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A COMPLETE FAILURE

Meeting of Citizens on the Depot Site Question Accomplished Nothing.

COST OF NECESSARY TRACTS Could Not Be Obtained and Everybody at Sea-Owens Not Present and No One Authorized to Speak for Them—New Committee Appointed.

The meeting of citizens called for last night to consider the depot site question was a distinct failure, so far as arriving at any solution of this matter was concerned. About 250 citizens were present and amongst them were many large property owners. Little enthusiasm was awakened, although in some of the addresses considerable interest was manifested. When it was learned that the committee could not give any definite figures as to the cost of the outstanding tracts, that are necessary to be secured in order to complete the site, that the owner of the largest tract, Mr. H. H. Welch, was not even present at the meeting, and that so far as known he still persisted in his refusal to put any price whatever on this property, a damper was thrown upon the meeting from which it did not rally.

Judge Howley called the meeting to order and an organization was effected by electing the Hon. C. W. Fulton, chairman and J. E. Higgins secretary. Chairman Fulton, in a forcible address, explained the objects of the meeting. He said in part: "We are here to devise ways and means to secure the location of a depot site. A special committee has been working on this matter for some time. Everybody feels that the proposition should be settled, but what is everybody's business in nobody's business. The delay in building back work on the railroad and holding back the town. Today we have a railroad—it is going to be built, and I believe it will be built. To gain the greatest benefit we must have a depot at an advantageous place. We cannot go to sleep because the road is assured. The railroad can do its business just as well across the bay at Astoria, but that would be a serious drawback to the city and unsettle established values. We cannot expect the owners of property in the bay to go it all. But they can put reasonable prices on their property. I have some property in that vicinity which I will give, and no doubt others will do the same. All are alike interested. We don't want to see the depot located out of town."

Judge Howley then made a full statement of the condition of affairs, but could not give the exact price demanded for the property necessary to be secured. Mr. M. J. Kinney was called upon for remarks, but said that he could only endorse the statement by Judge Howley.

Mayor Taylor responded to a call and said that he did not see how anything could be done until it was possible to know how much property had been secured, how much is wanted, and how much will be asked for it. "There has been an impression on the part of many that the ground asked for by the railroad company is too large for a depot site for terminal facilities is too great, but I do not think so. If they are only asking for 250 feet, that will hardly be too much, but it will be better to have more ground. The depot site throughout the country are larger. I am sure that the depot grounds at all stations on the Southern Pacific, between Portland and San Francisco, are 250 feet long, and those of the Northern Pacific are even larger. The depot site at Astoria, the better improvement the railroad will make; the better the improvements the better it is for the owners."

The committee has done all they can, and now it is time for the citizens to take a hand. A depot site must be had, and it has got to be. How long it will take to get it, we do not know. Let us take a fresh hold and make a new start. Mr. Heyman said: "How Bay is the place for the depot. I have one block there and have given one lot. Why don't our neighbors come in? We can't expect a poor man to give much, but those who own all or doors should come up and say: 'Here, take a few lots. We have a railroad for forty years. What do you want to do with them? There is an old saying that, no matter how high a chicken roosts, it has to get down to earth. We are here to get down to earth. J. W. Welch made some pertinent remarks and stated that he wished this was a town where a city council could simply vote the depot and then assess the property to pay for it. Mr. Brennan Van Dusen perhaps made the most eloquent address of the evening, and a number of the audience were heard to remark that if all Astorians possessed his spirit the railroad and depot would have been built years ago. Among other things he said: "I am somewhat disappointed in this meeting tonight. We seem to be no further advanced than when the meeting closed Thursday. I thought that a committee had been appointed to draft a plan of procedure, and suggest some definite means of accomplishing our object. Three or four years ago we were praying for an A. B. Hammond. Now that he is here, we don't get behind him and push him forward to that success which will insure our own prosperity. When we were asked for the right way, we thought we could not raise it, but when we found we had to, we got it. We can do the same thing now on this question. If we don't we will realize our folly in two or three years hence. We have much to do besides securing the depot. If we expect to make this a great port."

