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The residents of the Nehalem valley who can't find a market in Astoria, or int of the bad rouds, are rapidly workdirection, and if the farme is debarred from reaching Astoria, he will soon be independent of us in more respects than one

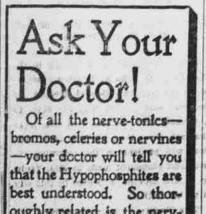
The communication from Mr. Draper published in another column, must formarket. It does not, however, explain why every steamer from California brings such quantities of fruit and vegetables, are made at the stores for certain yesstables, even the commission houses are out and the would be purchaser is told to wait for the pext steamer.

The new line of Oriental steamers which one of this morning's dispatches giates is being arrunged to run between San Francisco and China and Japan is really another stage in the development of Astoria. By those who are on the mane It is well known that Mr. Hammond has a hand in the regotiation now going on.

construction and will soon be ready for service. These steamers will all stop a Astoria going and coming and receive and discharge cargoes here, making connect tion with the railroad. The movemen was originated by the Southern Pacific to meet the competition of the Grea Northern at Seattle, and in its scope will take in the Columbia river, where the Southern Pacific is known to be already largely interested.

It will be a long time before the coun try gets back what it lost by turning the government over to the democratic The Pacific coast, especially, has been a heavy sufferer. We have not only endured, along with other sections, the effects of "exterminated" industries, general stagnation of business and a tremendous depreciation of all forms of property, but we have lost the great benefits in the way of increased population and development we would have enjoyed through the construction of the Nicaragua canal, which Cleveland stopped at the beginning of the first year of his administration. The voters of the great Pacific slope must never be allowed to

forget the circumstances of this act of supreme folly and partiaan prejudice. Frelinghuysen, as secretary of state, had quietly negotiated a treaty with the govstrip of territory through Nicaragua forty-five miles wide, extending from ocean to ocean. For once England had been caught napping, and the entire Brillsh government stood aghast when this magnificent treaty was sent to the senate for ratification. The senate was strongly republican at the time, and there was millions of capital available in the country for the construction of the canal. If Blaine had been elected the building of the canal would have been commenced within the first six months of his administration. But, to the consternation of every well-informed man and true friend to the project, on the 5th day of March. as his first official act as president, Mr. Cleveland sent down to the capitol and withdrew from the senate the priceless treaty with Nicaragua and in a twinkle ten y ars of the best and most brilliant diplomatic effort in the history of the nation was rendered nugatory. England immediately sent emissaries to Nicaragua, who have from that hour to this never ceased their efforts to thwart this country's purpose to control the canal. Now comes the news, in a dispatch from Washington, that an imaginary English steamship company has obtained a concession for thirty years of the exclusive right from the Nicaragoa government to navigate the San Juan river and Laka Nicaragua, two of the most important and indispensable links in the chain of waterways constituting the proposed route of the Micaregua canal. If this this all a first and the second



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