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THE MODERN COLOSSUS.

The New York Tribune of May 22, 1897, says:

Shipbuilding has given a great boom to Newport News. The shipbuilding plant, when completed, will be the finest and best-equipped in the United States. Three battleships are now under construction at Newport News, and three gunboats. The drydock is taxed to its fullest capacity to complete the work which is accumulating every month, and there is employment for over three thousand men and boys. There is a regular line of steamers running between Newport News, Liverpool and London, to carry out the grain and live stock from the West and the coal from the Virginia brought by the Chesapeake and Ohio to its deep-water terminal. In 1878 Newport News was nothing more than a James River plantation. Today it is a prosperous town of fifteen thousand people, with millions of dollars invested, and is steadily growing. Mr. Huntington's shrewd foresight in building this city by the sea is amply vindicated. The people of Newport News are keenly alive to the great possibilities of the future, and are exerting themselves to attract new industries. They feel that theirs is the coming city of the South.

There is a curious parallel to be noted in the history of this old colonial landing on the James River and Astoria on the Columbia. From the earliest settlement of Virginia the prediction was made that Newport News would one day become a large city. Every succeeding generation of Virginians believed that the dawn of Newport News's prosperity would take place in the next, but in spite of its great natural advantages, year after year passed and Newport News still languished. Baltimore was founded at the head of Chesapeake Bay, and in time became a great city. Norfolk on the Elizabeth River also grew into a seaport of considerable importance. For more than two centuries the ships entering between capes Charles and Henry have sailed into the bay and parted in two streams in Hampton Roads, right opposite Newport News, one going up the bay to Baltimore and the other up the Elizabeth to Norfolk. How like the experience of Astoria all this is!

Here we have the same remarkable location and natural advantages that attracted the attention of King George's subjects in old Virginia. Here have predictions of coming greatness been rife for upwards of a century, but the ships of the world have been sailing to the mouth of the Columbia in sight of Astoria, and there dividing into two streams, one going to Puget Sound and the other to the Willamette. Huntington became interested in Newport News, and the item we quote from so disinterested an authority as the New York Tribune tells what he has accomplished. The same master hand is now working on its prototype at the mouth of the Columbia, and it is not reasonable to ascribe his simultaneous movements on two opposite sides of the continent to mere chance—accidental coincidence. With one foot planted on the key spot of the Atlantic coast and the other at its exact pole on the far-away shores of the Pacific, who can estimate the effect which this modern Colossus may soon be in a position to exert on the commerce of the world.

The decision of the supreme court of the United States in the famous telephone suit does not appear to have touched the question of the validity of the Bellinger patent of 1891, which is owned by the Bell Company. The only point which the court decided was that relating to an alleged fraud in obtaining that patent. The suit was brought by the government against the Bell Company, and the allegation was that, by collusion, delays and improper interference the Bell Company succeeded in suspending action upon the Bellinger patent for fourteen years. That application was filed in 1877, but the patent was not issued until 1891. The government's contention was that this delay was connived at by the Bell people, in order to extend the life of their control of the vital principle of the present telephone. The Bell Company obtained a

patent in 1881 which is alleged to cover essentially the same ground as that of the Bellinger application. Hence the longer the issue of a patent on the latter could be delayed, the longer the Bell Company would have control of the bulk of the telephone business. The decision of the supreme court says there is no clear and satisfactory evidence of the fraud alleged by the government. The court declares that a patent can not be canceled on the ground of fraud unless the evidence is convincing—and that it was not so in this case; that an applicant is not responsible for delay in the patent office unless the proof is clear that this delay was brought about by its own improper influence. In this case the evidence was not conclusive enough to warrant the canceling of the patent. The question as to the validity of the Bellinger patent of 1891 was not passed upon by the court, for technical reasons. The government raised this point in this form: That the Bellinger patent of 1891 covers essentially the same ground as that of a patent issued to the Bell Company in 1881, and therefore is invalid. This point was not passed upon. If any of the independent telephone companies desire to test it, the matter must be taken into the courts for trial upon that issue, and tread the tedious round up to another decision by the supreme court.

