

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON: FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1890. COMMENT ON A FLING.

The following is the closing paragraph of the leading editorial in the Columbian of last Thursday morning, and it is herewith published in this morning's ASTORIAN that it may have publicity which it would otherwise lack:

"Suppose, for the sake of argument, that the present board of directors had the control of the road, and William Reid had as little interest in it as Granger. Suppose, too, that the probability of these same directors was as great as their heads when they were first elected directors. Would the road be in any better hands than it is at the present time? It can hardly be said that Reid is a better financier than any of the other members of the board, but he is certainly 'not quite so good.' He possesses the happy faculty of being able to speak of 'my friend Huntington' and 'my friend Hill,' without a blush, which certainly imparts the undesired confidence and respect of the gullible. That is more than the directors can do. They are satisfied with saying, 'D-n Reid.' They do not blush, inspire confidence, or, in fact, do anything else but d-n."

See the dirty fling at the directors of the Astoria and South Coast road; by inference casting aspersions on the probity of these directors, these solid business men of Astoria.

These men, by honesty, perseverance and good management, have accumulated almost as much as the Columbian owes as a consequence of its brief but abortive journalistic experiment.

And then the Columbian ridicules the financial ability of these same directors and says that William Reid is no better as a financier than the other members of the board.

The idea of the mismanagers of the Columbian criticizing the financial management of anything is preposterous.

Let them turn over the list of their accumulating debts.

Let them contemplate their unpaid and overdue telegraph bills.

Let them call the roll of their printers, hammering at their doors on Saturday nights for money enough to pay for a slave, or an installment on their weekly board bills.

These self-constituted financial critics who are too imprudent to own a necessary ceramic article, should be the last to criticize successful business men who have built up the town which these slanderous drabs dishonor.

And last of all the Columbian accuses both the directors and Wm. Reid of want of modesty!

Ye Gods! Such vulgar arrogance! Through absence of modesty, this croaking Columbian would essay to shame the saints.

A WASHINGTON dispatch of the 20th says: The committee on rivers and harbors, in order to expedite business, have recommended to the House that all amendments to the river and harbor bill be non-concurrent in, and the bill sent immediately to conference. This is not because the committee is opposed to the Senate amendments, but the House has tried the experiment of considering an appropriation bill returned from the senate in committee of the whole, and the result was a ten days' debate. The senate amendments to the river and harbor bill would be likely to occupy nearly as much time. The senate confers on the bill expect that it will take two or three weeks to agree in conference, but they hope to regain the most important of the amendments.

LAST SUNDAY'S ASTORIAN had an article in which allusion was made to the collection of toll by Mr. Grimes from persons using his bridge across the Necanicum. He sends a communication in reply, and it is published on the local page. Any person feeling aggrieved at anything in this paper, who sends an appropriate reply for publication, can have the use of the columns to defend himself or maintain his position. The letter from Mr. Grimes speaks for itself, and our readers can draw their own conclusions.

The Democrats of California have nominated Reginald Del Valle, of Los Angeles, as their candidate for lieutenant governor. He is an able man, a native Californian, well educated, active, energetic, an excellent speaker and has made a creditable record in various offices, recently as state senator. He has been ambitious for congressional honors, but was beaten for congress by Col. H. H. Markham, now Republican candidate for governor. No nomination has yet been made by the Democrats for governor.

THOUGH it was reported that all trouble was over on the New York Central it now seems likely that tomorrow when the federation of railroad men convenes at Terre Haute, Indiana, a general strike on the entire Vanderbilt system will be declared. If so, it will be a great detriment to business and a loss to the country in consequence of the delay and expense which will be involved. Very little good has ever resulted from strikes, and generally they are disastrous in their effects.

MEMBERS of fast horses will be pleased to learn that yesterday afternoon in Poughkeepsie, New York, C. J. Hamlin of Buffalo, a man over twenty years of age, drove a span of mares bred by himself, a mile in the unprecedented time of 2:16 1/2, amid the wildest enthusiasm of the delighted spectators.

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FOREIGN NEWS AND GOSSIP. Germany is to make no change in her sugar tax. The Hebrews of New York are building another hospital. In St Petersburg, Russia, you can ride a mile in a cab for eight cents. Count de la Mirandi, the husband of Christine Nilsson, has been appointed under secretary of state to the new Spanish ministry. Telephoning has been accomplished between St. Petersburg and Bologne, 2,464 miles. Russian engineers propose talking 4,665 miles. The Italian minister of agriculture has recently purchased in England a splendid estate near Melton for \$50,000. It is intended for the royal stables at Vannaria and Piseo. A trumpet 2,000 years old, recently found in county Down, is a fine specimen of such handicraft of that day. It is a war trumpet 8 feet 5 inches long, and gives a tremendous blast when provoked. Numbers of Hindoos were recently seen wandering about the Lahore bazars carrying bones of their deceased relatives around their necks. They were pilgrims going to the shrine at Honolura. By a new invention in Austria glass tubes project before the train, and if they are broken by any obstacle an electrical movement is applied to the brakes, bringing the train immediately to a standstill. Prince Henry of Battenberg and a companion went poaching with ferrets the other day in Hampshire. The companion was apprehended and fined 10 shillings, but the Queen's son-in-law went free. The wire to be used for the telephone between Paris and London is made of bronze. It is estimated that the French share of the expense of establishing the telephone will be about \$150,000. Mr. Gladstone fell flat in the middle of Regent street the other day in the midst of a perfect labyrinth of drays and carriages. An instant later he was up and on his feet, as if his limbs were still full of the vigor and alertness of youth. That England intends to go to Mecca one of these days is clearly indicated by recent utterances in the English press. Pilgrims have been treated so badly at Mecca of late years that the Turks and Egyptians are beginning to be very anxious to see Mecca in neutral hands.

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Annual Meeting Notice. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the O. F. L. and B. Association will be held at 2 P. M. in Odd Fellows' hall on Thursday, Aug. 29th, for the purpose of electing directors and attending to such other business as may come before the meeting. A. J. MEGLER, Sec'y.

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