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Railroad Talk.

There is just at this moment a great deal of railroad talk pertaining to Oregon and Washington-territory interests.

It is reported in previous circles that Mr. Jay Gould has purchased a controlling interest in the Oregon Steamship company, and the Oregon Central, and the Oregon and California railroads.

In this connection we are informed that the Walla Walla and Columbia river-road will not be extended this year towards Dayton, but will divert from Whitman station in the direction of Grand Bend, via Weston.

Putting all of this and that together so far as poor mortal who have not the handling of the money is able to discern, the dawning of a new era is certainly seen for Oregon.

The Oregon Central will be completed to Corvallis, as per previous arrangements. Work must also proceed upon the Yaquina bay branch; and should foul weather be selected as the point for the harbor of refuge, we shall see the general government engaged in the construction of an "artificial port," to compete with the Columbia river and Puget sound.

It matters very little to Astoria how many railroads are built; how much the general government may expend in the construction of harbors; how vast population may increase; we still have the noble old Columbia and its tributaries passing our very doors from all points, from remote Lewiston, Colville, etc., as well as the valley of the Wallamet, and "sooner or later,"—very much sooner, we should presume, with all the developments talked of,—a railroad outlet from the interior must seek this city.

Still, in view of all the circumstances surrounding us; this combination of capital and this energy displayed to build up the interior; may we inquire if it is not, at least, time that Astoria take her light from under the bushel, where it has been hidden all these years; and let it so shine that all may see the advantages which we have to offer as an inducement for the investment of capital in our midst?

mation is all the capital we have at our disposal,—let us use it. "Westward the star of empire" has been marching, until Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Utah, now furnish the supplies to keep up the rank and file. Idaho, Oregon and Washington are this year feeling more sensibly the push of that grand army, but the coast counties are not receiving their percentage.

With development of the interior, as forecast by the present movements, the steamship passenger trade will be so far diminished as to render it certain that but few people will travel this way seeking homes. They will come in by rail from the other side—it will then be seen that Astoria neglected its golden opportunity, and we will still be found wondering, waiting for a revival of trade; an example of hopes deferred.

A Shameful Libel

In his day and generation George D. Prentice, of the Louisville Journal, was noted among the leading editors of the United States. He could write sustained articles of great power, and occupied a respectable position as a poet, but was better known as a satirist, unsparring in his lampoon on those who incurred his displeasure, and witty to a remarkable degree in his terse and epigrammatic comments upon current events.

The previous life of Mr. Prentice had been above all suspicion as a bribe-taker, in his editorial or any other capacity, and it is with no small amount of indignation that his admirers find there is occasion when it becomes necessary for them to defend his good name. The issue has, however, been forced before the public, and like all scandals involving the reputation of public men, has become a topic of animated discussion throughout the breadth of the land.

Mr. Johnson realized that Prentice was firm in his convictions, and says, "rebel as I was, I write this letter in his defence." It cannot be seen, even if Mr. Prentice had been bought, which we do not believe, what good can be subserved by bringing the matter before the public at this late day.

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