The Daily Astorian.

...JULY 27, 1800 RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

THE ASTORIAN was yesterday in receipt of a statement, which, from its source, should be authoritative, that the river and harbor bill would certainly pass, though it is not so certain that president Harrison would sign it. The great increase in the pension list will take additional millions from the treasury this year, and it is understood that the president disditures of the government during the fiscal year. According to congressman

A lump bill is sure to contain un- to the general." lower Mississippi.

Harrison, even though he does come new tunic, or how becoming the toga irilis was to young Semponius Attiens, or to complain, as nowadays, needs of the nation and sign the bill.

He probably will.

Warm weather often causes extreme new tunic, or how becoming the togativities was to young Semponius Attiens, or to complain, as nowadays, of the imprudence and carelessness of the domestic servants, bond or free.

great river of the west.

tary to its waters; every ship owner in den treasures in the dictionary worth Frankfort, New York or Liverpool or Glasgow is seeking. interested in the improvement of this What the dictionary does not con-

senators and congressman.)

RAMBLES AMONG WORDS.

be taken is into the dictionary.

in a name?" and answered her own prefixes. query by the declaration that "that When we come to definitions we lose which we call a rose by any other much of the pleasure which the prename would smell as sweet," it was a vious generation enjoyed. Modern piece of special pleading, intended to editions of dictionaries have improved prove to herself that Montague and longer defines a boil as a "circum-Capulet were not, or need not be, nec- scribed subcutaneous postular erupessarily hostile each to the other and tion, suppurating with a central core, being at once and in her own person as the original dictionary did; nor advocate, judge and jury, it is little would Johnson now define oats as "a wonder that she got a verdict in her grain used for food for horses in En favor; but the judgment in that case, gland and for men in Scotland." The being so notoriously obtained upon an tendency of modern lexicographers is ex parte presentation of the question, to explain, instead of trying to define has never been considered as a prece- a word by giving the student another, dent to be followed. Names and and for this purpose the illustrations words are more than mere empty in modern dictionaries are very useful.

find in the course of a ramble among intuition, nor even by hearing it words than with linguistic disserta- spoken. If he wants to understand There are two methods of amusing tinctions which make style and litoneself with the dictionary. One is to erary perfection, he must study the take a word which may have struck dictionary, and he may rest assured the eye or ear as peculiar or unusual, that it will not be time of labor and hunt it down and, when caught, wasted. strip it of all the additions which all the rest, and see what the word is of unification is under consideration.

ary at random and trust to luck for a union, viz., Honduras, Guatemala pected covert or finding it concealed report has been received from the or disguised in such a way as to Costa Rica senate in regard to signing. word is a shy bird and will often lie was affixed to the convention, however, so close as almost to be stepped on the president (Menendez) of that state be of interest to experiment a little Eyeta has seized upon the govern-

with both these methods. Taking up a recent publication, we claring himself president. What is of

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Cannon, of Illinois, there will be a find advertised a forthcoming "an-chief interest in the present situation safe margin on the credit side of the agogical" story by a well-known au- of affairs is that he is opposed to the national ledger, even with the passage thor. Now, what in the name of all project of a union. He has sent word of the \$26,000,000 river and harbor bill the dictionary makers is an "anagog- to the other states that he will agree and all the proposed pension and other ical" story? It is to be of such to every policy of the four other rebills making appropriations out of the a character that it can be de publics except that in relation to the treasury. Still, it is to be borne in scribed only by such a harsh sound- union of the states. Persistence in mind that president Harrison, while ing word as that, which is reminist this policy would, of course, prove a in the senate, was a constant friend to cent of cholagogue and "ieve n'ager," check to the movement for union. It internal improvements and championed just such measures as that proposed by the river and harbor bill in
opposition to the hide-bound policy of
informs us that "anagogical" means certain western senators on more occa- no more nor less than mysterious, and will intervene to compel the carrying so our pedantic author in question is out of the convention by force, and THE ASTORIAN is beginning to begoing to publish a mysterious story. they are now at war. lieve that a better way to make ap- But why is anagogical any better, for propriations for such great and neces- any purpose than mysterious? One sary works of coast and internal imis just as good Greek as the other, Blaine says: provement as the jetty at the mouth and the latter word has the advantage of the Columbia river would be by of being "understood by the people," while the other is certainly "caviare

