THE DAILY ASTORIAN, ASTORIA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 1894.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Proceedings of the Last Regular Meeting

chamber of commerce held its regula semi-monthly meeting on Monday evening. Present, G. Wingate, president, in the chair; E. W. Tallant, vice president; E. C. Holden, secretary; Messrs. C. W. Fulton, F. J. Taylor, Jas. W. Welch, S. S. Gordon and others. The committe to which was referred the question of securing increased facilthe mouth of the Columbia river made

the following report: To the President and Members of the vey of Astoria harbor, with a view to Chamber of Commerse: Your special its future improvement by the general committee, to whom was referred the government. matter of lighting the mouth of the Columbia river, in order that the same might be navigated in the night time, beg leave to report that we have had the matter under consideration, and advise that a memorial, or petition, be sent to our delegation in congress, asking them to take such action as, in their judgment, will cause the general government to act in the matter, and cause the entrance to be lighted. We have prepared a memorial of that na-Downy, D., ture, and herewith present the same for the consideration of the chamber. Very respectfully.

> FRANK J. TAYLOR. E. W. TALLANT, S. S. GORDON.

R. Ellis and Binger Hermann, Repre-Brady, John, sentatives in Congress, from Oregon: sentatives in Congress, from Oregon: Derpich, Zani, Your memorialists, the chamber of Fihia, Jnako.

commerce, of Astoria, Or., hereby call your attention to the desirability and Kamp, Y. necessity of the general government so lighting the channel at the entrance to the Columbia river that shipping may be able to pass in and out in the night time.

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port before dark of the succeeding night

it is unnecessary to place range lights there. This objection could be urged against any entrance where there are no range lights. The fact that ship-

manner as stated, but we deem them sufficient, and respectfully ask that you will take such steps as in your judgment will be most conducive to accomplish the desired result.

On motion the report was adopted and authenticated copies of the memorial to each of our congressional representatives in Washington.

Secretary Holden read communications received from Major J. C. Post, corps of engineers, U. S. A., relative to the removal of the wreck Sylvia de ities for the lighting and navigating of Grasse, and acknowledging receipt of secretary's communication advising him of the action taken by the Astoria Astoria, Or., May 7, 1894. chamber of commerce to secure a sur-

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

List of Letters Unclaimed at the Astoria Postoffice.

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Lawer, J. C. Lawer, J. C. Lassen, Albert, Ladrus, T. N., McAviney & Wilson Mathers, H. A. S., Melvin, Ralph. Engstrom, John. Enterprise, schr. Fitzgerald, Francis, Nelson, Ed., Nolske, Chas Haagaset, Chris., Hanson, John, Hargrave, M. T., Peterson, Victor, Olsen, E., Olsen, Ed., Osborg, Aug. (2) Owens, Mrs. L. J., Robinson, A., Rubbi, Christi, Hermo, Richard, on, S. L., Committee. Astoria, Or., May 7, 1894. To the Hons. J. N. Dolph and J. H. Koskinen, K. G., Woods, John, Foreign List. Meechaul, Jas Olsson, Misy M.

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JAMES W. HARE, P. M. DID YOU EVER MEET A TRULY

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river has grown to such proportions as will, in the judgment of this chamber, justify the government in making the necessary expenditure, to accomplish the desired end. The San Francisco the desired en.l. The San Francisco steamers arrive at and depart from this port every five days at the present time, and increase their trips to every four days when business is good. These asys when outsiness is good. These of rheumatism and neuralgia with Hos-steamers generally arrive off the en-trance to the river before daylight, and often before midnight, but are unable to enter, for the reason that there are no range lights to guide them in. And so it is with coasters, bound here from set-coast ports. Often these latter dr-sirs to leave nort before daylight in

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or at high water during the day, but are unable to do so, owing to their in-ability to go out of the Columbia river before daylight. It has been urged that no shipping passes in and out of the Columbia river in the night time, and that, therefore, it is unaccessary to place range liketsa

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which commerce may grow. It has also been urged that the jetty which is being built by the government at Point Adams is causing changes in the channel at the entrance to the river, and that, until that improvement is completed and the channels have be-come permanent as to location, the necessary expenditures to place range lights would not be justified. After con-sulting with pilots and mariners en-gaged in running in and out of the Co-lumbia river, we are of the opinion that this objection may be overcome by the establishing of lights, which may b: establishing of lights, which may b:

moved from time to time, as necessity requires. This could be done by placing a light ship in mid-channel, inside the bar, and about opposite Cape Disappointment, and causing colored rays of light, thrown from the Cape Disappointment light, to guide vessels along the river channel from Sand Island to Fort Stevens, and over the outer portion of the bar channel, thus enabling vessels, after taking their departure from the line of the colored lights, to steer directly for the light ship, she being within easy distance; or if the vessel be near the light ship, she will be able to find the colored light, within casy distance from the light ship.

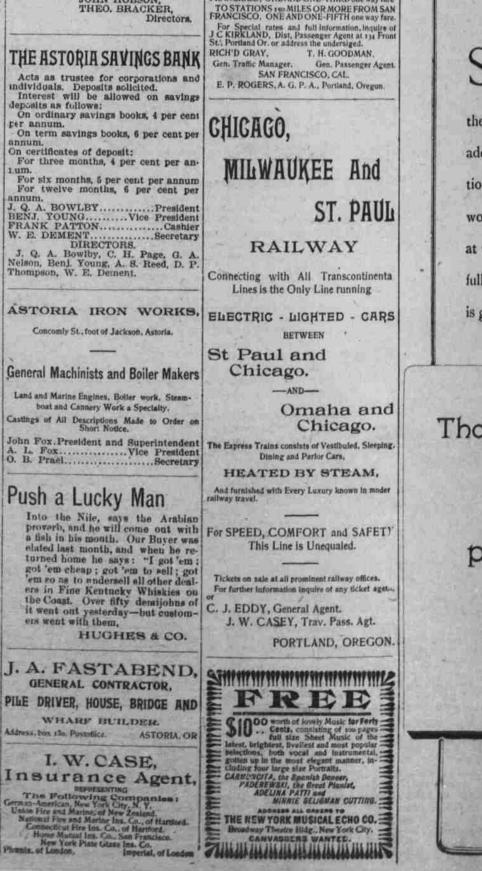
A light ship anchored as above descilbed would be a guide to shipping, not only in the night time, but in foggy weather, if she be equipped with a fog whistle. For this purpose alone we think the expenditure necessary to accomplish the desired object would be justifiable.

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In addition to the above objects, we think the anchorage of a light ship at the designated point would be justified in the saving of life which would be thereby accomplished. At this point many fishermen lose their lives by drowning each year, owing to the fact that the currents are so swift that once in them the fishermon are unable, unless the wind be strongly in their fayor, to return to the harbor, and they are swept out to sea or into the breakers and drown. It is claimed by those familiar with the facts and the location, that a light ship anchored at the point designated would save more lives each year than both of the life-saving stations at the mouth of the Columbia river now do.

The above are only part of the reasons why the entrance to the Columbia river should be lighted in some such





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