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LEGITIMATE SPORT.

The people of the city of Astoria should be proud of their Commercial Club. This enterprising organization has gone in for athletic sports, and its teams are meeting with the success that comes of diligent effort. Last season's football eleven furnished some of the best sport ever seen in the west, closing the football year with the fine record of victory in every game. This season's ball team is a strong one, and is providing excellent sport for the people of the city. The bowlers, after years of effort, have succeeded finally in winning the famous Feldenheimer trophy, and there is little reason to believe that they will not defend it for some months at least.

Amateur sport is the only legitimate sport. The professional baseball player is out at all times for the money. He does not accept long chances at fielding, because he is playing for a record that will net him more salary. The great interest in the game, however, brings out in such towns as Portland crowds of 6000 to 10,000 people who pay 50 cents each to watch the efforts of some professional who is trying to make a good fielding record by refusing to accept chances that are apt to result in error on his part. His interest in the contest is purely a commercial one.

On the other hand, the amateur is striving to uphold the name of his club. Nothing is too difficult for him to undertake, either on the gridiron or on the diamond. He is in the game because of his love of legitimate sport. It matters not to him that he may err; he strives his best at all times, and, therefore, puts up the best exhibition. Baseball enthusiasts who have seen several of the professional games at Portland during the present season aver the game here a week ago between the Commercial Club and Fort Stevens teams was far more interesting than any which they had witnessed in the metropolis. Here they watched a game played by young men who were anxious to put up the very best quality of ball of which they were capable; there they saw a game played by men whose interest in the sport was purely commercial.

Amateur sport is always far ahead of professional sport. The true interest in the game actuates the amateur; the professional is in it for what it will net him. In view of this fact, the people of Astoria should give hearty support to the athletic club, which is just now prepared to successfully meet all comers at any of the three branches of sport with which it has taken up.

CLEVELAND AND THE NOMINATION.

The Tacoma Ledger expresses the conviction that there is a very widespread demand for the nomination of Mr. Cleveland at the St. Louis convention, and says only the services of a shrewd general would be necessary to swing the convention for the only man who broke republican rule in nearly 50 years. Were the late Secretary Whitney alive to do this very thing, our Tacoma contemporary avers, Mr. Cleveland would probably find himself nominated by the democrats.

The people now appreciate Mr. Cleveland more than at the time he stepped down from the presidential chair. His was a conservative administration of our national affairs, and not at all calculated to appeal to the radical element of the republic. But, despite this belated appreciation, there seems little ground for the belief that he may be nominated. First and foremost, he does not want the nomination. He knows the people are traditionally opposed to third terms, and, therefore, would probably not accept, even if he had not already declared in the most forcible language that he would not take the nomination if it were tendered him. Mr. Cleveland has set his seal of disapproval upon the boom which his friends have started for him; it is only reasonable to suppose that he is in earnest.

So far as the rank and file of the party are concerned, Mr. Cleveland would not be an acceptable candidate. However much the fact may be regretted by the conservatives, it is true the control of the party is still in the hands of the radicals. Mr. Bryan, whose dog-in-the-manger policy has brought much

opposition to him, still retains the backing of the great majority of the democratic voters. This element will demand certain things at the convention and its demands must be met. It may allow reason to dictate its action, in which event it will agree to the nomination of a compromise candidate—such as Mayor McClellan, who would probably be able to secure the support of both wings of the party. Certain it is a pronounced radical or a pronounced conservative will have no chance with President Roosevelt. In order to go into the campaign with a chance to win, the democrats must name a man whose course has not been obnoxious to one or the other of the elements now fighting for supremacy.

Mr. Cleveland represents the highest type of his party, but he is not in political position to make successful bid for the nomination. It is evident some one not yet prominently in the race will be chosen at St. Louis.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

The results of the Cuban reciprocity treaty are already becoming apparent, and must be regarded as gratifying and as vindicating the contentions of the advocates of that policy. Briefly stated, our imports from and our exports to Cuba are both increasing, and at a steadily increasing ratio. That is precisely as it should be, and we are confirmed in the expectation that the process will continue, at least on one side and in one direction, until the United States has the dominant place in Cuban trade to which it is entitled by its proximity and by the natural reciprocity of demands and supplies which exists between the two countries.

