

Or importance to Astoria is the Pacific Coast board of Commerce, which meets in San Francisco on the 17th of next month. The topics are of general interest and local importance, and our Astoria Chamber of Commerce should be fittingly represented. Great good is resultant from such meetings and among the subjects to be discussed are several of vital interest to Astoria. The improvement and defense of Pacific coast harbors; American commerce; the World's fair at Chicago, and other measures, will come up and concert of action in those matters will insure an enlarged degree of success denied local effort. Astoria should be represented in the San Francisco conference next month.

A NEW ATLANTIC ROUTE.

It is stated that a company of Boston, Mass., capitalists have been quietly developing the foundations of a seaport at the east end of the straits of Canso, N. S., and if expectations are realized it will have an important bearing upon future communication between Europe and America. The place, which is to be called Terminal City, is five miles east of Port Mulgrave, on the Intercolonial railway, and the government has consented to an extension of the railway to the place, and agreed to operate the extension as a part of the Intercolonial system. Terminal City is situated on one of the finest harbors on the Atlantic coast, having sufficient depth of water for the largest vessels afloat, being comparatively landlocked, absolutely free from ice, comparatively free from fog, and open to navigation at all times. A straight line on the map of the world, from Chicago to Liverpool, passes through this point, and the distance between them is 400 miles shorter than by Portland, Boston or New York. It will take four days from Terminal City to Liverpool by the new steamers proposed to be put on the route. When the railroad is completed and wharves are built, all passengers and mails from Europe will be delivered in New York or Montreal one day sooner than by any other route. It is the most easterly port open all the year round, and appears to be a natural shipping port for the products of the Dominion to Europe.

The experience of the Argentine Republic should be a lesson to those who advocate the theory of government loans on farm mortgages through the medium of paper money issued on that basis of security. The Argentine Republic issued enormous sums of money as loans on the farms and produce of the country. These bonds or notes were called "cedulas," and for a while they furnished a circulating medium that was both convenient and plentiful, but when the merchants who had taken this paper money for their goods attempted to convert it into gold to pay their European bills, their value went down with surprising celerity and the premium on gold jumped to 300 per cent, and over in a few weeks. Then the laborers who had toiled and earned their "cedulas" by the sweat of their brows found that their paper money was not worth half its face value to purchase food or clothing, joined in a revolt which certainly seemed justifiable, for the government which should have conducted financial operations safely and wisely had brought the whole people to bankruptcy, want and ruin, the natural and sure result of delusive schemes to furnish plenty of cheap money.

USEFUL HINTS.

- Use a warm knife in cutting warm bread and the like. Wash the iron of the stove doors with salt and vinegar. A wooden cloth is better than a brush to polish the kitchen stove. A coarse comb is good to smooth the fringe of towels, napkins, tidies, etc. One or two tablespoonfuls of ammonia added to a pail of water will clean windows better than soap. As many as sixteen tons of sugar beets may be grown on an acre, and if they can not be converted into sugar they can be used as food for stock. Washing the udder of the cow before milking is a very important matter in summer. A small amount of lard in the milk will induce fermentation. There is no breed of fowls under the sun, the chickens of which, if well fed all their lives, will not be tender, juicy and toothsome if killed before they are too old. And there is no breed that will be plump, tender and fit for the table unless fed thus. Mind, we do not say that there is no difference at all in breeds, but we say that of the two things the breed and feeding, the latter is most important.

A Novel Mode of Destruction.

A reward was offered some time ago by the government of New South Wales, for a method for the destruction of rabbits. Up to the end of last year about 1,500 methods had been proposed and examined, but none answered the requirements. No less than 115 were for the destruction by disease. One curious scheme consisted in killing the females and allowing males to escape. This, it is claimed, will bring about a preponderance of the males, who will worry the females to death with their attentions. This plan is actually under trial now. But it seems like cruelty to animals.

"The Wildest Plank on Earth"

The Humboldt, Cal., Standard says there is a plank on exhibition in the railroad depot in that city, which is sixteen feet in width. It was cut at the Elk River mill, to be placed among the exhibits at the world's fair at Chicago.

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How the Sultan of Turkey Manages His Immense Household.

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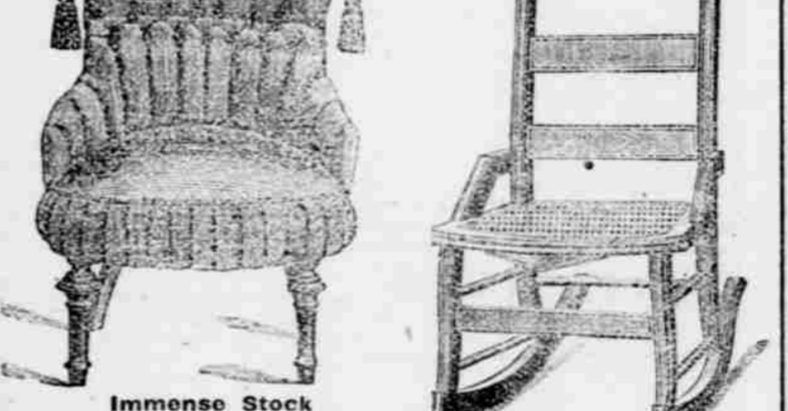
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