

Under the heading of "Villard's Stewardship," the Oregonian publishes an extensive statement and justification from the dethroned railroad monarch.

It is a plain review of the history of the Northern Pacific railroad from the time that he took the position of president of that corporation to the day that the collapse came and the thing could no longer float.

He begins by claiming considerable executive ability, which must be justly conceded to him. He says:

The task imposed upon me was a vast and most difficult one. It meant for me a load of responsibility, care and anxiety, such as I believe few men have ever borne in this country.

It involved the building of an aggregate of 2,000 miles of railroad, with all the appendages, carried out simultaneously in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Oregon and Washington territory, and of a large fleet of ocean steamers. It necessitated the raising of not far from one hundred and twenty-five million dollars of actual money.

- After recounting his triumphs of execution he shows that in the fall of 1880 Gen. Anderson, the chief engineer put in an estimate of the cost of the whole work that aggregated a little over \$37,000,000. This was taken as a basis, and work pushed with the utmost rapidity. In Jan. 1882, the chief engineer submitted another estimate making the work still remaining to be done cost \$24,000,000.

About the same time he states that the refusal of President Arthur to appoint commissioners to accept finished portions of the mileage caused a refusal on the part of financiers to furnish money and precipitated the final crash. On this point he says:

Thus I was actually brought face to face, in February, 1882, with the necessity, at no distant day, of a suspension of payments, and its calamitous consequences, bankruptcy and foreclosure unless relief could be obtained from some quarter. I considered it my duty to extend to the company personally all the assistance in my power.

Next, I arranged with the Oregon and Transcontinental Company, to assist by the loan of its credit and its assets to be used as collateral by your company. I commenced to make cash advances on my personal account on April 14, and continued them until August 26, when they reached the maximum amount of \$3,441,000.

I lent this great sum without any security whatever, and at the risk of personal ruin. In view of the vile calumnies spread about my management, I claim it as my privilege to give due prominence to this fact. Nor will it be improper, in view of the attitude recently assumed toward me by certain members of your board of directors, to say that my record in this respect will suffer nothing by comparison with the terms on which they loaned money to the company.

So that all through 1882 and 1883 sat at all his feasts the skeleton of financial ruin to his pet scheme of the Oregon and Transcontinental, which he claims made possible the building of the road.

Further he shows that on the completion the road cost nearly \$19,000,000 more than the chief engineer estimated it would. He closes with a vigorous defense of his action throughout and prophecies a successful issue to the great adventure. He certainly had a heavy load to carry and a heavy strain to bear in carrying his last spike excursion across the continent with the unwelcome knowledge of impending ruin constantly astride his shoulders.

It is a pity he didn't extend his confessions and recollections a little further and throw a little light on his juggling and chicanery with regard to the Astoria land grant and his telegrams of one year ago.

have the sense of humor. To go through life without it, to have no sense of the humorous and ridiculous, is like being in a wagon without springs.

While the shallows of the Republican party murmur, the deeps are dumb. One particular deep, at least, is speechless. That particular deep is Roscoe Conkling, once the strong man of the grand old party.

Perhaps in the distant future, when the grand old party calls him to arise, he may stretch his Apollo-like limbs and get up. For the present he won't; and all things considered, he is a sensible man.

OFFICIAL statistics published in Germany show that the total number of emigrants who left Hamburg and Bremen during the six months ending July 31st last was 100,800.

GEN. SHERMAN has forever forfeited his hopes of becoming president. He has taken to umpiring base-ball games.

WHAT next! Telephones are now being introduced on large steamers.

CANTON, China, has 1,500,000 inhabitants and no newspaper.

BORN. In Astoria, Saturday Sept. 13, 1884, to the wife of C. L. Parker, a daughter.

NEW TO-DAY.

For Tillamook.

THE STEAMER A. B. FIELD.

Will sail from Main street Wharf for TILLAMOOK, at 6 p. m., on To-day, September 16, '84.

For Freight or Passage apply to C. Lenneweber, or J. G. Hustler, at the Wharf.

Proposals for the Construction of Cottages for Keepers of Life-Saving Stations.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF GENERAL SURVEY, U. S. LIFE-SAVING SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 6, 1884.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this office until 2 o'clock p. m. of Thursday, the 9th of October, 1884, for the construction of three frame cottages for keepers at the following named life-saving stations on the Pacific coast.

Notice of Application. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned will, at the next regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, apply to said Council for a license to retail wine.

MISSING. SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING, MY wife, Mrs. Tenhunen. Anyone knowing of her whereabouts will greatly oblige by leaving word at the Bell Way Home.

