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The Harbor of Refuge.

Considerable comment has resulted from the Portland Board of Trade petitioning that the proposed harbor of refuge be at Port Orford. We believe that the members were inconsiderate in doing as they did, and hope they will reconsider their action. It is to Portland's interest, as much as to the interest of Astoria—in fact, it is to the interest of all Oregon, that the harbor of refuge should be at the mouth of the Columbia. But, should the mouth of the Columbia not be considered a suitable place by the Board of Engineers, then we should prefer Cape Foulweather, where the coast would be the least and commerce be more benefited than at any other point, excepting at the mouth of this river, which drains a larger section of tillable soil than any other river which empties into the Pacific ocean.

The clause making this appropriation in the river and harbor act wisely provides that "the interests of commerce shall be taken into consideration."

The commerce to be benefited by this harbor of refuge is: First, the coasting trade between San Francisco and Puget sound. This trade would be benefited by a harbor of refuge at or near the mouth of the Columbia river more than any other part of the coast. For, as is clearly shown by the reports of the United States signal officer, the greater part of the storms which are first noticed on the Pacific coast first approach the coast of Oregon and Washington Territory and thence proceed easterly across the continent without striking other parts of the coast. And again, these northerly storms are more violent here than those farther south.

The second, and by far the most important, class of vessels which will be benefited by a harbor of refuge on this coast, is that which trades directly with the Columbia river. Vessels coming direct to the mouth of the Columbia river from every country—China, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, New York—all approach the coast in the vicinity of the mouth of the Columbia river. This class has need of a harbor of refuge only here, or near here. There is now more money invested in this class of vessels, coming direct to the Columbia river, and in their cargoes, than in all of the coastwise business combined. What it will be ten years from now can only be approximated by looking at the millions of acres of good wheat land in the basins of the Columbia which are yet unsettled.

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce was right in petitioning for a harbor of refuge at the mouth of the Columbia river, and we trust that Portland will help herself by uniting with us in that petition.

St. Louis is rather pleased with having sent representatives in the industrial and commercial deputation which visited Mexico. According to the Post of that city, she is already beginning to reap some of the benefits of that enterprise. Her merchants have received several orders from that country, and one firm is in a fair way to close a contract for a bill of \$30,000 or \$40,000 worth of goods.

An accountant who visited Bunker Hill monument last summer says it is the longest column he ever footed up.

A Generous Endowment.

"A prophet hath honor except in his own country." If Paul Boyton had remained at home instead of going abroad to exhibit properties of his life-saving apparatus, he might have remained an obscure individual. It was his good fortune to achieve notoriety abroad, and he returned to the United States a full-blown hero. Those exploits which were performed at the outset to meagre and incredulous audiences, are now witnessed by tens of thousands of people, who rend the air with their acclamations, when the adventurous swimmer appears before them buffeting with the waters. At the present time Boyton is making the swimming trip from Pittsburg down the Ohio and lower Mississippi river to the Gulf of Mexico. On the 10th ultimo he arrived at Cincinnati, where over thirty thousand people were assembled to applaud him. A special steamer, with an honorary committee, had been dispatched six miles up the river to meet and convey him to the city, where he was taken in charge, placed in a carriage drawn by six horses, and conveyed, amid the loud hurrahs of the jostling crowds, to his hotel. In the evening he attended the theatre, was recognized by his admirers, who insisted on his coming to the front, which he did, and returned his thanks gracefully for the manner in which he had been received. It is his intention, when he reaches Louisville, to deliver a public lecture. We do not see that subscriptions are ever taken up for Boyton, and cannot, therefore, understand who foots the bills of his traveling expenses. If he does this himself, and is satisfied with the notoriety he has thus far achieved, it must be said he has met with a generous endowment.

Some time ago, when the mania for picture-stealing prevailed, a splendid work of art known as "Donnybrook Fair," was carried off from the residence of Mr. Thomas Jones, of Newark. All efforts for its recovery proved unavailing, and it came to be thought that it had been destroyed. A few days since, however, a policeman observed the end of a framed canvas projecting from one of the Newark sewers, and drawing it forth discovered it to be the stolen painting. It was covered with mud, but can be restored to almost its original beauty. The reader can readily imagine that the loss of such a work of historical interest would have been irreparable, when told that it cost, as several thousand figures, among them the likenesses of O'Connell, Samuel Love, Tom Steele, and other deceased celebrities. The dimensions of the picture are ten feet seven inches long by six feet seven inches wide. The suspected thief is now in the Newark jail.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune asserts that Mr. Tilden declares, unless he receives the nomination for the presidency, no other democrat shall carry New York. Mr. Tilden is too astute a politician to make a threat of that kind. It could have no other effect than to injure his chances for a nomination. The party leaders will hardly permit themselves to be driven into any course of action. A speech like that, had it been made, would furnish the strongest proof that its author should not be nominated, as showing that he held his personal ambition above the principles and success of his party. No, Mr. Tilden would never endanger his prospects by such an unguarded remark.

