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ABOUT GRAIN ELEVATORS

Under the new transit conditions about to be inaugurated in the Pacific northwest by the system of railroad termini at deep-sea shipping ports, grain export in bulk cargoes by the medium of loading vessels through elevators in conjunction with dock and cars, the same as practiced in the Atlantic ports, was a leading factor catalogued among the constructions about to be at once undertaken at Portland and two or three other places on Puget Sound, promised by Mr. Villard as soon as "the producers could be educated" to adopt that mode of shipment.

This announcement was based upon a desire expressed by interior producers and exporters to save the expense of sacking grain—which costs the producer from 4½ to 5c. per bushel—Eastern Oregon and Washington the latter figure. So generally has the idea been adopted at the points interested, that we hear of grain elevators actually in course of construction at Walla Walla, Dayton, etc., east of the Cascades, for the loading of cars, that to be economically disposed of, if intended for western transit, should be placed on shipboard by the same appliances in bulk cargo, or elevators are superfluous if sacking grain for export is still to be continued for European voyages.

In preparing for the export of grain in bulk, as the erection of elevators would imply, two important factors seem to have been overlooked in the proposed change of mode—the maritime and insurance interests connected therewith. We are informed by an underwriter's agent of this port, who is a leading authority in his profession, that no shipmaster would for a single moment entertain the proposition to load grain in bulk from the Pacific coast for a European voyage; and that if attempted insurance would be forfeited on the vessel, and no risk would be taken on the cargo! He says that considerable talk has passed on the subject among shippers and producers, but those acquainted with the risks and dangers of Cape Horn, with the effect upon bulk grain passing twice through the tropic, continue to prefer greater safety by the former and present sacking mode of cargo. He says that even if the compartments should be so firm as to hold the cargo from shifting in the storms incident to the voyage, that it is impossible to make the lining tight enough to keep the wheat from choking the pumps, as caused by the opening of joints from the twisting and tossing of the ship. In addition to the maritime and insurance objections to bulk shipment from the Pacific coast, the consignee at port of delivery would seldom or never have the opportunity to report the cargo "cool and in good condition," which is now the rule of most Portland cargoes. So, until the Panama canal or Eads' ship railway get into operation, elevators will cut no figure in loading grain ship from ports of the North Pacific coast.—Reporter.

The Salem Co.'s men have been at work putting in a dam just east of town, and completed their work Friday. By an order from their attorneys, the city of Salem Company Friday night proceeded to the dam and tore out the same. We judge that the water war is just approaching a crisis. We give this as a matter of news, and take no stock in the trouble. We are extremely sorry that business has been so badly paralyzed. Both parties are our friends, and we hope that matters will be settled before long and that the hum of business may soon be heard in both the companies' mills.—Statesman.

The Oregon Construction company have paid on the construction of the railroad from the mouth of Meacham creek a sum reaching over one million three hundred thousand dollars, and the road is not done yet.

Hannibal Hamlin's New Story of Daniel Webster

"What public man, Mr. Hamlin, was the ablest man you ever found?" "Daniel Webster towered a head and shoulders above any of them. He was one of those few men who became greater as you approached them. That can be said of few men in this world. The nearer you came to Webster the more you saw and acknowledged his greatness. I can remember a little speech he made which has never been in print, and as both the parties to it are now dead, I do not object to telling you about it. You remember James M. Mason, of Virginia, what a patronizing, supercilious man he was. He had no love for Webster, and on one occasion he rose in his place with a little pamphlet which ascribed to Mr. Webster certain language, and on that Mason proceeded to make a speech. Webster was drunk. He listened as well as he could to what Mason was saying, and then got up, so unsteady at first, that he held to his desk with both hands, but as he proceeded and became more luminous and clear, he raised first one hand, and after a while he raised both hands, and he made such a speech as I think I never heard to peel an opponent all to pieces. He called for the pamphlet after a little while, and Mason sent it over to him. He held it up with a look of contempt on his great rugged countenance, and turning it over said: "No title page, anonymous. No author, the poor thing is fatherless, motherless. This you call a document?" Mason watched him with apprehension. Then Webster, addressed himself to language ascribed to him in the pamphlet, and it had seemed to all of us senators who had heard Mason that the language was altogether capable of the interpretation he had given it. Indeed there seemed no other interpretation. But Webster, with that logical, legal mind he had, in a very few minutes convinced everybody present, Mason included, that the language not only did not mean what Mason read, but it meant the very opposite. As soon as he brought that out Mason wanted to apologize, but Webster, towering up told him to take his seat. We saw by Mason's face that he felt that he had got himself into a place that would do him no credit. Then Webster continued, and the exhortation was something indescribable, yet all the while severely contemptuous; just in the manner to cut Mason to pieces and make him feel it, for you know he was nothing if not a lord over somebody.

