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MORE PILOTS.

The cry for more pilots, emanating from a wholly irresponsible source, is becoming sickening, and it is pretty nearly time the senseless prattle ceased. There are plenty of pilots to handle the shipping of the Columbia river, and the proposed increase in the number would only serve to render the service deficient and further blacken the eye of this center of commerce. The threats of "legislative relief" come from a brainless source which has no argument to advance in behalf of its position.

The Washington pilot commissioners recently named by Governor McBride have announced a determination to work for an increased number of pilots if an investigation shows that the present force is inadequate, and the announcement is gleefully accepted by the up-river agitators as meaning that at least six additional branches will be issued. The Washington commissioners will make their investigation and find that the present service is admirable; that delays to shipping cannot rightfully be attributed to the pilots; that the condition of the bar alone is responsible for the delays occurring during the present season, and that the promiscuous issuance of branches would result in the licensing of men whose incompetence would do as much to injure our shipping interests as any other possible cause. And, as Messrs. Wilson, Kerlee and Payne are not of the class of men that can be "jollied" by a bulldozing newspaper, they will let good enough alone.

The tactics of the Portland "ribbers" are certainly disgusting, and the Portland Chamber of Commerce, in lending its assistance to them, has committed itself to a policy that must sooner or later ruin its usefulness. When the inadequate—not poor, mind you—tugboat service was complained of, the Portland Chamber of Commerce took up the matter with the O. R. & N. officials and succeeded in bringing about the dismissal of Captain Randall, of the tug Wallula. No more contemptible piece of business was ever successfully undertaken. The Wallula is a small tug—too small for the Columbia river bar—and up to the time Captain Randall took charge of her had been a failure. Captain Randall made a success of her, giving even a better service than has been rendered by the powerful Tatoosh. He has worked untiringly, as all shipping men know, and his reward is that usually accorded faithful employes by his employer—summary dismissal. Captain McCoy is to succeed Captain Randall. Captain McCoy is a first-class bartug man, but is he more efficient than Captain Randall? Decidedly, no. When Captain McCoy was here before there was eight or 10 feet more water on the bar than there is at present, yet delays to shipping were just as frequent, so far as the ability of the tugs to help the situation was concerned. Captain Randall, who, so far as the Astorian knows, has no complaint to make, and whose retirement is here discussed only as it affects the general public, is the victim of the whims of a coterie of meddlers.

When we speak about poor pilotage and tugboat service we should not blame individuals for the work of nature. Those who desire an honest answer to the question, Why has shipping been delayed so much this season? have only to repair to the dock of the Columbia River Packers' Association for it. There the big steamship Pembrokeshire is moored. She has been laden for a long time. No tugboat is required to take her to sea. She is in port because the condition of the weather makes her departure impossible over the present shallow bar; and she will remain here until the weather moderates. For the same reason other vessels have been detained.

Sifting the whole of the agitation down to fact, then, we must have more pilots and a new tugboat captain because the action of the water on the sands of the sea has shoaled the bar.

What rot!

Inquiries are daily being received here from all parts of the country for information regarding business opportunities. Almost invariably the requests for information are from Eastern people, who find it difficult now to make a living in the more thickly settled portions of the United States. There the land is worked out in many sections and that still in use has become so valuable that agriculturalists are practically excluded. Naturally they turn to the West, with its countless acres of farming land and unlimited opportunities. These people want to know what they can get in the Coast states, and the number of inquiries grows greater daily. Clatsop county offers many inducements to the homeseeker, and judicious advertising will unquestionably result in the settling of our farming and dairying lands, now lying idle. The Chamber of Commerce and Push Club are both awake to the necessity of providing matter descriptive of the country and a joint pamphlet will be published. It will contain brief facts and attractive illustrations, setting forth the opportunities held out to the small investor, as well as those held out to the capitalist. The "fake" feature will be obliterated. Clatsop's best advertisement will be those homeseekers who locate here and write back to their Eastern friends of the land of plenty. The local commercial organizations are taking up an important work, and we may rest assured good results will be obtained.

