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ASTORIA, OREGON:

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Aftermath.

It is reported that many stockholders of the Northern Pacific are much dissatisfied because their stock has depreciated many points of late. Their irritation was increased by the expenditure of a large sum of the company's money —about $250.000, as currently reported—to feast and otherwise provide for the guests at the ceremonies on completing the road. They restrained themselves, however, pending the event, apparently because of the belief that it and the great excursion of foreigners would result in a buoyant influence upon the price of the securities of the company. They were disappointed and their disappointment grows daily. In their latest grievance, it is said, they have the companionship of President Villard. The foreign excursionists whose expenses were guaranteed by Villard from the time they left their homes until they might return to them, are now returning. They were let loose to follow their own inclinations after the golden spike was driven and many have since been slowly enjoying their way back from the Pacific coast at the expense of the Northern Pacific. Some of them evince no disposition to leave it. There are guests of the Northern Pacific who want to see the sights of New York. Some do not want to return except on certain steamers.

Now that the road has been opened and that the stock, instead of booming, has persistently pursued a contrary course, the foreign guests have apparently inspired no buying orders from abroad and Villard has confessed to the enormous floating debt and slapped another mortgage of $20,000,000 upon the property, the bonds under which they are to be sold at a handsome discount, to say nothing of the handsome commission, some stockholders begin to feel that the money that is being expended for high-priced hotel bills, wines, and other luxuries for foreign guests might better be applied to their own interests. The company is economizing in other respects by dispensing with the services of those employes whose labors are not absolutely necessary for the conduct of business and the operation of its road. It is said that the reduction of the force extends from the executive officers in New York to the train hands and shops, and that the next economy will be extended to the payrolls of the company. According to some of the stories told in Wall street deadheadism ran riot during the trip across the continent.

Well informed parties state that immigration to the Pacific states next year will exceed anything yet known. It is learned from private sources that arrangements have been going on for some time to induce an immigration from Europe to California, in which the Central Pacific is the prime mover. Independent of the exertions of the state immigration bureau, the following figures of business done by the land department will give a fair idea of the large influx of settlers for the past twelve years, and of purchases by them. The average annual cash sales of land by their road since it commenced operations reaches $350,000, while sales including credits have reached over a million dollars. Last July sales to the amount of $201,350 were made. The largest representation of foreigners during the next year, who are expected to settle on the coast, are Germans and Swedes, with a lesser number of Irish. Immigrants from the western states will, in all probability, give Oregon and Wasnington territory preference, as inquiries from those localities are generally directed to northern sections.

Free Passes.

The Seattle *Post Intellingencer* very justly reiterates its former remarks concerning free passes, and illustrates it by a case in point. It does seem plain. Here we have a man elected to the Washington Territory legislature, who goes to Olympia on a free pass, and the first thing he does is to pocket $127.20 mileage that the people of our sister territory pay him for traveling expenses when these expenses were paid for by the O. R. & N. Co. It may be all right, but some people would give that a very hard name. Leaving all matter of "improper influence," etc., out of the question it becomes a matter of common honesty; can a man take what he hasn't earned?

On the other hand the question arises does the O. R. & N. Co., give a legislator a pass on account of his exalted and distinguished character as a private individual? By no means. John Smith never could get a pass, but the Honorable j. smith, Legislator from Podunk can easily get one. For what? Value received, and nothing else.

Commissioner McFarland, of the general land office, rendered a decision recently, which, if sustained by the secretary of the interior, will restore to the state of Kansas more than one million acres of public land, previously certified to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad. It was averred by the state that the grant made by congress March 3, 1863, to Kansas, to aid in the construction of the road, was on condition that it consist of odd numbered sections only of unappropriated public lands, within ten miles or less of the line of road, and branches proposed to be constructed, and that all the lands which, previous to the approval of the act, had been certified to by the United States or otherwise disposed of by competent authority, were excepted from appropriation by the act. The land office records show, it is said, that there has been certified to the state, for the benefit of the road, an immense quantity of land in excess of the amount to which the company is entitled, as the line of the road was not duly located within the terms of the act, and the Neosho valley branch, for which lands were withdrawn, was never built. The value of the land restored to the state by the commissioner's decision is said to be about $5,000,000. Appeals will probably be taken by the company to Secretary Teller.

