

ASTORIA, OREGON:

THURSDAY. OCTORER 18, 188

In Re Astoria.

In Wall street the bears have it all their own way; on Tuesday Villard stocks were further demoralized, Oregon Transcontinental going to 381. All sorts of rumors are afloat, the most probable being that Villard will resign the presidency of the N. P. R. R. Co.

At the time he wrote that letter to the Astoria Chamber of Com merce in reference to building the Astoria railroad, THE ASTORIAN did not publish the letter, believing it for the best interests of all concerned. His subordinates thought differently, and had it published in the Oregonian. This publicity did not in any way help Mr. V., nor his interests. A good many people thought that it was a singular thing that a company that could spend \$300,000 on some gentlemen in an excursion couldn't with b-l-u-d? build a little 100-mile strip of

road. Astoria is, in common with the entire northwest, concerned in the present shrinkage of values, sympathizes with the gentleman who has done so much to help the fortunes of himself and others, and hopes he will get clear of all embarrassments, financial and otherwise,

CONCEENING Pacific railroad freight rates, a San Francisco dispatch says the opinion prevails try like this, why should we exthat freight charges are to be de- pect, says the Oregonium, that termined upon a conservative basis, inasmuch as sufficient number of do what is most called for and merchants have decided to ship over the Northern Pacific in the event of its holding out from the plan proposed by the Central and neglect the products of the soil, Southern Pacific roads, to make it an important consideration in the ing that it will be profitable or northern competitor. The argument which finds most favor among merchants in support of this theory is that even should the roads deeide to compete for eastern freight, the northwest trade would have a

very material advantage in the two-cent postage should remember time consumed over the Northern that Third Assistant Postmaster Pacific which is largely in favor of General Hazen is the man who Portland merchants. Applying demonstrated the advisability of the argument to themselves, they

Nothing in It.

Villard practically arranged for As a matter of news the late the construction of a number of trouble between France and Spain steamers of unusually heavy tonis a Godsend to the transmitters of nage and great speed, to operate cablegrams, but, after all, it probin connection with the Northern ably is not half so bad as those en-Pacific from Superior City and terprising purveyors of domestic Duluth to Buffalo, and by this intelligence would make it appear. means overcome the cost of trans-According to them France, Spain portation of grain from the line and Germany are going to war of that road by way of Chicago, because, on the occasion of the and thence east. It is also assertlate visit of King Alfonso to Paris ed that Villard's interest has been some of the Parisian youths stood quietly obtaining control of the on their heads and made faces at New York, West Shore and his Spanish majesty. The varn is Buffalo roads, thus giving, during the season of navigation, through SILKS, SATI a little diaphanous. Were Mayor Chapman to come to Astoria, and freight from the Pacific Coast to some one cry out something about

the East. "contracts" as the boat landed, we do not believe that Portland's. The Finance Committee of the militia would sack our seaport Northern Pacific Railroad Comcity, nor if any of our city digna- pany has accepted, subject to ratitaries were to visit Oysterville, fication by the Board of Directors, and the Oystervillains were to the proposition from Drexel, Morthrow shells at them, do we be- gan & Co., Winslow & Lanier, and lieve that Astoria would rise in August Belmont & Co., in behalf her might and send an invading of the syndicate for \$8,000,000 of force to carry Oysterville by siege the proposed issue of second mortand slake their .murderous souls gage bonds.

THE statement is made that

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All this bloody talk of swords Of scarlet fever, at Clifton, Oct. 8. L. Shepherd, daughter of P. and Martha Shepherd, aged eight months. and guns and wounds is the coinage of a correspondent's brain, On the 14th, L. D. Shepherd, sister of the above, aged 2 years and 10 months. and even if these foreigners should fight, what of it? The rise and fall of Oregon Transcontinental stock, or the probability of Villard's getting out of his financial muddle in good shape to build the Astoria railroad is of transcendent importance to us.

tion of the taxes therein called for with sixty days from suid date. Said tax is now due and payable at D dersigned in IF we do not make enough buto will be de ter for ourselves to eat, in a cound within the time



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ASTORIA, OREGON

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reason that in the absence of special contracts on the Northern Pacific, they can elect either of the two ways: to continue to ship under the special contracts at the lower rate over the Central Pacific which it would undoubtedly give in competition, or ship over the Northern Pacific until better rates are made them.

ARMY officers are discussing a proposition to change the law regulating the pay of enlisted men so as to retain in the hands of the government half their wages, upon which interest will be allowed at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. by an ex-official of the land office, This will assure each private over \$400 with which to start in the world when his first term of enlistment expires, besides teaching economy and a habit of laying up part of his earnings. On the other hand some argue that though of Texas. The bone mills of St. this may be an excellent plan for Louis pay fourteen dollars a ton giving a young man a start in life, for the best grades of this harvest yery few men with \$400 in hand gleaned by the squaws, who warwill re-enlist in the army, and to der about the plains in search of withhold half their pay and allow the bleached skeletons. privates to receive only \$6.44 per month of their wages would go far toward entirely stopping the business of recruiting.

THE Washington Territory census returns may be correct, but are probably under the actual dition. population. Pacific county credited with a population of 1,-26S: the census for 1880 showed a population of 1,645: it does not look reasonable to suppose that our nearest neighbor lost 387 since then: singularly enough the census credits Chehalis county with almost precisely the same increase as is noted in Pacific county's decrease: the figures for Che- civil rights bill is partly unconstihalis being 1,290 in 1883 against tutional, and that negroes can be 921 in 1880.

the reduction and whose opinio was adopted by President' Arthur, contrary to the recommendation of Postmaster General Howe. General Hazen is a fine example of the eminence a man can attain in an administrative department by tending to business and keeping out of polities.

anybody here will make axes, car-

pets, or glass? We should first

most easily done. Mixed farming

is now the industry most wanted

throughout the Northwest. If we

what reason have we for suppos-

even possible to develop the in-

dustries here that will give us the

products of the furnace, and the

PEOPLE who are enjoying the

loom?

IT is rumored that Senators Logan and Davis have notified the secretary of the interior that a syndicate of capitalists has been formed to purchase the lands of the Sioux reservation, which he proposes to throw into the public domain. The scheme was divulged who furnished an affidavit on which congressional legislation will be based if necessary.

PICKING up the bones of dead buffaloes is one of the industries

Governor TRITLE of Arizona Territory, in a report to the secretary of the interior, states that the population is now 75,000 and taxable property \$25,000,000, and the affairs of the territory generally are in an exceedingly prosperous con-

THE Baker county assessment list shows the gross value of the taxable property of the county to be \$2,154,470. The indebtedness and exemptions amount to \$723,-738, leaving the taxable property \$1,430,732.

THE Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the excluded from public places.



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