

So much has been said in these columns in favor of the proposed subsidy that to make further editorial comment would be but to repeat what has been urged before, and, yet, at the risk of being tiresome, it is deemed necessary to say that the main point in this business is to put down on the subscription paper what you deem right and just, to yourself, your interest, your expectations, your individual self, totally regardless and entirely irrespective of what any one else is or is not going to do. That is not your concern. The question with you is will it benefit you to have a railroad here: if you think it will, how much? If \$1,000, you can afford to take half of that thousand dollars—made for you by the railroad—after the road is here—and put it in your pocket—you are \$500 ahead. If you think it will benefit you \$5,000 or \$10,000, half of either of these amounts will be a good thing for you—to make. By bringing the road here you will make that.

The question is not "How much are you going to give?" It is "How much are you going to make?" Of course if you expect to make nothing, give nothing.

This is viewing the matter as a cold, calculating, selfish scheme, apart from any suggestion of public spirit or community effort.

It makes one tired to hear a property owner say: "I want to see how much Smith, or Brown, or Jones is going to give, before I put my name down."

In the first place there is no "give" about this thing. Not a bit of it. No one is "giving" anything. If a man puts his name down for \$1,000 he hasn't got to put up a cent until the road is completed, and the locomotive in the depot, and when that day comes, the thousand dollars comes out of the resultant profits made and produced by the fact of the road being here; he takes the thousand dollars from a larger sum that probably he wouldn't have if the railroad were not here, a sum that is his because of the building of the railroad.

In the second place if you wait to see what Smith or Jones, or the other fellow, is going to "give," you'll wait forever. What has that to do with it? Are you the critic or judge to decide what he should do? "God helps those that help themselves." If Smith or Brown or Jones or the other fellow don't know a good thing when they see it, that oughtn't to keep you out.

Of course if a man don't want to have a railroad here: if he is one of the kind that takes to tall timber the minute he sees a man coming who may engage in the same kind of business he is in: if he is afraid of competition and wants to keep men and money and ideas out, and wag along to oblivion, he will not only refuse to do anything but will do his little best or worst to keep anybody else from doing anything.

The way to do a thing is to do it. The way to go ahead is to embrace offered opportunities: the way to make Astoria amount to something is to take hold and not hang back to see and wait and wonder and hope, and end by doing nothing but twirl thumbs and look for some "capitalist" to come along. And in this we are either right or wrong.

And now having freed our mind and said what appears to us, it is but just to say, that if a man doesn't feel like subscribing; doesn't want to help, that that is his right. There should and need be no coaxing about this thing. It is one of the proudest privileges of an American citizen to do just as he pleases, so long as he doesn't interfere with any body else's right to do as he or she pleases.

We have met men in the last three days who argue that they don't want a railroad; that there are things that they want, and that the city and county want worse than a railroad, and that till a good many things are done, that we all know ought to be done, they won't do anything toward inducing a railroad to come here.

Now, to be just, it is only fair to admit that they have a right to think that way if they want to; at the same time regretting our inability to make them see that putting away the present idea of a railroad won't do those things that they want done one bit faster or sooner because of the refusal to raise a proffered subsidy of \$150,000: perhaps not so soon. However, it would be a funny little world if we all thought alike.

FIVE millions of dollars of European gold is now on the way across the Atlantic for investment in United States railway securities.

COL. J. H. WOODARD.

TALKING about Southern Pacific railroad extension, and of the reported moves of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe people, the San Francisco Examiner says:

"A gentleman somewhat conversant with Colonel Woodard's affairs told an Examiner reporter yesterday that he was elected as the Santa Fe representative through the recommendations of William Henry Smith, the associated press representative at Chicago. Smith's brother is the first vice president of the Santa Fe, and when he and president Strong decided upon securing an emissary on this coast, W. H. Strong put in a good word for Woodard, and as Strong, when he was general superintendent of the Santa Fe, had seen much of Woodard, his appointment was made without delay. Woodard has tried in every way to keep his connection with the Santa Fe sub rosa."

"Colonel J. H. Woodard contemplates making a visit to the east as soon as the preliminary business of the Laundry Farm company is settled up. It is said that he will visit Boston and confer with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe people."

The above is interesting in connection with the fact that the Col. J. H. Woodard mentioned is the man that wrote here saying that if \$150,000 was raised and put in the hands of certain eastern parties a railroad connecting with Portland or running into Portland would be built here inside of twelve months.

Every growing and ambitious town is composed of three elements. Those who work patriotically, vigorously and intelligently for its advancement; those who are in a state of apathy or indifference and those who take a curious delight in discouraging the efforts of others by ridicule, by a persistent denial that any progress can or has been accomplished, and boasting of every other town but their own. The last class are a class called croakers, but they are really something worse, for their opposition does not arise simply from despondency but from the unenviable spirit which will neither act itself nor suffers others to act.

