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AN "OLD CITIZEN'S" VIEWS

ED. ASTORIAN:

Please say to Oregon, the United States government, The Dalles, Walls Walla, all places east of the mountains, the people of the Willamette valley, (you might privately mention it to Portland in a very careful way) what a foolish thing it is to improve the Columbia river above the mouth of the Willamette; what bushels of money it takes out of the poor honest farmer, all needlessly, just simply to keep government officers out of mischief. As an old citizen of Oregon I pray the government of the United States to stop that work at the Cascades and never think of so foolish an expenditure as the improvement at The Dalles. Don't you know that railroad transportation is much more economical than transportation on the water? Mr. Villard, please don't build a railroad from Forest Grove to Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia, for you know what a terrible cost it is to build and run a railroad through such terrible mountains as are between Forest Grove and Astoria. The fact is there is not money enough in Germany to build the road. But what an easy matter it would be to clear out the little mud flats just a little below Portland, to 24 feet and Charley will do it with his little squirt gun in less than a week if the government will give him the privilege. That is all it takes, and might have been done long ago, but there are but few men who have such gigantic minds to grapple with such things and you know that water transportation between Portland and the sea don't amount to anything (to Portland) as she is already rich and independent of all outside wants. But how foolish it is for Mr. Villard to build a railroad down to Astoria, for it is impossible for him to think of carrying a car loaded in bulk with wheat past Portland, he simply can't do it because river transportation is cheaper; that is if he don't mention Astoria. But if he will carry it direct to the Sound it is all right. That is, if he will. That is if he will not carry it by those large elevators in Portland, but will stow it there, then tow a ship 110 miles in ballast then take the ballast out, load or simply ballast the ship, tow her down to Astoria, then barge her cargo down and finish loading her at Astoria. Then it will be all right, because it makes the rich farmer that is wallowing in wealth richer, and the poor Portland merchant that is wearing his life out of him, all for the good of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Mr. Villard, please don't connect Astoria with Portland by railroad, it would do Portland no harm but would ruin Astoria, as you would be sure to carry the salmon from Astoria to Portland in order to get to tow a ship by Astoria up to Portland, in order to ship that salmon through the customhouse in Portland direct to Europe, that is, if it did not prove to be cheaper to ship it from Astoria to Portland, then pass the custom house, reship it to Kalama by river boat 45 miles, then 110 miles over railroad to Tacoma, then 120 miles through the Straits of Fuca to the ocean. These are all small matters when you take into account the interests of the glorious people of Oregon. What a great and prosperous country this is, all grown out of Portland's great sacrifices to the good of the country. Please, Mr. Editor, don't mention the fact that the mouth of the Columbia river is 110 miles below Portland; that Astoria is within 15 miles of the ocean; all ships that have ever seen or ever will see the Columbia river have to come direct to Astoria, and can come to our wharves drawing 22 feet of water without let or hindrance beside wharves that are not eaten up every two years by the teredo as on the Sound, nor by wharves as in Portland where the water rises 3 to 5 times a year 21 to 38 feet above low water,

flooding and spoiling large amounts of wheat and other merchandise.

What I wish to see is railroad connection from the east to Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia and as many more places as may spring up on the Sound, also connecting with Portland, Roseburg, Redding and all other points to San Francisco, as well as from Forest Grove to Astoria, from Portland to Astoria by way of Columbia City, and then let Astoria, with all the thick settled states and territories with all their commercial wealth lying 3000 miles east of her, the islands and China to the west of her with all their commerce and trade, just let Astoria die.

OLD CITIZEN.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH

Sentenced to Death.

DUBLIN, May 2.—Patrick Delaney and Thomas Caffrey, two more of the men charged with participation in the murders of Cavendish and Barke, were arraigned for trial this morning. They created a sensation in the court room by pleading guilty to the charges against them. Both were sentenced to be hanged on the 2d of June. Before Caffrey had pleaded guilty he was informed that the crown gave no hopes of a mitigation of the sentence of death, which would be passed upon him. When Delaney was called he pleaded guilty, and said: "I was brought into this at first foolishly, not knowing what it was. I was forced from my work to go to the park. We had to obey the orders of the society or take the consequences. When I got into the park I could not get away. I saw the murders committed, but took no part in them. The murders were committed by Joe Brady and Timothy Kelly, and by nobody else." When Caffrey was placed in the dock his face wore smiles. The consequence of pleading guilty was again fully explained to him on the opening of the court, but he persisted in his plea. On being asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, Caffrey replied: "All I have got to say, standing on the brink of the grave, is that I did not know what was going to happen until ten minutes before the murders were committed. I was bound to go to the park under pain of death."

