

# The Daily Astorian.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON.

It is open to give to Washington the title of president, or that of general, but the former is scarcely heard once where the latter is heard a hundred times. If Washington had not conducted the Revolutionary war successfully the existence of the United States would have been postponed; and if Washington had not conducted the civil administration of the nation successfully during its first eight years of life, the existence of the United States would have been postponed.

As a general, Washington carried on campaigns which are of no great interest to the professional military man; the traits most to be admired in that part of his career are traits of character. As president, amid difficulties and perplexities, the magnitude and gravity of which have never been appreciated by the majority of his countrymen, he showed a capacity for statesmanship which has never been surpassed. He evinced no less force and nobility of character than previously during the war, while he displayed a soundness of judgement, a weight of authority, a knowledge of character of the people whom he served in a manner then novel in the history of the world, and which, through two troubled administrations, not only saved him from making a single mistake, but enabled him to lead a great nation into vigorous life.

A RECENT report from Washington stated the Mexican government some days before paid into the state department the eleventh instalment of the award made against it some years ago. The sum paid in is about three hundred thousand dollars, and as it was due only on February 1st, Mexico has been creditably prompt. A considerable part of this sum is paid under protest because Mexico claims, and our government has, under several administrations, substantially acknowledged by the voice of its executive officers that the La Abra and Weil claims are unjust and fraudulent. Congress has been repeatedly asked to reopen these cases, and the money claimed under them lies for the most part in the treasury still awaiting congressional action. Mexico, while asking for justice, faithfully continues to pay and strains her treasury to do so. Venezuela, charging similar frauds in the awards of a commission, buttoned up her pockets and refused to pay. What is the result? Venezuela, refusing to pay what she claimed was wrongfully demanded, has got a new commission. Poor Mexico, asking justice of us also, but faithfully paying over what she can ill afford, finds only interminable delays in getting that rehearing which Venezuela, by a less honest and less loyal course, has got for herself. Is not congress teaching our "sister republics" that honesty is not the best policy when they have to deal with the United States?

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A. Y. GRUBB.

would have a better chance on the last day than a Christian reformer who was burned to death. As the horror of cremation compared to that of burial, is fire more dreadful than the corruption of the flesh by worms? The hope of resurrection is as strong in the crematory as at the grave. The question is not one of religion, but one of science. If any question is at stake at all it is a sanitary one, coupled with the advantages that the expense of burial would be materially decreased. Objections to cremation cannot be founded upon any religious principles," concluded the speaker, "and prejudice and sentiment against it should not be confounded with religion."

THE Tacoma News complains of the unjust treatment of Washington territory in the river and harbor bill. Our sprightly neighbor on the Sound has no ground for such complaint. Rather has it reason to rejoice that Oregon has two such senators and so faithful a member in the house. Read what they have done for Oregon in the matter of Columbia river appropriations; divide the amount by two and you have Washington territory's share. Don't forget that your magnificent territory has an equal interest with our magnificent state in the magnificent river that divides and unites the two great divisions of the northwest. Washington's interest in the Columbia is coequal with Oregon's. What helps the one helps the other. Every additional dollar of import and export across the Columbia bar aids a Washingtonian just as much as an Oregonian. Our interests are mutual, and no petty jealousy of position should blind the clear eyes of a newspaper man to the fact that one section cannot be benefited without benefiting adjoining sections.

It is with pleasure THE ASTORIAN notes the zealous and successful efforts of our congressional delegation to secure rightful recognition for the great gateway of Oregon and Washington. Senators Dolph and Mitchell and Congressman Hermann have earned the thanks of the entire northwest for their earnest and untiring efforts in this and other material matters. We are such a sparsely settled community in Oregon and Washington, compared with the great east and the Mississippi valley that our delegation deserve special recognition for what they have done and are doing for us. Their efforts are appreciated and the constituency they so creditably and earnestly represent duly appreciate their efforts.

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**Dissolution of Partne ship.**

THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between Wm. Leifeld and M. X. Skibbe in the steamer Improvement is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. Wm. Leifeld retiring from the firm. The business will be hereafter conducted by M. X. Skibbe who will be alone responsible for its future indebtedness. The bills due the partner up to and including January 1st, 1887, are to be paid to Wm. Leifeld who is authorized to receipt for the same.

WM. LEIFELD,  
M. X. SKIBBE,  
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