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Editorial Correspondence.

ON BOARD THE STR. EMMA HAYWRD, Columbia River, March 4, 1879.

We left the dock at 4:15 this morning, but as way business had increased so much on the river it is doubtful if we will be able to make connection with the Puget Sound route even from Carroll's point below Kalama. From Astoria to Tounge point five landings were made, and a man overboard at the Fisherman's landing added to the detention. He came out a wetter and more sober man from his involuntary bath.

The Hayward is one of the finest as well as the fleetest vessels in the line, and like all other steamers belonging to the Oregon Steam Navigation company, is about perfection. Her officers are Capt. Babbage, chief engineer, Macdermott, purser, Hall, chief officer, Kindred, steward, Moran, etc. All very attentive, and keeping the craft in order as a pink of perfec-

The weather is quite cold, considerable frost on the ground, and the forest trees covered with snow, reminding one of winter. Mount St. Helens looks grand in her mantle of snow.

Preparations for fishing appear to go slow, there is a very apparant apathy on the part of those most interested, and a suggestive shrug of the shoulders indicates a doubt in the minds of cannery people as to the prospects of the season, when interrogated upon that point.

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Only a Question of Time.

There is unmistakeable evidence that a sentiment unfriendly to Chinese labor is springing up in tried to pass it through the house strain to support the weight of the Lace, Pringe, Velvets, and Dress the west. At Chicago, which the Mongolian advance has touched, the Tribune speaks out against the plague with as much favor as if it were published on the Pacific coast; and at Cincinnati, where the workingmen begin to dread the Asiatic labor, the feeling of that class is in sympathy with the people of the Pacific coast. Chinese immigration will rapidly spread since the president has vetoed the restriction bill. Another year will work a great revolution at the west, and may even call forth a division of opinion among the people of New England, who are only friendly to the Chinese because they know nothing about them. It is only a question of time when restriction will be enforced.

Signs of Returning Presperity.

The New York Tribune of a recent date says: In whatever direction one may look now an experienced observer may see the signs of sure recuperation of the business prosperity of the country. Among the symptons of improvement are the increasing consumpwion of iron (glways one of the surest signs) a large emigration, and a steady increase of exportation of goods and products of the

-The grand jury of Marion county, wisited the State penitentiary and report thusly: We find the State penitentiary well kept and everything about it apparently in proper order, the inmates looking well, and so far as we have been able to observe, proper discipline therein maintained.

ing his hand to a Chinaman. The prorespectable citizens.

Railroad Legislation.

Washington Corr, Salem Statesman. There will be no aid granted the Texas & Pacific Co. by the present congress, nor, in my opinion, any New Mexico is a fanatical sect subsidy for any of the corporations called Penitentes, whose perforasking for a grab out of the treas- mance during Lent in each year ury. Last session Senator Mitch- are horribly disgusting. Imaginell passed through the senate a ing that by inflicting severe punishbill extending for ten years the ment upon themselves they may time for building the Northern Pa- atone for the sins committed durcific and conferring to it the land ing the year, they, at the beginning grant of forty millions of acres. of Lent, go apart from their fellows He was roundly abused because he and upon the mountains and in the put in some wholesome restrictions | deep canyons, practice downright such as allowing settlers to go on butchery upon themselves, cutting, the lands in advance of the build- lacerating, and burning their flesh, ing of the road and letting them and fasting until they fall fainting have the land for \$2 50 per acre; from sheer exhaustion and loss of because he requested the corpora- blood. On Good Friday their tion to build the portages within orgies culminate in a grand semitwo and a half years; and because public pow-wow. They then he compelled them to build on the repair to their lodge, or councilsouth side of the Columbia. After house, and at an appointed hour agreeing to this, Wright the presi- form in procession and march thence dent, backed square down, and to a spot on some neighboring hill tried to smuggle a bill through the designed by a large cross. What house which released the company performances are enacted within and Wright's Northern Pacific bill are not admitted. When they ap-

gress that the grant, upon the faith of slits each side of the back bone. which they invested their money, shall Each then is provided with a whip not be resumed for a certain reason- or scourge made of cactus or Spanable period of time. Such a resump, ish bayonet, with which they lash tion, under the circumstances, would be most cruel and unjust, and would serve no public good. It is incredible that congress can be induced to inflict so gross a wrong upon such a multitude of innocent persons, who in many instances invested their entire ted runs down and saturates the estates upon the strength of government encouragement. So just and reasonable, indeed, has their prayer heretofore been regarded that it was granted by the senate at the last session without a dissenting vote. Very respectfully,