Crook After Them.

EL PASO, May 2.—Considerable amusement was created here by some press dispatches from Washington that say the departments of state and war forbid General Crook entering Mexico in pursuit of the hostile Apaches. General Crook has already entered Mexico and been in the Sierra Madres at least four days. It is also true that the Mexican authorities are co-operating, and two Mexican companies are moving from the Chihuahua side, two from the Sonora side, and other troops are in the field on both sides of the frontier to prevent the hostiles from escaping or breaking through the cordon. The war department seems to be afraid that Crook has gone to make a Mexican raid on the resident Apaches. The Times of this place, which has ample sources of information, says that both Mexican officers and General Crook consider that the present movements are made only in pursuance of a continued pursuit, and therefore in accord with the military canon of allowing troops of either country to follow hostile bands across the border. It also says the hostile Apaches are not residents of Mexico, but renegades from the United States, who make Mexico a place for escaping pursuit. The present movements are a part of the continuous campaign.

Deserve Popular.

Unless it had great merit Parker's Ginger Tonic could not be so popular. Its sale has spread remarkably everywhere, because invalids find it gives them new life and vigor when other medicines fail entirely.—Ohio Farmer.

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Cats on Shipboard.

Although pussy is the unrelenting enemy of rats, and they stand in wholesome awe of her presence, she is not always victorious in her encounters with them. I have seen a cat rolled over and over by a patriarch on whom she had pounced, and retire from the fray discomfited, with a severe bite through the lip. I had brought an old cat with me, on joining a certain rat-ridden ship, knowing him to be a good sporting animal. It was not mine, but one I had borrowed for the voyage on hearing the vessel's reputation for natural history. She was fairly over-run with vermin from stem to stern, but it appears that there was an extraordinary concentration of the ratty element in the storerooms underneath the forepeak. Nothing served to restrain their depredations, or to diminish their numbers and audacity. It was scarcely safe to venture down there, and the storekeeper was at his wits' end to know how to protect the articles under his charge. At length he asked me to allow him to put Tim down there at night, not so much in hope of destroying the rats as of scaring them away. Tim was accordingly conducted thither before the gratings were put on, and left there, with his saucer of bread and milk, his mat and no lack of company. In the morning nothing remained of him but gnawed bones and some scraps of gray hair.—All the Year Round.



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E. A. Swan, Indian agent at Giltz, arrived over the mountains via North Yamhill from Benton county, and lodged a complaint against Kam Kelsey and Jack Kelsey, charging them with the murder of an Indian doctor, one George Chinios. Sheriff Alderman departed this morning armed with a warrant, and will proceed to Corvallis in quest of his prisoners.

We understand that an enterprising citizen has purchased the clam flats in the bay and proposes to make a corner in the clam market. The lands are bare about one hour at every tide and can be of no practical value to any one. The board should not sell them as it will only place it in the power of an individual to give trouble to parties navigating the bay. The water is seven or eight feet deep at high tide over them, and at low tide they are only unprofitable mud flats.

Tillamook Lodge, No. 418, I. O. G. T. recently organized, has a membership of forty members, J. L. Story is W. C. T.

Claude Thayer drove in 143 head of beef cattle and cows from Sheridan. They are placed on fine pastures and will make a band of over 130 head of heaves laying on tallow under his charge.

The Tillamook toll road will be opened for wagon travel in about ten days.—Portland News.

MOTHERS, READ.

GENTS—About nine years ago I had a child two years old and almost dead. The doctor I had attending her could not tell what ailed her. I asked him if he did not think it was worms. He said no. However, this did not satisfy me, as I felt convinced in my own mind that she had. I obtained a bottle of Dr. C. McLANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE. I gave her a teaspoonful in the morning and another at night, after which she passed seventy-two worms and was a well child. Since then I have never been without it in my family. The health of my children remained so good that I had neglected watching their actions until about three weeks ago, when two of them presented the same sickly appearance that Emily did nine years ago. So I thought it must be worms, and went to work at once with a bottle of Dr. C. McLANE'S VERMIFUGE between four of my children, their ages being as follows: Alice, 8 years; Charley, 5 years; Emma, 6 years; John, 2 years. Now comes the result: Alice and Emma came out all right, but Charley passed forty-five and Johnny about sixty worms. The result was so gratifying that I spent two days in showing the wonderful effect of your Vermifuge around Tule, and now have the worms on exhibition in my store. Yours truly, JOHN PIPER.

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