A French journalist thinks that the English language is being swamped with words ending in *tion*, and produces the following sentence from a legislative report as abundant proof: "The session ended with a question regarding the opposition of the administration to the execution of the deliberation relative to the authorization necessary for the erection of a construction in commemoration of the revolution."

Texas is well off in dogs, or badly off, rather, for, according to the Galveston News, they cost the state \$50,000,000. There are 2,500,000 of them. They cost their owners 5 cents a day, or \$45,000,000, and they cost sheep owners \$5,000,000 more.

Three Favorites

Have the following to say of Wisdom's Robertine, the great beautifier and preserver of the complexion:

PORTLAND, OR., June 4, 1887. To Mr. W. M. Wisdom—Dear Sir—I have tried your Robertine. It is excellent, and I shall be pleased to recommend it to all my lady friends. Believe me, yours truly, KHEA.

PORTLAND, Dec. 1885. To Mr. W. M. Wisdom—The Robertine 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. Yours truly, JEANETTE WINSTON.

DEAR Mr. Wisdom—I have tried your "Robertine," 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. T. BELL.

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The Skiyou Tunnel.

The great summit tunnel in the Skiyouys will be finished before the end of the present month. There remains a distance of only about 150 feet before the heads of the two gangs will meet. This tunnel will be strongly timbered right through. Work on the other tunnels is not nearly so far advanced, as in the summit tunnel, but the graders have very nearly completed their labors, and are now nearly to Ashland. The company expects to be able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made."

**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, am 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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TREASURY AGENT'S REPORT.

The Alaska Sealing Grounds.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The annual report of George R. Tingle, treasury agent in charge of the Alaska seal islands, has been received. The agent says the time has come when the sealers of the islands should be authorized to employ additional natives, and teach them the business of sealing, as death has played sad havoc with the native sealers of the islands. The system of payment to natives is criticised for its bad effects upon them, and it is held that it would be justice to allow the natives of Onnalaska to be employed and paid the same footing with the natives of St. Paul island.

The mortality among the natives for St. Paul is said to have been very large, while it is a remarkable fact that not a single death from disease has occurred among the white inhabitants since the transfer of Alaska to the United States. From measurements made by Assistant Agent Noyes, it appears that the grand total of breeding seals on St. Paul and St. George islands last spring was 6,337,750; but in transmitting this statement Mr. Tingle adds that a deduction of one-fourth would bring the number closer to the truth. While on two rookeries there is some falling off, it is certain that this vast number of animals is still in existence.

Mr. Tingle says: "The department cannot place too high estimates on the value of this seal property, and the government, I am sure, will not yield to any demands which would make it possible to accomplish the destruction of the seal rookeries and seal life, under judicious management and protection by law, may be continued indefinitely."

A large part of the report is devoted to a history of the seizure of marauding vessels by the revenue cutters. The agent says that after the departure of the revenue cutter last fall, large numbers of seal were taken by British marauders and the skins sold in Victoria. One vessel sent her boats to the rookeries but they were fired upon by natives and two men wounded. This fact became known generally among the marauders, and served to deter them from further distance from the rookeries. Up to August 1 four steamers had been seen operating around St. Paul island this season. One of these vessels, the *Angel Dolly*, of San Francisco, was seized by the revenue cutter *Albatross*, with the help of the Alaska Commercial Company's steamer *St. Paul*. The vessel was in distress, as the captain had been accidentally shot and one man wounded while leaving Otter Island, where they had been killing seals. This made the seventh capture this season, the revenue cutter *Rush* having previously taken six, which were sent to Siskiyew for trial. They were the American schooner *Challenge*, with 150 skins; the British schooner *Anna Beck*, 330 skins; the *W. H. Sawyer*, 479 skins; *Dolphin*, 290 skins; *Grace*, 76 skins; and the American schooner *Lottie L.* 179 skins.

The agent suggests the advisability of providing a small steamship, armed with rifle cannon, as the schooner were killing seal in plain view of St. Paul island, while the *Rush* was protecting St. George island. It is said that 30,000 skins would be a low estimate of those taken this season by marauders, and he adds: "The significance of these figures will be understood, when the fact is borne in mind that only one in ten seal killed is secured."

In a supplemental report dated San Francisco, August 19, the agent states that on the 17th of August the American schooner *Anna*, with 380 skins, was brought into port, having been seized by the *Rush*. She reported the seizure of the British schooner *Anna Beck*, 486 skins, and *Alfred Adams*, 1400 skins. The cutter also captured 400 skins loaded on an island by the British schooner *Lottie Fairfield*, in Behring sea, making a total of 5390 skins seized during the season.

The number of seals killed during the year by the sealers was 104,829, and the number of skins accepted as good was 100,000.

