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THE RAILROAD SITUATION.

It is Decidedly Mixed and Does Not Appear Favorable.

It is barely possible that one or two persons inside the ring may have clear ideas as to the outcome of affairs in reference to the future condition of the Astoria and South Coast railroad, but certainly there are few who dare hazard an opinion on the subject.

A contract has been received from the English syndicate in London which has been drawn up by them, or by their dictation, and is sent here to be signed by I. W. Case and Judge C. H. Page, the members of the finance committee of the board of directors.

The terms of the contract, however, are such that Judge Page will not sign it, and it is not at all likely that Mr. Case will sign it when he returns to the city on the fifth of next month, for it requires entirely too much.

The terms of the contract require the directors to guarantee a subsidy of \$250,000 to the syndicate to insure the payment of the interest on the bonds at 6 per cent per annum. When this is signed and sent them, they will immediately cause to be placed in the hands of I. W. Case, as trustee, the sum of \$200,000, which is to be used in extending the line of the road towards Hillsboro.

When the amount of road is done which that sum will build, more stock can be issued to the Construction company, and this can be hypothecated to raise more money which the syndicate will advance.

In addition to this, the Astoria directors and citizens, who have invested \$100,000 in stock, and which money has paid for the completed portion of the road to Seaside, are required to turn over all their stock, or in fact to give up everything which has cost them so dearly, and will thus be entirely shut out of the company as well as the directors. It is needless to say that so far as heard from, they do not take very kindly to such a proposition.

000 more, for he wants a subsidy of \$250,000. This the directors cannot contract to give for they have it not, and if it is raised, it must be contributed or pledged by the people, the same as was done at the time the Huntington subsidy was promised last May.

Some may object to raise it for Mr. Reid, and probably it would be much harder to raise it for him than for Mr. Huntington, as the latter is the president of an immense corporation, of which this road would at once become a part and parcel on its completion.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the road is to be held on the 9th of October, and apparently the directors have omitted to publish a notice of it. At that meeting occurs the election of the board of directors for the ensuing year, and as to who shall be elected is an important matter for the stockholders to decide.

Whoever will build a railroad from here to a connection with established transcontinental lines is in one respect a matter of indifference to Astoria, for the result is the same, a connection with a through road, let our choice be as it may. That some means may be devised to accomplish the desired result is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Yesterday at four o'clock, the current was turned on, for the first time in the history of Astoria incandescent lights were burning. As old Sol was still at work at that hour the quality of the new light could not well be ascertained. At 7 o'clock in the evening the lights were again started and kept in operation some twenty minutes.

At first they were not in full power and several people appeared dissatisfied, but suddenly the brilliancy increased, as more power was turned on, and all were delighted at the elegant smoothness of the light produced. To those who are familiar with incandescent lights it was no novelty, but as most of the people here had not been accustomed to them, they presented an interesting appearance.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A Special Meeting in the Interests of the City.

Yesterday several of the canners received telegrams from Armour & Co., of Chicago, as follows:

Please telegraph immediately to your senators and congressmen, urging their efforts for free tin plate for canning purposes. Have other canners in your city do the same to-day.

The canners were all advised, and yesterday afternoon a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held. In the absence of President Dowley, Samuel Elmore was called to the chair. Secretary Holden was present.

The telegram above mentioned was read, and after a discussion of the subject by the members present, it was on motion voted that the secretary telegraph to our senators and representatives, requesting them to use every effort to prevent any increase on the duty on tin plate for canning purposes.

The statement was made by one of the canners that the proposed duty on tin plate would make a difference of from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year to the canners of the Columbia river.

Each canner present also agreed to send a telegram to Washington to the representatives from Oregon and Washington, urging their prompt action in endeavoring to have tin plates on the free list for canning purposes. The meeting then adjourned.

MARINE NEWS AND NOTES.

When the *Telephone* passed St. Helens yesterday the British ship *Strathblane* was aground on the bar, headed this way.

HER SECRET MISSION

The "Wolcott" to Cruise for Poachers and Opium Smugglers.

WILL ALSO INTERCEPT CHINESE
A Great Activity in Opium Smuggling Is Expected This Fall From Vancouver and Victoria.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—A special from Washington this morning says the Treasury Department tries very hard to maintain secrecy regarding the mission and destination of the United States revenue cutter *Wolcott*, which will sail from Port Townsend, Washington, in a day or two with sealed orders, but notwithstanding all evasions, the truth is known about the *Wolcott's* mission.