The frequency of divorces among people in the humbler ranks in Switzerland is accounted for by the custom of allowing young persons to marry with the clear understanding that if they grow tired of each other's society at the end of a year they will go before a court with a petition for a divorce on the ground of incompatability of temper; and this petition is generally granted.

The *Wall Street News* is informed that eighty per cent of the Pacific trade, originating in New York, is going via New Orleans and the Southern Pacific as against the Union Pacific; also that all the trade destined to Washington Territory and Oregon, for fall and winter consumption, has been dispatched over the Northern Pacific.

The total interest bearing debt of the United States on the 1st of Otober was $1,313,617,100, and non-interest bearing $542,663,258; total, $1,864,924,52d. Taking from this the money in the treasury and the actual debt of the nation is reduced to $1,521,811,150.

With the retirement of General Sherman from command of the army on the 1st of November, the title of "General" will expire. It was originally created for Grant, and when Sherman succeeded him it was agreed that on his retirement the title should lapse. Lieutenant-General Sheridan assumes command, retaining his present military title.

The Beechers are never happy unless they are shocking somebody. Henry Ward came through here sometime ago shaking up the dry bones and sending an earthquake through the religious strata, and now Thomas K., his Elmira brother, has shocked good and bad people by saying that a man has power over his life, and has the right to commit suicide if he feels like it.

Senator Edmunds states most positively that he does not intend to retain the position of president pro tem of the senate. He intends to resign immediately after organizing the senate, and Senator Anthony will be elected in his place.

A committee of Invincibles is said to have been formed at Dublin, having paid spies throughout the British colonies and in North and South America to hunt down and exterminate all informers.

Iowa gives a Republican majority of 25,000, and elects a Republican legislature who will pass prohibitory laws. Ohio gives a Democratic majority of 14,000 and defeats prohibition by 7000.

The Bolivian senate has approved by a large majority the motion to treat alone with Chili for peace, on condition that Bolivia secures some territory on the Pacific coast.

It is now estimated that one hundred and fifty million bushels of wheat will be required to supply the English home market.

DIED

At Skamakawa, Oct. 13, 1883, Mrs. Anna C. Carlson, wife of John Carlson, a native of Sweden, aged 37 years and 18 days.

Main Street Assessment.

NOTICE is hereby given that the assessment made by Ordinance No. 553 of the City of Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, and which Ordinance passed the Common Council of said city on the 20th day of September, 1883, and was approved on the 1st day of October, 1883, for the proposed improvement of Main street, in the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure, from the south side of Astor street to the south side of Eighth street in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 526 and which Ordinance passed the Common Council of said city on the 10th day of July, 1883, and was approved on the 11th day of July, 1883, on each of the following described lots fronting on said portion of said street, is now payable at the office of the City Treasurer in U. S. gold coin, and unless paid within five days from the expiration of this notice, viz: Tuesday, October 23, 1883, the Common Council will issue warrants for the collection thereof. The assessment is as follows:

Name of Owner.	No. of Lot	No. of Block	No. of Feet	Cost of Planking	No. of Yds. Cut	No. of Yds. Fill	Cost of cut and fill at 25 cents	Total Cost
W W Parker	4	47	100	$128 20		222	$55 50	$183 70
M Nowlen	5	"	"	128 20		454	113 50	241 70
F Berendes	4	73	50	64 10		102	25 50	89 60
G W Parker	4	"	50	64 10		139	34 75	98 85
G W Parker	5	"	"	64 10		120	30 00	94 10
I Bergman and A W Berry	5	"	"	64 10		120	30 00	94 10
A M Twombly	4	88	100	128 20	435		108 75	236 95
Mrs H A Snow	5	"	"	128 20	389		97 25	225 45
H B Parker	1	46	"	128 20		222	55 50	183 70
H B Parker	8	"	"	128 20		454	113 50	241 70
Mrs Jane Badollet	1	72	"	128 20		241	60 25	188 45
Mrs Jane Badollet	8	"	"	128 20		240	60 25	188 45
A D Wass	1	89	"	128 20	435		108 75	236 95
P Dudley	8	"	"	128 20	389		97 25	225 45
CITY OF ASTORIA.								
Crossing of Main and Court streets				154 00		400	100 00	254 00
Crossing of Main and 7th streets				154 00	83	36	20 75	174 75
Crossing of Main and 8th streets				154 00	1294		323 50	477 50

By order of the Common Council.

T. S. JEWETT,
Auditor and Clerk.

Astoria, October 4, 1883.