A GREAT RIVER.

The Mightiest Stream of the Pacific Slope--Characteristics of the Columbia.

Car. San Francisco Chronicle.

The Columbia is without much doubt, the great river of the Pacific slope, and in regard to the volume of discover that rivers have been attend- lions. The Cascades, as the name feet of water which it pours into the their plan was to build two strong Pacific inflame their imaginations, and walls in the river; close to the southas their ideas grow large and poetic so ern shore, through which the river do the figures of the annual appropriations wax and swell. It is impos- form the rapids. They were perfectsible for congressmen to visit the actual scene of each proposed improve- was sliding down constantly, and ment. They have to make up their minds at second hand, and often through a medium of facts improperly colored, either through local prejudice or personal bias. Therefore, we find that they in their generous desire to develop the country and maintain its natural arteries in a high degree of efficiency, do occasionally fall into pit-holes, and make huge blunders, we, pit-holes, and make huge blunders, we, the people, must not exult over them, but must remember that congressmen are but men, and not very superior are but men, and not very superior like to the conclusion that by making the canal they would create true reason for shooting Garfield? He shot him," said the Colonel, "bettouble would cease. How any person of common foresight and observations of the conclusion that by making the canal they would create true reason for shooting Garfield? He shot him," said the Colonel, "bettouble would cease. How any person of common foresight and observations of the conclusion that by making the canal they would create true reason for shooting Garfield? He shot him," said the Colonel, "bettouble would cease. How any person of common foresight and observations of the conclusion that by making the canal they would create the still water along the shore, and so the true reason for shooting Garfield? He shot him," said the Colonel, "bettouble would cease. How any person of common foresight and observations of the conclusion that by making the canal they would create the still water along the shore, and so the conclusion that by making the canal they would create the making the canal they would create the short him.

A DOUBTFUL UNDERTAKING. I have been led into this chain of with the government works now in that if no project of importance involving the expenditure of many millions could be inaugurated by congress without a preliminary visit from THE PRO a congressional committee, the present attempt in this spot would never have been made. I use the term attempt advisedly, because I am convinced fortunate engineer in charge is enhave been perfectly sound and logical, and may have been turned into nothingness and folly by meddling politicians, from the smaller considerations. For if the canal had been made upon the Washington territory side of the river there would have been nothing to impede its continuous and rapid progress to a triumphant then the subsidiary hill, with all its conclusion, and to a busy career of usefulness ever afterward. And if we go upon the soundest principles of reasoning and ascribe to professional engineers the keenness and comprehension which are their characteristics, we must come to the conclusion that in the original scheme that side was chosen, but that some political Ahriman pierced the egg of the engineering Ormuzd and made confusion out of discretion. These are

THE DALLES. actual terraces, and upon which the process of disintergration has up to the present hour made no mark and recorded no progress. They remain like great masses of iron ore. To water, but must beat about in the bar becomes passible. When it is remained that there is no through railway communication between San honored and blessed by all as benefactors.—[Democrat. jy15-aug1]

ing to other calculations, and give to to go by sea. the canal thus made some five or six locks, for there is a fall from Celilo to

tion could have adopted a theory so remarks by a very natural process of been ten times swifter than it is, it into small pieces of shale. Admitprogress, I cannot but be convinced ting that it washed away the base, it