A communication was recently received from the chief of the special agents, stating that several hundred Chinamen now employed in the canneries at Sitka, Juneau and other points in Alaska and British Columbia, will come southward early in October, when the canning season is over, and a great many will doubtless make an effort to cross the border into the United States. It is to prevent this influx that the *Wolcott* is ordered north.

The department has also received a warning from its special agents that an unusual activity may be expected among the opium smugglers before the winter season sets in. Something like \$25,000 worth of crude opium is landed every week at Vancouver and Victoria.

It is a fact known to the treasury department that 90 per cent. of the opium brought to these two cities is smuggled into the United States. Late in the fall efforts are made to put large stocks across the border to last during the winter, as smuggling then is attended with great danger and difficulty. It is known to the department, too, that several hundred Chinamen have been landed at Victoria in the past few weeks.

Otway, the English dramatist, died prematurely, and through hunger.

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AN UNLUCKY ACTRESS.

Is Fatally Injured by a Stumbling Fall.

Special to THE ASTORIAN.
PORTLAND, Sept. 26.—Ella Brown, a variety actress, was out having a good time with some friends last night after the performance and as she was about to retire stumbled and fell, sustaining internal injuries, which fact was brought to light after she had been removed to the hospital. She lingered till noon to-day, when she expired. Deceased was a widow, leaving two children at her home in Whitcomb. In the event that her friends cannot obtain a physician's certificate that she came to her death from natural causes, an inquest will be held.

THE WIRES DOWN AGAIN.

Last evening at 9 o'clock, when only a small part of our press report had been received, the wires went down, and as all the offices between this city and Portland close at 8, it was impossible for Operator Urquhart to locate the break. He remained at his post until 11 o'clock, then shut up the office for the night, and our readers will find but few dispatches this morning in the columns of THE ASTORIAN.

The long expected illustrated History of Utah, by the eminent historian, Hubert W. Bancroft, has at last appeared. It is absolutely a revelation. After visiting the field in person, taking testimony impartially from all sides, critically reviewing the enormous number of 1000 different authorities, and searching many of the secret archives of the Mormon church, Mr. Bancroft now gives to the world this wonderful and remarkable work, the only true history of Mormonism published.

The work reads like a romance—the wonderful adventures of trappers and travellers, the bloody Indian wars, the thrilling accounts of massacres and miraculous escapes, the famous Danite Association or Destroying Angels, the story of Brigham Young—all this fresh from the pen of the brilliant and gifted author forms a narrative of exciting interest as fascinating as a novel, yet true to the letter. Above all in surpassing interest, is the unfolding of the great Mormon question and the mystery of polygamy which will be read with eager interest by all classes of people throughout the English speaking world. The work is published in one large handsome volume of over 800 pages, bound in red and gold, and grandly illustrated with steel-plate portraits of the great Mormon leaders, exquisite half-tone engravings and dazzling colored plates. It is issued by the great publishing house of the Pacific coast, the History company of San Francisco, and can only be procured through their authorized agents. We call attention to the advertisement in another column, under heading of \$25.00 reward.

MAIL STAGE HOBLED.

REDDING, Sept. 26.—The Redding and Alturas stage was stopped by two masked men near here early this morning and was robbed of the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s box and mail matter.

THE SALMON SITUATION

Review of it by the "Commercial News" Yesterday.

LITTLE FALL FISH TO BE PACKED.
Prices Seem to Be Stiffening a Little, and the Outlook Seems to Be Favorable to Holders.

Special by THE UNITED PRESS.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—The Commercial News to-day says: "Salmon is in better shape than for some time past, although no material improvement is noted in prices. Some inquiries from England are reported, which looks as if the tide had turned there also."

"Alaska brands of established reputation are wanted at 95 to 97 1/2, but holders are asking about 2 1/2 to 5 cents per dozen more, and there is reason to believe they will obtain their figures. There is undoubtedly a large pack in British Columbia, but that is moving off satisfactorily, for, beside the requirements for England, at least 100,000 cases have been sold for Australia and Eastern Canada, chiefly for the latter section, and it is reported that upwards of 60,000 cases have already been shipped over the Canadian Pacific. But a small amount of Columbia river fish remains unsold and the outlook is that little fall pack will be put up on the outside rivers."

"As 175,000 cases were packed last year, and those posted claim that not to exceed 100,000 cases will be packed this year, there is reason for the statements that last year's enormous output will be reduced."

"On the other hand Alaska may still equal her large output of 1889, and if British Columbia exceeds her last year's pack, as advices seem to indicate, the shortage will not be sufficient to cut much figure in influencing prices."

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