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Ladies' wool hose	"	35c	" 19c	"
Ladies' wool hose	"	40c	" 25c	"
Men's black wool socks	"	25c	" 10c	"
Men's natural wool underwear	"	$1.00	" 60c	each
Men's ribbed underwear	"	85c	" 45c	"
Men's Jersey overshirts	"	$1.00	" 50c	"
Men's Jersey overshirts, extra heavy	"	$1.25	" 65c	"
Men's fine Fedora hats	formerly	$1.75 to $3.00	" $1.45	

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Space forbids the mentioning of only a few articles. But every piece of goods in our large and well-assorted stock has been reduced in price from 25 to 40 per cent during this sale. Do not forget to make your purchases now.

—AT THE—

OREGON TRADING CO.,

600 Commercial Street.

DEPOT OR NO DEPOT

Is Central Astoria to Have the Terminus or Not?

HAMMOND FEELING IMPATIENT

Opinions of Leading Citizens on the Topic of Primier Importance--The Status of the Railroad Question.

It has been an open secret for a long time that little or nothing has been done towards settling the depot site question. While not a part of the contract with Mr. Hammond for the construction of the railroad, it was a part of the unwritten agreement that a suitable site for a depot should be furnished in addition to the right of way, as has been done in other cities. Several sites have been offered, free of expense to the city or railroad company, but in deference to the wishes of many leading citizens the railroad company deferrede accepting any of them until efforts could be made to secure a site more centrally located. The neighborhood of the Clatsop Mill was thought to more nearly meet the requirements of the business of the city at large and steps were taken to secure this site. This was last summer. Ons difficulty and then another obstructed the progress of the work, and now, almost in the springtime, the question seems to be no nearer settlement than when it was first agitated. From the last reports it also appears that there is still a large amount of right of way unsecured, 220 feet in the city being yet in a state of uncertainty, including the right of way through the O. R.and N., Warren and other property. Until these titles are cleared in the name of the company the engineers cannot enter and commence construction.

OF PRIME IMPORTANCE

The location of the repot being of prime importance in the guidance of the engineers in the work of construction through the city—whether there is to be merely a little shed on the fifty-foot right of way for the accommodation of passengers and the handling of a small amount of freight, or whether there are to be ample facilities for the exchange of traffic with ocean carriers and the conduct of a large commerce which Astoria should command in the near future—an Astorian representative yesterday interviewed a number of leading citizens and business men on the subject.

"If I owned land around Scow Bay and the Clatsop Mill, I would furnish a depot site there for the railroad," said

DR. ALFRED KINNEY.

"The property owners in that vicinity will miss it if they don't do it. No matter what the cost, looking at it from the standpoint of the present business center of the city, that is the place for a depot and I think they will arrange it; but how long, O Lord, how long! All of the owners of property within a radius of one mile of the Clatsop Mills ought to contribute to reimburse those waterfront owners who cannot afford to donate their all. The railroad can have a depot site at Alderbrook of all the land they need any time they want it, but the business of the town would seem to demand a more central location and they will have to come to it sooner or later—the sooner the better—and there must me no strings to the proposition, either.

"The right of way matters I understand the committee have in fair shape. Many railroads today are operating over lands without good title, but we don't want the Astoria railroad engineers to undergo any shotgun experience."

J. T. ROSS,

Of Ross, Higgins & Co., said that as a business man he most certainly favored the Scow Bay location, for a depot site, and trusted that the arrangements would soon be completed for securing it. "The city surely ought to make good its proposition, and those who cannot afford to donate should be compensated."

The next gentleman approached was

E. A. SEELEY,

Agent of the White Collar Line, who was most emphatic in his statement that Astoria should lose no time in making good its moral obligation to furnish adequate depot grounds for the railroad. "Seattle gave Jim Hill, at the time he built the Great Northern into that city, all, and more water frontage than was asked for. Astoria can not afford to delay this matter longer. Alderbrook people came to the front early in the game and a fine site is open to Mr. Hammond, any time he wants to accept it, for all the terminal facilities and depot room he needs on the water frontage. The citizens who are anxious to have a more central location should not delay matters any longer. Personally, I am willing to do anything in my power to promote the general good, but am perfectly willing to see the depot go to Alderbrook or Tongue Point."

