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ASTORIA, OREGON:

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A DEPLORABLE AFFAIR.

APART from any feeling one way or the other about the Chinese question it is evident that such action as that of the Tacoma citizens a few weeks ago, of the Scattle citizens last Sunday, and of a large number of communities in trade, it evoked a somewhat warm California, while justified by the participants, must have a bad the board to be in favor of liberal appropriations. effect, a delaying influence upon legislation that we of this coast would be glad to see go through congress this winter. As a matter of policy it is unwise, however matural it may be, however great floor, who inquired if the speaker was the provocation that excited it.

The forcible expulsion of the Chinese from any community can not but be disastrous to the common prised him. The number of bushels cause that we nearly all agree in When the item about barley was read upholding-the hastening of the a Milwaukee man arose and asked day when the Chinese shall go, and shall stay gone. Nothing is even politically right that is morally wrong, and while in one is morally wrong, and while in one tween Portland and San Francisco. sense we are glad to see the spirit cisco that flung the tea into the Atlantic in 1774, still actuates the people, yet it must be remembered that the cases are not parallel. The Chinese have a right to be here.

To any in the world. "Yes, and built by John Roach," came from a voice in the room. Following Mr. Corbett's presentation, debate was indulged in by several members, one or two holding that the resolution should be more specific; that certain points of the river should be stated and a certain points of the river should be stated and a certain points of the river should be stated and a certain part of money asked for their Chinese have a right to be here. However unpalatable it may be, it is a fact. They are here under treaty obligation. We of the United States were cajoled and bamboozled, but the treaty was signed, it exists, it has not been abrogated, and any one, American or foreign, who forcibly expels one of the limit of the columbian or foreign, who forcibly expels one of the limit of the limit of the columbian or foreign, who forcibly expels one of the limit of the li guilty of an overt act.

were discharged has nothing to do with the legality of the deed—

McClaren, of Wisconsin, and others when the resolution offered by Mr. Corbett was adopted with comparathough it is evident that the fact, as a naked fact has had much to all appearances unanimously.—Washington Corr. Oregonian. do with the Seattle movement, for the failure to convict in the Tacome case increased the temerity St. Charles Hotel of those who took part in the Seattle movement last Sunday and yes-

To meet, to organize, to agitate the question, to make protest against the continuance of the Chinese, is right, is legal and according to American ideas; but to incite unthinking men to acts of violence resulting so deplorably as last night's dispatches tell can only defeat the very purpose supposed to animate the minds of all on this topic-the gradual, peaceful expulsion of the Chinese.

A community that does as Seattle has done injures itself mate rially. It drives capital away; it makes men timid of investing; the odium clings to it long after the Canned Fresh Mackerel, Canned Fresh Codfish, Canned Fresh Finnan Haddies, cooled. Seattle can poorly afford to have it go out to the world that it is placed under martial law as it assuredly will be.

The loss of human life adds a deeper shade to the unfortunate occurrence; it makes more tragic the incident and tends to even further rouse the darker passions that unrestrained will stop at no barrier. Gray's Pioneer Wood Yard The expulsion of the Chinese from our neighboring city has been bought at fearful cost.

The question of greatest importance to us here is just how it is going to affect Astoria. We are peculiarly situated. It appears impossible to run the canneries without Chinese labor, and if that be granted it amounts to this: no Chinese, no canneries; no canneries, no business. We think that the natural good sense of this community will note the trouble and turmoil of our neighbors, trouble and turmoil that similar action would here increase in proportion to the magnitude of the interests involved. On the Sound, in California, comparatively trivial interests were at issue. Here, on the lower Columbia, the existence of the leading manufacturing industry north of San Francisco is mixed up in this wretched Chinese business, and interference affects in the most intimate manner the prosperity of every one directly or indirectly concerned with the

industry that is the backbone of Astoria's commercial and financial standing. With us on the lower Columbia sentiment ceases and the question becomes one of pocket. Our interests require wise moderation and conservative action in dealing with this matter.

COLUMBIA RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

When the subject of the improve-ment of the Columbia river was brought before the national board of propriations by congress for the im-provement of the river, and then pro-ceeded to read statistics about the cisco as being almost equal to any in the world. "Yes, and built of the yellow rats from his hole is speakers have never seen the Columbia river. Three or four amendments and substitutes were suggested and The fact that those charged with driving the Chinese out of Tacoma Chicago, Covington, of Cincinnati,

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