

Mr. Wm. H. Brewster, of Vancouver, is in the city. He is the secretary of the Columbia Waterway association, and at the late meeting of the executive committee of the association in Portland was appointed statistician. In this capacity he is visiting the various communities of the northwest. It is his province and his purpose to collect all commercial statistics procurable and arrange them in convenient and conclusive shape. It is the desire of the association and the interest of all dwellers on the Columbia that these statistics be as full and complete as possible.

THE ASTORIAN invokes the aid of Astorians in this regard. Any data, figures, and commercial statistics furnished Mr. Brewster will further the work just that much. He is also a solicitor for honorary membership. At the last session of the association in this city it was considered well to have certificates of honorary membership prepared, and upon payment of \$5, anyone desirous of furthering the grand idea of a free river, can be enrolled among those already belonging to the Columbia Waterway association. The list is growing and will embrace many of the most prominent citizens of Oregon and Washington.

The feeling in favor of a new river is practically unanimous. Anything that can be done to further this is a matter of interest. In helping the association to do this work we help ourselves. Mr. Brewster is duly accredited, is earnest and enthusiastic and will be in this city for several days to further in all ways possible this matter in which Astoria is so vitally interested.

THISTLE AND VOLUNTEER.

Our dispatchs this morning say that the second race between the Thistle and Volunteer, which was to have taken place yesterday, has been postponed until to-day by reason of bad weather.

One hundred million people have awaited with interest the outcome of this trial between America and Great Britain. Everything that money and skill could do by both has been done. When the Genesta came across with a sprig of heather at her masthead in the summer of '85, the Puritan was built at an expense of forty-five thousand dollars, and sent the English visitor back with the heather dried and withered, the America cup remaining here. Last year came the Galatea, meeting another defeat, the Mayflower upholding American supremacy. And now the Thistle, built on American plans, after a special visit to this country by her designer. She is American in hull, rig, and everything except name and place of building.

This time it was with apprehension of defeat that the patriotic owner and designer of the Puritan and Mayflower cast about to devise some craft to beat the vaunted Thistle. The result of his effort was the new steel sloop Volunteer. As a matter of interest we append the following

MEASUREMENTS: Length of water line, 85.10; Beam, 23.2; Depth of hold, 10.9; Draught, 10.9; Area midship section, 56; Mast, deck to hounds, 65; Topmast, 45; Boom, 84; Gall, 22; Bowprit, 37; Spinnaker boom, 70; Displacement, 116; Inside ballast, 19; Keel ballast, 20; Sail area by N.Y.C. rule, 9000.

A STREET RAILWAY.

SINCE the fiasco regarding the proposed street railway in 1884 the matter has slumbered. The franchise granted to Hennessy has, of course, long since lapsed, and the action of that adventurer, has, naturally, made many suspicious of any kindred propositions.

He was a stranger with no capital, but colossal cheek. The chief investor in the present scheme is a Portland capitalist, who appears to be financially responsible, understands what he is doing, realizes the business requirements of the situation and stands ready to put his money into the project and push it to completion if the city council grant him the franchise. He asks no subsidy, takes the chances and thinks he sees a profitable investment for some idle thousands.

It is conceded on all sides that a street railroad would be a good thing. If we can't put up the money and build it ourselves, it seems to us the next best thing is to let somebody else do it.

Mr. Brown says that it is not his desire to ask for the franchise to try

to hold it or speculate with it, but that it is his bona fide intention if he is allowed the privilege to go ahead and build the road.

So that it amounts to this—if the city council want to have a street railroad in Astoria they will grant the franchise, with proper provisions and restrictions: if they don't, they will refuse to grant it.

NORTH of Texas and west of the Indian territory lies a strip of land, 200 miles long and fifty wide, which is sometimes designated on the maps as "public lands," and again as "no man's land." It belongs to no state or territory, has never been surveyed and is not open to entry. It cannot be sold or pre-empted and is a country without laws. Several thousand people reside on this land who expect, by occupation and use, to have preferred rights when the tract is finally opened to settlement. They have a sort of unwritten, patriarchal government, and appear to be getting along about as well as people do elsewhere. This anomalous state of things exists and continues by reason of the non-action of congress. Various bills dealing with the case have been introduced from time to time, but all have failed to pass. It is proposed by some to give it a territorial government, by others to attach it to a contiguous state or territory. In the meantime it is a land without laws or government.

COLERIDGE'S illustration of experience is that "like the stern lights of a vessel, it illuminates only the track that it has passed." This has proved extremely apt in wheat deals. The recent experience in San Francisco illumines another short track, but it is idle to suppose that it will shed any warning upon future transactions of that nature.

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Saturday, Oct. 1, 10:30 A. M.

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Notice to Contractors.

NOTICE is hereby given that bids will be received at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge until Tuesday, October 4th, 1887, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the improvement of Cushing's Court street, in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively, in the manner provided by ordinance No. 980 of the city of Astoria, in front of lots No. 1 and 2, block 135, and lot No. 3, block No. 118. Bids must state the price for improving in front of each lot respectively. By order of the Common Council. R. C. BURTHERS, A. J. FULTON, F. SHERMAN.

Committee on Streets and Public Ways.

Affidavit: T. S. JEWETT, Auditor and Police Judge. Astoria, September 29th, 1887.

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Painting the Town Red.

At this late date another origin for the expression, "painting it red," is given. Back in the '60s, racing was one of the exciting features of Mississippi river travel, and when an opportunity offered for a trial of speed all hands were breathless with excitement. The first command from the captain would be: "Paint her red, boys!" which was the river slang for filling the fire-box with resin in order to create a quick, hot fire, at which time the fire-box would be thrown open. Then if the night were dark, the effect would be simply grand. As far ahead as the eye could see, the river would be a deep red from the reflection, forming a most beautiful picture, which once seen could never be forgotten. It was at that time that the expression "paint the town red" originated, as the old steamboatmen intended to convey the idea by its use that they would have a beautiful time on arrival at their destination.

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