

Some practical idea of the vast amount of business that would be brought to this city by the construction of a railroad to connect with ocean vessels may be easily stated by a single illustration. The foreign or deep sea vessels coming here bring an average of over 2,000 tons each, and carry away the same. Allowing ten tons to a car, and twenty cars to a train, (the usual estimate) each ship would load ten trains or 200 cars, with the cargo she brought, and it would take the same number of cars and trains to bring wheat here from the Willamette valley to reload the ship with the cargo she would carry away. With but one ship arriving every ten days this would keep a freight train going and coming every day, just for the through freight, aside from the local freight and the passenger traffic, both local and through, and would make Astoria awake from her lethargic slumber of many years and spring into new life.

ALASKA stands up like a hero and through her chosen delegate in congress makes the startling statement that if the venerable Uncle Sam will not accord to her the rights, privileges and protection usually accorded to other outlying settlements, she has money enough to pay \$14,000,000 for herself in great big twenty-dollar pieces, and will then hoist her own flag and run her own government in such a manner as to afford the blessings of popular government to her citizens. The powers that be, in charge of our national affairs, had better be a little more generous to our new and big daughter of the far north, or we may lose her entirely, and she appears entirely too valuable to lose from our national family. There is no doubt that Alaska contains natural resources and minerals of immense wealth and every effort should be made to hasten the thorough exploration of the territory, as has already been proposed. Meanwhile her citizens should not be allowed to have cause of complaint for want of proper attention and consideration from our government.

ALTHOUGH it may seem almost a work of supererogation, yet there appears to be a necessity for again making the statement that Astoria will never have a railroad unless her citizens pay for it themselves, give land enough to reimburse any company who builds it, or else guarantee the payment of interest on the money used by some company in the construction of the road. Time will surely teach the unbelievers the truth of the above. Neither of the three great lines now in this state will build a foot of the road, for the simple reason that they now get all the freight in other directions which they would receive or handle, if it passed over our road. The only resource for us, therefore, is to work unitedly, as one man to secure the construction of the line by the best means in our power, and when we once have a road connecting with the Union, the Northern, and the Southern Pacific roads, we are in as good position as Portland, so far as railroads are concerned, and much better otherwise, for we have the unparalleled ocean privileges secured by the admirable harbor, made perfect by the grand work of the jetty. What more could be desired? It is worth working for, as it insures a brilliant future for Astoria.

EDUCATION and entertainment for the public are absolutely essential, and upon this all will be agreed. How best to furnish these is a question open for discussion. Several times this paper has alluded to the praiseworthy efforts being made by the young ladies of this city in arranging an entertainment under the name of a "Mikado Tea," which is to take place at Liberty Hall on Tuesday evening, the proceeds of which are to be used as the nucleus of a fund for the establishment of a public library. This is almost a herculean undertaking for the young ladies, and the subject is one of the most important that has come before the people of Astoria in a long time. If every person does his or her duty, the receipts of that entertainment will be very great indeed and the person who fails to attend, or who refrains from buying a ticket, whether he attends or not, cannot lay claim to any manifest interest in the welfare and prosperity of the city. Let there be a rousing benefit. The churches, who so often call upon the public to aid them, and never call in vain, should strive to make this a success, as anything which tends to instruct and benefit mankind, as does a public library, also helps christianity.

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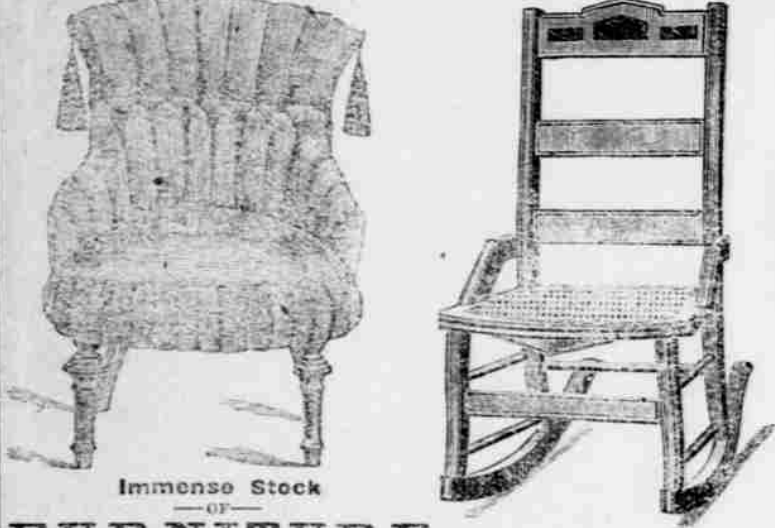
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