DEPENDS ON ENGLAND.

Report of French Bimetallist League on the Situation.

Paris, May 28.—There were 30 delegates present at the annual meeting of the national bimetallic league. Deputy Fourcrot, president. M. Thery, secretary of the league, read the report. The report said: "The English horizon is less dark than asserted. The presence of the American delegates in Paris may greatly hasten a solution of the question. France and America could easily come to an agreement, if England was inclined to serious effort in favor of silver, and Germany would follow her example. It is upon this that the question of international bimetallicism, therefore, depends for its practical solution."

VOLUME OF TRADE.

As Large As in Years of Great Prosperity in the Past.

New York, May 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say: "The people are actually doing more business than they realize. They reckon by values, but these are much lower than in any previous years of prosperity and leave little margin for profit. In quality there is more in the years of greatest prosperity, and though the increase in population would call for a material expansion, the comparison is not discouraging. The recovery is slow, hesitating and gradual, but more has been done on the whole in May than in April."

GOOD TRADE ON PACIFIC COAST.

New York, May 28.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: "The results of the spring trade in staples, which is now over, are disappointing. The volume of seasonable merchandise distributed is less than expected, without taking into account the improvements in business compared with a year ago. Nearly all central, western and southern trade centers report business quiet. Dry goods continue depressed. Increased exports are reported from the Pacific coast ports, but there is comparatively little gain in domestic trade there, except in cattle, wool and hardware at Portland."

COMPLEXIONAL INDICATIONS.

The complexion of persons whose digestion is out of order, who are bilious, or who lack vigor, always exhibit an unhealthy tint. It is by regulating the bodily organs and promoting digestion and assimilation, that the parchment hue indicative of ill health, is banished from the cheeks. To rectify the fault of a tonic will assuredly result in renewed health, an invigorant and alternative which removes those obstacles to renewed strength, physical comfort and personal attractiveness—an imperfect digestion and secretion, and a disordered condition of the bowels. Persistence in the use of this inestimable corrective and tonic will assuredly result in renewed physical regularity and vigor, will tend to increase bodily substance, and cause the slow and clear color of health to return to the sallow, wasted cheek.



instantly when you pull the trigger. So sickness may come on suddenly. But it takes time to load the gun, and it takes time to get ready for those explosions called diseases. Coughs, colds, any "attack," whatever the subject be, often means preceding weakness and poor blood. Are you getting thin? Is your appetite poor? Are you losing that snap, energy and vigor that make "clear-headedness?" Do one thing: build up your whole system with SCOTT'S EMULSION OF COD-LIVER OIL. It is the essence of nourishment. It does not nauseate, does not trouble the stomach. And it replaces all that disease robs you of. A book telling more about it sent free. Ask for it. SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The Remedy with a Record. 50 Years of Cures.

Why is it that one man is old and decrepit at 40, and another hale and hearty at 80? It depends on the care he takes of himself. Often a man's body gets out of repair—the trouble grows until it lays him out in bed. Whenever a man feels that he is not as well as he ought to be, whenever he is listless, without energy and without vitality, whenever he finds that he is losing weight and that his ordinary work gives him undue fatigue, he needs Dr. Ayer's Golden Medical Discovery. If he keeps on working with his liver inactive and his blood impure—he keeps his nerves and his body under a constant nervous strain. He will not be hearty when he is old. The "Golden Medical Discovery" cures many so-called diseases because nearly all illness springs from the same thing—bad digestion and consequent impure blood. The "Discovery" makes the appetite good, the digestion strong, assimilation easy, and the blood rich and pure.

Thinner gowns are beginning to appear.

The shirt-waist girl is either a freak or a joy—the former when the belt and collar are in open rebellion against the main garment.

Salton Sea Salt for baths at the Estes-Conn Drug Store 10c and 25c per package.

Don't thin your blood with sassafras or poison it with blue-mass; but aid Nature by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation, biliousness and stomach and liver troubles. They are purely vegetable. Charles Rogers.

The unions of Tennessee have secured the passage of a law by the legislature of that state copyrighting and protecting union labels from imitations and counterfeits.