could not disintegrate the whole sur-THE PROCESS OF DISINTEGRATION. Formerly basalt mountains as nearly as possible rectangular masses. Upon these the atmosphere acts. The lightning tears away corners and that the undertaking never can be leaves great marks upon the perpen-carried to a successful issue. The undicular cliffs-meteors rend away huge masses; earthquakes upheave great gaged in a hand-to-hand conflict with terraces, and leave gorges through one of the most potent forces of na- which the rains that fall upon the ture, and can hardly be victorious.
The scheme, which he did not originate, and of whose futility he must be snow. The soow falls in the winter, nate, and of whose futility he must be convinced, but which he is expected to carry through successfully, happens to be in opposition to the great law by which the mountains have been converted from rectangular masses into picturesque peaks, with broad plains stretching far away at their feet. He is expected to build a canal at the foot of a disintegrating mountain. Whether of a disintegrating mountain. Whether congress expects him to stop the process of disintegration, or to prevent tation becomes a little larger, the the canal from being filled up, will be hard to determine. But it is obvious that for the canal to be of any utility towards the navigation of the Columbia one of these two things must be done. If balast has one law which it must we were Mohammedans we might in-voke the aid of Mohammed to re-is columnar, and as the water works move the mountain. If we were papars, we might ask the Kobold to stop the falling earth at the brink of stop the falling earth at the brink of small rectangular masses, with a colsenate, taking his colleague with him, the canal. But in the nineteenth umnar tendency. Then, under this century, we, at least some of us, have superficial mass of shaly basalt the learned to comprehend that natural water finds it way, and remains in forces are simply organic matter doing the expressed will of the Creator; and enough to melt them. As they melt we do not invoke supernatural aid they must go down sliding to the lowagainst the Most High. I have made est level, and they bring with them no inquiries as to the paternity of this the whole superincumbont stratum of canal scheme, because it is quite pos-sible that the project as it issued from vision. When they get to the from the brain of one engineer may bottom they are the first beginning of a plain. The time comes, however, when the mountain, by continual wearing away, gets itself into such a

> habitants comes sliding down in fearful ruin. A SINGULAR FACT.

> condition that its detritus cannot

acquires force to move the whole, and

trees, plains, orchards, houses and in-

Now the men who built the wagon road must be aware that this is true, because they noticed as a very singular fact that about a foot under the shale there was a stratum of chunks of ice. But it never occured to them that melting ice must slide downward, because their brains were filled with the rapid current theory, although the Columbia has no more effect upon The distance from Portland to the mountain than I should have if I Celilo is about 100 miles by the river, but in that distance the Columbia has clusion to be drawn from this is that two great impediments, one known as immediately the canal is built it will the Cascades, the other as the dalles.

The readers of The Chronicle will be kind enough not to confound the latter word with the bustling, brisk, lively and plassure loving town called by an long that a plain has been formed. ly and pleasure-loving town called by that name. The word is one of the French bits of rude eloquence by saveral miles in miles i son Bay company described striking objects, and is a proof that, unlettered as they were, and rough and uncultured as we deem them, their heart ed as they were, and rough and un-cultured as we deem them, their hearts not be more practical, more sensible, the wealthy widow the crack-brained cultured as we deem them, their hearts were deeply impressed by the beauties of the nature, and their wits capable of recording these impressions by expressive epithets. By dalles we may comprehend the pavement of a terrace, but though there is nothing in the English language which comes so close to it as the cockney term "flag" for a broad stone used in making sidewalks, yet this, though it conveys the walks, yet this, though it conveys the sense of flatness, size and breadth, the bar. There was a time when it does not give the whole idea. The was believed that this was not needed dalles implies the grandeur of a noble for it was supposed that eighteen feet dates implies the grandeur of a noble terrace, the splendor of the pavement of a palace, and the English tongue can only obtain this by an extended sentence, such as "broad flights of noble flagging," all of which is implied by the one word dalles. And it describes one word, dalles. And it describes the scene perfectly, for the river finds its way through lava beds, which are water, but must beat about in the were skeptical; but proof of its merits

overcome these terrible obstacles there ternative is between some railroad is but one way, and that is to cut, traveling at each end, some pretty blast, rend, trash through the lava by giant powder for a distance of six three transfers, there can be no surmiles at least, or nine miles accord- prise that people with baggage prefer

THE BAR OF THE COLUMBIA, But the sufferings of invalids and the end of the dalles region of some- ladies in rough weather are really terthing like a hundred feet. As the rible, and there is not the most reminimum calculation for such an en- mate possibility of any natural immay without injustice be ranked with the mighty Mississippi itself. There is something in rivers of the first magnitude which appeals forcibly to the imagination of all men, and the bold adventurer who should dare to wade through those portions of the cades, is not so terrible to be about \$7,000,000, congress very wisely has had nothing to say to this part of the Columbia river.

