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THE KLONDIKE RUSH.

To the surprise of most people, the spring rush to the Klondike and Alaska gold fields has already commenced. The O. R. & N. steamer Elder will leave here Monday with a large number of passengers from Portland and Astoria and many tons of freight. These persons are determined to get into the gold bearing fields at the earliest opportunity. Expeditions are being fitted out in all portions of the east, and the leading feature of the commercial world today is the development of Alaska and the capture from its cold soil of the millions there buried.

Corporations with large capital behind them are everywhere laying their plans to engage in this traffic and are about to send colonies of miners to seek the yellow metal. The Cramps of Philadelphia will operate a line of large steamers from San Francisco to St. Michaels, with a connecting line of steel river steamers on the Yukon. Portland merchants are organizing a line from that city; the O. R. & N. has increased its service from Portland to Skagway and Dyas; Victoria has come to the front with another large scheme to hold the traffic for Canada, and Seattle is redoubling her efforts to maintain the great prestige she has already established as an outfitting point and port of departure for the new El Dorado. Astoria has arranged for one small steamer to ply from this port direct and has other schemes under consideration.

The question is, however, what Astoria can and will do to derive the benefit from this particular commerce which her geographical situation entitles her to. With in a few days, comparatively speaking, the A. & C. R. R. will have been opened for traffic. This will place Astoria in the lead as a transcontinental terminal part of departure and outfitting point for the Alaska trade and mining of all those on the coast, and possessing the best harbor north of San Francisco, if she does not already establish herself in the business, she might as well lay down her arms and expect nothing. Both the chamber of commerce and the Astoria Progressive Commercial Association and a committee of citizens are working on the problem and will be successful if they have the support of the people in the full measure to which they are entitled. The days for dreaming are past; the time for hard work is here. The example of Seattle in its methods of securing the attention of the world may well be followed by Astoria. In proportion to population and capital we can accomplish just as much and let the world know in just as large letters where we are and what we are and what we can do. A little energy, a little snap, and plenty of hard work will accomplish the results the magnitude of which the most enthusiastic can hardly realize. Let every merchant, banker, property owner, man, woman and child put on the harness—Astoria, Klondike, China, Japan, and their relatives to this port as the center of the manœuvres work on this lines day and night will obtain what more money cannot buy.

In connection with the traffic and gold mining of Alaska is very closely allied our position as the terminus at tide water of half a dozen transcontinental railroads and their connection here with the great Oriental shipping line of Dredge, Carrill & Co., operated in connection with the O. R. & N. In the not distant future the wheat vessels of the world will also load their cargoes at Astoria. Oregon is only in its infancy. There has been this fall increase in acreage in wheat, fruit, flax, with the prospect of sugar-beet raising on a large scale and our millions of acres are rapidly being occupied by practical farmers from the East, who see an opportunity to raise ten spears here where they could but one in less favorable climate and soils of other states. Our traffic with the Orient is but beginning. Let the two infants grow up together, fostered and pushed forward by the live people of our entire state and Portland, Astoria, Salem, Baker City, La Grande, The Dalles, Pendleton and all our other cities equally with the farmers

will know a prosperity undreamed of. Now, then, it behoves us to take advantage of every opportunity great and small to place Astoria in her rightful position and seize upon the traffic which John Jacob Astor saw would come to her when he sent his first expedition in 1811 at the mouth of the Columbia. If we wait another twelve months to make the beginning the flood tide in the fortune of Astoria will have passed, our opportunity gone and nothing left but to drift with the current of events which shall build up other less favorably situated cities at our expense. Mr. Hammond will be here in a few days, the various committees now in the field will no doubt consult with him and it lies within the possibilities to now inaugurate a campaign of progress in which directory there shall be no such word as FAIL. Will the people back up their committees and co-operate with Mr. Hammond and the railroads in this great movement?

