

The Daily Astorian.

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"BREDGING" AND "HARROWING."

On the Columbia bar both the harrow and the propeller could be used with advantage. Whenever the rise of the swells is not greater than ten feet, the propeller could be used almost as effectively as in still water; and as calm spells are common in the spring and summer, a deep channel could probably be kept open across the bar, at least during the whole grain shipping season, when it is most needed.—Oregonian.

The main objection that this paper has to the above and kindred statements on the part of the Oregonian is that its assertions are repeated in a quarter where the true state of facts are not known, and tend to injure the cause which the Oregonian professes to be desirous of assisting. Whether just or unjust, whether founded on fact or the result of insufficient knowledge, it is the opinion of a good many people that Portland does not want the Columbia river bar improved for reasons that are too patent to require elaboration. Suggestions from its journals that the improvement of the bar can be effected by "harrowing" or "dredging" go far to confirm this belief. No one knows better than the editor of the Oregonian that that matter is wholly futile; that it has been tried and found unavailing, and that even granting that temporary relief might be obtained by "harrowing" or "dredging" yet the very fact that that relief would be temporary and uncertain in its nature would be an inherent element of failure.

We are led to these remarks at this time by reason of the staid effort on the part of some of our friends who live on interior streams to convey the idea that the cases of the Willamette and Columbia are identical. Some few weeks ago two gentlemen called at our office with elaborate draughtings of a new dredger which was just the one thing for which the whole Columbia valley had long yearned, and was destined by its successful operation to make the Columbia river bar a thing of the past. Our expressed opinion was that from the nature of the case no dredger, however cleverly constructed, would be of any practical benefit in the matter of making a channel for deep water vessels across the bar. The patentees in answer called attention to the fact that the Portland board of trade and Oregonian had noted the admirable workings of the model and endorsed it as being "just the thing." To our question as to whether either of the inventors had ever been on the bar a negative answer was returned. We cite this case as illustrative of the general feeling in the minds of many worthy people on a subject of which they are profoundly ignorant. To explain in detail the many reasons why a dredger would be of no avail on the Columbia river bar would be unnecessary to those who understand the subject and useless to those who do not; but in general it may be said that in October, 1882, a board of visiting engineers who presumably knew what they were talking about, made a report on the Columbia river bar and the necessary appliances for making the mouth of the river adequate to the wants of Columbia commerce. This report has been received at various newspaper offices and the accompanying chart, which doubtless hangs in the Oregonian office, is an admirable addition to current information on this subject.

COAST DEFENSES. GEN. WRIGHT has made his annual report to the War Department concerning our sea coast defenses. The pleasant information given that the great American coast line is practically defenseless and the commercial interests of this country at the mercy of foreign galleys. As we have little army and less navy, it is thought by Gen. Wright and many other worthy citizens that common prudence would suggest that the coast be put in a defensible condition. True, there is a good deal of it, but the incentive is none the less great. The civilized world, though now at peace cannot so continue. General Sherman says there is a big war coming, and should it come, this coast as well as the Atlantic and Gulf coast would find itself in a most unsatisfactory condition. Nature has placed an albatross wall along the Pacific coast as an effectual barrier against hostile incursion. This wall is broken at San Diego, San Francisco, the Columbia river, and minor points, and that those points be well protected seems necessary as a guard against possible trouble.

The temperance people in England complain that the great advocate of total abstinence, Mr. Murphy, charges 300 dollars a month for lecturing and demands in addition \$200 every thirty days for his hotel bills. This is only about \$8000 a year, and is not unreasonable. Why should great reformers be expected to sacrifice themselves for the good of humanity. Mr. Sullivan, who is now enlightening the world on the subject of "knocking out" people, receives even a larger compensation than Mr. Murphy. It should be remembered that Mr. Murphy practices as well as preaches. If he were to indulge in a gin cocktail occasionally, he might reduce his terms.

The November elections have given renewed force to the possibilities and probabilities enunciated concerning the result of next November's presidential election. The electoral college that will elect the next president of the United States will have in it 401 members, divided as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State and Number of Electors. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, California, etc.

Of these 401 votes, Wade Hampton's Cincinnati pledge of '80 holds good: the Democrats have "the solid south." That is they have a sure thing on 157 electoral votes and are figuring on the chances of getting 44 more from the north. New York and Ohio will probably be next November's battle ground in the Empire state particularly. Should the Republicans lose New York, they lose the fight, and as that part of New York south of the Harlem river is by nature and education Democratic, the fight will not be so easy as some eastern papers would make out.

