

The Daily Astorian.
 ASTORIA OREGON:
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Need for Improvement.

The Astoria Chamber of Commerce has at considerable trouble prepared several tables relative to the necessity for bar improvement; showing conclusively that if we expect to acquire or retain the most desirable part of the world's commerce that our port is entitled to, the bar must be improved so that vessels need not be detained when ready for sea, but may be towed out at once. Among other statistics is the estimated loss in detention to vessels outward bound foreign, on account of want of sufficient draft of water on the Columbia River bar, for the seven months preceding 1st of January, 1882. In calculating loss, the detention to the ship is calculated at the rate of 8 cents per register ton per day. The loss by detention to cargo is calculated at the rate of five per cent. per annum on actual value. No detention is estimated in any case until the vessel is fully ready for sea and cleared at the Astoria Custom House.

Under this confessedly low estimate the aggregate of loss by detention is something that demonstrates as nothing but figures can demonstrate, the need of a more toward state of affairs than at present exists. Taking the last month of '81 we find that the Wealthy Pendleton of 800 tons register cleared on Dec. 19th and sailed Jan. 14th, '82, a detention of 26 days and a consequent loss of 1,882 dollars; the Loch Fergus, of 874 tons register cleared Dec. 6th and sailed Jan. 12th, a detention of 37 days, involving a corresponding loss of \$2,933; the Thunderbolt, 25 days, \$2,746; the Lindores Abbey, 29 days, loss \$2,338; the Rainbow, \$1,992; the Peebleshire, \$2,356; the Diana, \$1,704; the Woodhall, \$1,730; the Kirkwood, 1279 tons register, lay inside 35 days with a corresponding loss of \$3,828; the Alga Bay, \$2,496; the Jas. A. Wright, \$2,040; the Anglo Norman, \$1,802; the Emma T. Crowell, \$2,952; the Annie Maine, \$920. Here we have an aggregate loss by reason of detention to vessels that cleared from Astoria during December last, of \$31,759.

We have from time to time published several articles in relation to the Columbia bar that were calculated to show the necessity for such improvement as bolfts the necessities of the Columbia river. These articles have stated facts that are patent to all and are not susceptible of contradiction. The above figures are given simply to illustrate our position. It is not a question of tugs nor tides. It is a question that can be answered satisfactorily in but one place—the Congress of the United States.

The Difference.
 WHEN the Astoria and Wimmerucca railroad company asked that Congress should give them the right to build a bridge across Young's River, the right was refused. From the printed report of the case we find the reason assigned, that "Young's River, although a navigable stream, lies wholly within the state of Oregon, and therefore the State has exclusive control of its navigation." Congress is now asked to authorize a bridge to be built across the Willamette at Portland, which will assuredly be done. And it should be done. But what we complain of is the favoritism shown our great railroad-grant corporations by Congress. The two cases are precisely the same. The bridge across the Willamette, like that across Young's River, is to be built across a "navigable stream lying wholly within the state of Oregon." But a powerful railroad-grant corporation asks for the one, and a little local corporation and community asked for the other—a corporation that pro-

posed to build a railroad to the Willamette valley, without any land grant.

Prohibition.

ONE of the questions now before the people of Oregon is, "Shall we have a prohibition law?" There is one in California, and in Washington Territory. Of the workings of the law in Washington Territory we know nothing; of the workings of the law in California, a good deal. It is not a question of geography, but one of public sentiment. Any agitation of the temperance question must assuredly work a benefit; for that reason it is well to discuss the matter and stir up opinion about it. Any law is a failure unless it is backed up by public opinion, and for that reason prohibition is a failure in California. The matter is worthy of a trial here. It might be passed by the Legislature, given a fair trial, and if sustained by public opinion it would stand; if not, it would become a dead letter and remain inoperative without the formality of a repealing.

We have not yet seen a single newspaper of the Pacific Northwest that has opposed the forfeiture of the Astoria land grant. It is palpably unjust that a railroad company should try to hold a grant of land for an indefinite time where there is not the slightest disposition shown to build it. The grant must be declared forfeited, so that another railroad can be built in its place and the country can be settled. That is the unanimous sentiment in Oregon.

THE New York Tribune says: There seems to be a growing impression among Republican politicians of all shades of opinion in Washington that Conkling will not accept the appointment of associate justice of the Supreme court; although twenty-four hours ago the impression was quite general that he would accept.

EASTERN papers are discussing the advisability of the reintroduction of knee breeches for men. The St. Louis Globe Democrat touchingly says that: "It is well to remember that the constitution of the United States was adopted in knee breeches." That ought to be conclusive.

CHINAMEN are coming into San Francisco at the rate of a thousand a week. Of course there is a demand for them, or they wouldn't come.

A GREAT demand for cedar in South America gives rise to the belief that even the refuse cedar of this northwest coast will be of great market value.

BOHN.
 At Knappa, Feb. 20, 1882, to the wife of P. H. Bagley, a son—ten pounds.

NEW TO-DAY.

AUCTION SALE.
 Saturday, March 4th, 11 A.M.

I will sell at my auction rooms a lot of second hand Furniture, consisting in part of Bedsteads, Chairs, Spring Mattresses. Also, for account of whom it may concern 4 Bales Excelsior, 1 bag Hair, 2 bags Wool, 1 3-High Billiard Lamp, and 1 Large Bed-stor, 1 Lady's Velocipede, in good order. Also, administrator's sale of several Trunks and contents.
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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT School Taxes for the above District are now due and payable at the office of the undersigned. Please pay up promptly and save costs.
 W. M. B. ABRAHAM, dtd. Clerk District No. 9.

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Annual School Meeting.
 THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE legal voters of School District No. 18, will be held at the School House in Astoria Clatsop county, Oregon, on Monday evening, March 6, 1882, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of electing One Director for three years and One Clerk for one year. Also, all other business that may properly come before the meeting.
 C. W. SHIVELY, Clerk.

Proposals for Piling.
 BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO 9 o'clock on Friday, March 30, 1882, for furnishing, driving and capping the piles for the building of the O. F. L. & B. Association of Astoria, at the office of L. W. Case, where the plans and specifications can be seen. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.
 G. REED, President, A. J. MEDLER, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned Committee on Ways and Means of the Common Council of the City of Astoria, Oregon, will receive sealed proposals at the office of the Auditor and Clerk of said city, until 12 o'clock noon of Tuesday, the 28th day of February, 1882, for city bonds, not exceeding sixty in number, of the denomination of fifty dollars each and bearing interest not exceeding eight per cent. per annum, as provided for in ordinance No. 483 of said city. Proposals must state the number of bonds bid for, the amount they represent, and the interest to be paid. No bonds will be sold under par. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.
 FRANK J. TAYLOR, A. G. SPEARHILL, L. W. CASE, Committee on Ways and Means.
 Astoria, Feb. 17, 1882. d-td

Annual School Meeting.
 THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE legal voters of School District No. 1 will be held at the school house on Main street, in Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, on Monday evening, March 6th, 1882, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of electing one Director for three years, and one Clerk for one year. Also to levy a tax to support a school for the ensuing year in said district; also a tax to pay interest and incidental expenses of said district and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
 By order of the Board of Directors
 J. G. HUSTLER, Clerk
 Astoria, Feb. 21, 1882.

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