"At the end of the speech one of the senators said to Webster: 'You have used him all up; let it not be printed in the public debates.' 'Very well,' said Webster, 'let the dog go.'"

In further remarks concerning the beeswax wreck, Dr. McKay in a communication to the Pendleton Tribune says: No one ever denied that there was a wreck in the mouth of the Nehalem centuries ago; as there was a tradition prevailing among the Chinook Indians of a peculiar looking people living among the Tillamook Indians used as slaves. The wreck I alluded to, was about the year 1834 or '36, I cannot give the correct date, but as I have remarked to the editor of the ASTORIAN, that I have seen purchased at Fort Vancouver, on the Columbia river, many cakes of beeswax, brought there by the Indians and sold to the H. B. Co., at the same time the discoveries made of the porcelain ware along the coast of Shoalwater Bay and Clatsop Beach. Any of the old residents, both white and Indian, will verify to the fact.

The \$50,000 donation of first mortgage bonds of the N. P. R. R. to the State University by Henry Villard has been sent to the agent of the regents. This insures \$3,000 interest per annum.

A Dayton, W. T., dispatch of the 7th, says: Snodderly was hanged at 12 M. He died game, without a struggle. Before execution he was admitted to Owenby's cell, and said: "You have taken my life away, but I forgive you." Owenby said: "No I didn't." Arriving at the scaffold Snodderly said: "Gentlemen, I die an innocent man. All I have to say is, I am innocent. I have stolen things in my life, and have been a bad boy. I forgive every one, and want every one to forgive me." After prayer by the chaplain, Snodderly arose from a kneeling position, and picked up his hat as though with an intention to leave the platform, but he was stopped. He then shook hands all round, and was bound. On the rope being placed around his neck he said: "Gentlemen I die innocent." The black cap was then placed on his head, and the drop fell. He died without a struggling movement.

The hanging of McPherson is universally endorsed. It was not the work of a mob, but of citizens of good standing, who saw the dread necessity. Had they not done the deed there would have been a bloody riot to-day, as settlers from all parts of the country had sworn that if the least innocent man was to die, and the two most guilty be allowed another chance, they would hang the trio themselves.

The Silverton Appeal says that an immigrant by the name of Smith, who was crossing the Cascade mountains by the Lebanon route last week, was surrounded by fire, and was compelled to cut his team loose and flee for his life. The two wagons were consumed, with all that Mr. Smith possessed, and the family, eight in number, were compelled to lie close to the earth to prevent suffocation. The horses have not yet been found, and it is not known if they perished or not. Mr. Smith and family are at Fish Lake in a destitute condition.



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The supposed remains of Dan Rossland, who has been missing at The Dalles, were found by some Indian fisherman floating in the river between White Salmon and Thirteen-mile Point on the 4th inst.

The total valuation of property, as shown in the city assessment roll of Seattle, just completed for this year, is \$8,780,195. The assessment to be collected in taxes is \$120,780 88, at the rate of 12 mills on inside and 4 mills on outside property.

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