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### PRAYER FOR ADMISSION.

Full Text of the Canon Memorial for the Admission of Washington Territory. Adopted by the Legislature at Olympia Nov. 4th.

Council memorial, No. 4. In the council by Mr. Caton, of Walla Walla county.

### MEMORIAL.

Praying an enabling act for admission of the state of Washington into the Union.

### GRAV'S HARBOR.

We have been shown a letter written to a gentleman here, by Walter Laidlaw, proprietor of the Mendocino lumber establishment in San Francisco, from which we are permitted to extract the following: "My friend and fellow-townsmen, Hon. J. R. Glasscock, M. C., elect, has been here for Washington to-morrow. I have viewed him yesterday for the purpose of pointing out the necessity of establishing a first-class light-house at the entrance of Gray's Harbor. He has promised to do all he can in furtherance of the project, and the support of the present, is therefore to request you to bring such influence to bear on your representative in Congress as to cause him to do all he can in advancing the same object. This matter really belongs to your representative, and Mr. Glasscock will not infringe on his prerogative, but the latter will be able to rely on the fullest co-operation of Mr. Glasscock in this matter."

Following is the text of Mr. Goodell's memorial: "Your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Washington, would respectfully represent that a lighthouse is needed at the entrance of Gray's Harbor, inasmuch as said Gray's Harbor is one of the most important seaports on our coast, having an entrance scarcely one mile wide, with low and dangerous sand banks adjacent, and has recently become the seat of extensive commercial and manufacturing industry which is steadily and rapidly growing in amount. It is the only natural outlet to the markets of the world for one of the most extensive and valuable timber districts in the United States, also of a vast area rich in agricultural resources, also coal, metals and other elements of wealth. Already a line of steamers is established between the harbor and Portland, the commercial metropolis of Oregon, and a line of sailing vessels to San Francisco, the commercial center of the Pacific coast. Other lines are projected and it is expected that next year a line of standard gauge railroads will connect the harbor with the great commercial emporium of Puget Sound.

It is a pity Mr. Goodell saw fit to ignore Astoria, and omit to mention that the "line of steamers" terminated at Astoria, as far as direct shipments are concerned. —E. A. Argonaut. We therefore respectfully petition your honorable bodies to make an appropriation for the purpose herein stated, and as in duty bound your memorialists will ever pray.

### SEA-OTTER HUNTING.

Last evening in conversation with a gentleman from the west coast, we gathered some interesting facts about the sea-otter industry. Along the ocean beach between Gray's Harbor and the mouth of the gambler's bay, at intervals of about two miles away may be seen high, raised derricks with a seat at the top, which is the outlook of the otter hunter. When the practiced eye of the patient watcher detects from his lofty perch the head of one of these animals bobbing about the surface of the water, not beyond the inner breakers, he blazes away at it with his Sharpe's, or Winchester rifle, and generally kills his game. The dead otter floats about in the current for a while and at last is washed up on the beach by the surf and is secured by the slayer.

The sea-otter skin affords one of the most valuable furs of commerce, but the animals are becoming very scarce. The hunter considers himself in luck who captures on an average one a month. It must be a lonely life he leads away on that wild ocean beach, semicircled on his high eyrie, day in and out, in vain, like another Saint Simon Stylites on his pillar, or a real impersonation of "Patience on a monument, smiling at grief."

One of the most successful and notable of the sea-otter hunters is a young Canadian named Wetherill, who has planted a little cabin on a small rock out in the breakers, known as Copolis Rock. This rock stands about 400 yards out in the ocean, and is 50 feet high and less than 100 feet square. When the sea is loud the swash of the breakers beats high above and over the hunter's cabin. To keep himself from drowning on being swept off on such occasions, he has made his cabin taut and tight as a sea boat's deck, and screwed it to its foundation with bolts drilled into the rocks, and cemented with sulphur. Here he keeps watch and ward for months at a stretch, without leaving the rock. He has two Indian assistants stationed on shore, to whom he signals when he has shot an otter, who watch for the jetsam and secure the fur. Mr. Wetherill secured last year 21 furs. He has one of the silver-tipped variety, now on hand, which he says is worth \$150. When it is properly prepared and worked up into articles it will bring in the stores an aggregate sum of \$700. For ordinary furs he obtains \$75. He sells them to Mr. Emerson, at the Hoquiam mills, who ships them thence by lumber vessel to San Francisco.

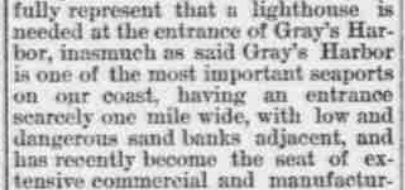
When the season's hunt is over the hunter brings his catch down to the trading post. It is the usual course of trade, in such cases, generally. The trapper swaps at the mill store for another season's supplies. Then with the surplus, usually a glorious spree, a little banking at the tiger in some club room until the money is all gone, then off to the coast for another year's vigil.—Corr. Seattle Herald.

gressional representation to secure their development. With the requisite population in numbers, who have demonstrated their ability to maintain a government, we pray that our disabilities be removed and we be restored to those rights which belong to American birthright and citizenship, the right to select our own rulers, to make our own laws. We ask for nothing that is not your duty to confer; we pray only to be allowed to consider ourselves citizens of the United States of America, and as in right, duty and good conscience we will ever pray.



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