

The Daily Astorian.

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RIVERS AND HARBORS.

The size of our country, says the S. F. Post, is in some respects a disadvantage. To be familiar, or even tolerably acquainted, with all its parts requires a geographical education of itself. Unfortunately many professional public teachers have omitted to take the trouble to acquire such an education, and show an artless unconsciousness of its necessity. The favorite arena for displaying their lack of information is the river and harbor bill. Every year when this measure comes up numerous influential eastern editors denounce it because it contains a number of geographical names which have not the honor of their acquaintance and which, consequently, in their own opinion, must represent streams and ports too insignificant to be worth improving. The New York Sun, for instance, in rejoicing over president Cleveland's slaughter of the last bill for public improvements, says: "It was a long bill, and full of long and hard names, difficult of pronunciation to persons not familiar with the red Indian tongues. But Mr. Cleveland had no time to pursue his geographical studies."

Mr. Cleveland, continues the Post, has had no time for a good many other things that a president of the United States should attend to, although the hours he spends in studying the details of eight-dollar private pension bills might remedy to some extent the defects of his education; but it is rather hard that great and populous sections of country should be deprived of their means of communication because the names which the Indians applied to their mighty rivers and bays are unfamiliar and inharmonious to the presidential ear. If the name of New York were redolent of the soil instead of being a paltry plagiarism, the New Yorkers would probably be no less avid of appropriations than now.

The action of the president seems to be the result of honest, well-meaning ignorance, but in the case of the Sun we are inclined to believe that the trouble is less ignorance than carelessness. Our shining contemporary remarks of the river and harbor bill: "It appropriated \$9,919,800, just \$9,919,800 too much." Plainly the Sun has not read the bill, and believes that the whole appropriation was to be devoted to the Indian names. As a matter of fact, most of the items were for things whose importance children at a kindergarten could understand. About two millions out of the ten were to go to the Mississippi river, which, although it has a long Indian name, has probably been heard of by Mr. Cleveland and the Sun. Buffalo was to get \$225,000 for its harbor, Baltimore, \$175,000; Washington, \$175,000; Charleston, \$300,000; Galveston, \$225,000; Hell Gate, New York, \$100,000; Chicago, \$60,000; Milwaukee, \$80,000; Oakland, \$62,500; Wilmington, \$50,000, and almost all the other important ports similar amounts. The Columbia river was down for nearly half a million and the Missouri for a third of a million. Such great works as these were to receive the bulk of the appropriation, and the items for small rivers and harbors footed up a comparatively insignificant amount. The president and his admirer have succeeded in locking up in the dreaded surplus money that would have been more usefully expended than that authorized by almost any other appropriation, even that for the legislative and executive salaries. The annual outcry about river and harbor extravagance is about the shallowest and most ignorant humbug in our politics.

St. Louis printers are protesting against the establishment of a state printing office. Why Missouri or any other state should interfere,

unless it means to do every kind of work itself, many are unable to see. If it is to be consistent, the quarries from which the stone is dug for its public buildings should be on state-owned land; the paper used for its stationery should be from its own paper mill; its furniture should be from the state shop, and its leather from its own sheep. There is no argument which would prove that the state should do its own printing which would not apply to its making shoes for its officials or clothing for its clerks.

THERE was a municipal election in Oakland, Cal., which has attracted considerable attention. The Republican candidate received 2,761 votes; the Democratic candidate, 2,389, and the candidate of the "American" party, 1,257. It is this last vote and the principles that underlie it that attract the attention of politicians.

TACOMA has a serious question under consideration, viz: to whom is to be delegated the control of the city; the citizens who live there, or C. B. Wright, who owns it?

Is Consumption Incurable?
Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with Abscess of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable Consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."
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ANOTHER PIONEER GONE.
Mr. Isaac Newton Lawrence, whose funeral services took place in the Presbyterian church last Sunday, was born in the state of Virginia on the 31st of October, 1830. His parents moved to Kentucky when he was about ten years old. He immigrated to Oregon in 1852, and in 1880, moved to Crooked creek, Washington territory, where he resided at the time of his death.

Mr. Lawrence was a member of the Presbyterian church, with which it is supposed he united when a boy. He was a man of very liberal views, however, toward all other denominations of Christians, and though not demonstrative in religious profession, or anything else, yet he lived a consistent Christian life, and habitually conducted religious worship in his family. He was a sincere friend and patron of education, having organized the school district where he lived, frequently maintaining a teacher for his children in his family during its vacations, and was its school clerk at the time of his death. He was a kind husband, a most loving father, a good citizen, and in every respect a useful and honorable member of society. He was a man of unusual business capacity, industrious, prudent and prosperous.

He was the father of eleven children, five of whom are dead, leaving a wife and six children—one son and five daughters—to mourn his death, who must be consoled by the thought that their loss is his eternal gain, and that the whole community sympathize with them in their great affliction.

The way in which Mr. Lawrence contracted the sickness from which he died, pneumonia, may serve as an index to his Christian character. About three weeks ago a young man died at his house of the name of Greenley Gatten.

Beside this young man's sick bed, although an entire stranger to him, Mr. Lawrence watched day and night until he was completely worn out. Then he came over to Astoria in the rain for a doctor and medicine for him.

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