worthy or uncertain clauses, giving Opening a book at random, we money for doubtful schemes. The chance upon the word "trivial." It is the entire bill that will open a market New York City press, the Indiana a word which needs no accurate defi-Hoosiers and a few more, seize on nition. We all know what it means; other barrel of pork. If sugar is now these questionable items in the gen- we do not know or stop to think of its placed on the free list without exacteral bill and scare congress till some- origin. Trivial, means, by its derivatimes the bill doesn't pass or is vetoed. tion-from tri, three, and via, ways-Nothing is ever said by these icono- pertaining to the meeting of three clasts about the manifestly good par- streets or roads, and undoubtedly agraphs or worthy and necessary ap- comes from the habits, as common in propriations. They are ignored. But ancient Rome as elsewhere, of stop- of Pacific railroad bonds and interest a little \$25,000 appropriation for West ping to chat or gossip on the street thereon, the sum of \$921,604,000 re-Punxtawney creek where the tails of corners or in the space formed by the mains as the indebtedness of the the trout are dusty, affords a plaus- intersection of streets. When it is United States at the beginning of this ible pretext for a combined onslaught remembered that originally the word month. The corresponding total for on a bill that appropriates a few pal- was feminine in gender, that is, in 1880 was about \$1,919,327,000. try thousands for the Columbia or Latin, we may at least hazard a provides future relief for the unfortu- guess that Roman matrons and maidnates on the swollen banks of the ens were not averse to stopping on the corners to chat or to exchange It is to be hoped that president confidences about the fit of Cornelia's

Distinguished senators and repre- But now let us take a brief ramble sentatives have visited the jetty dur- through the dictionary, take it in aling the past two years; have been phabetical order. Here is a list of shown the need of the work by our words, none of which is given as abcitizens, and have access to influence solete, and very few of which are sufficient with the chief executive to technical terms, which will at least show him the advisibility, in every put our young readers to their bumps sense, of affixing his official signature to define, and maybe some scholars to the bill that among other things may have to think twice before speakappropriates sufficient money to con- ing. Here is the list: Aberuncator, tinue the noble and necessary work bipectinate, canlescent, deg, enode, now being done at the mouth of the fescue, gleed, hederal, ischial, juddock, kage, limbat, metic, nur, osci-This is not a local matter. It tant, pingster, queachy, rathe, skeg, affects Astoria less than it does other tew, ubication, versel, wynn, xyphoid, places. Every man who reaps a yergas and zoutch. This list was pound of wheat or cuts a pound of selected without any special care and wool or saws a stick of lumber; every in a very short time, but it may be one who dwells in the country tribu-sufficient to show that there are hid-

river. If is more than a local questain is often as surprising as what it tion, it is more than a national argu- does. For example, the very common ment. It is international in its scope. word "scepage" is not findable, al-(Since the above was in type, a tel- though the verb "seep" is given. egram has been received from senator "Sparsely," too, a word in common Mitchell, published elsewhere, which use, Webster disowns, giving "sparsis of a most encouraging nature. edly" instead, although he does admit Whatever can possibly be done will "sparsely" in the list of additional be accomplished by our hard working words. It used to be said, and we believe correctly, that the only place in Webster's Unabridged Dictionary where the word "unabridged" could One of the pleasantest and most en- be found was on the cover, as it was tertaining literary excursions that can not admitted into the body of the work; but this may have been in pursuance When the fair Juliet asked, "What's of a general plan to exclude negative 559 Third St.,

sounds; they are things, and nowhere, Rambles among words may be except in a land peopled by deaf amusing as well as instructive, and no nutes, can their importance be called one, no matter how endowed by talent or even genius, can hope to know a But it is rather with what we can language, even his mother tongue, by tions that we are now interested. the nice shades of meaning, the dis-

on, euphonic considerations and from Central America, where a project Three of the five Central American Another way is to open the diction, states have signed the convention for hing a word from some unsus- and San Salvador, while a favorable ASTORIA, et dely recognition; for your Since the signature of San Salvador re making itself visible. It may has been killed, and one General ment and issued a proclamation de-

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