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The Columbia Bar.

UNDER date of the 18th inst., our congressional representative, M. C. George, writing to the Oregonian says: "Several weeks a board of engineers to speedily aid in its advancement. examine the mouth of the Columbia river. It will be remembered that Col. Gillespie reported Dec. 5, 1880, in favor of a plan for permanent improvements costing the sum of \$430,000. Gen. Wright, Chief of Engineers, referred the matter to a New York board, composed of Gens. Tower, Newton

of the outlay. As Gen. Gillespie still stands by standing the reasons advanced by special board to come and view a board of engineers. These work. changes will continue to be carefally watched, but owing to the work and its great cost, it would be premature to attempt anything further at this time." A strong presentation of this matter to the congress which meets six weeks from to-morrow, is requisite. Isn't it about time that we here in As toria were doing something?

### A Common Cause.

In commenting on an article recently published in this paper, the Dalles Times makes a good point the Mississippi, that could be navi-But such is not the case. How- stand the truth, ever much the mouth of the river may be improved, we are still locked in by the Cascades and dependent alone on railroad communication to get our produce to seaboard, and with our neighbors further east, it is still worse. \* \* Nevertheless, we second all and every movement in that direction, at the same time not forgetting that the obstacles to navigation in the stream itself should be removed, as well as a safe harbor made for ships at its mouth."

The Times is perfectly justifiable in its position, and we are glad to see such broad views expressed. TANNERS AND CURRIERS, No section of the country is more ready to concede the necessity of completing the locks at the Cascades than the part of Oregon and Washington Territory for which THE ASTORIAN speaks. It is a matter of common interest to all; of paramount importance to those who live east of the mountains, to those who want to send their produce to the sea and who see that it is to their material benefit that their shipments shall be down the

Columbia river. But while conceding all that the Times claims and intending to co-operate in the work, our additional claim for Astoria is that by reason of her position she is entitled to all the rights that that position entails and demands; and foremost among these is, that the bar at the mouth of the river be so improved that ships of any class may safely enter and load here. This opens up other ago, on consultation with Govern. lines of discussion that it is not ment engineers, I communicated now necessary to discuss. We with the honorable Secretary of trust that our contemporary will War asking for an appointment of recognize the justice of this and

#### Imbibition.

Rev. Dr. Dwinell of Sacramento has a long article in the San Francisco Pacific, severely criticising the secular press for publishing the details of crime. He acquits the papers of evil intent and admits that there is a demand on the Hats. Caps. Boots and Shoes, and Abbot, who failed to approve part of a large portion of the people for these details, but at the same time he contends that the his recommendations, notwith. effect upon the community is and must be demoralizing. Considerthe New York board, I wrote to ing humanity as depraved and inthe Secretary of War urging the clined to evil rather than good, he importance of the work as considers that large numbers of strongly as I could and ask- innocent minds catch at the crimiing for the appointment of a nal thought thus suggested, their "slumbering criminal passion" is the situation in person, and exam- "aroused and fired," and in the end ine all the data of surveys and they become criminals themselves. otherwise now in possession of the Unquestionably there is in the Government officers in charge and minds of a certain class a morbid report some plan of improvement, tendency at imitation, and the re-I was especially desirous of a fa- cital of crime kindles in that unvorable report in time for the com- happy genus a latent desire. It is ing session of congress. Thinking a remarkable fact that three of the the answer of the Secretary of Lost pecuniarily successful papers War of interest Lattach it hereto," in the United States to-day are In reply to the inquiry, Gen. the Chicago Times, Cincinnati En-Wright, Chief of Engineers, to quirer and Boston Herald, papers whom the matter was referred by that publish in detail a certain the war department, says: "The kind of information that is usually importance of this improvement excluded from the family circle. has not been lost sight of. The But the fact is simply a lamentable annual report of this office, which commentary on the people that Engagement Extraordinary. will be presented to congress at feed upon such garbage. If the its next session, will contain such demand did not exist the supply information obtained from recent would be likewise wanting. It is surveys as will, it is believed, show one of the characterist is of the age, the necessity of awaiting future and the best that can be done in developments in the changes now the matter is to let it work out by going on in the channels of en. natural law. Those things run trance before attempting a radical their course and leave the body insprovement or again submitting politic in better condition after the subject to the consideration of Time's detergent has effected its

### Puerile.

A FEW exchanges to hand ungraciously comment upon the loss of the Fernglen off the coast last Sunday, and talk as though they were pleased over it. We are glad to say that they are published outside of this state. Such expressions have not even the invidions merit of being ridiculous, and are below contempt. Because a ship captain mistakes one light house for another, and, in a driving gale is blown ashore upon a strange coast, is certainly, no reain saying: "If we had a river like son for yelping about "the dangerons Columbia bar." Such puergated almost from its source to its ile mouthings are simply so many mingling with the ocean, we of demonstrations of the writer's inthe interior would be satisfied. anity or willful inability to under-

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