

The Daily Astorian.
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 THE USUAL THING.

The Eugene Register indulges in some ill-considered strictures on the recent little hitch in financial matters on the Astoria and South Coast road. The Register should know, as any one with the slightest experience or observation knows, that such episodes are of certain occurrence in the history of the building of every road. They constitute an incident of construction; a casual happening; an inevitable and attendant occasion, and are as much a part of the building of a railroad as the purchase of material, or the securing of the right of way. It is the history of every railroad that ever was built, that at some period in its construction there was a financial stringency of temporary duration. The history of railroad building bears out this statement.

No railroad however heavy its financial backing, has had its affairs run smoothly and uninterruptedly from the beginning to the end, and any little hitch in financial matters in any road is to be treated only as an incident, the same as the delay in the arrival of material or the unexpected hardness of the ground in a section of the road, or the missing of a dozen shovels, or the oversize of bridge timbers, or anything else in or about the multitudinous incidents connected with the building of a railroad.

A LOSING FIGHT.
 FRANK WILKINSON, writing to the New York Times from Tacoma, under the date of December 15, says:

They who have so gallantly fought against nature in the arid belt are ready to let in thousands of cases, as the mortgage negotiating companies well know. They have at least realized that in these days of fierce, competitive agricultural warfare, when our civilization and methods of agriculture are pitted against those of semi-civilized Europe and semi-barbarous India a region in which the average crop loss ranges from 25 to 40 per cent, cannot survive. These men cannot remain in the arid belt as agriculturists, nor can the thousands of young men that annually migrate from the great breeding ground in the Mississippi valley enter the arid belt with any chance of being successful in their attempt to create homesteads. That land must be irrigated before it can support agriculture. The time has arrived when the desert must be crossed to find productive land. In Kansas, in Nebraska, and in both Dakotas, the line of western settlement has arrived at the grassy desert on which remunerative agriculture cannot be established. The arid region is fringed with the blasted hopes of thousands of disappointed people, and their eyes are turned westward to the Pacific coast.

Those energetic men who are waging a war with the Almighty in an attempt to controvert his decrees, would do well to come to western Oregon, where no aridity exists: where the skies smile tears of gladness; where biting cold is unknown, where the earth needs but to be tilled with a hoe to laugh with a harvest. In the arid belt those men are making a losing fight. By coming here they can win.

SPECIAL AGENT, Geo. R. Tingle, says that if the seal fisheries are to be preserved they must be handled entirely by a monopoly. Mr. Tingle doubts the wisdom of the treasury to cut down the first year's catch to 60,000 seals, and says that it is doubtful if any firm which knows anything of the business will bid for the contract on those terms. He maintains that if the contract is let, the government must give the company full protection, considering Behring as a closed sea, or there would be no money in it. Already poachers, by taking seals in the open sea, are driving them through the straits to the Russian coast and are gradually depriving St. George's and St. Paul's islands of herds which formerly belonged there.

That was a graceful action on the part of the San Francisco chamber of commerce last Tuesday. They concurred in the memorial from our chamber of commerce urging an increased appropriation for the improvement at the mouth of the Columbia and forwarded a copy of the memorial with their affirmative resolution, to the California congressional delegation, requesting that they use their influence in furtherance of the measure. Such co-operation is appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

The two Dakotas are in a perplexing situation with regard to the temperance problem. They have prohibitory constitutional provisions, but no laws to enforce them. That is to say, the saloons have no right to exist, and yet there is no way by which they can be legally suppressed or regulated. The dilemma is a peculiar one, and it remains to be seen what will be done about it.

There is but one solution to the problem confronting the cannery and fishermen on the Columbia river this season, and that is a reduction of fifty per cent in the number of boats on the river. Such action will result in less cost to the cannery and more earnings pro rata to the men engaged in fishing with gill nets.

The real estate transactions of Chicago last year were unprecedented in volume. Property of the value of \$102,906,757 changed hands. The highest aggregate ever before recorded was \$78,427,931 in 1873, when the activity was extraordinary, and a consequence of the great fire of 1871.

The editor of the Tillamook Head, light with considerable sagacity writes to remark: "If a newspaper man has

an idea that he must please everybody, he will soon abandon it, or find that he is pleasing nobody."

An extravagant dentist advertises in a Washington newspaper that he will give \$500 for a sound front tooth of a healthy young white man—the tooth to be transplanted into the jaws of a rich patient.

The East Oregonian thinks eastern Oregon ought to have an insane asylum. There are a good many sheepherders in that section as observed by John P. Irish, of the *Alla*.

Washington Potatoes.

In response to an offer of a prize of \$100 made by the great seed house of Maul & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Thomas Morse, a farmer, residing at Rockford, Spokane county, forwarded four potatoes weighing from two and one-half to three pounds each. On Friday, just two months from the time of sending them, Mr. Morse was made happy by receiving a draft from Maul & Co. for \$100, together with a letter congratulating him and stating that his potatoes would, in all probability, never be excelled.—*Union*.

If Thomas Foss, of Gray's River, or others in that vicinity had sent a few of those 8½ pound potatoes, Washington county would doubtless have carried off the \$100 prize.

Chinatown Molested.

Yesterday afternoon Chinatown was all agog. A group of young fellows were passing along Second street, in front of Hong & Yik's store. One of them threw a snow ball at a pagan, which missed him and broke a large round hole in the store window. Like hornets out of a nest, all Chinatown came flying from their houses and stores. The sidewalks were jammed and the police whistle was sounded. But before Chief Barry arrived, the guilty man was safely unscathed in a neighboring saloon. At last reports every Chinaman was jabbering in angry tones and hoping that the culprit might be arrested.

Gambling Chinamen.

Yesterday eighteen Chinamen were arrested for gambling during Tuesday night. The sheriff and deputy made an effective raid bagging a big crowd of pagan sinners. The lawyer for the defense begged to have the trial on Friday. Their names are See Yon, Wong Boy, Cho Yu, Ho Yeng, Wong Hing, Wong Hui, Jong Mi, Ju Hi, Ho Hun, Wong Boek, Sun Chee, Lee Sing, Wong F. Ah Turk, Ah Sing, Ah Sheet, Ah Chee.

A great drawback to the upper Nestucca country, is the disagreeable road and river crossings. Summer travel is much more pleasant. Then the ranches flow with milk and honey, corn, tomatoes, big onions and cabbage heads; in the way of wild fruits, Nestucca is unsurpassed. In season, blackberries are plentiful and of delicious flavor, also cherries, bear and pheasant. The cherries are rather bitter, but bear and pheasants are juicy and well flavored. Just now snow covers all.

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Richard Stego, the well known proprietor of the Quaker Dairy, No. 22 Ellis St., San Francisco, last week sent the following letter to the *Edwin W. Joy Co.* "My family have been taking Joy's Vegetable Sarsaparilla now for months with splendid results. Our experience has been that after taking it regularly for a short time and getting the system started right, an occasional dose thereafter keeps the system in perfect condition. A peculiarity of your vegetable compound is, that it does not hurt its effect, but seems to accomplish the same results continually. As a liver and bowel regulator and corrector it is perfection. We would not be without it. In fact I have just bought a dozen bottles to get the reduced price." A. M. Rowe of 53 Jones street, S. F., also writes that it has been his habit for years to take in the morning with a lead ache and an exhausted feeling; but since the first bottle he has had no return.

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