Mr. J. B. Copeland spoke for the merchants and urged all to join hands with the rest. He said he was willing to donate his share and spoke of his experiences in other places where much more had to be done than in Astoria to secure a railroad. H. L. Boyle made a spirited address in which he advocated that the committee should let the people know they were willing to receive property at Alderbrook, Smith's Point, across the bay, in

Portland or anywhere else. They can't trade it or sell it and raise funds for this one great object. On motion Judge Taylor, Max Young, and B. Van Dusen were added to the committee already existing for the purpose of securing the site. On motion of Judge Howley unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Prof. N. H. Rogers for the use of the opera house as his donation to the enterprise. From all that transpired during the evening it appeared that the meeting was a failure, because no figures could be obtained as to the cost of the tracts of land that were needed to the depot site, the principal tracts being the one owned by D. H. Welch and the Mrs. H. H. Welch. Since it is so well understood that Mr. Hammond will not accept the site unless it is complete, it would appear to all that it is useless to daily lounge with our hands on our hips, and leave tonight for Portland, where it is understood, and although the committee has been continued the results of last night's meeting give little hope for the future.

FOR ASTORIA.

Among the visitors in the city yesterday was Captain U. R. Root, the veteran steamboatman of the Columbia, and president of the Whig Club. The captain took in the sights of the city, visited the proposed locations for a depot, and said that he was more than pleased with the progress of affairs in Astoria. The captain has a warm place in his heart for this city. To an Astorian representative he said: "I don't care where you put the depot, just so it pleases Astorians and is for their best interests. The White Collar Line is for Astoria, but last night I was ready to do all in its power in the future to advance your welfare, as it has done in the past. I can never forget the time when the old Telephone building was the river's support! Alderbrook, and the heroic efforts of large citizens to help us save life and property, nothing in our power is too great to do that will in any way forward the growth of your city or the happiness and content of your people. Several other interesting things were said by the captain. He said that the time of your prosperity is at hand. A new era in the annals of the history of the lower Columbia has dawned. It may not be long before the city of Astoria will be a great city. I believe that all of the conditions are now ripe. Mr. Hammond has a long head, and whatever he has undertaken to do, we trust he will carry out. "Yes, I have not been to visit you very often this winter, but will come more frequently now that the weather is better, and I hope at some time in the distant future to ride into town on a brand new railroad, and step off of a grand train into a brand new New Bay depot."

DATA ABOUT VENEZUELA.

Prof. Burr, of Cornell University, to Aid the United States Commission. Ithaca, N. Y., March 12.—The commission on the Venezuelan boundary appointed by the president has invited George Lincoln Burr, professor of medieval history in Cornell university, to aid the commission as historical expert. The commission is studying the history of the boundary between the United States and Venezuela. Prof. Burr is asked to furnish data from the history of the period for the correct interpretation of the treaty.

Several other historical questions are confronting the commission, one of them being the extent of the main settlements north of the Cuyuni by the Franciscans, and the extent of the Dutch settlements of the Cuyuni. Several consultations with President Schurman, Prof. Burr decided to undertake the work, and after spending two days looking up historical sources, he will start on his journey Sunday evening for Washington to carry out his investigation in the national archives.

WAR.

Grow Less Sanitary With Improvement in Firearms. Exchange. At every period in the history of the world, the progress of war has been marked by the discovery of new weapons. The discovery of gunpowder, it was believed, would make such havoc among soldiers that they would soon be practically annihilated, and so war would no longer be an event of the past. But the greatest wars of the world's history have been fought since that discovery.

When breech-loading rifles came into use peace philosophers were a unit in their conclusion that it was time to beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, but the breech-loader is an old-fashioned weapon now, compared with the Mauser rifle, the improved rapid-fire gun used by the Spanish troops in Cuba. According to the latest report from the fighting that was done at Gardena, the Spaniards fired at least 2,000 shots for every insurgent reported killed, and it is said that this ratio of Mauser gun shots to muskets and spears is good throughout the history of the Cuban war. The Gatling and the Maxim guns that were prominent in the early days of the war were in use for a period running through several years, and still the war raged on, and soldiers live. The fact is, wars appear to grow less sanitary in proportion as more energy is put in the weapons. They are carried on at longer range.

A TEMPTATION OVERCOME. A thirty-looking man wandered into a State street saloon the other evening, three 15 cents down on the counter, and said huskily: "Gimme a big glass." The bartender and a large tumbler were placed in front of him, and he began to pour out a drink. When the tumbler was half full he stopped and looked at it as if estimating the quantity as compared with the size of his thirst. He resumed pouring, and slowly added the glass to within half an inch of the top. The bartender hastily took off his coat and removed his collar, an necktie, and then hesitated. "No," he finally said, putting on the garments again. "I'd like first rate to go in swimming with you, but it's too blamed cold!"—Chicago Tribune.

TRY, TRY AGAIN.