CHARLES B. WRIGHT, President Northern Pacific Railroad. Some persons industriously tried to make it appear that Mitchell was the only obstacle to the success of Northern Pacific legislathey cannot get any bill to aid them from this self torture either bethis session. If there is any possibility for any bill to pass it is the senate bill. The attempt of the company to amend it last winter, was a fatal blunder, and any repetition of it will be equally disastrous this winter. Hon. Benoni S. Fuller, of Indiana, acting chairman of the committee on public lands, yesterday introduced a joint resolution restoring to the public domain all the lands granted to the railroad companies which are in default. This may not pass this session, but if not, it will next session, which will put an end to all land grant schemes, including the Northern Pacific. The land committee are in earnest about it.

I have just seen a printed report of Col. Roberts' examination of the Cowlitz pass route through the Cascade mountains. He says "it will require twenty-five miles of snow-sheds." And "the surveys and examinations of this year have satisfied me that the most advantageous way for crossing the main range is one hundred and five feet and six-tenths per mile, on both sides of the mountain summit." By going up the Columbia, no grade and then taken north or south as the of even 25 feet to the male need le demand for coal may call for. The put in. Col. Roberts' report set- coal will then be mined by the convicts tles the Cowlitz pass, for no company would build a road with such low rates that we shall expect to see frightful grades and such a line of vigorous operations under way ere snow-sheds if it can be avoided. long. His report settles, "the branch road across the mountains"-at least it settles it in the mind of every rail-

-The Black and Duwamish rivers, W. T., are still rising. At some places the water stands a foot over the railroad track, and, at last accounts was still rising. Transportation of coal, of course, has been stopped for the present, and operations cannot be re--His Accidency Rutherford was sumed until the water again recedes. burned in effigy at Oregon city, extend- It is thought no particular damage will be done to the track by the water ject was gotten up by same of the most as it does not run swift enoug to wash rates Lout much.

Singular Practices of a Fanatical

Sect in Northern New Mexico. Santa Fe Sentinel. Among the people of Northern

from any penalty if the portages their lodge none but members of were not built. It came to a vote the society know, as the profane was refused to be considered by the pear in public their costume is house by a vote 127 nays to 89 more scant than elegant, consistyeas. He is now beseeching the ing of only a pair of cotton drawers house to pass the bill that Mitchell and a covering for the head. This put through the senate. In a let- last is drawn down over the face, ter to the public, published in the effectually preventing recognitio. New York Herald he speaks as Their already emanciated backs are then sacrificed and cut with Genuine Meershaum Pipes, etc. They have merely petitioned con- flint knives, usually ten or twelve themselves over the shoulders at each step, the end of the scourge striking the spots already cut and gashed with the knives. The blood from the wounds thus infliccotton draws, giving the wearer a most horrible appearance. On arrival at the cross, if they are fortunate enough to withstand the terrible punishment precedent, they prostrate themselves with their faces upon the earth and lie exposesed for hours to the gaze of the curious crowds attracted by the exhibition. It has frequently happened that one, more fanatical than the others, is actually crucified on tion. This is untrue. He put their these occasions. By being tied bill through the senate and it was to the cross with rawhide throngs, just such a bill as they said at the the feet, legs and arms swelling time, would suit them. They have almost to bursting by the severe and failed, and in my judgment body. Many are said to have died fore being removed from the cross or within a day or two after having been taken down. With the progress of civilization, however, this species of torture is more and more rarely practiced, but it is even yet no uncommon thing to see Penitentes traveling on Good Friday with huge wooden crosses strapped to their backs, their arms tied to the crossbar, and spears fixed with the points resting on the thighs, so that the flesh may be eveness of the road. They also walk barefoot on roads prepared for the purpose by being thickly strewn with cactus and other thorn -About twenty of the convicts at

the Washington territory penitentiary are now engaged in putting up trestlework from the Seatco coal mine to the track of the North Pacific railroad. A short track of about 2,000 feet will be required. A side track will also be put in by the North Pacific railroad company, so that their cars can be run on to it to receive their loads of coal and can be put on the market at such

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