

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1883. The Astoria Railroad.

The publication in yesterday's issue of Villard's ultimatum concerning the Astoria-Forest Grove railroad was less a source of surprise than regret to a good many. It was as saying in so many words: "I, with my costly appliances cannot build the road even with the grant, for \$50,000 a mile; but you have my permission to build it for \$19,500 a mile, give it to me when built with the grant, and insure me sufficient terminal facilities at Astoria, all things to be done in accordance with plans which I shall furnish."

There is but little alternative in this matter. It is for Astoria to accept the proposition or abandon it. Either have Villard's terms complied with and guarantee the man or men who shall take the contract against any possible loss by making good the deficiency, or else drop the whole business and stop talking about it. There are a good many people in Astoria that think too much fuss has been made about this matter altogether. As for what people outside of Astoria think, the value of their opinions is in direct proportion to the motives which prompt their utterances. We are willing to concede to others the consistency we claim for ourself, and believe now, as a year ago, or two years ago, that when Villard gets ready to build the road he will build it, and not before.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Indianapolis Journal, traveling from Bismarck to the Little Missouri, saw a burning mine. He says: "It gives off so sulphurous an odor that I thought the heat due to the decomposition of sulphides. But the glow is red; little sulphurous acid is formed; you can stand over the crevasse without fear of either burning or suffocation. Sulphur is volatilized and recrystallized on the edges of the crevices. There is no smoke; the air quivers with the heat. The burning area is from ten to fifteen rods square, and has been on fire since the first visit by white men, and no one knows how many centuries before. It is only one of a number of fires that are known on the Bad Lands."

A LADY recently brought suit for damages for the shock to her system caused by the tossing of a ship between Boulogne and Folkestone. The jury wisely refused to give the damages. Ships between England and France have a disagreeable habit of tossing, and if steamship companies were obliged to pay damages whenever a sensitive woman believed she was too much tossed for her money, they would have a hard life and no profit to speak of. In this particular case an accident had caused the Queen of the Orrell to lie at anchor outside of Boulogne harbor seven hours. But the accident was due to a flaw in the piston-rod, which no human power could have discovered or prevented.

The Russian empire consists of thirty different races of people. Late there is not individual, but collective. There are but two cities, Moscow and St. Petersburg; the remaining towns are viewed but as accidents. In other countries the urban population constitutes one-third of the whole, in Russia but one-tenth. St. Petersburg and Moscow are the only cities, perhaps, in the world whose inhabitants are in part peasants. It is, therefore, not astonishing to find the workpeople in the factories of those cities engaged on the conditions that they will be allowed vacations to sow their fields and reap their harvests.

During the whole of her recent indisposition and depression the Queen of England has never neglected her business, her large correspondence, or in the least remitted her attention to public affairs.

Northern Pacific Matters. At a New York meeting of Northern Pacific R. R. stockholders on the 20th inst., resolutions endorsing Villard's management were passed. It is stated that the cause of the depression in Villard stocks is old holders selling largely, fearing that by reason of more money being spent for construction than was estimated would render dividends impossible for a term of years. This is denied by representatives of the road in San Francisco and the unsettled and weak condition of the market is attributed to a syndicate who wish to secure stock at lower figures.

A railroad convention is now being held in San Francisco in which all the Pacific coast railroads are settling just what share of the business they shall have. The Northern Pacific claims the lion's share; that it is prepared to compete for through freight and passenger traffic from San Francisco to the east, and vice versa, because of its transcontinental road and fleet of iron ships, both in number and quality more than sufficient to transact any business likely to arise.

Under the provisions of the pool terminated by the completion of the Northern Pacific, the Sunset Route was accorded 14 per cent. of through business; but while enjoying this income, it in reality did a business equivalent to 22 per cent. The distance from San Francisco to New Orleans, via the Sunset, is 2,490; from New Orleans to New York, by water, 1,850 miles, giving a total of 4,340 miles, while the Northern Pacific with its connections, foot up a total of 3,220 miles between New York and San Francisco. Following out this general line of argument, the Northern Pacific answer that it is even a better position than the Sunset route for the distribution of patronage.

A proposition was also made to take Portland and San Francisco as common points in the schedule of freight and fare. If the same charges prevailed on the Northern Pacific as on other transcontinental roads, it would practically leave San Francisco out of the commercial fields in the Northwest, and at the same time would have the effect of making Portland the center of northern trade.

The object sought to be accomplished by the Northern Pacific is to make Portland the distributing center of the entire northern commerce. Among outside railroads the feeling gains ground that the Northern Pacific will continue to maintain the independent position attributed to it, relying upon the good offices of the Union Pacific to maintain it in its demands. The more that can be extracted from the Central Pacific, against which the fight is chiefly aimed, so much the better for those two particular roads. Besides this Northern Pacific representatives know they have a better chance to make a good bargain now than they would have after a disastrous winter.

THERE is reason to believe that the recent accessions to the Austro-German alliance will shortly result in Germany issuing a proposal for a general congress of all the European powers, with the view to determine on a general disarmament. Austria, Spain and Italy, it is said have already signified their willingness to participate in such a congress.

Of the original Buchanan cabinet, Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the interior, is the only survivor, since the death of Judge Black. Of the original Lincoln cabinet, Simon Cameron, Secretary of War, is the only survivor since the death of Judge Black leaving Judge Agnew the sole surviving ex-Chief Justice of Pennsylvania.

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the Luther festival in Germany a general Catholic convention proposed and that an association of Catholics of all nations be formed and that a religious meeting to pray for Catholic unification be held on November 10th, the anniversary of Luther's birthday.

It is intended to collect the scattered bones of all those Germans who fell in the battles around Metz, and to deposit them in one huge ossuary, with a suitable monument.

REFERRING to the situation in Ohio, the Boston Post (Dem.) observes: "We haven't much faith in the success of the Democratic cause when every leading Democrat in the State is reaching for the throat of some other leading Democrat."

The foreign exhibition at Boston was opened September 3d, the one hundredth anniversary of the day on which the United States was acknowledged by Great Britain to be a nation, through the signing of a treaty of peace.

The Canadian voter must have an income of \$400 a year in the city, or \$200 in the country, and he may vote in every district where his property yields that income. The candidate for Parliament must pay \$200 in advance.

The value of finished goods manufactured in the United States is estimated at \$5,369,000,000, and the wages paid for the same is estimated at \$948,000,000, or about 18 per cent. of the whole value of the goods.

The New York Produce Exchange estimates the probable requirements of wheat by all European countries at 313,000,000 bushels, and the probable available supplies of Europe, 230,000,000.

The first steel rail successfully made in this country, and which was rolled at Chicago, May 25, 1865, is said to have represented over \$500,000 in experiments and outlays.

Of 92,069 insane people in the United States, 44,480 are males, and 47,589 are females; while of 76,905 idiots, 45,309 are males and only 31,586 are females.

The net funded debt of the city of New York on August 31st was over ninety-four million dollars. During the month there was a decrease of over \$640,000.

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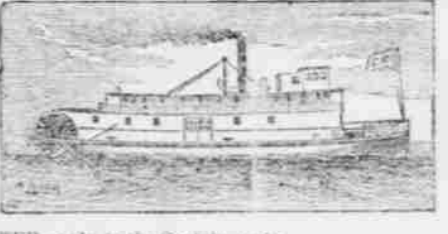
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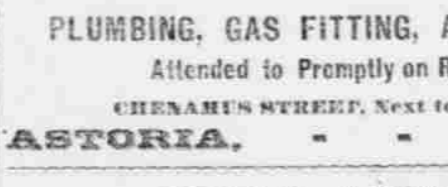
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