When questioned upon the subject the

HON. C. W. FULTON

Said: "I own some property in the neighborhood of Scow Bay, or the Clatsop Mill, and am perfectly willing to donate a lot towards reimbursing the waterfront owners who cannot afford to give their property. That is pre-eminently the place for the depot, and the question should be settled at once. It will hold up the values of property and prevent their shifting and will keep the town as it is. There are those owning property on the proposed depot site who cannot afford to give it, as it comprises nearly all of their fortunes, but the owners of contiguous property are equally interested, and should no longer hesitate to come to the front."

WALTER ROBB,

Of the firm of Robb & Parker, thinks there is but one site for a depot, and that is the Clatsop Mill location. "The question ought to be settled immediately. It has been delayed much too long. I own property all over the city, but think the depot should be in the center. I will give a lot towards securing it and am satisfied that others will do the same. Now that Mr. Hammond is here the matter should be closed at once—it ought to have been fixed long ago."

"What is your opinion of the delay in the depot site location?" was asked of

MR. B. VAN DUSEN.

"I think it ought to havesbeen settled long ago. You know my sentiments on this subject. The matter is settled, so far as Alderbrook and Tongue Point people are concerned. Mr. Hammond can have anything he wants for a depot site in Alderbrook from the Eagle Cannery to the John Days. In my opinion, in view of the new growth of this city, that is the place for a depot. Business is bound to go that way, and there is a grand opportunity for the building of a practically new town. Look at the magnificent park site and residence lots! Here is where the business man can combine art and pleasure with the daily grind, and I think it will be to the advantage of the railroad to locate its main depot there, and believe that the city will be immensely more benfitted in the long run than if the depot is located further down town."

JUDGE BOWLBY

Said that he had faith in the scheme being accomplished for locating the depot at the Clatsop Mill site. "Some of the Adairs, Welches, Kinneys, myself and others have already donated parts of the site and practically there remain only two water-front owners who will now have to be reimbursed. The whole town, really, is interested in securing this site and ought to come to the front at once rather than see the depot located elsewhere. I don't believe that Mr. Hammond will wait very much longer for us to decide, and if the Clatsop Mill location is not arranged for Uppertown will surely get it, and that in short order. To a much greater extent than is realized, the site of the depot is an important factor in the future growth and prosperity of the city, and we cannot afford to make a mistake in its selection."

The builder of the railroad, Mr. A. B. Hammond, arrived in Astoria yesterday, and was questioned in regard to the depot and other matters. In reply he said: "I am here

TO WORK, NOT TO TALK.

"Since I left here in September, we have expended something over $400,000, or more than the $50,000 per month demanded; a force of 300 men has been kept at work and I find that very expensive work has been done on the Young's bay bridge, which could have better been done another time, but the company was determined to act in good faith. Ten thousand tons, or the full complement of steel rails for the entire line, have been purchased, of which 2000 tons are now afloat and the balance being loaded, and I am ready to contract for the building of the balance of the road to be finished this, year, although the contract gives us until June, 1898. I am rather surprised, however, to find that the right of way matters and depot site question are about where I left them last September. There are several gaps right in the city where the right of way is yet unsecured, and to say nothing of a number of miles outside of the city. Our engineers cannot jump a man's property and build a railroad on it unless they have the right to do so. Those who are anxious to have construction forwarded through the city might do well to take a hand in getting some of the affairs straightened out, and then you can sell lots and do business, and all work can go on together. If the citizens want a proper depot and terminal facilities it might be well to take some definite action towards securing a site, as construction cannot wait much longer on indefinite propositions. If a location is not had in the center of the city we shall no doubt accept the Tongue Point proposition.

"As to a city park, while the question is important to every city and is one which ought to have your attention, I consider the depot and right of way matters of more immediate importance. I can say though, at the risk of being accused of personal motives, that I heartily endorse all that the Astorian has said concerning Tongue Point, as a location for a public park.

