

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.

There is no use blinking the fact that even with our river at its best, Puget sound can and will offer superior inducements to shipping.—*Portland Journal of Commerce.*

By what authority, pray, do you presume to speak? We emphatically protest against your assumption that because vessels decline to have the copper dragged off in an attempt to get to Portland, therefore, you have a right to talk for the whole river. This is impertinence on your part. "Even with our river at its best" Puget sound can't and won't offer superior inducements to shipping." It can and will and does offer superior inducements to Portland, but it is just like your impudence to assume, *ex cathedra*, that Portland is the one only place. Of course it would be Portland's policy to have matters so arranged that no vessel could enter the Columbia that could not go to Portland, but Portland's policy in this regard is a perpetual quarrel with the Creator, with the usual result in strifes of that nature.

Puget sound can offer no superior inducements to Astoria as a shipping point, and we beseech our Portland boomer of Tacoma in the *Journal of Commerce* office not to forget it. In the meantime in your moans and regrets speak for yourself and don't attempt to include Astoria in your dismal complaint.

SHOULD BE ACCURATE.

Now that the usual fall shipping begins, our Portland contemporaries will have the usual fall editorials. All THE ASTORIAN asks is that you "tote fair Betsy." It is with regret that we notice in the Portland *Journal of Commerce* of the 20th inst., the following statement in a column editorial regarding Portland's tribulations:

"\$750 for towing a ship like the *Merom* in and out over the bar is much too high, considering the other charges and the low freight rates obtainable."

Now, while this does not specifically say that the charge for towing the *Merom* was \$750, yet any one reading the article would, obviously, have the idea that such a charge had been made. That is, unless he knew differently. As a matter of fact the charge for towing of the *Merom* in and out over the bar was \$425.

The attention of the *Journal of Commerce* is gently directed to the editorial necessity of accuracy in statements or implications which it wishes to have believed.

EASILY OVIATED.

The Portland *Journal of Commerce* of the 20th has an article on the difficulties besetting an attempt to make a seaport out of an inland city, and after making divers and sundry complaints about existing geographical circumstances, for which the Almighty is alone responsible, it says:

"The river towage up and down on a ship like the *Merom* costs about \$500. This itself is serious enough to awaken some modifying action justified by the circumstances, but when to this is added a charge of \$800 for lighterage, the ship has an almost unbearable burden confronting her in coming to our port. In addition to this, the bad state of the river now involves the use of more than one tow-boat, and there is only one good tow-boat working the river at the present time."

It is indeed a grave matter, but one that can be happily and easily overcome. All this terrible towage and lighterage, etc., can be obviated by loading and unloading vessels at Astoria, the natural seaport of Oregon, and thus avoiding the tortuous shallows between here and Portland, and the rocks and fogs of that terrible north coast.

In noticing common errors respecting the weather, Prof. Cleveland Abbe, the distinguished meteorologist, urges attention to these facts: That, while the moon might be expected to influence our weather, scientific evidence shows that it does not; that there is no sound reason for believing that sun-spots have any appreciable effect in producing storms or other local changes; that animal intelligence ranks greatly below human intelligence as a guide to future weather; that the indications furnished by plants are due to the hydroscopic condition of the air, as are also other "signs," and are less delicate and trustworthy than the accurate instrumental tests of meteorologists; that electricity and ozone do not produce the effects often ascribed to them; that thunder storms do not cool the air, but the cool inrush results, like the storm, from the rise of hot air,—at least in many cases; that it has not yet been proven that the removal of forests and the extension of railroads and telegraphs have influenced our climate; that the weather is materially the same as in old fashioned times, scientific records

disproving the faulty recollections of the oldest inhabitant; and that severe storms are no more liable to occur at the date of the equinoxes or on certain days of the week or month than at other times.

The lien law of this state provides, among other things, that any boat or vessel used in navigating the waters of the state shall be subject to a lien for all debts due to persons by virtue of a contract with the owner or agent thereof "on account of labor done or materials furnished by mechanics, tradesmen or others, in the building, repairing, fitting and furnishing or equipping such boat or vessel, or on account of stores or supplies furnished for the use thereof." Judge Deady, of the United States circuit court for the district of Oregon, held in the recent case of the city of Salem, that the phrase "or others" used in the act did not include a bank with which the owner of a steamboat kept an account, and which paid the checks of the latter drawn in favor of third persons in payment of materials furnished for the boat. The phrase, the court said, was only applicable to other persons in the same category or calling as mechanics or tradesmen.

