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MORTGAGE SALE OF 600 Commercial St. It will pay you to take advantage of this forced sale - YOU SAVE 33 TO 50 PER CENT AT THE OREGON TRADING CO. Hats, Etc.

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A SUCCESSFUL DAY'S OUTING

Six Hundred School Children Enjoy the Clam Bake at Gearhart.

THREE CHEERS AND A TIGER

Given with a Hearty Will for Doctor Kinney and the Railroad—Why Not Make it a Feature of Vacations?

If there is anyone in Astoria who doubts the reality of childhood's happy hours, he should have accompanied the school children's excursion to Gearhart yesterday. Six hundred rollicking, laughing, bright children, accompanied by fifty teachers and parents, under the direction of School Clerk Ferguson and Professor Wright boarded the 7:50 and 10:20 trains yesterday morning on pleasure bent.

Arrived at Gearhart, the trains were met by Dr. Kinney and a large detachment of campers and hotel people. Within five minutes the children were scattered all through the Park, and soon the most of them were wading on the beach. At 2 o'clock they formed in platoons and made their way to the clam bake in the grove on the banks of the beautiful Nequamum.

On the outward bound trip an amusing incident occurred which caused many smiles. As Conductor Walker was collecting tickets, he came to one section where a goodly-sized lady, who was larger than her mother, was in charge of half a dozen little tots.

Such episodes as this in the life of a child are long remembered, and to those who attempt to plant a few flowers along the pathway of the rising generation, will always come the happiest recollections of life.

OAK POINT IN DANGER

The Great Forest Fire Up the River is Still Raging.

Oak Point, August 29.—The forest fire is now within three hundred yards of Oak Point, and there is lots of timber to feed it. If the wind should change to northwest it will make a wide sweep of everything. It is only just learned that the Leroy Davidson place is clean-cut completely. He had a nice ranch in the timber. In case the wind changes to the east it will put the House and Eureka canneries in great danger. If it should switch to the north from northwest, it will sweep Oak Point, including the saw mill and every other building. Nothing has been heard of the men who stayed to fight the fire at Benson's camp last night. The few people who have reached Oak Point only saved the clothing on their backs. The locomotives and donkey engines belonging to the mill here have been placed out on some beaver dam land, but there is now every probability they will be lost.

A benefit has been arranged to take place at Fisher's Opera House. It is said, for Prof. J. N. Beggs, in recognition of his efforts to promote amusements in this city.

UNITED ACTION IS NECESSARY

Present Method of Self-Slander Can Only Kill Our Material Progress.

SUICIDAL POLICY MUST STOP

Those Who Cannot Help Along Astoria's Enterprise Should at least not Make False Representations.

Editor Astorian:—For more than twenty years the people of Astoria have endeavored to induce some one with capital to construct a railroad connecting the city with the various railroads of the Pacific Northwest. First congress was induced to pass an act making a large land grant of many thousand acres along the line of a proposed road from Forest Grove in Washington county by way of the Nehalem Valley to Astoria, but the inducement was not sufficient to enlist capital in the enterprise, and the grant was finally, after many years, declared forfeited; then subsidies of land, in and around Astoria, were raised and offered to whomsoever would build the road; but without success until many of us almost despaired of seeing the desired road built for years yet to come.

In November, 1894, Messrs. Bonner and Hammond, of Montana, were induced to come to Astoria and look over the situation. A subsidy of lands had been raised, which would revert to the original owners if a contract for the construction of the railroad was not entered into, by or before the first of the January following. The negotiations with Bonner and Hammond resulted in their contracting with our representatives on December 1st, 1894, to construct a railroad from Astoria to a connection with the Northern Pacific Railroad at Goble, in Columbia county.

At the time of entering into said contract Mr. Hammond stated that they were commencing at the wrong end of the enterprise, that they should have first arranged the financial part of the undertaking, and then, if they had been successful, enter into the contract for the construction of the road; but owing to the fact that the lands would revert to the owners on the first of January following, they would reverse the order of business, enter into the contract first, and then undertake to raise the money. At the time the contract was entered into, we were in the midst of the greatest business and financial depression known to the people of this country in this generation, and predictions came thick and fast, from railroad people and financiers, that Bonner and Hammond would fail in their undertaking. They, however, believed in it, and left immediately after the contract was executed for New York to look after the financial part of the enterprise. How impatiently we waited, for four long months, hoping from day to day, to hear that they had been successful, and how despondent we grew, on one or two occasions, when it was rumored that they were unsuccessful, and had abandoned the attempt. We were used to defeat, but this seemed our last hope, and what consolation it was to hear those who knew Mr. Hammond say that they would not believe he had failed until he came to Astoria and admitted it.