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But the other impediment, the Cascades, is not so terrible to be about \$7,000,000, congress very wisely has had nothing to say to this part of the Columbia river. wade through those portions of con-though there is a strong probability when the Villard projects are com-gressional reports which have refer-that even here a successful canal in ence to the appropriations made for the Washington territory side could nection with the eastern states. From internal in provements will quickly not be made for less than several mil- every point of view, then, it would seem desirable that congress should ed to by congress according to size. implies, are a series of rapids, which make some appropriation to improve Legislators can hardly be coerced into at low water are very formidable, but the bar of the Columbia. It is the the consideration of such questions as at high water can be surmounted by are presented by the American and powerful steamers—save the last one.

The government engineers determined,

The government engineers determined engineers d Sacramento, though of the highest therefore, to begin their caval works in Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washimportance; whereas there has at this one, since this would afford ington territory. The railroads are been a cheerful acquiescence as to the quickest relief to steam navigation being built in the interests of the included above named. No TRANSPERS BY CARREST OF TRANSPE the necessity of improving and would enable the large vessels to the navigation of the Columbia. The size of the latter river and the cubic a check. From what I see before me, cream of them, are being sold for the price of government land, or in some cases a trifle more. Everything tends could flow unvexed by the rocks that to prove that there will be in this region great activity, great increase of population.

RATHER SEVERE PARALLEL

Cincinnati Gazette

Col. Robert Ingersoll's view of Guiteau's sanityand motive is striking and suggests a parallel:
"Do you think Guiteau is insane?

"No more than I am. Do you know that he has not yet given his believed that he was mainly responsiridiculous must ever remain a puzzle! ble for the election of Garfield, and For had the current of the Columbia wanted official recognition and reward for his labor. He forced his thought. Standing here at the cascades of the Columbia, face to face upon the whole slope of the mountain he was put out of it by his orders. he was put out of it by his orders. This touched his vanity and so preyed on his egotism that he resolved on revenge. Having resolved to kill the face. The process of disintegration is President, he sought for a reason that would give the color of justification to the act. He is lawyer enough to know that if he avowed any personal hostility to the president his act would show malice; so he carefully refrained from any expression on the

> subject. "The quarrel between Conkling and the president gave him the desired reason. He put it on the ground of patriotism, and eagerly avows that he had no personal reason for shoot-ing the president. Have you noticed that never since his arrest has he alluded to the fact that he was ejected from the White House?"

Guiteau fancied that his work in campaign elected Garfield. Guiteau was ejected from the White House, and he resolved on revenge, and cunningly planned to give it the appearance of a political act without personal malice. For that was all his previous letter writing and his conned exclamation when he had done the

Another statesman has an idea that his part in the campaign elected Garfield and gave him a claim on all hat Garfield has The appointment of a man politically opposed to him the OLD RELIABLE SIOUX CITY ROUTE to the New York Collectroship ejected him from the White House and him him from the White House; made him surrendering the senate to the democrats, and then call upon the New York legislature to re-elect him upon his own manifesto, which is a declaration of war on the president. And all this indulgence of egotism and personal animosity he pretends to be out of consideration for the public welfare. He is still continuing this forlorn contest for re-election, or the prevention of any election, although not one-third of the republicans have at any time voted for him, and latterly

Sister Van Cott Was Guiteau's Flame.

still fewer. Is not the parallel a

New Lond cn(Wis.) Special.

striking one?

A recent Washington dispatch to the effect that Guiteau based his hopes of marrying a rich widow upon the securement of a government appointment has caused much talk in this city ment has caused much talk in this city the past few days. While conducting revival meetings here last June Mrs. Van Cott exhibited several letters written her by Charles J. Guiteau, prefacing the act with the statement, in substance, that Guiteau was formerly an infidel, who had been converted through her efforts, and that since his conversion he was the smartest and most influential young man in Chicago. The letters were neatly tied together with a perfumed blue ribbon, and, rhetorically, can be described as a mixture of ambiguous disdissertions upon things spiritual, and rhapsodical references to his all-absorbing affection, profound admiration the wealthy widow the crack-brained fellow thought he could marry. It is safe to say that those letters will never more be exhibited as evidence of what 'Sister Van Cott and God can do for an infidel."

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