The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Sull, Druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at W. E. Dement & Co.'s Drug Store.

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PORTLAND, Or., June 4, 1887.
To Mr. W. M. Wisdom—Dear Sir:—I have tried your Robotine. It is excellent, and I shall be pleased to recommend it to all my lady friends. Believe me, yours truly,
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PORTLAND, Dec., 1885.
To Mr. W. M. Wisdom—"The Robotine you so kindly sent me is excellent. It is the finest preparation I have ever used, and is a decided acquisition to every lady's toilet."
JANIE WILSON.

PORTLAND, Or., April 6, 1887.
Dear Mr. Wisdom:—I have tried your "Robotine," and it gives me much pleasure to say that it is excellent for the complexion, being one of the best articles of the kind I have ever used. Believe me, yours sincerely,
Z. TREDELL.

For sale by W. E. Dement & Co., druggists, Astoria, Oregon.

Ten cents for a cup of Fabre's nice coffee.

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For the very best pictures go to H. S. Shuster.

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At Frank Fabre's for suppers, parties, etc. The best cooked to order.

What is better than a glass of liquor? A cup of delicious coffee at Fabre's.

Some Fine Photographs.

Bert Towne, the artist of Portland, here a few weeks since with the Fish Commission, under appointment from Major Jones, at which time several views were taken of scenes on the Columbia. He has sent a full set of these to the Occident, and duplicates may be obtained of Mr. Megler. They are really fine pictures of the Lower Columbia.

Meals Cooked to Order.

Private rooms for ladies and families; at Central Restaurant, next to Ford & Stokes.

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If you do T. Clifton will do the job neat and cheap. Leave orders at ASTORIAN office.

—All the patent medicines advertised in this paper, together with the choicest perfumery, and toilet articles, etc., can be bought at the lowest prices, at J. W. Conn's drug store, opposite Occident hotel, Astoria.

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The finest and nicest steak to be had in town at Fabre's.

NEW TO-DAY.

Boat Found

NEAR POINT ADAMS LIGHT HOUSE, a fishing boat, 20 feet long, 5 feet beam. Letters A. & Co. on rudder. Owner can have her on application to John A. Cain, Ft. Stevens, Or.

COUNTY EXHIBITS.

The state board of agriculture has offered the following special premiums for county exhibits: For best exhibit of cereals, wheat and shell grains, \$100, \$85 and \$15 for first, second and third premiums. As also, for grasses, (native and cultivated), the same premium. For best exhibit of vegetables (farm and \$25 for garden), \$50 and first and second. For best exhibit of fruits (green) \$100 for first and \$50 for second.

They append the following note which fully explains the above. The board, however, has made a ruling that in all cases where the county courts of the several counties shall appoint a person to make a county exhibit, that such a person shall have a preference in making an entry, that is provided there be several exhibits made by as many persons in the county.

"None of the foregoing are eligible to entry in the regular premium list, and entries must be made by one person and the product grown and collected within the limits of the county by the citizens thereof. The committee will take into consideration quality, manner of preparing and varieties. This rule is applicable to county exhibits of fruits and vegetables, as well as to grains and grasses, and only one entry in the name of any one county shall be allowed and the exhibits shall be the products of 1887."

MARRIED.

In Astoria, August 22, 1887, by Rev. Geo. C. Hall, W. V. Sackett and Mrs. Ellen Davis.

NEW TO-DAY.

Invitations for Bids for Bonds of \$1,000

FOR SCHOOL DIST. NO. 9, UPPER ASTORIA, Or. Bids will be received until Saturday, Sept. 10th, for one thousand dollars in bonds of school district No. 9, to run for three years, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent., payable semi-annually; bids to be addressed to J. O. Hawthorn, Chairman Board of Directors, Astoria, Or. By order Board Directors.

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Tickets, 25c per Day, or \$1.50 for Thirty Days. FOR SALE BY

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Teachers' Examination.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at the principal's room in the school house in district No. One, beginning at twelve noon, on Wednesday, August 31st, 1887.

J. F. PAGE, County School Superintendent, Clatsop County, Oregon.

Dated this 29th day of August, 1887.

Lost.

WAREHOUSE RECEIPT NUMBER 208, of the O. R. & N. Co. has been lost. Delivery of goods on same has been stopped.

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Stockholders' Meeting.

THE ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

of the O. F. L. and B. Association

will be held on Wednesday, August 24th,

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