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IMPRESSIONS OF ASTORIA.

One of the benefits arising from the numerous visitors at Astoria and the Seaside from other parts of the country during the Watering Season, is the usually good opinion and favorable conclusions formed respecting the place and its people. A friend who has been here for a month contributes the following for publication:

"Familiarity with scenes of rare beauty inevitably accustoms the eye to their claims for admiration and doubtless the citizens of Astoria do not look upon their city and its surroundings with the same spirit with which a stranger's eye would view them. To one who sees this city and its surroundings for the first time, and who looks down from its elevation upon the magnificent panorama which is spread before him, the Columbia river and broad bay outstretching far and wide until lost in silent but expressive grandeur of the Pacific; the lofty hills hemming in the bay; the busy little city on its banks; the myriad craft that fill the great river which rolls on beneath his feet; to one like myself beholding these for the first time, there can be but one sentiment—that of delighted awe.—Such, at all events, were the sensations that completely assumed possession of myself, as I stood upon the summit of the hill back of the city and looked upon the scenes beneath.

"Of the pleasant little city of Astoria itself I feel to speak none but words of praise. There is manifest among its few but public spirited people, the presence of an energy before which impediments are melted, and obstacles removed from out the pathway of progress and reform. The high elevation of the city itself is typical of the excelsior spirit of its people who seemingly look eagerly for impossibilities in order that they may achieve the glory of overcoming them. What is to prevent such people from the attainment of the objects upon which they may have set their hearts? Having the natural resources and everything else favorable to the building up of a handsome commercial city, obstacles in the way may as well at once emulate Captain Scott's coon, and 'come down,' for it must and will be done."

A writer in the Register defines some of the objects of the Farmers' Granges as follows: "Object 1st. The ennoblement of labor and the fraternity of the producing classes. 2d. Mutual instruction and the lightening of labor by diffusing a better knowledge of the aims of labor. 3d. Social culture. 4th. Mutual relief in sickness and adversity. 5th. Prevention of cruelty to animals. 6th. Prevention of litigation. 7th. Bringing more nearly together the producer and consumer. 8th. The overthrow of the credit system. 9th. Building up and fostering our home indrustries. 10th. Mutual protection of husbandmen against sharpers and middlemen.

—The New York Bulletin dwells on the various legislative devices to distribute taxes in such a way that every man shall pay his exact share. These devices, as a rule, have met but small success. Legislative tinkering does not always deal with the matter intelligently. No one needs to be informed that the imposition of a tax increases the price of every article sold; and this increase is in proportion to the frequency of the sales, while at the same time it takes effect on every one in ratio of the extent of his consumption. Thus by a process natural and inevitable, every person in the community must and does pay a portion of every tax; and the simple and easy methods of nature effect a far wider and more precise distribution than legislative enactment and administrative inquisition are able to achieve.

—The balloon project of Prof. Wise, the aeronaut, has gone up, but the balloon has not.

MINORITY REPRESENTATION.

Hon. S. F. Hunt, president of the Ohio Constitutional Convention, and was chosen chairman of the Democratic State Convention, at Columbus last week, not long since was very active in advocating the system of "Minority Representation," incorporated into the new constitution of Illinois. Our attention was attracted to a correspondence between him and Hon. Joseph Medill about a month ago. The object of this system, as the reader is probably aware, is to give the minority a representation in the Legislature and in the Judiciary, and thus restrain the majority, in some degree, at least, from making a tyrannical use of their power. In a county, for example, where three representatives are to be elected to the legislature, the minority can, if they choose to do so, nominate but one candidate and cast for him as many votes as they would have been entitled to cast for three candidates, the provision of minority representation permitting them to give a triple vote for the one candidate. If the provision will enable the minority to obtain a respectable representation in the legislature and in other bodies, which they could not have otherwise, it is a wholesome one; for however intelligent and patriotic a majority may be in the beginning of its existence, its tendency is to lapse into partisan tyranny and excesses of all kinds. Political adventurers, who care for the spoils only, and ambitious men, who love place more than principle, will soon push the upright and conscientious men of ideas to the rear and push themselves to the front. Hence wise and salutary legislation depends very largely upon the restraining vigilance of a good minority, and, if any scheme can be devised to keep a vigorous opposition party in every legislative branch in the country, beneficial results will follow its adoption. To the question as to whether the system of minority representation was giving satisfaction in Illinois, where it had been recently adopted, Mr. Medill unhesitatingly answered in the affirmative. He says that it proves in practice to be just what was promised and predicted in its behalf. The experiment is conceded to be quite successful, and is regarded as a great improvement on the old one-sided system of representation. It is far more popular now than it was a year ago, before the first election under it. Then there were doubts as to its practicability. Its opponents said the people would not be able to comprehend it, and that confusion would result at the polls, that bad men would slip into the legislature by its means, that it would enable the minority to rule the majority, and that the interests of the people would be harmed or sacrificed.

Not one of these prognostications of evil has come to pass. The voters understand the new system without difficulty or much explanation, and discovered nothing abstruse or incomprehensible in it.

Mr. Medill further states that the "whole mass of the people are now represented in the popular branch, instead of a mere majority as formerly. Every voter whether a Democrat or Republican, has now the man of his choice in the Assembly to represent him. Neither party is now unrepresented in any district. The minority is no longer practically disfranchised, as was previously the case. The vote of the majority is not impaired or disturbed. The stronger party at the polls have control of the House, but the weaker one is represented in proportion to its strength. The unjust monopoly of representation is broken. Every Democratic district elected two Democrats and one Republican, and every Republican district two Republicans and one Democrat to the House. The exception to this rule only occurred when a candidate of the stronger party was unpopular, or that of the weaker party the fitter man to such a degree as to constrain enough of his opponents to vote for him to elect him. No party advantage was gained from these exceptional cases, because they were as numerous on one side as the other—gainer and loser balancing each other." Mr. M. mentions a fact which speaks well for the system of "minority representation," which is that the "minority members" were the ablest men. Several of the strongest and most influential members of the Assembly were elected by the "plumping" vote of the minority—showing that the minority, as a rule, were more careful and conscientious in selecting representatives than the majority. This fact is so patent that the enemies of the system admit it in the present instance. Mr. Medill concludes that minority representation in Illinois has been demonstrated to be an actual reform, an improvement in the science of popular government, and the people are pleased with the operation of the experiment.

The vehemence with which some of the leading Administration journals in Illinois attack the system, would indicate that it is an unpleasant check upon the rampant majority, which is prima facia testimony that it is doing some good.

"Get leave to work—
In this world 'tis the best you can get at all,
For God, in cursing, gives us better gifts
Than man in benediction. God says, sweat
For foreheads; men say "crowns," and so we are crowned.
Ay! gashed by some tormenting circlet of steel,
Which snaps with a secret spring.
Get work! Get work!
'Tis even better than what you work to get. —Mrs. Browning.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMmon Council will be held in the Council room, this (TUESDAY) evening, the 19th, at 7 o'clock. By order of the Mayor.
CHARLES STEVENS, Recorder.
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GEORGE H. DURHAM. H. Y. THOMPSON.
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Will be received by the undersigned until noon (12 o'clock), Friday, Aug. 22d.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVET THAT THE Co-Partnership heretofore existing between Donaldson & Reed, in the Market business, has been dissolved, and the undersigned having purchased the interest of A. J. Donaldson therein, will continue the business as before at the old stand on Main street. All debts due the firm will be paid to me, and vice versa. GRENVILLE REED.
Astoria, August 15, 1873. au15-4w

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