

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1887. REMARKS OF SENATOR DOLPH.

OREGON has reason to be proud of the three men that represent her at Washington. They have brought the state into deserved prominence and have contributed greatly to a proper understanding on the part of the east of the value and importance of this part of the Union, and the position to which our natural advantages entitle us.

The senior senator, Hon. J. N. Dolph, has proved himself second to none in his zealous efforts on behalf of the great commonwealth he so adequately represents. Illustrative of his efforts out of the senate to fitly portray our section, is appended a short extract from a speech of Senator Dolph's before the shipping and industrial league convention at Washington, D. C., on the 19th ult.

Senator Dolph was preceded by senator Evarts of New York, and after the distinguished representative of the Empire state had sat down, he said:

"I shall not detain you long. Few men could interest an audience after they had listened, as you have, to the eminent, eloquent and able speaker (senator Evarts) who has preceded me, and I am not one of those. If, at any time, I could throw any light upon this subject, I fear that I am to-night very much in the situation of that planet which is so near the sun that its light is obscured by the effulgence of that luminary, and is only occasionally visible in the west when the sun has set. I regret, also, that the brief notice I received that I was expected to address you did not leave me sufficient time for preparation."

"The Pacific coast is interested to a greater extent in the question of our merchant marine than is generally supposed. Its vast area, its great extent of sea coast, its wonderful capacity for the production of cereals, its immense forests, its important fishing interests, its valuable mineral deposits, and its important commercial situation, combine to make the question of our carrying trade an important one to its people. It has already a large and rapidly increasing coastwise commerce, and it is stated, upon good authority, that it now requires annually four hundred and fifty sailing vessels to transport the surplus wheat product of California, Oregon and Washington around the Horn to European markets, and yet the production of cereals upon the north Pacific will one day rival those interests upon the north Atlantic, and the forests of western Oregon and Washington and Alaska will soon be the principal source of the supply of lumber for the United States."

"I have spoken of its great extent of sea coast. This will be better comprehended by a comparison."

"If you will take the map of the United States and trace the western boundaries of Washington territory, Oregon and California from Cape Flattery to the southern boundary of California you will find the distance to be 1,620 miles. * * * The shore line upon the Atlantic, from the Saint Croix river, the northern boundary of Maine, to Saint Mary's river, the southern boundary of Georgia, is 1,450 miles, upon which thirteen states of the Union are bounded in whole or in part."

"The shore line of the Alaska coast, including the islands, is estimated at 25,000 miles and its fishing interests will in time give employment to a great fleet of vessels. Its lumber and fish will help to swell the volume of our surplus products."

"The aggregate area of the states of California, Oregon and Nevada, and of the territories of Washington, Idaho, Arizona, Utah

and Alaska is over one-third of the entire area of all the states and territories."

"Some idea of the extent of this territory will be conveyed by the statement that the point equally distant from the eastern and western extremities of our territory is west of San Francisco. The honorable gentleman who preceded me alluded to the present and prospective commerce of the Pacific coast. Some time since I had occasion to compare the foreign commerce of that coast with the aggregate foreign commerce of the United States, and was greatly surprised to find that the value of the foreign commerce of a single port upon the Pacific coast—the port of San Francisco—for the year ending September 30, 1883, was nearly as much as the average foreign commerce of the United States for the decade ending September 30, 1830."

"The growth of foreign commerce upon the Pacific coast for many years to come will be much larger proportionately than the growth of the whole commerce of the United States, and it is not improbable that within a single decade the foreign commerce of the Pacific coast will equal in amount and value the entire commerce of the United States in 1870."

"The commercial outlook of the Pacific is westward. In my judgment every year its commercial relations with its trans Pacific neighbors will become more important. The continent of Asia and the islands of the Pacific, with their millions of inhabitants, with their rich and valuable commerce, are separated from us only by the open sea, over which steamships come and go with regularity and safety."

"But I cannot dwell upon these matters of special interest to our Pacific coast. Commerce is as old as civilization. It has been one of the pursuits of every enlightened community, and has flourished most in those countries which have attained to the greatest civilization. Wherever commerce prospers, science and the arts flourish. The commercial centers of ancient Greece were also the centers of learning and civilization. The Anglo-Saxons in European America, the French and the Germans, the most industrious, wealthiest and the greatest commercial nations in the world, are also the most enlightened. Senator Evarts has just graphically described to you how Great Britain, from her commercial and manufacturing centers, with sagacity and foresight is establishing her commercial stations all over the globe and extending her commerce to the ends of the earth. England's supremacy on the seas was due to the growth of her foreign trade. Her industries were stimulated by it, and they in turn fed her commerce. Her greatness to-day is due more to her commerce than to her conquests. The power and influence to which she attained through her wide extended commerce to some extent justified the saying of one of her sons that 'Whoever commands the sea, commands the trade of the world; whoever commands the trade of the world, commands the riches of the world, and consequently the world itself.'"

"Commerce not only stimulates the industries and increases the wealth and power of nations, but it builds up reciprocal and mutual interests, and breaks down national prejudices. Nature, by the distribution of her diversified gifts to different portions of the globe, by the distribution of land and water and rivers and harbors, by giving direction to the winds and currents and a diversity of tastes, habits and occupations to men, has predetermined that commerce shall always be one of the principal occupations of the human race."

Just now the interesting question to those concerned and unconcerned, is where war will break out in Europe. While the dispatches indicate a possible rupture at any time and the thunder of guns on the French frontier, it must be remembered that Russia and Austria have almost equal grounds for claiming the honor of beginning the row. Russia wants to seize Bulgaria, as a preparatory step toward Constantinople, and in central Asia exist complications which may cause the Czar to begin a war of conquest in that region. One thing seems certain—that whenever Emperor William dies, probably before, there will be a big war in Europe. The old Kaiser will be ninety years of age next Tuesday."

The philosopher of the Burlington Post truly says that the man of business now-a-days needs the courage and endurance of a soldier—needs to cultivate his will, else the current will drag him under and lose him. In men of lively imagination it requires all the power of the will to keep down this fear, and after all it probably kills more men than pills or bullets. It is hard to make up your mind at last that anxiety and worry do not help matters any, but when you do finally see the matter clearly you have won a great victory and have lengthened your days. When you reach a point where you can regard your business as a third person, in whom you have a lively interest, but who can die without your dying with it, then you can begin to save your nerves and to live rationally."

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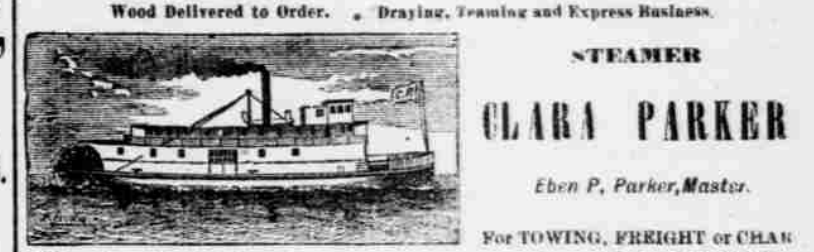
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