

A Through Road.

We have before this attempted to show the necessity of making Astoria the terminus, before any railroad to Oregon could compete for the overland traffic.

Under any scheme which contemplates a road to compete with the Central Pacific, Portland should soon have the road. Though business will require it.

Whenever the railroad shall reach Portland, it will be found that the above words will have a similar bearing, and the company must be forced to proceed to Astoria.

The Great Canal Scheme.

The press of the whole world are discussing the proposed American isthmus canal, since the final adoption of the route which it is to traverse, and which is to follow, substantially, the line of the present Panama railway.

Two regions which the inter-oceanic canal will most nearly connect are the eastern and Pacific states of America. The United States have therefore a pre-eminent interest in the isthmus canal.

It is undoubtedly a fact that San Francisco will be greatly benefited by the canal, but it will be found among the possibilities that at least one "large city" may be suddenly "improvised" in the vicinity of Astoria.

Will Come to Oregon. It is stated that definite information comes from General Grant to the effect that he will take the last steamer in June from Japan, which will bring him to San Francisco not far from the 1st of August.

The steamer Northwest, Capt. Stamp, made several trips to Priest rapid, carrying government troops and supplies for the army encamped in Kittitas valley.

The Boise Statesman says the Utah Northern will pass through the big Camas prairie, skirting the Alturas mountains, thence down the south Boise to the main river passing within twenty-eight miles of Rocky Mountain Alturas county.

THE PATERSON BUSTLE.

OUR INTERVIEWER INTERVIEWS PETE ABOUT IT.

All Live Journals Have Interviewers.

OUR INTERVIEWER FINDS OUT WHY THE PATERSON BUSTLE NEVER CAME INTO GENERAL USE.

TEXT.—A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men.—Shakspeare.

We were sitting on a log, on the beach, talking about the fishing business, when a hawk and two crows swept past us a little distance above our heads, making a terrible noise.

That reminds me of Mrs. Patterson, said Pete, pointing to the birds.

What Mrs. Patterson, said I. Don't you remember the Patterson family that used to live on Boston mountain, on the road from Van Buren to Fayetteville.

I do. Well, they moved in to Van Buren since the war, and have been living in town ever since. Old man Patterson was of an inventive turn, and got up what he called the Patterson patent Inflated Bustle.

I never saw an Arkansas girl wear a bustle.

We once believed that we all were born in the image of God, but society has proved that to be all a mistake.

What was the bustle inflated with?

It was a large India rubber bag, and Patterson's notion was to fill it with gas so that it would distend the dress to any desirable extent.

The first one he made he used as an experiment, upon Mrs. Patterson. She placed it under her dress, and stood out in the yard, while Patterson connected the bustle with a kitchen gas pipe, by means of a flexible tube.

For a while it seemed to promise well; but I don't know how it was, perhaps Patterson used more gas than he intended, but anyway all of a sudden Mrs. Patterson began to float in the air.

As she rose, a gust of wind struck her, and she barely had time to scream to Patterson to put the children to bed and instruct the hired girl about mixing the muffins.

The next minute she was above the snow line.

Did she come down?

Well, I was going to tell you, she floated around in the upper atmosphere for a while, looking at thunder storms and the aurora borealis, the zone belt, and so on, and probably having a pretty good time, although she was badly scared, and felt the want of her shawl and her eye glasses.

How did she get down? I am coming to that, you see she was tossed about by the various currents of air, but going rather quietly when all at once a torando, or something else came along and slammed her with frightful force against the Presbyterian church steeple.

The Presbyterian church?

Yes the Presbyterian steeple. And as she hit it the point of the weather vane entered the bustle and let all the gas out. So there she hung, suspended. When the wind veered she would swing around, first in one direction and then in another, her parasol pointing east or west, north or south, just as the breeze happened to blow.

But she got down of course?

I was just going to tell you. She staid there all night, and Patterson rigged up a balloon to go up after her, but the balloon exploded about half way up, leaving Patterson clinging to the spire. The impression seemed to be that if the trustees would let the Pattersons alone the whole family would be found roosting about on that church.

But how did they get her down?

I was just going to say, that Patterson had another bustle at home. He sent a boy for it had it inflated, tied a rope to it and sent it up so that it drifted over to Mrs. Patterson. She inserted it under her pannier, and then they hauled the rope, and as she descended old Patterson clasped her waist with his arm and they came down with a rush.

Was she hurt? No, but Patterson was. How?

Why, as soon as she touched the ground she seized him by the hair, and shook him around so that he didn't know whether he was in Arkansas or Peru. Then they went home, and she burned up all the bustles in the house.

Is this a true story Pete? I will give you the best authority in the world for it.

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