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PORTLAND'S IDIOCY.

It will cause genuine sorrow to the people of Oregon, irrespective of section, when the whole truth about the ruin and desolation in Portland becomes known. It is useless for her to try to hide the true condition of affairs, and it is silly to find fault with outside papers for correcting some of the misrepresentations sent out from there. It would rather become her to accept in a right spirit the proffers of sympathy felt for her people wherever the true state of the case is understood, and not tempt a fate already setting hard against her by unkind reflections on the motives of those who have tendered the aid of their consolation and advice in what is positively one of the greatest disasters of modern times.

If she had not wasted her money and the really admirable enterprise of her people on an attempt to hold on to industries foreign to her location and environment, she would be in a better temper, and much more quickly recover from the effect of what she has caused the press reports to say was "A slight inundation of her lower sections." Nobody feels any ill-will towards the town; Astoria certainly does not, and has no present occasion to do so. It is apparent to all rational men that Portland's great loss is bound to be Astoria's gain, but there is no exultation here over her misfortune. The flood has only hastened what was inevitable. No jest is intended in the statement that her business men who depend on foreign commerce or trade of any kind must remove to this point. It is here nature intended to plant the great entrepot of the whole northwest region, and it is believed that Portland understands this quite as well as do the other people of the United States who know anything about the relative location of the two places. Every dollar spent by Portland or the general government in an endeavor to reopen the channels of the Willamette and Columbia rivers to ocean vessels will be money thrown into the river in a double sense. Astoria will take care that the federal treasury is not looted in that way, and it is certain neither the people of Portland or eastern capitalists are going to risk any such investments. If it is "contemptible" to advise the world of these indisputable facts, then the people of Astoria plead guilty, but at the same time give fair warning that they propose to go on with an indefinite repetition of the same offense; their friend, the Oregonian, to the contrary notwithstanding.

A paragraph was furnished the press associations by the private secretary of Mr. Carlisle, some time ago, announcing that no more bonds will be issued for the purpose of replenishing the treasury, no matter how low the gold balance is reduced. This, however, says the Chicago Record, "is intended as a large bluff for the benefit of Mr. Bailey, Mr. Bland and the other Populist members of the house of representatives, and is expected to induce them to abandon any such legislative opposition as was proposed when the bond issue was made last January. The treasury gold is now less than $74,000,000, which is more that $1,000,000 below the danger line, but the bonds were not offered before until it was reduced to $65,000,000. It cannot be expected that the new tariff will bring a revenue into the treasury before October 1, even if it should pass by July 1, and at the present rate of drainage something will have to be done within the next thirty days. The president and secretary hope and expect that they can maintain the reserve until after the adjournment of congress, when they can issue as many bonds as they like.

The proposed new system of national banking, as outlined in the press dispatch from Washington last evening, seems to be the one commendable thing the present congress has originated. It is very doubtful, however, if the money cranks—like Bland, and those who follow him—will consent to the adoption of any such sensible measure. It is also more than probable that the scheme will turn out to be of some Republican's devising.

An investigation is in progress by Prof. Gilbert, of Palo Alto, Cal., into the habits of the salmon of the Columbia river. He will also endeavor to trace up the theory held by the Indians that the blueback is the fish which spawns in the Idaho lakes, and will make a report on the completion of his work.

ITS EFFECT ON FISHING.

The New England Grocer is of the opinion that the passage of the Wilson bill will be disastrous to American fisheries. It declares that 15 per cent ad valorem duty on fish, contained in the bill, is "practically free trade." This is what it says:

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