It is observed that imports from Cuba have increased much more than exports to that country. That was fully expected when reciprocity was adopted. It was inevitable that it should be so, and there was no reason to deprecate it, and there is no reason to regret it. The circumstance arises, of course, from the fact that Cuba's contributions to our market are much less varied than are ours to hers. Reciprocity meant, to her, chiefly an open market for her sugar. She has been able in the first year of the new system to send to us a greatly increased proportion of her sugar crop. That has meant an enormous increase in her sales to us, about 95 per cent. But there can be no great continuation of the increase. Her productive capacity is limited. When she is sending us all her sugar her sales can increase only as her sugar growing capacity increases, which will be comparatively, slowly. On the other hand, the increase in our sales of varied products to her, although slower, will probably be much longer maintained, and will be maintained at a greater rate. Thus far it has been only 25 per cent, as compared with her 95. But next year the report is likely to be that her sales to us have increased much less than 95 per cent, while ours to her have increased far more than 25. The growth of a varied trade is necessarily slower than that of a trade in only one or two articles. But it is no less sure.

The prediction that reciprocity would benefit all classes of American producers seems to be verified. Comparison of March, 1903, with March, 1904, shows an increase in sales of agricultural implements, for example, of from \$2,858 to \$10,155 and of locomotives from \$5174 to \$8650. That is good for the manufacturers. But the exports of wheat flour have also increased, from \$178,830 to \$375,800. That is good for the farmers of the United States. In fact, the very circumstance that has made the increase in our exports slower than that in imports makes the increase beneficial to the greatest variety of American industries and industrialists. The current statistics demonstrate that Cuban reciprocity has secured an enlarged market and consequent advantages for American farmers. There are no indications anywhere that it has caused any injury to them, not even to those sugar beet growers whose impending ruin was not long ago so tearfully set forth. We have not heard of the abandonment of the American beet sugar industry, and we have perceived no reason why it should be abandoned on account of Cuban reciprocity.

This is the practical vindication of reciprocity upon the basis of dollars and cents. It is gratifying to have such vindication of it, which we were from the outset confident we should have. The higher vindication of it resides in the fact that it is just and right, as a matter of international ethics, apart from all considerations of profit and loss. Not always do abstract right and practical, concrete profit so closely coincide as in this case they happily do.

Down in Florida they employ the direct primary method of making nominations, and as a consequence are still trying to figure out who was successful in an election held two weeks ago. The ballot was 39 inches in length and in the case of several of the aspirants for nomination other elections will have to be held to settle the question at issue in the first election. Everybody wants to see better election laws, but those who study the bill offered the people of Oregon will readily come to the conclusion that it should be defeated.

AT MERCY OF WAVES

San Francisco Pleasure Seekers Meet With Misfortune and Almost Death on Bay.

SLOOP OLYMPIA LOSES MAST

Everyone on Board Drenched to Skin but Thankful to Escape With Life.

San Francisco, May 23.—With her mainmast snapped off at the deck, her rudder damaged, sails torn to threads and a foot of water in her cabin, 11 pleasure-seekers aboard the sloop Olympic, five of whom were young ladies, had a miraculous escape from death this morning.

For nine hours the sloop with her passengers was buffeted about by the angry waters near the Heads, and it was owing to the subsiding of the winds and the cool bravery of John Benken, who held the tiller, that the boat was not swamped.

Everyone aboard was drenched to the skin, and when rescued were in a pitiable condition from lack of water and food. One of the young ladies fainted, and it was some time before she was resuscitated.

At 11:30 yesterday morning the yachting party left South San Francisco and headed for Sausalito, expecting to return by sundown. Strong breezes were encountered in the afternoon, and the little craft heeled over under the gusts. Without warning, the mainstays broke and a second later the mast, with its heavy sail, toppled overboard. The sloop drifted about, shipping a good deal of water with every wave. The tide carried the vessel toward Golden Gate. There were no men aboard, and it was realized that nothing but good fortune could save the party. All night long the helpless vessel drifted, and at daybreak it was found that the craft had been carried back into the bay.

The crew of the steamer General McDowell saw the distress of the vessel and took the disabled sloop in tow. Those in the party were Miss Maud Fever, Miss Elsie Fever, Miss Mary Hicks, Miss Rosie Micks, Miss Annie Carroll, C. Starr, J. McAdam, John Benken, H. Benken, F. Caffney and M. Watkins.

Believed to Be Drowned.

St. John, N. B., May 23.—John T. Thompson, one of the most prominent shipping men in Canada, and R. P. Foster, manager of the Royal bank of Canada, are believed to have been drowned by the capsizing of their boat in Lake Oromocto yesterday.

CLEANLY WOMAN.

Erroneously Thinks by Scouring Her Scalp That She Cures Dandruff.

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