C. Millett, John King, Ernest Hymmer, Thos. McFarland, A. Cazicann, H. A. Wilde, E. N. Richter, H. A. Haltem, H. Shim, Geo. Kastroutenoff, L. Coplan, A. Cohen, J. Hodwood, P. Caceran, J. Innoy, A. S. Whitford, James Walker, E. N. James, F. Cushman, Wm. Reid, Sam. Goldstein, F. Aliskey, C. L. Walker, Rev. N. G. Mitropolsky, Priest of Sitka, Alaska, with his congregation of 247.

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Ordinance No. 311.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for special counsel for the city in the matter of the last will of Cyrus Olney, deceased.

WHEREAS, It is asserted that Cyrus Olney, late of Astoria, deceased, left a will under which it is claimed the city has large pecuniary interests, and it is asserted on the other hand that said supposed will is invalid and that no rights accrued to the city thereunder, and it is desirable to have more certain advice about the matter.

Now the city of Astoria does ordain as follows: Sec. 1. That J. H. D. Gray, John Hahn and C. W. Shively are hereby constituted reasonable agents for the city and are authorized and empowered and directed on behalf of the city and in its name, to employ and enter into written contract with E. D. Shattuck, attorney-at-law, to investigate the facts and the law relative to the will of the late Cyrus Olney, and to the rights and interests of the city of Astoria thereunder, and to furnish his written opinion thereon, at an expense to the city thereof of not exceeding two hundred dollars and further to retain him in any litigation that may arise concerning the claims of the city under said will at a further fee for conducting an action or suit to final decision on appeal not exceeding (\$100) one hundred and fifty dollars, certain, and such reasonable contingent fee as may be agreed upon.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the mayor.

Passed the Council, Jan. 29, 1879. Attest: R. H. CARDWELL, Auditor and Clerk.

Approved, Jan. 30, 1879. J. H. D. GRAY, Acting Mayor

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