A Growing Necessity.

THE commercial column of today's ASTORIAN shows that there are twelve merchant vessels bar bound at Baker's bay. Some of these vessels were ready six weeks ago; the captains chafe at the delay; the crews hang around with but little to do but watch the storm wrack flying across the mouth of the turbulent river, and nothing goes on but-the expense. Each vessel lying down there this morning represents a daily aggregate of \$100 cost of detention. The detention of these vessels thus represents a loss to the owners so far, of \$23,600. A year ago the Oregonian commenting on a similar state of affairs, by direct implication made it appear that "what is needed is more tugs." There is now what would appear to be sufficient tug service, with all the incentives that competition excites to insure prompt and speedy departure of these vessels, but there they lie, for the simple reason that the bar is too rough for any tug however powerful, to make any attempt at towing. Hence we think it is evident to every one not blinded by local prejudice that it is not for lack of towing facilities that that dozen wheat ships lie in Baker's bay. The figures we have given represent a direct loss to the owners; they also represent a direct loss to all who are interested in the prosperity of this place; they represent a direct loss to every man who owns property, to every man who is in business, as well as to every one who raises a bushel of wheat, or digs a bushel of potatoes, or cuts a log, or puts up a can of who is in business, as well as to or cuts a log, or puts up a can of salmon. It represents a direct loss to any one who had hand or Select Masquerade Ball. part in the shipment of the 326,-000 tons of exports that have been loaded in the Columbia river since

the first day of January last. If there is any other work of greater importance in the northwest than the improvement of the Columbia river bar, we are not aware of its existence. If there is any other work more imperatively necessary, by reason of its Col. R. R. Spedden, great and constantly growing necessity, within the limits of the American Union, we are likewise uninformed as to what or where it is.

To the south lies San Francisco, with a bay that would float the fleets of the world, and a comparatively safe and easy entrance; to the north is Puget Sound, using every argument that individual benefit or commercial gain can suggest, to build up its ocean trade; between the two is the Columbia, the gateway of a greater scope of country than either San Francisco or the Sound can point to, but with an obstruction that, unless speedily removed, must prove of great and permanent loss to the people that dwell in the country that it drains.

NEITHER the president nor the secretary of the interior has made any recommendation or reference as to the important questions involved in the continued withdrawal from public settlement of over 100,000,000 acres of public lands, withdrawn as railroad grants and wholly unearned by the corporations for whose benefit they were originally made. These grants were all conditionally made, and the terms have not been complied with, but these terms them selves make it imperative for congress to act. "In our judgment," says an article in the Washing ton Gazette, "there is a mandatory duty resting upon congress which has been too long evaded and neglected. It was the Republican party that first pronounced against the continuance of the land grant policy The Ohio state convention of 1868 so declared, and the national conventions of 1868, 1872 and 1876 all adopted declarations of a similar character. The failure of congress to act gives color, force and tency to the charge that the railroad lobby is more powerful than the people. The handwriting is on the wall, the people have declared that the great monopolies shall have no more than their pound of h and parties and politicians

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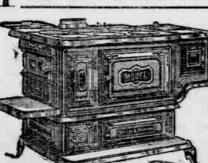
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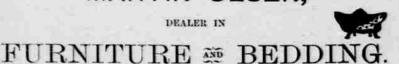
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