"They are dandies!" said Mrs. Downer, of the Crockett, Texas, Enterprise, while writing about DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for sick headaches and disorders of the stomach and liver. Charles Rogers.

In May the rival national musical organizations will hold conventions at Kansas City at about the same time, and well there's no telling what will happen.

Some for ten, some for twenty and some for thirty years have suffered from piles and then have been quickly and permanently cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and all forms of skin diseases. Charles Rogers.

The International Printing Pressmen's union will hold its annual convention in Detroit on June 15 to 18, and about 100 delegates are expected to be present.

W. B. Johnson, Newark, O., says, "One Minute Cough Cure saved my only child from dying by croup." It has cured thousands of others suffering from croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and other serious throat and lung troubles. Charles Rogers.

Italians who took the places of striking shoe lasters in an East Weymouth factory went on a strike when a reduction of their wages was threatened.

Use Webfoot Corn Cure. No cure no pay. For sale at Estes-Conn Drug Store.

Cleveland Central Labor Union has challenged the Chamber of Commerce to a debate on the labor question.

Sick headache can be quickly and completely overcome by using those famous little pills known as "DeWitt's Little Early Risers." Charles Rogers.

Yonkers, N. Y. breaklayers will enjoy the eight-hour day after May 1. They have been working nine hours and get 6 cents an hour.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—It is a terrible accident to be burned or scalded; but the pain and agony and frightful disfigurements can be quickly overcome without leaving a scar by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Charles Rogers.

At Konjia, in Herzegovina, a sanctuary of Mirbra was recently discovered, being the first ever found in the Balkan peninsula.

Not only piles of the very worst kind can be cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, but eczema, scalds, burns, bruises, boils, ulcers and all other skin troubles can be instantly relieved by the same remedy. Charles Rogers.

Only a pound of maple sugar to a tree was report by the manufacturers in the Cambridge district of Vermont this year.

Don't neglect a cough because the weather is pleasant; before the next storm rolls around it may develop into a serious difficulty beyond repair. One Minute Cough Cure is easy to take and will do what its name implies. Charles Rogers.

San Francisco cigarmakers' union is now making an active crusade against tenement houses and Chinese-made cigars.

The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L. N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—can never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.' It is a specific for all bowel complaints. For sale by Estes-Conn Drug Co.

Food when it enters on the stomach, becomes unwholesome. It poisons the blood, and both mind and body suffer in consequence. What is needed to restore perfect digestion is a dose or two of Ayer's Pills. They never fail to relieve.

Shirts of gowns tucked to the waist are much in vogue.

Dandruff, which causes so much itching of the scalp, can be cured by Hall's Hair Renewer, because it is a corrective tonic for the glands producing dandruff.

A blue monogram on buff paper is now the correct thing in stationery.

It is a great mistake to suppose that a simple tonic gives strength; it only stimulates the stomach to renewed activity. To impart real strength, the blood must be purified and enriched, and this can only be done by such a standard alternative as Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

"Tax land" more is the burden of a recent letter from the mayor of Boston to the board of assessors.

THE OBJECTION NOT GOOD.

There are people who have objections to advertising matter in the columns of a newspaper. The ground of objection is that they do not want to read advertisements. Now this objection is not good, for oftentimes these advertisements convey valuable information. For instance, how else would the traveling public learn of the excellent dining car service of the Wisconsin Central lines between St. Paul and Chicago, or the general comfort of traveling over this popular line. For particulars call on the nearest ticket agent or address J. C. Pond, G. P. A., Milwaukee, Wis., or Geo. S. Batty, General Agent, 246 Stark street, Portland, Or.

The Journeymen Bakers' International union will hold its annual convention at Cleveland, O., in May.

Economy is something that everybody tries to practice, and yet just a little oversight will sometimes rob a year's savings. You want to do as J. P. Hickman, of Monticello, Ga., did. He writes: "For six years I have kept Simmons' Liver-Regulator in my house, and used it in my family, and have had no need for a doctor. I have five as healthy children as you can find."

There is one thing sure, the duffly girl does not have to think wicked things over the obstinacy of collar buttons.

THE BEST REMEDY FOR RHEUMATISM.