FACTS AND SCRAPS.

All ships are for sail. The most notorious girl of the period is Em Bez. le.

Dancing is forbidden during Lent, but fish balls are allowable. Said Jones, putting down the goblet, "This is not tea, but it's nice."

Some people are like eggs—too full of themselves to hold anything else.

Don't get in debt to a shoemaker, if you would call your sole your own.

Old toppers recognize that just as the elbow is bent the appetite is inclined.

An actor hates to give up his mustache when it is the best thing about him.

In boring for oil, if money was a shaft you could sink it mighty quick.

A hitch in legislation at Washington is caused by hitching irrelevant matter on the appropriation bills.

A Sunday-school boy, on being asked what made the Tower of Pisa lean, replied, "Because of the famine in the land."

When a girl gets mad and rises from a fellow's knee, but thinks better of it and gets back again, is what they call a relapse.

Once they started a girl's seminary in Utah. It flourished well; but, just in the height of its prosperity, the principal eloped with the whole school.

"What constitutes the chief happiness of your life?" asked a curious Sunday school teacher. She blushed, and then replied: "It is that John has at last fixed the day."

"What is the name of your cat, sir?" Inquired a visitor. "His name was William," said the host, "until he had fits, and since then we have called him Fitz-William."

An illiterate farmer wishing to enter some animals at an agricultural exhibition wrote as follows to the secretary of the society: "Enter me also for a jackass." He took the prize.

A witty lady was once told by a gentleman of her acquaintance that "he must have been born with a silver spoon in his mouth." She looked at him carefully, and, upon realizing the size of his mouth, replied: "I don't doubt it; but it must have been a soup-ladle."

MARRIED.

March 19, 1879, at the residence of the bride's mother, on the Naselle river, Pacific county, W. T., by A. Olsen, J. P., Mr. Charles Shagren, to Miss Hannah R. Smith.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Tilton's Patent Steam Wash Boilers.

THE FINEST THING IN THE UNITED STATES. County right for sale, on application to J. T. BOICHERS, Astoria Laundry.

Fish Commissioners Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned will be in readiness from and after this date, to issue licenses, at his office up stairs, corner of Cass and Squemoche streets, Astoria, Oregon. H. B. FERGUSON, Deputy Fish Commissioner.

2,000 LBS.

New Cotton Net Lines For sale at 21 cents per pound for cash; also, Eastern Oak Post Lumber, Knees, &c. ASTORIA FISHERY.

NOTICE.—Picked up adrift in the Columbia river, near the north side of the channel and opposite Main street, in Astoria, a skiff containing an oil cask. The owner can have the same by proving property, paying for this advertisement, and a reasonable amount for picking up of the said skiff. Apply to THOMAS PARKER, Gray's Wharf.

SEEDS!

FRESH AND TRUE TO NAME. WE WILL SEND THE FOLLOWING seeds, post-paid, on receipt of price. Remit by post-office order or postage stamps: Beets, per oz. 10c; Parsnips, per oz. 10c; Carrot, per oz. 10c; Radish, per oz. 10c; Cabbage, per oz. 25c; Spinach, per oz. 10c; Lettuce, per oz. 15c; Turnip, per oz. 10c; Onion, per oz. 15c; Tomato, per oz. 25c. Also, in 10 cent packets, all varieties of Vegetables, Flower and Tree Seeds. Send for price list. THOMAS A. COX & CO., 107 Howard street, San Francisco.

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TEN ACRES OF LAND. On Youngs Bay, cleared, will be suitable for dairy, or a chicken ranch, or for gardening purposes. Within one mile of the Astoria Post-office by land.

ALSO: FIVE ACRES. Covered with Hemlock timber, suitable for tannery purposes. Leases will be made for a term of years as may be arranged. Apply to J. H. D. GRAY, Astoria, Oregon.

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BUSINESS CARDS. DR. J. WELCH, DENTIST. SQUEMOCHESE, - - ASTORIA, OREGON. O. F. BELL, A. MEACHEN, BELL & MEACHEN, Attorneys at Law and Notaries Public. C. W. FULTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. DR. J. W. OLIVER, HOMEOPATHIST. DOCTOR HATCH. DR. J. O'BRIEN. J. STEWART. OTTO DUFNER. W. M. BECK. J. H. D. GRAY. HAY, OATS, STRAW, WOOD, ETC. DON ROSS. GEO. LOVETT, TAILOR. HUGH STOOP, CARPENTER AND JOINER.

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