Mr. Clayton, of the Blue Hill Observatory, has a suggestive paper in the Popular Science Monthly on the influence of rainfall on commercial and political affairs. Every severe financial panic in the United States has been closely associated with a protracted season of deficient rainfall. The outbreak of the Boxer war in China was at least partially due to the impoverishment of the people by drouth. A sever winter precipitated the French revolution. The Russian saying that January and February are two invincible generals was exemplified by the disastrous Moscow campaign of 1812. In the year 54 B. C., Caesar's legions in Gaul were defeated on account of their scattered stations and the stations were placed wide apart because a scanty harvest had made this disposition a necessity. These are only a few of many examples that might be cited.

Gen. Charles P. Eagan, late of the commissary department, is said to have been challenged to a duel. As this gives him the choice of weapons, he will naturally name embalmed beef. Would it not be better to compromise the awful affair.

Kidney complaint kills more people than any other disease. This is due to the disease being so insidous that it gets a good hold on the system before it is recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure will prevent the development of fatal disease if taken in time. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

There is some talk about a change in the course of the Japan currrent modifying the climate of Alaska. Belief in the effect of this currrent is a superstition. It might wash Alaskan shore and do no more towards giving a different climate than a warm water pipe could accomplish towards the heating of a state.

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"About five years ago I had very poor health," writes Mrs. S. E. Whalen, of Holden, Johnson Co., Missouri. "After doctoring four years with our town doctors they gave my case up; said they had done all they could. I had been confined to my bed half my time; the other half could hardly drag around. I had such pains in my back and abdomen I could not stand for more than a few minutes. My feet were cold or burning, and my periods came too often. The doctors said it was change of life, so, as I had heard of Dr. Pierce's medicines, my husband got me a bottle of 'Favorite Prescription.' I took it and it helped me in some ways, so I wrote to you and followed your advice. I commenced 'Favorite Prescription,' 'Golden Medical Discovery' and the 'Pellets,' as I was so constipated all the time and pills would weaken me so that I would have to go to bed. To the great surprise of everybody I got well, and when I met my friends they would say, 'We never thought you would be here now.' But I can say it was your medicine, which no doubt is the best in the world. Have had no use for doctors since I tried your medicine."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation.

John L. Sullivan has been blamed for having lashed the Uncle Tom of a barn-storming company of which their clamor for realism on the stage heir clamor for realism on he sage mere bluff.

A THOUSAND DOLLARS THROWN AWAY.

Mr. W. W. Baker, of Plainview, Neb., writes: "My wife had lung trouble for over fifteen years. We tried a number of doctors and spent over a thousand dollars without any relief. She was very low and I lost all hope, when a friend suggested trying Foley's Honey and Tar, which I did; and thanks be to this great remedy, it saved her life. She is stronger and enjoys better health than she has ever known in ten years. We shall never be without Foley's Honey and Tar and would ask those afflicted to try it. Sold by Hart's Drugstore.

A tax collector of New York is under arrest on the charge of having accepted a bribe. What there is left of Tammany feels a thrill of disgust at noting the sum involved is only $100.

A PROFITABLE INVESTMENT.

"I was troubled for about seven years with my stomach and in bed half my time," says E. Demick, Somerville, Ind., "I spent about $1000 and never could get anything to help me until I tried Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken a few bottles and am entirely well." You don't live by what you eat, but by what you digest and assimilate. If your stomach doesn't digest your food you are realy starving. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure does the stomach's work by digesting the food. You don't have to diet. Eat all you want. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. CHAS. ROGERS.

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The Rev. Dr. Parkhurst announces that all souls are not immortal. The omniscient doctor reached this conclusion after investigating the wearing qualities of a pair of two-dallor shoes.

NIGHT WAS HER TERROR.

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