

The Daily Astorian.

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OPENING SIBERIA.

THE Russian railroad system in Asia is attracting a good deal of attention now. The completion of the lines to Samarcand on the south, and to Tyumen in western Siberia, gives promise of the eventual gridironing of northern Asia. The latest report is that an American syndicate is to receive a subsidy from the Russian government for building lines reaching across the country to the mouth of the Amoor. Americans have done a great deal of railroad building in Russia and American locomotives have found favor there, and it is likely enough that American engineering skill and enterprise may be called to the work of opening communication across Siberia, but that the government will let ownership and control out of its hands is not probable. The object of building the road is largely military and political. The Amoor and Pacific coast provinces are now practically isolated from western Siberia and Russia in Europe. They border China, and there is no natural boundary of mountains and desert separating them from the Chinese province of Manchuria, as is the case further west. Russian colonization, conquest and defense call for closer communication. The value of the port and naval station of Vladivostok, at the mouth of the Amoor, is also belittled by its remoteness and inaccessibility from the main empire. The commercial importance of the proposed road is also great. Siberia, except in its northern portion, is naturally a productive country. It has large tracts of good grain land, boundless pastures and its mineral and timber resources are immense. At present this natural wealth is inaccessible except by the slow and costly process of team transportation, and by river communication during a part of the year. The great rivers Obi, Yenesei and Lena, with their tributaries, flow northward to the Arctic ocean, and even in summer steam communication from Europe along the northern coast to their mouths is difficult and often impossible on account of ice. Plans have been formed for improving the river navigation and for a canal system, but these works can only in part compensate for the lack of rail communication. The manufacturing industries of the provinces of Tobolsk and Tomsk, in western and central Siberia, are already considerable. There are, according to official reports, 2,300 factories, which employ 12,500 men and produce goods generally to the value of about \$11,000,000. Tanneries and tallow factories account for about half of this product, the remainder being worked up from raw vegetable material. The mineral resources are almost untouched. These industries are the growth of the last fifteen years, during which time modern machinery has been introduced, and the completion of rail communication to Tyumen has stimulated business. The completion of the road to the Pacific will largely develop the Chinese trade. The overland traffic in tea and other Chinese goods is now great, but the cost of transportation is enormous. It is carried on almost exclusively by camel trains across Mongolia, and its difficulty and expense have led Russian merchants to project a portable tramway across the plains, the motive power to be canals, but enabling 10,000 to do the work which now requires 50,000. With the railroad completed, steamers would convey tea from Hankow to Vladivostok, and thence it would go by rail to all parts of the empire. From an engineering point of view there are few obstacles to the proposed system, except the bridging of the great rivers and the passage of the vast swamps of western Siberia, which will render that part of the line expensive. There are no steep grades to be surmounted. The distance from Tyumen to Vladivostok is 3,950 miles by the proposed route, and the cost of construction is estimated at from \$375,000,000 to \$525,000,000. These are large figures, but not sufficient to appal modern enterprise, especially when they stand for the opening of a vast region rich in resources. The result of railroad extension in our western territories in building up the country is an earnest of what may follow like enterprise in Siberia. Although Russia in Europe is usually spoken of as a thinly settled country, the density of its population to the square mile averages more than twice that of the United States, and the Russian peasant is given to pushing eastward for fresh fields. These considerations give the United States and the Pacific coast especially a living interest in this proposed opening of Siberia. Whether the talked-of road up the west coast, to connect with a Siberian system by

a ferry at Behring Straits ever materializes or not, the ease and rapidity of steam communication between this coast and the mouth of the Amoor lend importance to the gathering there and beyond of a numerous population who will become valuable customers in the future.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Oregonian in the course of a very sensible letter, makes the following remarks which are quite pertinent to the conditions which confront this community: "Daily are we witnesses of anxious efforts on the part of deserving men and women who aim to keep the wolf from the door, and the reward for such services is the last straw on the camel's back. The claim set forth that there is work for any and all who wait is absurd. This remark refers only to the severest kind of manual labor. All men cannot do this; women certainly not. What is wanted is manufacturing; large and numerous establishments where women can find employment suitable to their constitutions, and where young men can be fitted for a sphere of usefulness. These we must have ere the future greatness of this country can be assured."

The Virginia state board of canvassers has completed the canvass of the votes for the presidential electors, with the following results: For Cleveland, 151,997; for Harrison, 150,438; for Fiske, 1,638. Cleveland over Harrison, 1,559. Certificates have been duly issued and no proceedings looking to a contest by quo warrant or otherwise has been taken.

