

Important Suggestion.

Our valued correspondent "Pioneer" this morning drops an important suggestion relative to the harbor of refuge business. It would cost less to build the railroad to this point from Portland, than to build it to Cape Foulweather. The distance is less to Astoria than to Foulweather; the route no more difficult. A railroad to Astoria from Portland would become a paying institution from the start; a line to Foulweather would be compelled to build up a trade. At Astoria there is a natural harbor, adapted for a large commerce; at Foulweather the harbor would be but an artificial one; a costly experiment; and never could be, nor never would be, adapted to the wants and requirements of a large commerce.

Interesting to Insurers.

Marine adjusters are somewhat surprised at two recent sales, which, if they are to be taken as the general value of ship property, would suggest that a still lower basis of valuations be agreed upon. The ship Harmonia, 1497 tons, built in 1847 by John Currier, of Newburyport, and metalled in 1878, cost \$115,000. She was a model ship in every particular, and built especially for Charles Hill of Boston, whose executors sold her a week or so since to Theodore Rager, of New York, for \$48,000. She was insured on her last voyage for \$75,000. The ship Franklin, 1124 tons, built in 1858, was sold by Weld estate a year or so ago for \$37,500. She arrived at Boston from Bordeaux a few weeks since in ballast to be sold, so as to wind up two or three insolvents' interests in her. She was bought by H. Koop & Co., of New York, for \$16,000. Both of these vessels were in excellent condition considering their age. The ship Wingard Hunter presents an interesting case for adjustment. She was in Liverpool, and needed repairs, was, for the benefit of all concerned, ordered home to New York, that they might there be made. She put in at Bermuda in distress. Starting out, she was compelled to put back. Sailing finally, she reached New York in a pretty bad condition. She was hardly seaworthy, it would appear, when she started, and yet claimed that the risk is wholly the underwriters, and that all the extraordinary repairs necessary to be made as a result of this voyage home should be made at their expense. The case is an interesting one.

"Honorable Bilks."

There has not been a party organization in this city for ten years, says the San Francisco Call, which has not been loaded down by what are now termed honorable bilks. The moment reform in municipal or state affairs were proposed, a class of persons came forward and forced themselves upon the conventions as candidates for office. Nearly all our difficulties, politically, have come from a class of persons who claimed to be eminently respectable, and who were so persistent that they could not be got rid of. Recently they came forward determined to break down the organization of the workingmen, when, had they been successful, the control of our courts would have gone into their hands for years to come. What an unpleasant situation that would have been. The Terrys, Coles, Campbells, etc., would have had the people in their grasp. Happily, we have escaped what would have proved a great calamity.

"To the victors belong the spoils," is about to undergo modification in California. There is a fierce warfare raging between the Chronicle and the m-asses, and the upshot of it will be, that "the victors will be spoiled" in the final grab.

Leaping from the Cincinnati ridge to the water, a distance of ninety-five feet, did not kill Robert L. Green, as he had expected.

The Harbor of Refuge.

May 23d, 1879.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:

We are often amused at the ideas advanced by people (editors included), upon the subject of the growing commerce of our young and prosperous state, and among this class is the idea of the editor of the Corvallis Gazette, published in to-days ASTORIAN. He says, in speaking of the location of a harbor of refuge, "it narrows down between two points, to wit, * * * * * "Some of the most serious difficulties in the way of the commerce of this state, occur between Astoria and Portland. A harbor of refuge at the mouth of the Columbia river, would not obviate those difficulties. On the other hand, a harbor of refuge at Cape Foulweather, and railroad communication to Portland would. This is a simple proposition." Yes, we consider it so; and made by a novice in the matter of commerce. In the first place, the statement that "the most serious difficulties in the way of the commerce of this state, occur between Astoria and Portland," is wholly incorrect. There flows not a river from the Rocky mountains into the salt sea, upon whose bosom, as the God of nature left it, the commerce of a great nation could float in perfect safety, as on the Columbia from the Cascades to its mouth, in vessels suitable for internal commerce. I would ask, what has the obstructions, to deep sea-going vessels, between Astoria and Portland, to do with a harbor of refuge at the mouth of the river? And I would ask the editor of the Corvallis Gazette, if Portland must be the hub around which the growing commerce of the Columbia river valley must forever revolve, how much farther would it be by rail from Portland to Astoria, than from Portland to Cape Foulweather? It is a novel idea, that railroad connection between Portland and Cape Foulweather, would obviate the difficulties of navigation between Astoria and Portland, and should be patented. Let a harbor of refuge be made at the mouth of the great River of the West, by making a straight channel, (there is ample depth of water), which can be easily done; thereby rendering it a less dangerous entrance than even the harbor at San Francisco; (because the dangers from rocks outside are less), and this first object; to wit, a harbor of refuge is obtained; and second, which is equal to the first, the commerce of a vast portion of our country is quickened into life, and brought into close connection with the outside world.

Gen. Grant's Horses.

If General Grant were an official representative of the government abroad, he would not be permitted to accept the two handsome Arabian horses presented to him by the sultan of Turkey, and which presentation was publicly noticed at the time it was made. General Grant has a passion for horses as well as cigars; and he arranged that they be sent to America to await his coming, while he pursued his tour around the world. It is said that these Arabian couriers are now making the voyage to this country from Constantinople on board a steamship. One is a dapple gray, called Djeytan (the panther), and the other black, with a white star on his forehead. This one is named Missiri. There is a small fortune in these horses, if they arrive safely and are properly used. Our finest races come from Arabian stock, and the General, being a patron of the turf, will know just how his equine property can be best disposed of.

—Missouri has for some time been considering whether she ought not to adopt the "Moffitt bell punch." A strong party favored such a measure, but the preponderance of public opinion has been against it. In the senate of the legislature it has just as many friends as enemies. A bill before that body to authorize its introduction was defeated, the vote standing fourteen for and fourteen against it. Several attempts have failed in other states to introduce the bell-punch. It is much less admired now than when it was first invented.

—The Archives Israelites says that in the eighteenth century the laws of Prussia required that every wealthy Jew that married should buy his porcelain at the royal manufactory at Berlin. The director often took the money and made his own selection of pieces to be given in exchange. Moses Mendelssohn, although celebrated as a philosophical thinker and writer, was obliged to submit to this law, and he received forty porcelain apes of life size, some of which are still preserved in the Mendelssohn family. This method of oppressing conscience for the encouragement of ceramic art was established during the reign of Frederick the Great.

BORN.

In Astoria, May 24th, to the wife of E. S. Merrill, a son. "Another village blacksmith." A daughter, to the wife of Jonathan Moores, Sanvies Island, on the 21st. Mrs. Moores is a daughter of Mr. P. H. and Sarah Fox, of this city.

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