About the first of April Mr. Hammond returned and informed us that he could not raise the money necessary for use in the construction of the road on the contract he had signed with us, but said that with certain changes therein he could and would build the road. How readily we agreed to the changes asked for in the contract by Mr. Hammond, and with what satisfaction we saw him purchase of \$50,000 therefor, paying upwards of \$20,000 therefor, and enter upon the construction of the main line to Goble. Since that time, the work has been pushed steadily forward, the Seaside road has been put in good repair, new, commodious cars have been placed thereon, the road has been extended into the city upon as fine a trestle as was ever built for any railroad, ten miles of road bed, between this city and Goble has been completed, and the remainder of the grading of the entire road is under contract, the rails for the road have been bought, and are, at this time, being discharged at this port. In short, Mr. Hammond and his associates are now building from Astoria to Goble the best railroad on the Pacific coast. All of the work being done by them is of the very best quality, and they are laying a 75-pound steel rail.

Notwithstanding that all this has been done and is being done, in the midst of the hardest times this country has ever seen, a portion of the press of this city and some of our citizens seem to delight in speaking disparagingly of Mr. Hammond and of the work he is doing here. They speak of the work as being inferior, and would lead strangers to believe that a little "one-horse" road is being built to connect Astoria with the railroad world, when, in fact, it will when completed, be the best road on the Pacific coast. This

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DRUMMERS WILL SUPPORT M'KINLEY

Commercial Travellers Are Addressed by the Sound Money Candidate.

GERMANS PLEDGE SUPPORT

A Thousand German-Americans From Cleveland Call Upon Mr. McKinley and Assure Him of Their Cordial Support.

Canton, Ohio, August 29.—A thousand German-Americans of Cleveland met this afternoon and made one of the most impressive and enthusiastic delegations that has yet come to Canton. They finished in splendid style the magnificent demonstration of the day, so auspiciously begun by the big commercial travellers' party from Chicago. The merchant travellers and their Canton comrades, joined by the Deuber Hampton McKinley Club, filled a mile of street with red, white and blue protection and gold standard umbrellas as they paraded to the McKinley home. The German-Americans and the thousands that joined them each carried an American flag.

As Major McKinley appeared on the doorstep of his home he was saluted by his callers with such a waving of "Old Glory" as he had seldom seen before. Edward Bohm made a classic address, pledging the German-American "support of honest money" and "unflinching patriotism" for those whose mother country was that of Seiged and Shurz. Major McKinley made a brief response.

In his address to the commercial travellers today, Major McKinley said: "You are not only carriers of commerce, but creators of confidence; not only advocates of progress, but promoters of prosperity. You inspire either confidence or distrust, for you tell the truth about the condition of the country. You not only sell goods—or used to—(great laughter and cheering) but you disseminate information among your customers. There is no more certain barometer of the business of the United States than the sentiment of the men of which this body, assembled here, is representative. You give new hope and stimulate new effort. In that great body of businessmen upon whom so largely depends the revival of business in all parts of the country. But, above all else, my fellow citizens, is confidence.

"And we cannot get confidence by threatening to revolutionize all values and repudiate the obligations, both public and private. Policies that are good for the Eastern and Central states are good for the West and great Northwest. It never pays to buy cheap goods from a rival whose object in selling to you at a low price is to establish a business which will in time destroy your own. We want no cheap goods in this country at the expense of the free and honest laborer. We want no cheap goods whose production would reduce us in the United States to industrial and social degradation.

"Reciprocally, too, the gift of Blaine and Harrison to the nation, deferred by Garfield's untimely death, was at length proclaimed by that great president, statesman and patriot, Benjamin Harrison. Reciprocally, the twin of protection and the true handmaid of prosperity, already has a strong hold on the affections of our people. We will have no policy by which we do not get as much as we give, and we will inaugurate no reciprocity policy which takes from from American workmen a single day's work that they can possibly get. We will simply revive this policy that put American sugar free to the people of the United States on terms alike—just, fair, honorable and advantageous to this country and Cuba. (Renewed cheering.) This policy means the supremacy of trade—not its injury."

THE MARKETS. New York, August 29.—Wheat—spot, firm; demand, poor; No. 2 red spring, 52 1/2; No. 1 California, 54 6/8. Liverpool, August 29.—Wheat—spot, firm; demand, poor; No. 2 red spring, 52 1/2; No. 1 California, 54 6/8.