The announcement has been made that from December 1st all the coal mines in the Monongahela valley will be closed for an indefinite period. Over 6,000 miners and hundreds of river men will be without employment, and they and their families, numbering altogether probably not less than 20,000 or 25,000, will be without means of support.

OVER in Washington territory they are discussing the possibility and probability of a meeting of the legislature on the second Monday in next January, and whether the woman suffragists are going to succeed in obtaining recognition. The upshot of the whole matter is that no one knows anything about what will be done.

The Panama Canal company announces that it is has been unanimously decided to issue the remainder of the lottery loan on December 12th, at a price thirty francs below that of the original issue.

The Downingtown, Pennsylvania Women's Christian Temperance Union has withdrawn its affiliation with the National Women's Christian Temperance Union. Political partisanship of the union is given as the reason.

ESTIMATES of Republican supremacy in the next house still vary all the way from a "dangerously close majority," to a "majority of nine."

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Ordinance No. 1063.

An ordinance amending ordinance No. 453, entitled, "To provide a board of health and to protect the public from contagious and infectious diseases," approved March 15th, 1882.

The City of Astoria does ordain as follows: Sec. 1. That section 8 of ordinance No. 453, of Astoria, entitled, "To provide a board of health and to protect the public from contagious and infectious diseases," approved March 15th, 1882, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of every physician in this city to report to the Board of Health, in writing, every patient he shall have under his care, or of whom he shall have reason to believe to be sick with the cholera, or smallpox, or other infectious diseases, immediately after he shall be satisfied of the nature of the disease, and also to report every case of any such disease immediately after the same may come to his knowledge; and, further, it shall be the duty of every such physician to report to the Board of Health every case of death, from any such disease, coming to his knowledge immediately after it shall have occurred or come to his knowledge.

Sec. 2. That section 9 of said ordinance, No. 453, entitled "To provide a Board of Health and to protect the public from contagious and infectious diseases," approved March 15th, 1882, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of every person keeping a hotel, boarding house, or lodging house in this city, to report, in writing, to the Board of Health, immediately, the name of every person boarding or lodging at his or her house whom he or she shall have reason to believe to be sick with the cholera, or smallpox, or any other contagious or infectious disease, and any deaths occurring at his or her house for any such diseases; and every master, owner, or consignee of a vessel lying at a wharf or in the harbor of Astoria, shall make a like report in the same time.

Sec. 3. That section 10 of ordinance No. 453, of Astoria, entitled, "To provide a Board of Health and to protect the public from contagious and infectious diseases," approved March 15th, 1882, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of every house, store, building or tenement in the city, where in any person may be sick with the cholera, smallpox, or other contagious or infectious disease, to give notice, in writing, to the Board of Health immediately after the existence of such disease shall come to his or her knowledge.

Sec. 4. Section 11 of ordinance No. 453 of this city, entitled "To provide a Board of Health and to protect the public from contagious and infectious diseases," approved March 15th, 1882, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 11. That it shall be and is hereby made the duty of the owner or occupant of every house, store, building or tenement in this city, where in any person may have the diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, whooping-cough, chicken pox or any other dangerous or contagious disease or diseases, to give notice to the public immediately of the existence of such disease, in such house, store, building or tenement the following flags in the following cases: 1. In case of diphtheria, a green flag.

2. In case of scarlet fever, a scarlet flag.

3. In case of variola or varioloid, a yellow flag.

4. In case of Asiatic cholera or yellow fever, a black flag.

5. In all other cases, a white flag.

Such flag shall be placed in some conspicuous place on the premises, where it may be seen by persons passing on the street near said premises. It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of such house, store, building or tenement to place or to cause such flag to be placed as aforesaid. Such flag, when so placed by the owner or occupant or Chief of Police, shall remain there until such person having such disease shall have so far recovered that no danger by infection or otherwise shall remain. Such flag shall not be less than one foot wide by one and a half feet long.

Passed the Common Council Nov. 27, 1888.

Attest: T. S. JEWETT, Auditor and Police Judge.

Approved Nov. 28th, 1888.

C. H. PAGE, Mayor.

PENALTY.

Sec. 15. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of this ordinance, and any person who shall neglect or refuse to obey any order or regulation made by the Board of Health in the exercise of the powers conferred by this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof before the Police Judge, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail of the city of not more than twenty days. The Board of Health shall cause to be prosecuted all cases of violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, and all fines imposed and collected under this ordinance, shall go into the Police Fund.

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