From the Fairhaven (N. Y.) Register. Mr. James Rowland, of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Estes-Conn Drug Co.

Duluth Federation Trades forced local officials to re-employ men it dropped in order to reduce expenses.

According to the newspapers, an Ohio husband became the happy father of seven children not long ago. Of the seven all lived but one. It is to be hoped he laid in a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, the only sure cure for croup, whooping-cough, colds and coughs, and so insured his children against these diseases. For sale by Estes-Conn Drug Co.

At Cologne men pay six cents a week to a society and when they are unemployed they receive fifty cents a day.

"IT IS THE BEST ON EARTH." That is what Edwards & Parker, merchants of Plains, Ga., say of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, for rheumatism, lame back, deep seated and muscular pains. Sold by Estes-Conn Drug Co.

It is discouraging to have a shirt waist made to order and have it look worse than one you can buy ready to wear for half the money.

NOTICE OF FILING ASSESSMENT.

For the construction of a sewer on Second street, in McClure's Astoria.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll containing the special assessment for the construction of a sewer on Second street, in McClure's Astoria, has been filed in the office of the auditor and police judge, and is now open for inspection, and will so remain open until the 4th of June, 1897, prior to which time all objections to such assessment roll must be filed in writing with the auditor and police judge.

The committee on streets and public works, together with the board of assessors of the city of Astoria, will meet in the council chambers in the city hall, in the city of Astoria, on Friday, June 4, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., to review and equalize such assessment and thereafter report their actions to the common council.

By order of the common council. H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge. Astoria, Or., May 25, 1897.

A ride in the open cars is a cheap substitute for one in a hansom cab.

VIGOR OF MEN. Easily, Quickly, Permanently Restored. Weakness, Nervousness, Debility, and all the traits of early senescence. The results of over-exhaustion, loss of vitality, and all the ailments of the body. Immediate improvement. 2000 references. Book explaining and proving mailed free. ERIE MEDICAL CO., 44 NIAGARA ST., BUFFALO, N. Y.

900 DROPS. CASTORIA. FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA. Fac-Simile Signature of Dr. J. C. Pond, NEW YORK. 35 Doses - 35 CENTS. EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

MANHOOD RESTORED. "CUPIDENE". Before and After. CHAS. ROGER, 459 Commercial Street.

MANHOOD RESTORED. By using Dr. Pean's Yellow Nerve Pills. J. W. CONN, Agent, Astoria.

GO EAST VIA Library Car Route. AMERICA'S SCENIC LINE. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. Neals Dining Car la Carte. Rock Ballast No Dust.

San Francisco TO Astoria and Portland VIA Eureka, Cal. and Coos Bay. S. S. HOMER. Will Make Regular Trips Every 14 Days. Passengers and Freight at Reduced Rates.

Shortest and Quickest Line TO St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Chicago AND ALL POINTS EAST. Through Palace and Tourist Sleepers, Dining and Library Observation Cars.

Daily Trains ...Fast Time SERVICE AND SCENERY UNEAQUELED. For tickets and full information call on or address A. R. C. DENNISTON, C. P. & T. A., Portland, Or. R. C. STEVENS, G. W. P. A., Seattle.

Going East? IF YOU ARE, DO NOT FORGET Three Important Points. FIRST—Go via the St. Paul because the lines to that point will afford you the very best service.

Second—See that the coupon beyond St. Paul reads via the Wisconsin Central because that line makes close connections with all the trans-continental lines entering the Union Depot there, and its service is first-class in every particular.

Third—For information, call on your neighbor and friend—the nearest ticket agent—and ask for a ticket reading via the Wisconsin Central lines, or address JAR. C. POND, General Passenger Agent, Milwaukee, Wis. Or GEO. S. BATTY, General Agent, Portland, Oregon.

Burlington Route. These tiny Capsules are superior to Balsam of Capoeba. Cures or relieves any CURE IN 48 HOURS. The same diseases without inconvenience. Sold to all druggists.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

BOND STREET IMPROVEMENT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria has determined and does hereby determine and intend to improve Bond Street from the east side of 9th street to the west side of 9th street and that such improvement shall be made by special assessment upon the lands and premises hereinafter described and designated, and which are hereby determined and declared to be benefited by such improvement.

