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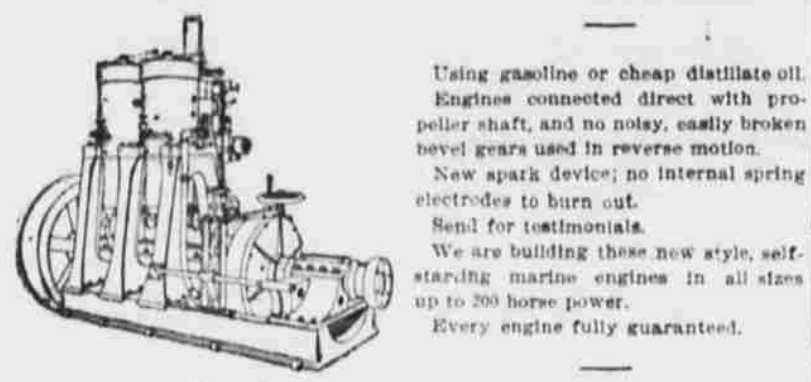
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THE RAILROAD PROBLEM TODAY

What Will Astoria Do With Her New Road When Completed?

HER OBJECT IS COMMERCE

What Is Needed to Attain It?—United Effort To Take Advantage of the Great Facilities At Hand

There is no city so large but what it can grow. There is no city but what keeps on growing, or dies out. Astoria has been growing for a hundred years. The time has now come for her to grow more rapidly.

What is the object of Astoria's growth? A commercial and shipping center that shall outstep anything on the Pacific coast. The attainment of that object does not depend upon the development of the natural resources immediately surrounding Astoria.

What is necessary to be done to have this vast traffic pass through this port and make it a second New York or Liverpool? The answer is plain and simple—secure transportation facilities.

First, without going into lengthy and detailed arguments, it may be simply stated that the greatest engineer of this country, Archibald A. Schenck, chief engineer of the New York Central & Hudson River railway, says she has by all odds the greatest, safest and best harbor on the Pacific coast.

In the second place, with a railroad completed to Astoria, to draw to this port traffic now seeking other ports, it must be shown that traffic can be handled cheaper and more quickly than by other routes.

Up to then, in an effort to quickly secure the advantage of the edge on the game possessed by Astoria, Hammond financed the railroad in the hardest times the country ever saw, and accomplished what others failed to do in good times, and what Astorians had been hoping and waiting for many years.

to the mile, the best telegraph line that money can buy, the lowest grades and easiest curves, all go to make a line that will handle the traffic of the nation with the Orient. Soon the trains will be moving, already the traffic agreements with connecting lines have been made and the only problem now is whether, when the first iron horse rolls into Astoria from the East, will it find all the machinery ready for transferring its cargo of freight to the ports of the world?

THE DAILEYS. A Critical Audience Enthusiastic Over Last Night's Performance.

It was not a large audience that gathered at Fisher's last night, but it represented the 400 and was a critical one. Interest was sustained from the rise of the curtain in the first act to its fall in the last.

"A Nutmeg Match" was a new drama in Astoria. The scenes are somewhat akin to the "Old Homestead" in style of action, and are replete with novel ideas, interspersed with bright wit and excellent songs and dances.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING. The first annual meeting of the Portland Association of Congregational Churches with the church at Astoria will convene today and continue during tomorrow.

10:30—Devotional exercises, led by Rev. J. J. Staub. 10:45 to 11:15—Reports from the churches.

1:30 to 2:30—How to study the Scriptures, and how to get people to study them. Leader, Rev. C. E. Lambert. Paper, 30 minutes discussion, 30 minutes.

2:30 to 3:30—Oregon W. H. M. U. Prayer and praise. Reading—"Paul's Unknown Helpers." Mrs. Arthur W. Ackerman. Our share of the work, Mrs. F. Egbert.

3:30 to 4:30—Oregon Branch W. B. M. P. Woman's work in missions, Mrs. E. S. Bollinger. Greetings from the field, Rev. J. E. Walker.

4:30 to 5:30—Sermon, Rev. Arthur W. Ackerman. 5:30 to 9—Communion.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. In the recorder's office yesterday the following deeds were filed for record: United States patent to Clarence C. Brewer, west half of southeast quarter, northeast quarter of southwest quarter, and southeast quarter of northwest quarter section 2, township 7, north of range 7 west, 140 acres.

ADVERTISED LETTERS. The following unclaimed letters were advertised at the Astoria postoffice on April 26, 1897: Alakata, Marjia Sala, Miss Emma, Crosby, A. A. Steadright, Chas. Deheart, Miss Jge. Swank, J. W. Kelling, A.

AT THERMOPYLAE THE LAST STAND

To That Historic Point the Greeks Retire If Defeated At Pharsalos.

THE TURKS POSSESS LARISSA

Athens Still Hopes—Victories in Epirus a Counterpoise to the Losses in Thessaly—Reinforcements.

London, April 26.—The Greek government has decided, according to a dispatch from Athens, that if the Greeks are defeated at Pharsalos, the army is to retire to Thermopylae and there make a final stand.

CHIEF OF STAFF.

Athens, April 26.—The Premier, in a special edition, announces that General Smolenski has been appointed chief of staff of the army in Thessaly, with power to choose the members of his staff. It is reported here that Trikala has been evacuated and that the Turks are constructing temporary forts at Larissa.

LARISSA PILLAGED.

Constantinople, April 26.—It is officially declared that the Greeks, before evacuating Larissa, released all prisoners confined in the local jail, and the latter destroyed and pillaged the houses. According to another statement, the Turkish troops were received with enthusiasm by such inhabitants as remained in the town.

NEW TURKISH COMMANDER.

Salonica, April 26.—Osman Pasha has left for Ellassona to take command of the Turkish army.

GREEKS HOPEFUL.

London, April 26.—In an interview with a Times correspondent the Greek premier, Delyannis, pointed out that the successes of the Greeks in Epirus were a counterpoise to their reverses in Thessaly, and according to unofficial information the Greeks expected to arrive at Janina Saturday night. The premier was convinced that Athens would remain quiet; that the people had complete confidence in the king and government and there was no reason to fear any disturbance.

Interviews with the ministers of marine and war were also obtained by the Times correspondent. The former stated that he had not received confirmation of the rumor that Dodesgatch had been bombarded by the Greek fleet. After the destruction of Platamona and Katerina, the minister of marine added, the eastern squadron had been ordered to find and engage the Turkish fleet, and the present location of the squadron was not known. The minister of marine does not think it necessary for the Greek war ships to return to protect Volo. The minister, the correspondent reports, said on Saturday that 25,000 Greek troops gathered at Pharsala and that every effort was being made to reinforce them. Two thousand five hundred gen d'armes and engineers were leaving Athens for Volo.

TWO MEN DROWNED.

Coules City, Wash., April 26.—While Griff Jones, Charles Deeter and Hay Weston were rounding up a band of young horses on lower Crab creek they undertook to swim the horses below Rocky Ford across the stream. While crossing the river the horses became unruly and Jones and Weston were thrown into the water and drowned. Deeter managed to reach shore.

ELVENIA WRECKED.

San Francisco, April 26.—The schooner Elvenia was today towed into port a total wreck, by the steam schooner Protection. The Elvenia went on the rocks at Caspar with a cargo of two hundred thousand feet of redwood. The rocks scraped a hole in her bottom and the lumber in the hold was all that kept her afloat. She is now almost a total wreck.

THREE MEN DROWNED.

Portland Or., April 26.—Three fishermen were drowned in the Columbia river today near Bonneville. They were John Sunquist, Anton Johnson and Snyre. Their boat was capsized by the wind. The body of Sunquist was recovered.

OFF FOR GREECE.

Dayton, Ohio, April 26.—Captain Otto J. Paul, formerly of the Ohio National Guard, is organizing a company to go to Greece. Seventy-five applications

have been received. Many Greeks in this city are taking a lively interest in the project.

DON YARA A WINNER.

San Francisco, April 26.—In today's races at Ingleside Don Yara, with odds of 200 to 1 against him, won the w x furiously dash.

JONES HOLDS THE KEY.

Might Block Tariff Bill in Committee if He Desired.

Washington, April 26.—The democratic members of the finance committee will not accept the proposition made by their republican colleagues to allow the tariff bill to be reported direct to the senate without passing it through the hands of the full committee, and have so notified the republican members. The democrats have not yet decided how much time they may want for the consideration of the bill in committee, and will not be able to decide until they see the amended bill and ascertain the position that Senator Jones, of Nevada, will assume toward the measure. He will bear the balance of power in the committee for an indefinite length of time. He has given the republicans to understand that he will support the bill if it conforms to his ideas. He has asked in a general way for increased protection on the products of the far West.

"If these concessions are made, it is not believed that he would assist in holding the bill in the committee for any length of time, even if the democrats should so desire.

"The republican members of the committee express surprise at the refusal of the democrats to allow the tariff bill to go direct to the senate. They say the democratic members have indicated no desire to suggest amendments; that it would be unusual if they should attempt to modify the bill in the committee, and the proceeding of putting it through the full committee would be purely perfunctory. They show confidence in being able to secure an early report, even if there is opposition to the immediate presentation to the senate; and they confidently count upon the assistance of Senator Jones, of Nevada, in getting the measure out of the committee.

"The republican members now expect to be able to send the bill to the printer Wednesday night and to present it to the full committee Thursday."

FLOODS IN IOWA.

Towns Being Washed Out and Farms Devastated.

Ottumwa, Iowa, April 26.—The Des Moines river, which last midnight was stationary at the high water mark established by the great flood of 1892, suddenly began to climb, and by 8 o'clock today had added 15 inches to the record.

The levees broke in many places, railroad embankments were undermined and hundreds of families were compelled to quit their residences in great haste. In Ottumwa 500 families were compelled to move, a large number of them making their escape in boats. At Bradyville, 18 miles north of this city, 150 families vacated their domiciles and the principal streets are navigated in boats.

The water stands four feet deep in Fairview. Farm lands are completely inundated. The damage to property will be very great. A large reservoir situated at the summit of Court Hill is a source of considerable fear. It threatens to burst and flood the populous districts just below.

EXAMINED FOR MURDER.

George Bartmess, Who Killed Henry Seidel, Has a Hearing.

La Grande, Or., April 26.—The examination of George Bartmess for killing Henry Seidel yesterday commenced this afternoon before Justice Van Buren. Several witnesses were examined, the evidence tending to show the high standing of Bartmess and the quarrelsome nature of Seidel. The Salvation Army barracks, where the examination was held, were crowded with persons anxious to hear the evidence. Bartmess is laboring under a heavy mental strain and keenly feels his position, although he is not kept in confinement at any time. After a number of witnesses were called the examination was postponed until tomorrow morning. The funeral of Seidel place this morning under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

A little girl, trudging along with her mother yesterday afternoon, was carrying the steak for the family supper. Upon looking around the mother discovered the tot in an attitude of dismay, minus her bundle. "Where's the meat, Mammie?" "Ders 'tis, mamma. It fell trough dat hole." The only wonder is that child, meat and all had not fallen through the big rent in the street. These "rents" are so numerous that they are really the ornaments of the thoroughfares of Oregon's Venice by the sea.

GENERAL GRANT HONORED TODAY

Chief Executive, High Officials and Diplomatic Corps In New York.

THE ORDER OF RECEPTION

British Ambassador Follows the President —U. S. Grant Jr. a Guest of the City—Other Celebrities.

New York, April 26.—President McKinley and Mrs. McKinley, and his cabinet, Mrs. U. S. Grant and her family, and a large company of official personages, including ambassadors, ministers and attaches of the diplomatic corps and high officers of the army and navy were safely transported from Washington to New York today in a special train, to participate in the ceremonies at the tomb of General Grant. The trip was a rapid one and entirely uneventful. The train left Washington at 10:30 and steamed into Jersey City depot at 3:37.

The platform at Jersey City was crowded by members of the reception committee when the train arrived. General Horace Porter gave an arm to the president and then gave the much mooted question of ambassadorial precedence was solved by Chauncey M. Depew, who took the arm of Sir Julian Pauncefote and walked after President McKinley. Ambassador Patenotre followed, escorted by Whitelaw Reid, formerly ambassador to France. Frederick D. Grant escorted his mother, who was dressed in deep mourning. The other celebrities came after in a disorganized group, with a gordon of valets bringing up the rear laden with bags and boxes containing all gold lace, swords and medals which the diplomats are to display on the morrow.

U. S. Grant, Jr., with his wife and five children arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel today. Their home is at San Diego, Cal. They will be guests of the city at the hotel. Jesse R. Grant and family are at the same hotel. General Howard has invited Chief Joseph, with whom he fought in 1888, to ride with him in the parade tomorrow, but the old Nez Perce chief preferred to ride in General Dodge's staff.

General Dodge issued an order requesting General John B. Gorman, of Georgia, to act as special aide in connection with the sons of confederate veterans.

OFFICIALS NOMINATED.

Special to the Astorian. Washington, April 26.—The president today made the following nominations: W. R. Day, of Ohio, first assistant secretary of state; Baltany Stoner, of Ohio, minister to Belgium; Cassius M. Bares, governor of Oklahoma; Frank De Cabach, register land office at Olympia, Wash., and J. O'Scey, receiver.

THE FLORIDA FIGHT.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 26.—The ballot for United States senator today resulted: Call 23, Chipley 15, Ramey 10, Hooper 8, Burford 4, Wolff 1, Mallory 1, Darby 1. The total vote was sixty-one. The light vote was on account of this being memorial day and a legal holiday.

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