WILL COIN SILVER

The Bullion on Hand Shortly to Be Put Into Circulation.

About Eighteen Millions of Dollars, All the Bullion Now in the Treasury, Will Be Coined.

Washington, Jan. 21.—About Feb. 10 the treasury department will resume the coinage of silver dollars and continue until about $18,000,000 has been coined. When the administration came in there was in the treasury about $29,000,000 in silver dollars, coined from bullion under the act of 1890 and available for the redemption of treasury notes issued in payment of the bullion purchase.

Since August, 1893, about $18,000,000 of these notes have been redeemed in silver dollars and cancelled.

The secretary has now decided to coin from the bullion now on hand, and purchased under the act of 1890, about $18,000,000, which will restore the amount of dollars in the treasury to what it was March 4, 1893. The average cost of the silver bullion purchased under the Sherman act was 71½ cents on the dollar, which leaves a gain or seignorage of 28½ cents on the dollar. At this rate the seignorage on the $18,000,000 to be coined would be $5,130,000, which will be accounted for in the available cash on hand, increasing it by that amount.

RECIPROCITY CLAUSE.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The effect of the operation of the reciprocity clause in the tariff act of 1890, repealed by the present tariff law, will probably be made the subject of an inquiry by the committee on ways and means or by the sub-committee of which Representative Hopkins, of Illinois, is chairman. The suggestion was made at the meeting yesterday by Representative Tawney, of Minnesota. Speaking of his proposition, Mr. Tawney said: "I told Messrs. Dingley and Hopkins that in my opinion it would be a good thing for the committee to invite before it representatives of the several interests affected by the enactment of the reciprocity clause in the McKinley tariff of 1890, and again by its repeal by the Wilson-Gorman law of 1894. Their statements would tend to settle the disputed question of the effects of the reciprocity treaties, and of their annulment. From their statements the committee could determine whether or not it would be wise or expedient or both to re-enact the provision. This would not require nor involve a general revision of the tariff law; the inquiry and action could and would be confined, so far as I am concerned, to the single subject of reciprocal custome relations with those countries whose markets we might desire to enter. Messrs. Dingley and Hopkins seemed to be favorably impressed with my suggestion, and I expect that it will be carried out."

THE MARKETS.

Portland, Jan. 21.—Wheat, quiet, but firm; Walla Walla, 56½; Valley, 60c per bushel.

Business is restricted by the stiff views of shipowners.

Liverpool, Jan. 21.—Wheat, firm; demand, firm; No. 2 red winter, 5s 6d; No. 2 red spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 5½d; No. 1 California, 5s 7d.

Hops at London, Pacific Coast, £2 5d.

Hammock bearers in China receive from 10 cents to 30 cents a day.

Best Washing Powder on earth. Large size, 20 cents. Soap Foam.

DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Pacific Cable Company's Bill Will Be Reported Favorably.

READY IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS

The Senate Put Aside Finance and Foreign Affairs and Worked on Minor Bills on the Calendar.

Washington, Jan. 21.—From the action of the house committee on commerce today, there seems to be little doubt that the bill authorizing the Pacific Cable Co. to lay a cable from the Pacific coast to the Hawaiian Islands and Japan will be favorable. It is proposed by the company to have the cable working to the Hawaiian Islands in eighteen months and completed to Japan in three years.

The bill to be drafted will reduce this time. The subsidy asked is $180,000 a year for a term of twenty years, the government to have free use of the cable in that time. In the course of the discussion it was argued that the subsidy was too large, in view of the estimated cost of the work—$6,500,000 to $7,000,000—and the probable amount of government business, which the committee estimated at from $30,000 to $30,000. The bill to be framed will probably reduce the subsidy. Rates between the United States and the island of Ohua shall not exceed 75 cents per word, and $1.50 to Japan and China; also, that after twenty years government messages shall be carried at press rates, not to exceed one quarter of these rates.