That the lands and premises upon which special assessment shall be levied to defray the costs and expenses of such improvement are as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of lot 1, block 58, as laid out and recorded by John McClure, running thence southerly along the west boundary of said lot 1 to the southwest corner thereof; thence westerly along the center of blocks 59 and 25 to the southeast corner of lot 4, block 24; thence northerly along the west line of 9th street to the northeast corner of lot 5, block 9; thence easterly along the center of blocks 55 and 56, to the northwest corner of lot 14, block 56; thence southerly to the place of beginning and contains lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 25; lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 59; lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 56 and lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, block 55, all of McClure's Astoria, as subject to such improvement.

That such improvement shall consist in removing all old plank, stringers and caps, piling or posts and driving new piling or setting new posts over the entire length thereof and placing caps and stringers upon such piling or posts and planking said street throughout the full width thereof with fir planks between sidewalks, the planks to be 6 1/2 laid grain edge up and dressed surface. Sidewalks to be 11 feet wide between 10th and 11th streets and 3 feet wide between 9th and 10th streets, and the street to be improved to the established grade, and in all matters of detail the improvement shall be according to the plans and specifications to be prepared for the same and in accordance with Ordinance No. 1901, relating to the improvement of streets.

Estimates of the expense of such improvement and plans and specifications of the locality to be improved will be on file in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge for public examination. That at the next regular meeting of the Common Council, after the final publication of this notice, to-wit: On Friday, May 21, 1897, the said Common Council will consider any objections to such improvement being made, and if a remonstrance, signed by owners of one half of the property in the above described district, be filed against such improvement in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge before said 21st day of May, 1897, no such work or improvement will be made except by the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members of the Common Council. And unless such remonstrance be filed, the Common Council will order said improvement to be made. By order of the Common Council, H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge. Astoria, Or., May 12, 1897.

PETITION.

To the Hon. County Court of Clatsop County, Oregon: The undersigned, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria, acting by virtue of a resolution duly adopted by the Common Council of the City of Astoria, hereby petitions your honorable body to vacate all of that portion of the City Cemetery located at Clatsop, in the County of Clatsop, State of Oregon, recorded on plat book No. 2 at pages 15 and 16 thereof, as follows, to-wit: All that portion of the City Cemetery at Clatsop lying north of a line drawn south of 74 degrees, 20 minutes west, which line commences at a point on the east boundary, which point is 17 degrees 17 minutes west, 69 feet from the southeast corner of said cemetery, as the same appears of record on book 2, page 15 and 16, records of plats of Clatsop county.

The City of Astoria, a municipal corporation, is desirous of vacating said portion of said cemetery in order to file a new plat thereof. The vacation herein provided for does not interfere with any of the lots heretofore sold in said cemetery.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Astoria, by H. E. Nelson, Auditor and Police Judge, will ask the County Court to vacate said plat of the City Cemetery located at Clatsop, in Clatsop County, Oregon, on Saturday the 12th day of June, 1897, at the regular term of said court. Any person interested is hereby notified to appear and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. By order of the Common Council, H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge. Astoria, Or., May 8, 1897.

Less dust more comfort.

If for no other reason than because of its comparative freedom from dust you should take the Burlington Route when you go East.

Mind you, we do not claim that our trains enjoy ABSOLUTE exemption from dust. Such a statement would not be true. But we do claim—and we know we are right—that our tracks are better balanced and better maintained than those of any other railroad to Omaha, St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago.

Two routes East—via Billings, Mont., and St. Paul, Minn.

A. C. SHELDON, Gen'l Agent, Portland, Oregon.

BLOOD POISON. A SPECIALTY. BIC CURE. This is a non-poisonous remedy for Gonorrhoea, Syphilis, Eczema, Scalds, Burns, Ulcers, and all the ailments of the skin. It is a natural and safe remedy, and its use is guaranteed to cure. Sold by druggists. BIC CURE. BIC CURE. BIC CURE.