WESTERN UNION RATES. The Western Union Telegraph Company has announced a reduction in rates to take effect September 1st. The reduction is quite general throughout the country, and applies more largely to non-competitive points. Below is a partial list of principal places in Oregon and Washington, which are affected by the change in rates from Astoria: Reduced from 40 to 25 cents—Cascade Locks, Dalles, Independence, Lafayette, McMinnville, Monmouth, Oregon City, Salem, Woodburn. Reduced from 50 to 40 cents—Adams, Albany, Arlington, Drowsville, Corvallis, Empire City, Eugene, Roseburg, The Dalles, Asacortes, Everett, North Yakima.

THE DEMOCRACY OF JEFFERSON

There Will Be a Large Representation at the Sound Money Convention.

VILAS URGED FOR PRESIDENT

The Senator Is Being Pushed as the Most Logical Candidate—One of the First to Respond to the Call of His Party.

Indianapolis, August 29.—Credentials of the various states and territories are being received and tabulated at the National Democratic headquarters. It is stated that proxies will be few and that practically every state and territory that has nominated delegates will be represented by the vote. Applications for tickets of admission are pouring in. It will probably be the plan of those having the distribution in charge to give persons from abroad the preference. Many letters from all over the United States received at headquarters express preference for certain presidential candidates. Senator Vilas is being urged as the most logical candidate by several sections of the country. His friends base their claim on the fact that he attended the gold Democratic conference at Chicago; that he was one of the first men to respond when the opponents of the Chicago platform were called together to determine their course of action. It is further urged that the plan of organization and the general scheme under which the convention meets came largely from Mr. Vilas, who was in that conference. The national committee will convene September 1.

HE IS NOT DEAD BUT SLEEPETH.

Mr. Wills, of Pleista Fame, in the Role of Whale Hunter.

The San Francisco Examiner, in its announcement of the arrival of the big log raft, of Robertson & Baines, facetiously remarks that when the raft passed through the Golden Gate several harpoons were seen sticking in its back. "It is supposed," the Examiner goes on to say, "that T. C. Wills, manager of the recent whaling excursion, mistook the raft for a leviathan of the deep, as it passed Pigeon Point, and let fly a volley at it before he discovered his mistake." Mr. Wills, it will be remembered, is one of the gentlemen who in June, 1895, wanted to get up what he termed "la fiesta," a conditional that the Astorians give him a bonus of \$1500, build him an amphitheatre with a seating capacity of 10,000, advertise "la fiesta," and in addition make him a present of \$5 per cent of the gross receipts. It would be needless for Mr. Wills to go to the expense of purchasing harpoons in chasing whales, since he might economize by making projectiles out of his superabundance of iron-clad nerve.

WIRES DOWN TO VICTORIA.

Impossible to Get the Result of the Great Cricket Match.

In Victoria yesterday the annual regatta and scullers' tournament occurred. One of the greatest attractions was the cricket match between a British Columbian team and the A. Oregon eleven. Three of the best men in the latter team are Astorians and the suit of the game is anxiously awaited. The Astorian telegraphed to the Associated Press headquarters in Portland last night for the fullest possible report of the games. The following reply was received: "Astorian, Astoria: Wires down to Victoria. Impossible to send you result of games."

MINISTER EXPELLED.

Denver, Col., August 29.—The Colorado M. E. conference has expelled the Rev. F. F. Passmore from the ministry because he accused Bishop Warren of being in league with saloonkeepers and gamblers. Passmore takes the ground that in voting or working for the Republican or Democratic tickets a minister of the gospel practically leagues himself with the saloon element, and his position is against that canon of the Methodist discipline which asserts that the licensing of the liquor traffic is a sin.

ONLY THREE MORE DAYS.

We desire to mention that rather than resist the remaining few planes to Portland, we will make a big reduction in prices to any one who wishes to take advantage of our offer. Call at once and let us show you these planes, and you, too, will be convinced. Mr. G. A. Heilinger, manager of the piano and organ department, is here this week for the purpose of making special prices. Easy terms if desired. THE WILEY B. ALLEN CO., Corner 10th and Duane streets.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Shippers are hereby notified that local freight to points on the Seaside road will be received at the Telephone dock only. All freight must be delivered one hour before train time. No freight will be received after 4:30 p. m. C. F. LESTER, Supt.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

The Dalles, Or., August 29.—Johnston Bros' store at Dufur, fifteen miles from here, burned to the ground this morning. Loss \$11,000; insurance \$7,500. It is supposed to have been incendiary. The news was received today that F. S. Gordon's store, at Victor, forty miles south of here, burned. Loss \$4,000; insurance \$2,500.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE