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The visit to Astoria of Inspector Conger of the weather bureau service reminds us that this is one of the most important branches of the government. Not many years ago the agricultural department was hooted at for undertaking to provide forecasts of weather conditions, but now the daily prognostications are looked forward to with interest and regarded with absolute confidence by a large portion of the people of the country. Mr. Conger calls timely attention to the fact that the Pacific northwest forecasters have the most difficult field of labor, being so located that advance reports cannot be secured. They must originate prognostications for the entire country east of the coast, and if at times they fail to correctly predict weather conditions they should not, as Inspector Conger says, be jumped upon. It is gratifying to note that extensive improvements are to be made in this locality, and particularly so that a storm-warning station is to be maintained at Chinook during the fishing season. This station will serve to warn fishermen of the approach of storms and will, it is to be hoped, prevent the drowning of many of the men who toil nightly upon the river for a livelihood. The weather bureau service aims to help every class of citizens —farmers, fishermen and mariners alike—and we should show more appreciation of the department. Primarily intended for the benefit of the farmer, it is being gradually extended to cover every field that requires forecasts, and its great usefulness is growing annually. Every good American will do all that is possible to advance the interests of the weather bureau and to increase its efficiency.

Despite the unworthy efforts to ridicule the department, the fisheries branch of the state government is making excellent progress. The output of hatchery fish in Oregon this year will be about 25,000,000, and from this time forward will increase yearly. Those who have criticized Warden Van Dusen for his failure to establish permanent hatcheries have done so without cause, for the warden has ever been actuated by a desire to determine the best locations before putting the state to an expense that would not result in permanent benefit. The perpetuation of the salmon industry depends entirely upon the success of artificial propagation, and it is deplorable in the extreme that the criticism of the conduct of the department should come from the community most interested. The general public will be satisfied with the report of the Push club committee that the warden's work is being properly attended to.

The overcrowding of the schools of Astoria is to be regretted, but it is not clear how relief can be afforded immediately. The school district in which the city is located has about all it can do to pay the expenses of the present system, and until the assessed valuation of the city is raised to something like a reasonable figure the lack of funds for school purposes will be felt. Underpaid teachers and overcrowded schools are not desirable by any means, but for the time at least we must grin and bear it.

Portland's streets are being torn up and replaced with new ones, and her old bridges will be put in good repair. There's nothing like a little timely agitation to make the public-spirited citizen an improvement enthusiast. Portland is one of the most beautifully situated cities in the country, and with her new streets will "look good" to the 1905 fair visitors. The extensive building there denotes an era of substantial prosperity that augurs well for the entire state.

The crown prince of Siam complains that he was treated like a Japanese at an eastern function given in his honor. The first thing the crown prince knows, some Jap will walk up and down his frame.

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