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A CITY WITHOUT HOMES.

In the course of a discussion in New York on the "Evolution of Capitalism," one of the speakers said: "We are face to face with the heaviest indictment that can be brought against modern industrial progress." The indictment which was declared to be so dangerous to the welfare of the commercial metropolis of the nation was that the evolution of capitalism had produced a city without homes. There are, said the speaker, "tenements and flats and apartments. There are hotels and theaters, restaurants and saloons. There are stores, banks, museums and churches. But there are no homes in the sense the word is used in other cities. This fact is the penalty for New York's commercial supremacy."

A city without homes is a city built on a foundation of sand. It is a city that is attractive only as a show. The rich of all the country go to New York with the sole purpose of spending their money in pleasures and dissipation. It is a city of contrasts. Against a thousand millionaires there are 16,500 families dependent upon charitable associations, and 15,000 dependent children in the city institutions. The redeeming feature in this connection is the liberality with which these charitable societies are supported. While better than giving is the creation of conditions which dispose with the obligation to give, there is a hope of better things from a people who do not permit their sense of comfort and fondness for luxury to harden their hearts against the suffering of the poor. The craze for show, the desire for excitement, the indulgence in the pleasures which the possession of practically unlimited wealth makes possible, are features of modern life not confined to New York.

In San Francisco as in other rich and prosperous cities, the family house gives way to the imposing structures which shelter anywhere from one hundred to three hundred families, says the Bulletin of that city. In these suites of rooms are single men, young and old married men, most of whose families consist of a wife, and young women who are as independent of home restraints as their male associates. The underlying principle upon which these immense caravansaries are conducted is to eliminate household work from the experience of young women. It is nearly as cheap, and much easier, to relegate household duties to Chinamen. That life under such conditions may be clean morally is not disputed. That the family loses individuality, what may be termed family characteristics, is a natural consequence. The intimate association which binds the members of a family into the unit upon which our civilization rests is not possible.

GEER AND FURNISH.

The Salem Statesman declines to apologize for its gubernatorial attitude. It desires the renomination of Governor Geer and openly announces its preference. It asks the opposition faction to do likewise. The opposition has been scoring the Statesman for its course, but its rejoinder will doubtless quash its slanders. The Salem paper says:

The Statesman's assertion that the fight for governorship was between Geer and Furnish is reported to be re-echoed with much vehemence and bitterness by the leaders of the opposition and characterized as false and malicious. Geer, Furnish and Lowell are the only authorized candidates and are the only persons seeking the nomination, as all readers of the newspapers well know. In Eastern Oregon it is generally admitted that Furnish will be ahead of Lowell, and by far stronger in the convention than his home rival. Newspapers all over the state said that the fight was between Geer and Furnish. Of course other names have been mentioned, without authority, though, in connection with this nomination. C. A. Johns, one of the number, says he

will not put a straw in the way of Governor Geer's renomination and will not be a candidate. Henry Ankeny, another, has repeatedly said that his people favor the renomination of Governor Geer, and he has assured his friends that he is pledged to bring that about. J. M. Church, who has also been named, has declined to become a candidate, and says he will use his influence to bring the delegation from Union county to the state convention for Governor Geer.

The fight is between Geer and Furnish, and no one is as well assured of this as the men who are denying it. It was decided several months ago that Furnish should have the support of the Mitchell machine; he paid for it, so it is alleged by liberal contributors to the campaign funds, and it is his property. The leaders of the opposition to Governor Geer know this is true; they know that Furnish has rights they cannot deny. The talk of other candidates is simply for effect. The opposition to Governor Geer has but one candidate, and that is W. J. Furnish.

But why should our friends go into spasms at the mention of the name of Mr. Furnish in the contest? He is a gentleman and not to be ashamed of. If Republicans are so exceedingly unwise as to nominate Mr. Furnish, the Statesman will support him with every argument available. The Statesman simply asks the opposition to bring their candidate to the front. Bring him from behind the scene into the light. Let his record as a citizen and a Republican be examined in order that the party will be able to make an intelligent choice at the primaries. The contest is between Geer and Furnish, and the Republicans have a right to know something of the man the opposition proposes to place on the ticket for them to ratify at the polls.

The merging of the Astoria Electric Company, the West Shore Mills Company and the Astoria Gaslight Company will be a good thing for the city. It means, what is best, that an improved car service will be afforded, giving connection with the residence sections of the East and West Ends. The East End is particularly well adapted to the building of homes, and the establishment of industries in West Astoria will soon render that section desirable for the same purpose. Astoria needs more homes, and an extended street car line will do more than anything else to increase the number of residences. The city likewise needs an improved lighting service. This statement is made without in any manner attempting criticism of the service given by the West Shore Mills Company, which has, considering the disadvantages under which it has labored, done very well. But the city needs a more extensive lighting system, and the merger just brought about will make this possible. The company now in control of the local street-car and lighting systems is a small government in itself, and, like other great corporations, operating in many cities, must at all times be honest with the public. There is a natural tendency against monopolies, but in the street-car and lighting business monopolies have been found to be most practicable. The merger and announcement of proposed improvements are a gratifying expression of confidence in the future of Astoria, indicating that men of means regard this as a most favorable field for investment.

Dr. Flinders Petrie, the archaeologist, announces that he has deciphered the cuneiform inscription on a tablet he excavated in the plains of Assyria, and believes that it is a copy of a prehistoric comic paper. Among other items it contains the following merry jest, which bears a strangely familiar sound: "Now, there were gathered together at the place of the telling of stories many of them that have lived long in the land, and one of them lifted up his voice and said: 'Behold! it groweth cold with much extremeness.' Whereupon another made answer saying: 'Verily, it doth. But let us separate and get hence, for here cometh Methusalem the aged, and if we tarry he will even tell again of the cold spell of the year 46.' And they got hence with much speed." This item of news, which appears exclusively in the Baltimore American, is not, however, accompanied with an affidavit.

Drouth in two successive years over the same area in India almost means depopulation, and that is what is at present threatened. Unless rain falls there during the remaining week of the present month the world will have a repetition of last year's dismal tale, with even deeper notes of misery and desolation.

Above all things, do not neglect to register. Those of you who put off this very necessary formality will be subjected to great inconvenience to-

wards the east, and will then vainly wish you had heeded the advice so often given. Every voter in Astoria can spare the time required, and, as the privilege of voting is the greatest enjoyed by citizens, none should neglect to register. Do so today.

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Old age is more beautiful to contemplate than to live.

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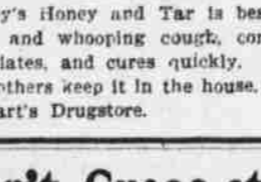
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7:00 p. m.	For Astoria and Way Points	9:40 p. m.

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7:45 a. m.	For Portland and Way Points	11:30 a. m.
6:10 p. m.		10:00 p. m.

SEASIDE DIVISION

9:15 a. m.	Astoria for Warrenton.	7:40 a. m.
11:05 a. m.	Flavel for Seaside.	4:00 p. m.
9:30 p. m.	Hammont and Astoria	9:40 a. m.
6:15 p. m.	Seaside for Warrenton.	12:30 p. m.
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5:50 p. m.	via Huntington	
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