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PORTLAND'S AWAKENING.

The report that some of the most prominent business men in the flooded district at Portland are seriously considering the propriety of removing to Astoria, is gratifying evidence that this great and unparalleled disaster will go down to history as an unmix'd evil. It may be that only through some such violent disturbance could the people of Portland have been aroused to an appreciative sense of her commercial predicament. Like the character in Bunyan's famous allegory, the city of Portland has wasted her energies on unattainable and unworthy objects, far beneath the dignity and possibilities of her position, to the utter neglect of the greater and grander realizations which might have been hers for the mere recognition. Notwithstanding her gradually diminishing trade for years past, and the remarkable growth at her expense of other cities, she has nursed the delusion that all that was wanting to enable her to hold and maintain her old time supremacy was to keep down the town of Astoria. To this end she has become notorious the state over for an unfair and fatuous policy of counteracting and rendering unavailing, so far as she had the power, every vain effort put forth by her supposed rival to attract attention to the natural advantages of its surroundings. Like all other evil-doers, she has received an unlooked for reward, and while stubbornly and persistently keeping her face towards the sea, she has failed to note the operations of real and formidable enemies in her rear. The result is that the vast territory northward and eastward, and naturally tributary to her, has been invaded by the towns on Puget Sound, and a great trade which might have been utilized to her own and Astoria's advantage has been slowly, but surely, cut off and diverted. Fortunately, it is not yet too late to retrieve some of these lost opportunities. It should be Portland's cue to aid—rather than retard—the development of Astoria's commanding natural advantages. If some of her business men would come to Astoria, with their enterprise and money, a large portion of the trade now passing the mouth of the Columbia could be saved for the mutual benefit of both places. There is no hope for Portland in the race with Tacoma and Seattle, except by a combination with Astoria. With Astoria the terminus of deep water, and the Upper Columbia open to steamboat navigation, Portland's position as the great distributing depot of the northwest would be impregnable, and between the two cities the entire incoming and outgoing trade of this whole region could be controlled for many years to come.

The paper read by Mayor Kinney at the meeting of the council Tuesday evening is a suggestion in the right direction. The committee appointed is a good one, and by a strong and united effort the proposition to call the attention of congress to the necessity for taking some action to regulate and preserve the salmon fisheries will undoubtedly succeed before the close of the present session. As was pointed out in The Astorian some days ago, nothing short of the interference of the general government will accomplish the desired object. It is to be hoped the matter will not be allowed to sleep, but that it will be pushed vigorously and without delay.

There is every indication, judging from the press dispatches of last night, that the condition which will confront Mr. Cleveland's administration in a few

days will be such a deficiency in the treasury gold reserve as will send that metal to a premium. From a position among the leading credit nations of the world, when Mr. Cleveland went into office, the United States has actually degenerated to a point where Mr. Carlisle is afraid to offer another bond issue for fear he would find no takers among our own people.

The Civil Service Reform Association has determined to erect a memorial to the late George William Curtis, and from the character of the men having the matter in charge we may be assured that the work will be pushed with all possible expedition. Mr. Curtis was in the front rank of American men of letters, and it is eminently fitting that his old associates, among whom he has been honored, admired and loved, should establish a suitable monument to his memory.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

At yesterday's session of the circuit court, Judge T. A. McBride presiding, the following proceedings were had:

John Stephenson and R. H. Marlon vs. H. Charlotta Peterson; G. C. Fulton appointed guardian ad litem for minor defendants.

City of Astoria vs. R. R. Marlon; R. Marlon appointed guardian ad litem for minor defendants.

Charles M. Berhman, a native of Russia, was, on application, admitted to citizenship.

August Davidson, a native of Sweden, was, on application, admitted to citizenship.

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