

**The Daily Astorian.**  
 ASTORIA, OREGON:  
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1883.  
 EX-VILLARD STOCKS.

In Mr. Villard's annual report to the stockholders of the Oregon and Transcontinental company, he reported to them that on June 30 last the Northern Pacific company owed the O. T. company \$2,719,259, and that the loans due by the latter company were \$8,561,457. From this it was inferred that the floating indebtedness of the Northern Pacific did not greatly exceed the former sum. The annual report of that company, issued Sept. 23, showed that on June 30 its floating debt was \$7,985,591. On Oct. 6 the directors were asked to take steps toward authorizing a second mortgage on the Northern Pacific property for \$20,000,000, in order to pay a floating indebtedness of \$9,459,920, and also to raise \$5,500,000 which would be required to complete and equip the road. They had previously understood, or most of them had, that the company had sufficient means for the purpose mentioned. At that time it was also understood that most of the floating debt was due the Oregon and Transcontinental company.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the O. T. company held December 11th, at which it was decided to pass the usual quarterly dividend in the stock of that company, it was discovered that the floating debt of the company had increased very materially since June 30. The company had just received about \$7,000,000 in cash and second mortgage bonds from the Northern Pacific company, and one of the directors who had examined the affairs and books of the company, as far as he was permitted to do, elicited from Mr. Villard that it still owed over \$16,000,000.

A committee representing the Boston interest in the concern, the syndicate of bankers that has negotiated the Northern Pacific securities, was appointed to investigate the affairs of the company. Villard furnished a memorandum, written from memory, of the assets of the company. The points are that the company holds securities of the par value of \$62,000,000, as follows:

Oregon Railway and Navigation stock, \$15,000,000; Northern Pacific common stock, \$15,000,000; Northern Pacific preferred stock, \$19,500,000; Northern Pacific second mortgage bonds, Oregon and California bonds, \$2,900,000, with a variety of other securities to the amount of \$8,750,000. The market value of these securities is about \$40,000,000, against which there is indebtedness of about \$16,000,000, leaving the net assets of the company \$24,000,000.

The increase of the indebtedness of the company from \$2,719,259 to \$16,000,000 within six months can be accounted for only upon the theory that the functions for which the company was formed, namely, speculation, having been exercised down to date, and that the losses have resulted from the protracted attempt to sustain in the market the securities of the Northern Pacific system.

During the visit of Lord Lorne and Princess Louise to British Columbia, they were presented with a large number of valuable souvenirs by the Indian chiefs of that province. On acknowledging the receipt of them, Lord Lorne promised that on their return to Ottawa they would send out some mementoes of the occasion. Although several months have passed by and Lorne and Louise have returned to England, the Indians have heard no more of the presents promised, and naturally feel they have been forgotten. Having expressed their dissatisfaction at the way in which they have been treated, Sir Alexander Campbell, minister of justice, has taken the matter in hand, which will probably lead to Lord Lorne receiving a reminder of his promise, which he probably has forgotten.

The London Times is worrying its grandmotherly old head with respect to what will be "the gift of America to the common stock of ideas." Well, America has contributed to the "common stock," first of all, her government. Second, she has given the steamboat and the electric telegraph. The sewing-machine is also a pretty good contribution. America, indeed, is the brains of the universe. Europe must look for its progress and liberty to the work that is being done here by the greatest race of people the world has ever seen.

The State of Texas is to buy for \$200,000 the old Alma church at San Antonio in which during the Texas war for independence a band of Texans, opposing the advance of the Mexican army under Santa Ana, entrenched themselves and fought to the death, and died to the last man. The building has been used as a warehouse.

Since Tennyson has been made a Baron all the versifiers in England have applied for the position of poet-laureate. They "hold it truth with him who sings to one clear harp in diverse tones, that men may rise on stepping-stones of their dead selves to higher things."

It is with regret we note that very little likelihood exists of having any adequate appropriation for Columbia bar improvement pass the present Congress.

**PORTLAND AND VILLARD.**

Mr. Villard's successes in Wall street have been only exceeded in magnitude by the misfortunes of those who have been associated with him. To Portland he has behaved particularly shabby. Portland was his first prop. From Portland he derived his earliest prestige; in Portland he found his first financial support; to Portland he owed the assistance that gave him the courage and opportunity to organize his blind pool. Trac, for a while he petted Portland, he favored the Oregon metropolis, and fed the Portlandites on hopes but partially fulfilled. Now is the winter of their discontent. Mr. V. has filled his private exchequer, and his interest in Portland is nil. No man is to be blamed for advancing his private fortune, provided the manner in which it is done is not open to rebuke. In the instance of Mr. V., it would appear that though he let Portland in on the ground floor, he was in the cellar himself.

And yet Portland has no need to be inglorious. What her solid men lost is only a portion of what Villard can liquidate them to make. His chief sin against Portland consists in withholding information. But if all tales be true the same weep goes up from greater financial centers. Schurz, formerly editor of Villard's month-piece, seems to have fared the best. He is credited with having cleaned up a million by the judicious use of pointers obligingly furnished by Mr. V.

The Northern Pacific Railroad company's iron and steel bridge over the Missouri at Bismarck is of four spans, each 400 feet long. It cost a fortune, largely because it was found necessary to change the course of the river to make it more manageable. This was done by a dyke, which the accumulations of the muddy stream are converting into an impassable barrier against itself. The Missouri at this point rises thirty or forty feet at certain seasons, and is subject every spring to tremendous ice gorges, so that a bridge which is to stand has to be very strong. Foundations for piers were therefore carried to unusual depths, and a quarry was opened by the company in its search for heavy stone.

The total number of sailing vessels of all the world is 48,704, gauging 30,647,377 tons. Of these more than a third carry the English flag, and less than a twentieth that of France, which ranks seventh, being below America, Italy, Germany, and Russia.

The claim of Ben Holliday for \$320,153, to reimburse him for losses sustained in carrying the overland mail twenty years ago, has again made its appearance in the senate, having been introduced by Senator Eye, of Maine.

It is at least a coincidence that Villard's downfall dates from the time that his double dealing with our chamber of commerce was made public.

The Rochester Express calls for a new coin, value 6 cents, for the convenience of newspaper men sued for libel.

Miss Susan B. Anthony will winter at Washington and keep her eagle eye on the woman suffrage question.

Judge Hoady, who will be inaugurated governor of Ohio next month, doesn't want any fuss made over it.

Lucy has more to do with making presidents than newspapers.

**MARRIED.**

In Upper Astoria, Dec. 23d, by J. J. Holika, Charles Larson and Miss Lisa Ryytta.

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 PRACTICAL ARCHITECT & DRAUGHTSMAN  
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 —ON—  
 Thursday and Friday Evenings,  
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 —AT—  
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 Lace Collars and Fichus, now 25c to \$1.50, formerly 50c to \$2.  
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**"GEN. BANNING,"**  
 150 tons register, will leave Astoria, on, or about  
**THURSDAY DEC. 27, 1883.**  
 —FOR—  
**Cray's Harbor.**  
 All freight now in Astoria, or that may be shipped by the O. R. & N. Co., care of the steamer "General Miles," for Cray's Harbor, prior to the date of sailing, will go forward without delay. For further information apply to J. H. D. GRAY, Astoria, Oregon.

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