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THE GOVERNMENT DOCK QUESTION. If it is the purpose to take any action in Astoria, either through the chamber of commerce or otherwise, to develop some plan of co-operation with the committee lately appointed by the Portland chamber of commerce to bring to the government's attention the advantages offered by Astoria as a location for one of the proposed new dry docks, or a fresh water naval station, no time should be lost in proceeding with the matter.

Secretary Long devotes a large amount of space to the dry dock question in his report, and it is plain from a study of some of his suggestions that he knows nothing about Astoria, and that with the proper effort, he might be so convinced of the advantages offered by Astoria over those of Mare Island as a location for the new dry dock that the California location would no longer be considered.

It appears from the report of the Bureau of Yards and Docks that today the most urgent need of the navy is for an increase of docking facilities.

On the Pacific coast there is but one dock of sufficient size to dock a modern battle ship. This is on Puget Sound, 90 miles from San Francisco.

This lack of docking facilities should be remedied at the earliest possible moment. The necessity is imperative.

with the northern portion. There should be docks and repair shops in such divisions, and these should be placed, as far as possible, at great commercial and industrial centers, not only because workmen and material can be obtained more readily, but also because such points require and will have, from their importance to the country, a strong land defense; and, as the docks also require a strong defense, one set of fortifications will cover both civil and military property.

This board in its summary recommends an allot for "docks urgently necessary" Boston, New York, Norfolk, Port Royal, New Orleans, and Mare Island.

Acts of congress have repeatedly required that navy yards, and dry docks, their most essential and costly structures, shall be located with due regard to the commercial as well as the naval interests, and commissions have been from time to time appointed to select such sites.

A situation upon a good harbor of sufficient size, depth, and accessibility for vessels of the largest size and heavy draft.

A favorable position with respect to the principal lines of defense.

A local security from water attack due to position and natural surroundings.

Ample water frontage of sufficient depth and permanence, and with currents of moderate rapidity.

A favorable position with respect to the lines of interior communication (by rail or otherwise) with the principal sources of supply.

That the character of the ground shall be suitable for the construction of excavated docks and basins and for heavy structures.

Proximity to centers of labor and supplies of material.

Healthiness of the climate and suitability for outdoor labor.

The existence in the vicinity of an ample supply of good potable water.

It will be observed that there is not one of these requirements which is not fully met by the situation at Astoria; and there is another important consideration not mentioned by the board—the reason probably that it was thought beyond the bounds of possibility to include it among other elements of the essential combination—which Astoria can offer, and which cannot be satisfied by any of the various locations mentioned as the site of existing docks, or those to be constructed.

In another part of his report, Secretary Long, recurring to the urgency of the dry dock question, states a fact relative to the selection of Mare Island as the location for the only new Pacific coast dock recommended which shows both an objection to the Mare Island location, and an evident dissatisfaction on his part with it.

There will perhaps never be so good an opportunity presented to Astoria to emphasize the superior advantages offered here for a dry dock and naval station as the predicament which now confronts the navy department, and if her citizens and their good friends of the Portland Chamber of Commerce will go to the matter with a proper spirit of vigilance and vigor there ought to be little difficulty in the way of the complete accomplishment of their purpose.

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MARINE NEWS. Tide table for November, 1897. Table with columns for DATE, HIGH WATER, LOW WATER, and sub-columns for A.M., P.M., A.M., P.M.

MARINE NOTES. The Columbine arrived yesterday. The Elder left up for Portland yesterday morning. Yesterday the Alce Blanchard, from Copper River, left up for Portland.

VESSELS BOUND TO ASTORIA. The following vessels are bound to the Columbia River, with names of master, nationality, rig, tonnage, where from and date of reported calling.

DEBILITY. To those who suffer pain the joy of relief is indescribable. Debility or nervous prostration causes all the inconveniences of pain, though not its sharpness. It is a later stage of disease. Pains and debility are symptoms of a deranged condition of the kidneys. Both will disappear when the kidneys are made to act right, not before. Diseased or inactive kidneys can be CURED.

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Jordan Hill, Walker, Br bk, 2175 tons, Melbourne. Dret Caledonia, Anton, Br bk, 2120 tons, Nagasaki. Klatsk, Percile, Br str, 2831 tons, Yokohama.

