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WHO ISSUED THE ORDER.

During the first week in this month, we were told by Judge Woodward of Portland, that he was informed by Col. Wilson, U. S. Civil Engineer for the works of improvement on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, that orders had been sent to him not to expend the appropriations for opening the Cascades, and cleaning out the Snake River the present season. We thought then that such an order must have been a mistake if issued. We called the attention of delegate Fenn from Idaho to the report of Woodward and was informed by him that just before his leaving Washington he had an interview with Senator Mitchell who informed him that he should remain in Washington for some days for the express object of urging and securing the order for the commencement of these improvements, that of the Cascades forthwith, and that of the Snake River early the coming Winter, while the water was at its low stage. Mr. Fenn further informed us that subsequently he saw the arrival of Senator Mitchell announced in a San Francisco paper, with the statement that he had procured the necessary order for the expenditure of these appropriations the present year, and beyond this Mr. Fenn knew nothing of what had transpired since he left Washington, in regard to the matter. He said however that there was nothing in the law making these appropriations that would justify any unreasonable delay in their expenditure. The *Astorian* of Oct. 7th has the following:

"We now hear that Col. Wilson has been ordered to discontinue the work of improving the Wallamet river; he has also been informed that the appropriation for the Cascade locks and canal is not available for this season. He has also been informed that none of the other appropriations made by Congress for Wallamet and Columbia rivers are at present avilable, excepting for the lower Wallamet and Columbia rivers from Portland to Astoria. That work ,t seems is permitted to proceed."

The above corroborates the statement of Judge Woodward to us.

The *Astorian's* language is that "the appropriation made by Congress for the Cascades locks and canal is not available for this season." This would imply that there was some provision in the law that made the appropriation unavailable this season, which Mr. Fenn assures us is not so. We hope no executive officer is taking the bit in his teeth and seeking to delay this improvement at the instance of parties opposed to the measure. It would be opportune for Senator Mitchell, who had this matter in special charge, to speak out upon this matter of delay, and set the public mind at rest upon the question. There are too many people interested in this matter for silence to be long maintained by those knowing the facts in the case. Let us have something authentic

Since writing the above we learn by the *Watchman* that work on the upper Umatilla rapids of the Columbia was to be commenced the present week. If this be so, it disproves so much of the *Astorian's* assertion as says: "That none of the other appropriations made by Congress for Wallamet and Columbia rivers are at present available, excepting for the lower Wallamet and Columbia rivers from Portland to Astoria."

AN ENTERPRISE.

The interests of our farmers who desire to trade for their supplies at this place demand the establishment of a produce exchange store with sufficient capital to furnish goods at fair prices and take the produce of the farmers at such times and in such quantities as they may from time to time be able to deliver the same. At the present the condition and facilities of our merchant traders are such that they can with safety to themselves only do a very limited exchange business. The home market for produce is soon supplied, and no one of them having provided the means of transhipping any surplus they may purchase to other localities, thus they are too liable to have such surplus become damaged and greatly depreciate on their hands, to make the business a safe investment for them. Thus our city is offering but a small inducement and stimulus to the farmers and their families, for those home industries that should be pursued in every farm-house in the surrounding country. If the farmer cannot obtain at a living price a ready market for his surplus products, he will seek to produce no surplus. Just so with the farmer's wives and daughters, if they cannot obtain a living price for the surplus butter and cheese they manufacture and the eggs and chickens they produce, of course they have no inducement to manufacture and produce them, and thus their industry is stifled and indolence which tends to poverty takes its place.

We do not understand that the Grangers have made any provision for a produce exchange store in this section of country, nor that it is their intention to do so. Hence the field is open for any enterprising man who can command the necessary capital to engage in such an enterprise, and we know of no better place for such an enterprise than is Lewiston.

We know that it can be done with more safety when the steamers run regularly here for nine or ten months in each year instead of two or three. But that is only an impediment of short duration, as the prospects are that next year, the steamboat facilities will be greatly increased if not made all that we could reasonably ask to connect us with the navigation of the Columbia river.

But it may be asked what are the requisites to start such an establishment on a sure footing? Men conversant with that business are better qualified to furnish the details of preparations for such business than we are, and they will provide them if they but know that there is a reasonable demand for a house of that character. The flouring mill to go into operation here will aid much in the wheat exchange. Butter and eggs would in many cases have to be repacked to fit these articles for an outside market, until the producers themselves have learned what is requisite to fit these articles for any market. But this lesson will soon be learned when they see there is any money in the business. As matters now stand no inducement is offered to skill and care in preparing these products in a proper manner.