MR. GOLDWIN SMITH disagrees with Herbert Spencer on the subject of Americans overworking themselves. It is not overwork so much as overworry. But the special need of this country, in his opinion, the preaching of the "gospel of contentment, indifference to inordinate wealth, and the peace of mind bred by the possession of moral treasures, not affected by the price of stocks." So long as the continuous prosperity of the country allows the sudden accumulations of enormous fortunes, and tempts to their acquirement, such a gospel will fall on deafened ears. It is only during "hard times" that the gospel of contentment in this world, or of a hope in the next, gets a hearing.

ROBERT COLLIER says that the way to live to the age of 80 is to be temperate, virtuous and keep "on the sunny side of the hedge." He is himself now nearly sixty and has never been sick for a day. He attributes to his hardy nature, in as sweet a little home as any boy ever lived in, eating oatmeal and milk, white bread and potatoes, butter once a week, and more oatmeal. The result is that he hardly knows what you mean by "a system of digestion," so strong and sure are the foundations of his life. On the other hand Carlyle lived to be 83, had the dyspepsia all his life and never lived on "the sunny side of the hedge" at all.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch shows that by beating Butler in Massachusetts the Republicans have relieved the Democratic party of a presidential claimant who might have made himself troublesome; by beating Mahone in Virginia, the Democrats have relieved the Republican party of a little boss whose success in this election would have enabled him to ride that party as the "Old Man of the Sea" role Sindbad, the sailor, and thinks that these mutual kindnesses between hostile parties are among the sweetest flowers that bloom across the garden wall of politics.

A BROOKLYN school-girl, aged 13, in reply to the question, "Which three inhabitants of the world have been most spoken of and written about?" took the prize with this answer: "Jesus Christ, Shakespeare, Napoleon." An answer substituting "Julius Caesar" for either "Shakespeare" or "Napoleon," would, in the opinion of many, have been equally entitled to the prize.

THE statement that the rabbits of Australia have already destroyed two million sheep and threaten to ruin the wool industry recalls the boy who said that pigs had saved a great many folks lives—by their not swallowing 'em. The rabbits take a great many sheep's lives by eating up all the pasture and the farmers cannot exterminate them.

THE great island of Anticosti in the St. Lawrence is to be sold by the sheriff on the 1st of December.

BORN. In Astoria, Nov. 20, 1893, to the wife of Gust Sandy, a daughter.

MARRIED. In Astoria, Nov. 20, at the residence of J. E. Higgins, by Rev. B. S. MacLafferty, Miss Minnie Fraser, of Astoria, and Herbert R. Beck, of Portland.

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NOTICE

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION issued out of the Hon. Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clatsop, on the 12th day of October, 1893, and to me directed on a decree for the foreclosure of certain mortgage liens wherein James Taylor, plaintiff, recovered a judgment and decree of foreclosure against The Fishermen's Building Association, and Patrick Macken, defendants, for the sum of one thousand two hundred and seventy-two (\$1272.00) dollars together with costs and disbursements taxed at \$10.00 and accruing costs and expenses, I have in view upon and will sell at public auction, on the 21st day of November, 1893, at 7 o'clock P. M. of said day, at the court house door, in Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon, for cash in hand at time of sale, all the right title, and interest which the above-named defendants have in the following described real property, to wit: Beginning at the north-west corner of block one hundred and twenty-one, in the first addition to the town of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John M. Shively, in the County of Clatsop, State of Oregon, running thence south along the west boundary line of said block, a distance of forty feet; thence east on a line parallel with the north boundary line of said block, a distance of one hundred feet; thence north along the north boundary line of said block one hundred and twenty-one feet to the place of beginning; thence west along the north boundary line of said block, a distance of one hundred feet to the place of beginning, with the tenements, appurtenances, etc., thereto belonging or appertaining.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE partnership heretofore existing between Rudolph Barth and Michael Meyer has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Barth will continue the business in his own name and on his own account and will pay all debts and collect all accounts and notes due the firm.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has been appointed the executor of the firm of A. M. Johnson and Co. and all persons having claims against said firm are notified to present the same duly verified to me at my office in Astoria, Oregon, within three months from this date, October 17th, 1893.

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