

The editor of the Corvallis Gazette is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Hermann in which that gentleman states he is making special effort to secure a \$160,000 appropriation for Yaquina bay. That is all right—if he thinks it is, but as Mr. H. is the only congressman Oregon has, we question the propriety of his concentrating all his energy in the furtherance of any particular locality's interests.

THE ASTORIAN would be glad to see Yaquina bay get half a million, for whatever helps one part of the state helps all, but due regard for the "eternal fitness of things" suggests that the improvement of the bar at the mouth of the Columbia is the work of prime importance. This is not an expression of opinion; it is a statement of facts—facts that can be proved by statistics—facts that are unversally conceded.

OF VERY WIDE SCOPE. THE "special" attention of Congressman Hermann is directed to the fact, (not surmise or supposition, but FACT) that in 1880 the value of the cargoes that crossed the Columbia river bar, was \$1,181,352; in 1885 the aggregate value of the cargoes crossing out was \$13,600,000. The work of improving the bar, that ten times \$15,600,000 can annually go out was begun in 1885. It is for the representative from Oregon to use all honorable means to aid in securing fitting appropriation for the continuance of this great work.

bilities? is the horizon of his vision as wide as its necessities require? or is he gazing steadfastly at Yaquina city—where a post-office was established last week?

OUR CONGRATULATIONS. It is with sincere pleasure THE ASTORIAN learns that the directors of the N. P. R. R. have let the contract for the tunnel through the Cascades, which means active completion of the main line to its terminus on Puget Sound.

When Villard abdicated in January 1884, the existing and resultant embarrassments made it impossible for the corporation to carry out its intentions. Now it is in better shape, financial and otherwise, and proposes to go ahead with the line of the road to a salt water terminus.

With no less satisfaction than Tacoma's, do the citizens of Astoria learn that this plan is in a fair way to be realized. This is due primarily to a sense of justice, secondarily to the future that it so grandly hastens. In all sincerity we congratulate our northern neighbors on the situation, and shall be glad to see the tunnel built, the road completed and the trains on the main line of the Northern Pacific railroad running from St. Paul to the western ocean terminus of the line.

As for possible rivalry between Tacoma and Astoria, the future and its developments will be the best comment. Astoria has waited and can afford to wait. Tacoma and Astoria are now about the same size; probably our sister city has a thousand or fifteen hundred more people; the building of the road will cause her to grow more rapidly than she would were the road not built, but with the immeasurably superior advantages that we possess, coupled with the new regime made certain by the completion of competing lines, we can well afford to abide by the result.

The secretary of war has submitted to the president the report of the fortification board. It is estimated that it will require about \$126,000,000 to establish a good system of defenses. Recommendation is made that an appropriation of \$21,000,000 be made at the

present session of congress, to secure the necessary plans for beginning the construction of such heavy ordnance as will be required. The board also suggests the establishment of two government foundries, and recommends the construction of torpedo boats for harbor protection.

THE senate committee on public lands is looking into decisions of the commissioner of the general land office, with a view to discover what if any legislation is necessary to secure the government against fraud, and at the same time prevent interference with the rights and privileges of honest settlers upon public lands.

NEW TO-DAY. Chamber of Commerce. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held to-morrow (Monday) at 7:30 P. M., at President Beverly's office. A full attendance is requested.

Meeting Notice. THE BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS for Columbia Bar and River will meet at Astoria, Monday, Jan. 25, at 10 A. M.

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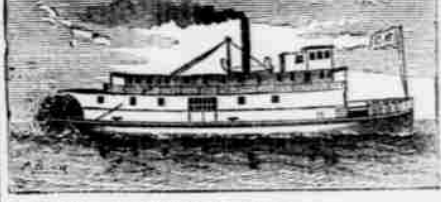
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