The senate put aside finance and foreign affairs today and gave the day to work on private and minor bills on the calendar. About seven bills were passed. They were as follows:

Settling the claims of United States Indian Agent Marston; granting to the Columbia and Red Mountain Co. a right of way through the Colville Indian reservation, Washington; pensioning the widow of Major-General Carroll at $75 monthly, and the widow of Lieutenant Frederick Schwatka, the Arctic explorer, at $30 monthly; increasing the pension of the widow of Colonel Frederick Dent, sister of President Grant, from $30 to $50 monthly; pensioning the widow of Brevet Major General Doubleday at $100 monthly, and amending the act authorizing the Oregon and Washington Bridge Company to construct a bridge across the Columbia river between Oregon and the State of Washington.

The house today passed the urgent deficiency bill. The bill carries $4,615,922, of which $2,542,532 was for expenses of the United States courts. The abnormal growth of expenses under the fee system of the courts came in for a good deal of criticism, and there was a general expression in favor of the salary system.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

Truly Shattuck Flys to Avoid Testifying Against Her Mother.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Truly Shattuck, the young actress, has fled to avoid testifying against her mother, who is being tried for the murder of Harry Poole. Truly was the chief witness against her mother during the first trial, as Mrs. Shattuck shot the young man on account of his attentions to her daughter, and it was proved that Truly, at the command of her mother, wrote Poole a note which summoned him to her house the day he was shot. Miss Shattuck has accepted an engagement to sing in a Great Falls, Montana, theatre, and she sailed for Portland Sunday. The trial was postponed today by Judge Belcher, who directed the police to apprehend the missing witness. The chief of police at Portland was wired to intercept her.

Portland, Jan. 21.—Chief of Police Minto met Miss Shattuck on the arrival of the steamer today. As the girl is not under bonds, and is not a fugitive from justice, Chief Minto has no authority to arrest her. He informed the San Francisco authorities to that effect.

IN MEMORY OF LINCOLN.

New York, Jan. 21.—The American Missionary Association, whose jubilee is to be celebrated in Boston next October, is issuing a variety of circulars, appeals and historical documents, urging Congregational churches, Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor societies throughout the United States to observe February 16 as "Abraham Lincoln's Memorial Sabbath." This association has schools and churches among the Chinese on the Pacific coast, the Eskimos in Alaska, the Indians in the West, and the mountaineers and negroes in the South. The fields of labor which have the closest relations to Abraham Lincoln are the mountain whites, from whom he came, and the negroes, whom he emancipated.

OFFICERS EXONERATED.

Port Townsend, Jan. 21.—The decision of the board of inquiry, convened by the British consul to inquire into the loss of the ship Janet Cowan, on Vancouver Island, December 31, exonerates the officers of the vessel from all responsibility.

None of the witnesses could testify that Captain Thompson was drunk the night of the disaster, and the testimony that he was drunk previously was ruled out.

The board decided that the cause of the wreck was the elements, and not the incompetency of the officers.

TREASURY LOSSES.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The treasury today lost $2,500,000 in gold bars for export; $68,000 in coin, and $14,000 in jewelers' bars, making the total loss for the day $2,582,000. This reduces the gold reserve to $50,796,120.

The assessed valuation of the property in this district is about $30,000 lower than usual, and the same amount of school tax apprised this year will amount to considerable more in the way of mills to the dollar. The school should proceed without cessation, except for necessary vacations. The number of pupils are greater than ever, the four rooms being crowded, and another teacher is needed; in fact, more room is needed and will be necessary very shortly. The taxpayers will have to bear these things in mind next Saturday when making the new levy.—Headlight.

They were talking about the various methods of celebrating the passing of the old year and the coming of the new. "Did you ever dance the old year out and the new year in?" he asked. "Yes, indeed, scores of times," was the reply; and then she was sorry she spoke.—Tit-Bits.

Having Hoe Cake Soap in your kitchen or bath once means always.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE.

People of the Province of Yunnan Incited to Murder Missionaries.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—The steamer Coptic, from Yokohama, brings advices to January 5. The China mail says:

"Another proclamation of the vilest nature has been posted throughout the province of Yunnan, inciting people to murder all missionaries, against whom disgusting and disgraceful charges are reiterated. The matter is of the gravest importance, and the whole of the powers ought to insist upon the punishment of the officials of the province."