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BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL the noon on Saturday October 4, 1884, at the office of the county clerk of Clatsop county for the construction of a county bridge across the Nekanicum creek upon the county road ordered by the county court of the State of Oregon for the county of Clatsop at its regular session.

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Jefferson Street Assessment.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment made by Ordinance No. 670 of the City of Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, and which Ordinance passed the Common Council of said city on the ninth day of September, 1884, and was approved on the tenth day of September, 1884, for the proposed improvement of Jefferson street, in the City of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure, from the east end of said street to the west line of Washington street, in the manner provided by Ordinance No. 666, and which Ordinance passed the Common Council of said city on the 12th day of August, 1884 and was approved on the 13th day of August, 1884, 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 of the final publication of this notice, viz: Friday, October 3, 1884, the Common Council will issue warrants for the collection thereof.

The assessment is as follows: C. Boelling, Lot 8 Block 29, cost of planing \$35.00, grading \$4.75; total \$39.75.

C. Boelling, Lot 7 Block 29, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$17.25; total \$72.25.

C. Boelling, Lot 6 Block 29, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$28.75; total \$83.75.

C. Boelling, Lot 5 Block 29, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$40.25; total \$95.25.

M. Meyer, Lot 1 Block 40, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$5.75; total \$60.75.

M. Meyer, Lot 2 Block 40, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$17.25; total \$72.25.

M. Meyer, Lot 3 Block 40, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$28.75; total \$83.75.

M. Meyer, Lot 4 Block 40, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$40.25; total \$95.25.

Geo. Flavel, Lot 1 Block 41, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$46.25; total \$101.25.

Geo. Flavel, Lot 2 Block 41, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$38.25; total \$93.25.

Geo. Flavel, Lot 3 Block 41, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$11.25; total \$66.25.

Geo. Flavel, Lot 4 Block 41, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$10.00; total \$65.00.

Clatsop County, Lot 8 Block 28, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$30.25; total \$85.25.

Clatsop County, Lot 7 Block 28, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$46.25; total \$101.25.

Clatsop County, Lot 6 Block 28, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$23.00; total \$78.00.

Clatsop County, Lot 5 Block 28, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$11.25; total \$66.25.

A. Montgomery, Lot 8 Block 27, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$18.50; total \$73.50.

A. Montgomery, Lot 7 Block 27, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$17.25; total \$72.25.

A. Montgomery, Lot 6 Block 27, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$28.75; total \$83.75.

A. Montgomery, Lot 5 Block 27, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$30.00; total \$85.00.

Geo. Flavel, Lot 1 Block 42, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$12.50; total \$67.50.

Geo. Flavel, Lot 2 Block 42, cost of planing \$55, grading \$8.75; total \$63.75.

M. Rogers, Lot 3 Block 42, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$11.25; total \$66.25.

M. Rogers, Lot 1 Block 42, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$21.00; total \$76.00.

E. C. Holden, Lot 1 Block 43, cost of planing \$55.00; total \$55.00.

J. G. Hustler, Lot 2 Block 43, cost of planing \$55.00; total \$55.00.

J. G. Hustler, Lot 3 Block 43, cost of planing \$55.00; total \$55.00.

S. G. Ingalls, Lot 4 Block 43, cost of planing \$55.00; total \$55.00.

J. A. Jordan, Lot 8 Block 28, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$28.75; total \$83.75.

Montgomery and C. L. Parker, Lot 7 Block 29, cost of planing \$55.00, grading \$28.75; total \$83.75.

M. Rogers, Lot 6 Block 26, cost of planing \$55.00; total \$55.00.

M. Rogers, Lot 5 Block 26, cost of planing \$55.00; total \$55.00.

Mrs. E. Brown, Lot 3 Block 44, cost of planing \$55.00; total \$55.00.

R. Kinney, Lot 4 Block 44, cost of planing \$55.00; total \$55.00.

M. J. Kinney, Lot 1 Block 61, cost of planing \$127.00; total \$127.00.

M. J. Kinney, Lot 2 Block 61, cost of planing \$127.00; total \$127.00.

M. J. Kinney, Lot 3 Block 61, cost of planing \$127.00; total \$127.00.

G. W. Warren heirs, Lot 8 Block 61, cost of planing \$92.00; total \$92.00.

A. C. Kinney, Lot 8 Block 62, cost of planing \$175.00; total \$175.00.

A. C. Kinney, Lot 7 Block 62, cost of planing \$175.00; total \$175.00.

Clatsop Mill Company, Lot 6 Block 62, cost of planing \$175.00; total \$175.00.

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