LUMBER FLEET. Vessels on the Way and in Columbia River to Load Lumber. Lupa May, Hawley, schr, 24 tons, San Francisco, November 12.

GOLD FIELDS OF ALASKA. The Alaska Transportation and Development Co. of Chicago, Ill., Capital, Five Million Dollars.

Three large and commodious steamships will leave Seattle June 1, and regularly thereafter, carrying both freight and passengers. These steamers are especially fitted for the convenience of passengers and are capable of carrying 800 each.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO IMPROVE COLUMBIA AND ALAMEDA AVENUES. Notice is hereby given that the Common Council propose to improve Columbia avenue from its intersection with center line of Bond street to an intersection with the center line of Alameda avenue and Alameda street to a line drawn from the northwest corner of lot 4 of block 15, Taylor's Astoria, to the southwest corner of lot 20 of block 2 in said Taylor's Astoria.

NOTICE OF FILING ASSESSMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF BOND STREET FROM THE WEST SIDE OF NINTH STREET TO THE WEST LINE OF BLOCKS 14 AND 17 IN THE CITY OF ASTORIA. Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll containing the special assessment for the improvement of Bond street, from the west side of Ninth street to the west line of blocks 14 and 17 in the City of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McCuire, 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 15th day of December, 1897, prior to which time all objections to such assessment roll must be filed in writing with the Auditor and Police Judge.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, for the county of Clatsop. In the matter of the estate of Joseph L. Moore, deceased, Citation. To all heirs of the above-named Joseph L. Moore, deceased, greeting: In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop, on Monday, the third day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to show cause if any exist, why an order of sale should not be made of the following described real estate belonging to said deceased and situated in Clatsop county, state of Oregon, to-wit: The southeast one-quarter of section No. 2, in the town of 50, range No. 2, in the township No. 5, north of range No. 7, west of the Willamette meridian, containing 160 acres of land, according to the prayer of the petition of C. A. Bottom, administrator of said estate, filed herein, praying for such sale.

WHITE COLLAR LINE. Steamer "Bailey Gatzert" leaves Astoria daily, except Sunday, 7 p.m. Leaves Portland daily, except Sunday, 7 a.m. "Bailey Gatzert" tickets good on steamer "Thompson." "R. R. Thompson" tickets good on "Bailey Gatzert."

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COMMERCIAL STREET EXTENSION IMPROVEMENT NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the Common Council propose to improve Commercial street from Twenty-third street, via Commercial street from the east line of Seventeenth street to the west line of Twenty-third street, and Twenty-third street from the north line of Commercial street to Exchange street.

ELECTION NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of December, 1897, a general election will be held in the City of Astoria, Oregon, for city officers, namely: Mayor for the term of two years. Auditor and Police Judges for the term of two years. City Attorney for the term of two years. Treasurer for the term of two years. Superintendent of Streets for the term of two years. Police Commissioner for the term of six years. Harbor Master for the term of two years. Councilman in the First Ward for the term of three years. Councilman in the Second Ward for the term of three years. Councilman in the Third Ward for the term of three years.

FIRST WARD. Polling place No. 1—At brick engine house on Astor street. Judges—H. B. Ferguson, William Edgar, Perry Trullinger, Clerks—L. E. Seitz, A. M. Smith. Polling place No. 2—At engine house in City Hall building on Commercial street. Judges—G. C. Fulton, Clark Weyland, C. A. Mathers, Clerks—Chas. May, V. Bostling.

SECOND WARD. Polling place No. 1—658 Commercial street in Welch Block. Judges—D. H. Welch, W. L. Robb, C. R. Thomson, Clerks—Harry Gray, J. E. Graska. Polling place No. 4—At Columbia engine company No. 2. Judges—Ludwig Larsen, Jacob Moore, Gus Boentgen, Clerks—Adolph Johnson, Neil Crosby.

THIRD WARD. Polling place No. 5—At old school house. Judges—John Eberger, Erich Peterson, O. Bettum, Clerks—O. F. Morton, Ole R. Olsen. The polls will be open from 8 o'clock a.m. until 6 o'clock p.m. By order of the Common Council, H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge. Astoria, Oregon, Nov. 25, 1897.

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