The Japan Gazette says three Coreans, tried for complicity in the murder of the Corean queen, were found guilty December 28 and hanged the same evening. Pak Son, one of the trio, was found guilty of having cut down the Queen's body, pouring oil upon the remains and then cremating the body.

HARD LINES FOR SHOLTO.

Thrashed by an Orchestra Leader in Oroville, Cal.

Oroville, Cal., Jan. 21.—Lord Sholto Douglass, son of the Marquis of Queensberry, is not having an easy time as manager of a theatrical troupe. His company played here last evening. When Lady Douglass, nee Mooney, gave her song and dance act, Lord Douglass rushed upon the stage, crying: "My wife cannot sing to such music as that." The audience hissed, and today the leader of the orchestra, meeting Douglass on the street, asked if he wanted trouble. Lord Douglass answered in the negative, whereupon the musician attacked Douglass, striking him as he was entering his carriage. Lady Douglass made a great outcry, and both Douglass and the musician were arrested. Douglass was subsequently released and the orchestra leader held for trial.

JUSTICE FIELD.

He Says His Health Is Good and He Will Not Retire.

Washington, Jan. 21.—When Justice Field was asked today regarding the report that he would retire at the end of this term, he said:

"No such statement has been authorized by me. Of course, a man at my time of life may retire at any time. If my health should not permit me to attend to my duties easily, I should not hesitate to leave the bench, but as long as I can attend to these duties with ease I have no intention of retiring. At the present my health is very good, but should I again be ill, as I was last year, I should not hesitate to retire."

MUST PAY THE DEBTS.

Individual Stockholders of Defunct Banks Are Responsible.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—The supreme court rendered an important decision today, declaring that stockholders of the defunct Pacific Bank are individually liable for the debts of the corporation. The decision was rendered in the suit of Matthew McGowan, as assignee of numerous creditors of the bank, against the stockholders.

NO MENACE INTENDED

British Flying Squadron Prepared for Any Emergency.

Its Disposition Will Be Guided by Naval and Not Political Considerations--Neighbors Not Be Alarmed.

London, Jan. 21.—Rt. Hon. G. J. Goshen, first lord of the admiralty, in addressing the conservatives at East Greenston tonight, declared that no menace to any country was intended by the formation of the flying squadron.

"It will be ready," he continued, "for any emergency, and will remain under the orders of the admiralty rather than of the foreign office. The disposition of it will be guided by naval and not political considerations.

"While the political situation remains as it is, I beg humbly, if they hear that the squadron has been sent to any particular quarter, not to imagine that the motive is necessarily a menace against our neighbors or our rivals.

"For the present it is to proceed to Beer Haven and wait for further orders. At present it is not intended to organize a second squadron."

HON. CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.

Declares Himself on "Patriotism and Jongoism; the Lawyers' Duty."

Albany, Jan. 21.—The annual session of the State Bar Association opened here tonight. The address of the evening was delivered by Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, on "Patriotism and Jingoism; the Lawyers' Duty."

The position taken by the speaker was that international war should go the way of the individual duel. He proposed that the lawyers of this country and Great Britain address themselves to the task of educating the people to the adoption or peaceful arbitration in matters of dispute. He said:

"Only one power keeps the nations of Europe from instantly declaring war. Bankers and business men have become arbiters between nations. The only two nations which may be said to be free from this thralldom, because of their wealth, their commerce and credit, are the United States and England."

WELLINGTON NOMINATED.

Annapolis, Jan. 21.—Congressman Geo. L. Wellington was today nominated by the Republican members of the legislature to succeed Charles H. Gibson in the United States senate.

HE IS STILL SENATOR.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 21.—Senator Allison was elected to succeed himself in the United States senate by the igeislature today.

BRITAIN WILL YIELD

Way Prepared for Arbitration of the Venezuelan Question.