Are the committees of Astoria's commercial bodies taking the active steps necessary to co-operate with the efforts of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to secure here the location of a government naval reserve, a dry dock and the establishment of range lights at the mouth of the river, are the questions being daily asked by an interested public. The Astorian can say that these committees are at work and will doubtless achieve favorable results. All of these projects are of the utmost importance to this port and must be pushed urgently until success is ours. Every child knows why we need these improvements and every man should see that we get them. When Commander Merrill arrives within the next few days to consult upon the range light question, the true state of affairs should be so impressed upon his mind that he will not hesitate to make the recommendations for the commencement of work at once. Our shipping is daily increasing and navigators and our own interests demand modern appliances in this harbor.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla has been on the market 50 years. Your grandfather used Ayer's. It is a reputable medicine. There are many Sarsaparillas—but only one Ayer's. It cures.

Sarsaparilla Sense.

Any sarsaparilla is sarsaparilla, True. So any tea is tea. So any flour is flour. But grades differ. *You want the best.* It is so with sarsaparilla. There are grades. You want the best. If you understood sarsaparilla as well as you do tea and flour it would be easy to determine. Do you don't. How should you? When you are going to buy a commodity whose value you don't know, you pick out an old established house to trade with, and trust their experience and reputation. Do so when buying sarsaparilla.

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REGULAR REPUBLICAN TICKET

Mayor, F. J. TAYLOR.

Police Commissioner, CHARLES OLVIS.

Treasurer, F. J. CARNEY.

Auditor, H. E. NELSON.

Street Superintendent, CHARLES HOLM.

City Surveyor, H. BELL.

City Attorney, HARRISON ALLEN.

Harbor Master, JAMES CHRISTIE.

First Ward, H. B. FERGUSON.

Second Ward, J. W. WELCH.

Third Ward, CHARLES GODDARD.

The Platform.

To the Chairman and Delegates of the Republican City Convention:

Gentlemen—Your committee on platform apportioned on the 20th instant has selected its labor and makes the following report:

The Republican party in convention assembled, hereby re-affirms its adherence to the citizens and taxpayers of this city and pledges itself to an economic, careful and progressive administration of city affairs for the coming biennial term of 1898 and 1899.

We assert that the past two years of Republican administration has demonstrated to the taxpayers that the finances of this city have been safe and judiciously managed; our city warrants having increased in price from 45 cents two years ago to 90 cents the present price; that our debts have not been increased and our credit has been strengthened with investors at home and abroad. The improvement of our streets, as the lowest possible cost consistent with good workmanship, has continued during the administration, and we pledge the party to the same care regarding such improvements and other expenditures during the future. We reiterate the importance of an efficient and honest police force to maintain law and order, restrain criminals and administer justice in the courts. The present compensation has not served in full agreement with the council, while conditions call for a place more suitable and less costly than the present.

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There is nothing in the world so hard to bear as a conflict between friends, when separation of the mutual clients is wished.

Thin Blood

Where the blood loses its intense red—grows thin and watery, as in anemia, there is a constant feeling of exhaustion, a lack of energy—vitality and the spirits depressed.

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda is peculiarly adapted to correct this condition. The cod-liver oil, emulsified to an exquisite fineness, enters the blood direct and feeds its every corpuscle, restoring the natural color and giving vitality to the whole system. The hypophosphites reach the brain and nerve centres and add their strengthening and beneficial effect.

If the roses have left your cheeks, if you are growing thin and exhausted from over-work, or if age is beginning to tell, use SCOTT'S Emulsion.

Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.
All druggists, 50c and \$1.00.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

MARINE NOTES.

The Hyson is on the way down the river.

The pilot schooner San Jose arrived yesterday.

The barkentine Leslie D. sailed yesterday with lumber for San Francisco.

The British ship Beacon Rock, Captain Hughes, for Queenstown for orders with

15,975 bushels of wheat valued at \$83,000 arrived down from Portland yesterday.

The steamer Chilkat arrived yesterday from San Francisco with a general cargo.

The steamer Elmore, for Tillamook, crossed out yesterday morning, and will return Sunday.

The Oregon arrived yesterday morning and left up for Portland. She will again on Sunday.

The British ship Minion Park, 35 days from Australia, arrived yesterday afternoon, and will leave me for Portland this morning.

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