**An End to Bone Scraping.**  
Edward Shepherd, of Harrisburg, Ill., says: "Having received so much benefit from Electric Bitters, I feel it my duty to let suffering humanity know it. Have had a running sore on my leg for eight years; my doctors told me I would have to have the bone scraped or leg amputated. I used Electric Bitters and seven bottles of Electric Bitters and seven bottles of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and my leg is now sound and well."

Electric Bitters are sold at fifty cents a bottle, and Bucklen's Arnica Salve at 25c. per box by W. E. Dement & Co.

Decorative Art Rooms.

Mrs. Gates will open Embroidery and Decorative Art Rooms, in a few days. Next door to Mrs. Malcom's Millinery Parlors, and will give lessons in the Late Art Work; also furnish material for the same. Having spent a year east and much time in New York Art Rooms, have many new facilities.

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

**This Will Interest You.**  
Containing purchasers of Household Furniture will do well to wait for a few days, when the advertisement will appear giving the date at which time the entire Furniture and fitting of the Adler residence will be sold at public auction: 1 elegant Emerson Piano, costing \$450; Parlor set \$300; Easy Chairs and Marble Center Table; 2 Elegant Prize Pictures from the art gallery of the Mechanics' Fair of San Francisco, representing Shakespeare at the court of Elizabeth, reading "Macbeth," and Schiller reading Don Carlos before the court of the Grand Duke De Weimar, costing \$200; elegant Black Walnut Bedroom suite; elegant Carpets and the entire Parlor, Bedroom, Diningroom and Kitchen Furniture. For any information, or parties wishing to inspect the furniture before sale will call upon Mr. B. S. Worsley, the auctioneer.

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**MARRIED.** In Astoria, September 10, 1937, by Rev. E. W. Garner, L. L. D., Miss Eleanor Hawkins and Mr. J. T. Ross, both of Astoria.

**NEW TO-DAY.** Sheriff's Sale.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF Oregon for Multnomah county: Wm. Allen, Plff. vs. Robt. Bell, Defr. An execution issued out of the above entitled court in the above entitled cause on the 18th day of July, 1937, upon a judgment rendered on the 18th day of July, 1937, in favor of Wm. Allen, plaintiff vs. Robt. Bell, defendant for the sum of \$1,500.00 and interest and the further sum of \$15.35 costs, said execution being to me directed, I did on the 25th day of July, 1937, levy upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, Robt. Bell, in and to an undivided one-half interest in all of the land fronting or abutting upon Lots (1) one and (2) two of Sec. 24, and Lot (1) one of Sec. 25, all in Township 3 North, Range 10 West, Willamette Meridian, and more particularly the undivided 1/4 of all the land described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a point 20 chains east of the line between sections 23 and 24 on the U. S. meander line of Young's Bay, said point being the northwest corner of Lot 2, of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 21, Tp. 3 N., R. 10 W., Mer. Thence along said meander line, S. 59 deg 30 min E. 20-70 chains, S. 13 deg 15 min E. 20-50 chains, S. 13 deg 30 min E. 20-100 chains, N. 23 deg 15 min E. 20-100 chains, N. 23 deg 15 min E. 20-100 chains, S. 10 deg 30 min W. 20-100 chains, S. 19 deg 30 min W. 20-100 chains, N. 9 deg 30 min E. 174-100 chains, N. 6 deg 45 min E. 87-100 chains, N. 13 deg 30 min W. 50-100 chains, N. 24 deg 30 min E. 12-22-30 chains, N. 29 deg 17 min W. 11-24-100 chains, N. 23 deg 4 min W. 33-100 chains, N. 48 deg 17 min W. 75-100 chains, S. 33-100 chains, to the place of beginning, containing 211.60 acres, and I will on the 12th day of September, 1937, proceed to sell all the right, title and interest of the defendant, Robt. Bell, in and to all and singular the above described real property as upon execution, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in U. S. gold coin, in front of and at the court house door in said county and state, at the hour of 2 o'clock, P. M. of said day, to satisfy said execution, together with the costs and accruing costs.

W. G. BOSS, Sheriff of Clatsop Co.

Dated at Astoria, Or., Aug. 6th, 1937.

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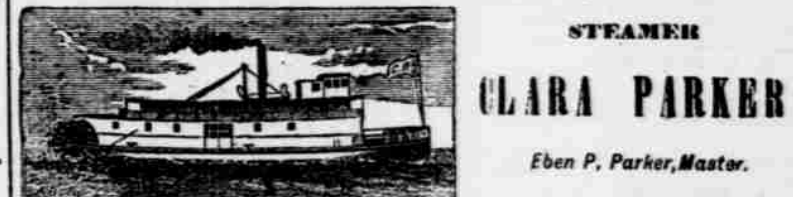
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