

RE-FUNDING THE DEBT.

THE city has a bonded indebtedness of \$27,000. Of this, \$12,000, drawing interest at 10 per cent per annum, falls due in August, 1889: \$10,000, drawing 8 per cent. interest, falls due in 1892: the remaining \$5,000 draws 8 per cent. and falls due in 1896.

Of the \$27,000, \$22,000 can under the terms of the issue be re-funded. There is a proposition now before a committee of the council and which will be acted upon to-morrow evening, to re-fund this part of the debt, the bonds for which are payable "on or before" the specified date.

The proposition is to advance the money to the city, charging one per cent. for the transaction, redeem the bonds and issue new bonds for the \$22,000 to draw six per cent. interest till the time specified for maturity. The present interest charged on the \$22,000 is \$2,000 per annum. Under the proposed arrangement the interest charge would be \$1,320, a saving of \$680 per annum after the transfer was made.

Money can be borrowed at lower rates than heretofore and if any saving can be effected it is wise economy to adopt this or a similar proposition.

Since the publication of the proposition in yesterday's ASTORIAN it is claimed that equally advantageous terms could be made, were the council to advertise for proposals for the re-funding of the \$22,000. That is, of course, for the city council to determine. The point is that whether by private contract or public bid, the interest on a large portion of the present debt can be materially reduced.

We believe that the credit of the project is due to the auditor and police judge, who in compiling and codifying the ordinances, noticed in the original ordinance authorizing the issue of the bonds, the clause that the principal could be paid "on or before" a certain date.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

A PROMINENT railroad man in San Francisco, who is in a position to know what he is talking about, writes that if Astoria will raise a bona fide subsidy of \$150,000 and take it to certain New York or Chicago parties that a railroad will be built to Astoria inside of a year.

If this could be counted on with absolute certainty there would be comparatively little difficulty in raising that amount. On more than one occasion, under the spur of similar statements, this community has shown its ability and willingness to raise that much and more as an inducement to bring a railroad.

If there is any one thing more than another that people here "want to know about" it is a railroad, and the possibilities and probabilities connected therewith.

The present proposition or statement is so definitely and positively made that there appears to be something in it worth answering and following up. The first idea that strikes the mind is that if the giving of \$150,000 would build a railroad, the railroad would come without such bonus: that the \$150,000 would be a mere bagatelle, and the railroad company was not building a road to Astoria because of the \$150,000, but would build it as a business proposition, and considered the matter to be worth putting a million dollars in, regardless of any action the people of this city might take. On the other hand, the men who were putting their money in it would naturally want to get some definite amount of money from the community that would presumably be benefited by the investment.

Conversation on the subject with a good many justifies the expression of the belief that if the writer of the letter referred to means business the matter need not end as so many other railroad rumors have ended—in talk.

The New Brunswick, N. J., News recently announced with great gravity that certain postoffice clerks, naming them, had been detected in "selling thirteen stamps for one cent and a quarter," naming the detective who had worked up the case. The News has now been sued for five thousand dollars damages by the two clerks and is the victim of its own joke, which turns on the fact that thirteen stamps cost twenty-six cents, or a cent and a quarter of a dollar. The post office department sent on an inspector to demand the reason why the theft had not been reported.

The tea trade of the United States with Japan is steadily growing, and the trans-Pacific and transcontinental lines have proportionately grown in favor, the combined shipments to this country and Canada by the latter routes far exceeded those in volume via the Suez canal. The increase in the amount of tea received in this

country the present season is 1,365,000 pounds. New York is the objective point for the great bulk of Yokohama tea shipments.

THE Tacoma Ledger quotes with evident gusto the erroneous statement made by the Portland Journal of Commerce that the sum of \$750 was charged for towing the Merom in and out of the Columbia river. Now, will our Tacoma contemporary have the justice to also quote the fact that but \$425 was charged, and give this the same prominence in its remarkably well edited columns that it did the false statement?

QUEEN VICTORIA has graciously notified British soldiers in Oregon and elsewhere who have deserted, that by reason of the recent jubilee a free pardon has been granted them and they can go back in perfect freedom from punishment. But once here they would hardly go back anyhow. The inducements are not sufficient.

GENERAL SHERIDAN was questioned by a reporter about his presidential boom and said: "I must reply to you as I did to a reporter out west. I told him Kelly would be around soon. 'Who is Kelly?' he asked. 'Why, he's a fool-killer,' said I. You catch on, do you? Well, good-by."

A NUMBER of delegates to a convention in Luzerne county, Penn., formed a combination to vote for no candidate who didn't pay. The man who carried the proposition to a candidate for sheriff has been arrested, and on trial sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment.

The Democratic Cincinnati Enquirer has been gathering information as to the vote the labor party will cast in Ohio this year, and it concludes that it will reach forty or fifty thousand, and that 75 per cent. of it will be drawn from the Democracy.

The socialists at New York say the action of the united labor party in excluding them from the convention will cause a loss to the George party of 40,000 votes.

The number of persons who struck in the United States during the first week of August, 1886, while during all of August, 1886, only 13,200 struck.

THERE are over one hundred thousand children, under fourteen years of age, employed contrary to law, in the factories and workshops of New York.

HENRY GEORGE's lectures are poorly attended this summer. People are too busy earning money and building homes to talk anti-poverty.

GENERAL GREELY wants the next congress to appropriate \$10,000 for a balloon for weather service.

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DIED. At Chadwell, August 23rd, Mrs. Bitterling, aged 31 years.

BORN. In Astoria, August 24, to the wife of J. W. Brown, a boy. At Chadwell, July 21st, to the wife of D. H. Heckard, a son. At Chadwell, August 21st, to the wife of Joseph Gibson, a daughter.

NEW TO-DAY.

School Taxes. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE taxes for school district No. 1 are now due and payable at my office on Main street wharf and that the same will be deemed delinquent unless paid within sixty days from this date. J. G. HUSTLER, District Clerk.

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. HANBORN, Chairman Board of Directors, Astoria, Or. By order Board Directors. W. B. DAIR, Clerk.

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Newspapers in Portland.

James O'Meara has returned to Portland and taken editorial charge of the News of that city. He is well known as an old time Oregon journalist, and able, versatile writer, either from a Democratic or Republican standpoint. It will seem like old times for him to be engaged in fighting the Oregonian again. The Oregonian of to-day is a great paper, but when the Bulletin, backed by Ben. Holladay's money and O'Meara's skillful editorial work, was in its prime, there was a contest between the two that made it uncertain for a long time as to which would win. When the Bulletin was finally compelled to suspend, the Oregonian was tottering on its legs, and a few more months would have sent it to the wall. The Bulletin cost Holladay over \$100,000; the News has already cost its different managers \$150,000; the Herald another old time opponent of the Oregonian, cost its owners a mint of money during its short career. It is a safe estimate that in a little over twenty years \$600,000 or more have been sunk in the effort to establish in Portland a newspaper rival to the Oregonian, and nearly every year of the two decades is strewn with newspaper wrecks that sailed gaily along for a time but were sooner or later left high and dry on a lee shore. It costs much in time, money and brain work to establish a good newspaper on a substantial basis, but when it once reaches the point where it pays a profit to its owners it is exceedingly difficult for a rival to ever break down its prosperity.—Seattle Press.

The Verdict Unanimous. W. D. Sult, 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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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 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 24th, 1887. J. F. PAGE, County School Superintendent, Clatsop County, Oregon. Dated this 23rd day of August, 1887.

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