TO BE A GRACEFUL BACKDOWN

The Entering Wedge Will Probably Be a Direct Agreement Between the Disputants for Mediation.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Aside from the leisurely manner in which the Venezuelan commission is arranging to prosecute its work, there are other indications that the administration has become convinced that this august body will not have the honor of settling the great boundary dispute. While it cannot be stated positively that this belief is based entirely upon any specific reports from Ambassador Bayard upon the subject, yet there is reason to believe that the matter will be terminated shortly, probably within two months or before a report can reasonably be expected from the Venezuelan commission, and upon lines that will be unobjectionable to our government.

While details of the arrangement are not obtaniable, and perhaps have not yet been fixed, it is believed the basis of it will be arbitration as proposed originally by the United States, but with a limitation that will suffice at least to save British pride and appear to maintain British consistency. This is likely to be found in an agreement between Great Britain and Venezuela directly, brought about through the good offices of a third party, not necessarily or probably the United States, to submit to a joint commission the question of the title to all territory west of the Schomburgk line, with a proviso that if in the course of the inquiry of the commission evidence appears to touch the British title to the lands lying to the eastward of that line, the body may extend its functions to adjudicate such title.

This arrangement will meet the British contention that the original arbitration shall be limited to lands to the westward of the line, while still conceding the justice of the contention of President Cleveland, that the lands on the other side may properly be taken into consideration in fixing the boundary. Possibly a supplementary arbitration will be left to deal with the question as to the title of the eastward lands, of the original commission dealing with the matter shall find that the title to the lands is a fit subject for arbitration as shown by the evidence produced before it.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Arrangements Perfected for Its Session at St. Louis, Mo.

St. Louis, Jan. 21.—The National Republican Committee's sub-committee, after a two-days' session here, finally completed its business, signed a contract with the Businessmen's League for the care of the national convention, to be held June 16 next, and adjourned sine die this evening.

Joseph Manley, chairman of the subcommittee, said arrangements had been perfected for the convention to the entire satisfaction of all. The citizens of St. Louis are to bear the entire expense attending the convention. Each member of the national committee is to bear his own personal expense. The citizens' committee, however, will provide rooms for the meeting of the national committee, for the transaction of its official business in connection with the convention. Manley said he was authorized to say for every member of the sub-committee that the selection of any particular candidate for sergeant at arms has no significance regarding the presidential contest.

When completed, it is estimated that the hall which is being erected for this occasion, will seat at least 15,000 people.

FATAL GAS EXPLOSION.

Three Killed and Four Wounded at New Haven, Conn.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 21.—Three men were killed and four received serious injuries today by the explosion of gas in the four-story building owned by English & Mersick and occupied by the owners, who are engaged in the manufacture of carriage hardware, and Pfleger & Co., hardware manufacturers. The explosion set the building on fire and it was destroyed, with the greater part of its contents, the loss amounting to about $100,000. There were about forty people in the building at the time of the accident.

Following is a list of the casualties:

Dead—Joseph Hauser, machinist; William Stevens, bookkeeper; Toof, workman.

Injured—James T. McNeill, machinist, badly cut about the head and shoulders; F. Pfleger, badly burned; Alexis Kreb, foreman, burned about the head and upper portion of the body; Frank C. Richter, laborer, bruised and cut.

MAKING IT UNIVERSAL.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 21.—It is stated that a rupture between Brazil and Italy is imminent, owing to Brazil's tardiness in satisfying Italian claims arising out of the civil war in Brazil. It is reported that the warship Benjamin Constant has started to occupy the island of Trinidade. The Constant is a protected Brazilian cruiser of 2750 tons displacement.

PRISONERS CAPTURED.

Portland, Jan. 21.—Con Kelliher, Frank Zands and Mike O'Brien, the three prisoners who escaped from the county jail Friday, were captured today near Scappoose, Columbia county.

UTAH'S SENATORS.

Salt Lake, Jan. 21.—Frank J. Cannon and Arthur Brown were elected to the United States senate with but two dissenting votes among the Republican members of the legislature today. Senator Brown, among other things said: "One of my greatest aims will be to hoist the cause of silver at the needed ratio of 16 to 1."

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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ABSOLUTELY PURE