Philadelphia Post. "Dear God," prayed a little Church street middle last evening, "make a good little girl out of me, and if at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

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

DAV'S DOINGS AT WASHINGTON

Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections Favors Election of Senators by Direct Vote.

SENATOR COCKRELL ON SILVER

How Said It Was the Ablest Speech He Ever Heard—Fetter Wants Another Holiday—No Quarrel and Partial Proceedings in the House.

Washington, March 12.—At a full meeting of the committee on privileges and elections, the Senate yesterday, the chairman, was authorized to report his joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States, providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. The vote was five to four in favor of the amendment, three Republicans and two Democrats voting in the affirmative and two Democrats and two Republicans voting against it.

Washington, March 12.—The excitement of the Cuban debate in the senate gave way to Cockrell today, his elaborate speech on the financial question occupying four hours. Cockrell's speech was an elaborate presentation of the financial question from the silver standpoint, so eloquent that Howley stated it was the ablest silver speech he had ever listened to. Cockrell occasionally left his arguments for very sharp personal criticisms on Secretary Carlisle by a coincidence, also, Sir Julian Pauncefote was in the gallery when Cockrell closed his speech with the statement that if we were to be subjected to English money interests, we should haul down old glory, raise the gold standard and cry aloud, "Long live the queen of Great Britain and Empress of India."

Washington, March 12.—The senate held executive session today for the purpose of considering several nominations which have been held back almost since the beginning of the session, and against which opposition was made because the nominees were not residents of the state in which they were appointed. The nomination of Geo. H. Newman, of Tennessee, to be Indian agent at the Colville agency in Washington, was taken up and confirmed, the vote being 25 to 10. This case was not considered until before, on February 3, when there was a tie vote, 25 to 25. It was, however, restored to the calendar on motion to the order of business. The nomination of Newman, and were supported by Senator Hill.

Washington, March 12.—In the senate today Peter presented a petition from General Hugh Cameron, of Douglas county, Kansas, asking for a day of the fifth of April a national holiday, it being the day on which "The King of the Pacific" (Montezuma) was captured and crucified, April 2, A. D. 1539. He concluded his splendid victory over the grave.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS

Washington, March 12.—All the proceedings of the house in the night session, which was to have been under the rules to private pension bills, were unexpectedly blocked by Erdman, who insisted that no question be considered until a resolution was adopted directing the arrest of the absentees, and the sergeant-at-arms was directed to bring in the members of the house, who were not present. A resolution was adopted directing the arrest of the absentees, and the sergeant-at-arms was directed to bring in the members of the house, who were not present. A resolution was adopted directing the arrest of the absentees, and the sergeant-at-arms was directed to bring in the members of the house, who were not present.

Washington, March 12.—After two days' debate the house, by a vote of 113 to 39, passed the bill to amend the act of March 4, 1878, providing for the election of the fourth Alabama district, and decided his Republican opponent, W. F. Aldrich, was elected and entitled to the seat. All the Republicans, with the exception of White, and the Populists and three Democrats, Cobb, Dockery and Dearmond, voted for the majority report. The fifty-nine votes against the report were cast with one exception, by Democrats. The case furnished the Republicans with material for airing their views on Southern elections, it being admitted by the minority that fraudulent ballots to the extent of over 100 were cast for the contest in Dallas county. Dismore, who closed the debate for the minority today, claimed that the Republicans proceeded on the erroneous assumption that all negroes in the South voted the Republican ticket. Robbins was a member of the last house. Before the case was taken up the house passed bills requiring officers of American steamers to be citizens of the United States, and repealing the laws exempting from tonnage duties vessels from countries which extend similar exemptions to our vessels.

SAILORS WILL STRIVE

Demand for Better Wages Must Be Accepted in San Francisco. San Francisco, March 12.—An afternoon paper says: "The annual strike of sailors is expected to take place in less than ten days. Unless ship owners accede to the demands of the sailors' union for more pay this year will certainly be fiercer than ever. Sailors are becoming scarce. Most of those who were idle all winter have gone to sea, and are preparing to go, so that, within the next three weeks, there will be few or no idle sailors along the waterfront. Just as soon as those men get away, sailors of the coastwise trade will ask for better wages. The sailors claim that this season will see the establishment of the union on a basis that will not be interfered with again by ship-owners."

NO SENATOR FOR KENTUCKY

Dunlap Refuses to Qualify and His Action Prevents Election of a Republican.

DEMOCRATS TO COMPROMISE

Work Begun by Senator Stevens Offering a Motion to Reconsider the Action of Senate in Expelling James and Walton.

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