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Today's Weather.

Western Oregon, Wednesday, light rain along coast, and increasing cloudiness, followed by rain in the interior.

THE PARK QUESTION.

The Civic Improvement League sent a communication to the Astoria water commission, urging upon that auxiliary organization the advisability of purchasing a few lots in the vicinity of the old reservoir for a city park.

A Civic Improvement League is an important adjunct for any city. Organizations of this kind have been organized in many cities and towns and have accomplished many important reforms.

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But as to requesting the water commission to invest money in a few lots for public park purposes, we are inclined to the belief that the water commission is engaged in the business of supplying the city and its inhabitants with water and ditches.

Finally there came a day when pugilists either had to battle with gloves or find some other way of making a living. Bare-knuckles fights lost favor with the professionals, who naturally wanted to get all the money they could with the least possible damage.

Profits of the game have steadily increased until now the winner of several thousand dollars. It is a matter of pugilistic history that the gross receipts of the first Corbett-Jeffries match, which was fought in New York, amounted to \$61,000.

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building new hotels, are not to be found in any almanac or story paper. The daily papers of the city furnish all this information for the benefit of their subscribers.

The public will also be informed through the columns of the Astorian when Port Arthur has fallen and when the hotel committee makes its report—if the paper is in existence at the time of the occurrence.

PUGILISM DOOMED.

Civilization has moved steadily ahead in the world known as the United States, but it still clings to burdens that could easily be shed. True, the particular burden in mind is not of alarming proportions, yet the fact of its existence makes many people doubt the genuineness of man's reformation.

That the prize-fighting game is a survival of the brutal pastimes of old no one denies. Rome forced men to fight beasts, and when even this did not satisfy, the populace compelled its gladiators to become murderers.

The rise and decline of bullfighting has taken place among a people who have taken little stock in pugilism, still the fate of the one may be the fate of the other. The fist-fighting game got its first boom in England, and it came across the ocean with the early colonists.

When the game first crossed the sea it flourished on this side with the same show of brutality that marked its pioneer days in England. Just as much blood was shed just as many men were beaten until their features lacked human resemblance, and just as little money was given to the fighters.

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the pugilist, and when it falls the game will soon die. Civilization works slowly, but its progress is sure. The prize fighter does much harm and no good, and therefore cannot escape the wheels of the car of progress.

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sound common sense. It runs in part as follows:

"It is my belief we can better serve each other, better understand the man as well as his business, when meeting face to face, exchanging views, and realizing from personal contact we serve but one interest, that of our mutual prosperity."

"The day has gone by when a corporation can be handled successfully in defiance of the public will, even though that will be unreasonable and wrong. A public may be led, but not driven, and I prefer to go with it and shape or modify, in a measure, its opinion, rather than be swept from my bearings, with loss to myself and the interests in my charge."

"Publicity, and not secrecy, will win hereafter, and laws be construed by their intent and not by their letter, otherwise public utilities will be owned and operated by the public which created them, even though the service be less efficient and the result less satisfactory from a financial standpoint."

The department of agriculture has grown into an educational institution with a faculty of two thousand specialists making research into all the sciences of production. The congress appropriates, directly and indirectly, \$6,000,000 annually to carry on this work.

It is the cardinal principle of the forest-reserve policy of this administration that the reserves are for use. Whatever interferes with the use of their resources is to be avoided by every possible means.

The forest policy of the government is just now a subject of vivid public interest throughout the west and to the people of the United States in general. The forest reserves themselves are of extreme value to the present as well as to the future welfare of all the western public land states.

Forest reserves are created for two principal purposes. The first is to preserve the water supply. This is their most important use. The principal users of the water thus preserved are irrigation ranchers and settlers, cities and towns to whom their municipal water supplies are of the very first importance.

The second reason for which forest reserves are created is to preserve the timber supply for various classes of wood users. Among the more important of these are settlers under the reclamation act and other acts, for whom a cheap and accessible supply of timber for domestic uses is absolutely necessary.

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Advertisement for P. A. Stokes clothing store. Features a man in a long coat and hat, and text: 'Swell Togs For Men. P. A. STOKES Home of Swell Togs. TIME you were seeing us about your Winter Suit or Overcoat if you expect to be in the "running" with the fashionably dressed men around town. These garments are "chock full" of good quality, and style that is only produced by a first class City Tailor. To buy your clothes here is to be well dressed, and to be well dressed is half the battle of life. We Fit Anyone P. A. STOKES Money Back if Dissatisfied'

SEASIDE ELECTION.

The Citizens Ticket is Victorious at Monday's Election.

The annual election of the town of Seaside occurred Monday. Great interest was manifested in the election, especially over the mayoralty.

The making of forest reserves within railroad and wagonroad land-grant limits will hereafter, as for the past three years, be so managed as to prevent the issue, under the act of June 4, 1897, of base for exchange of lieu selection (usually called scrip).

Mayor—J. H. Johansen, 64; R. R. Cole, 53. Recorder and Police Judge—J. E. Alacraz, 105. Treasurer—R. A. Price, 109.

Councilman—First ward, M. J. Young, citizen, 64; B. W. Otto, independent, 49. Councilman—Second ward, two years

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia River Packers Association will be held at the offices of the company at Astoria, Oregon, on December 12th, 1904, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's New Through Service. Effective November 27th, 1904, and thereafter, a new daily train will be inaugurated, leaving Grand Central passenger station, Chicago, at 10:30 p. m.

Next Time

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Notice is hereby given that the office of the Auditor and Police Judge will be open between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of this week to accommodate any who may desire to register for the coming election.

S. A. GIMRE 543-545 Bond St.

Advertisement for Fisher's Opera House. Text: 'Fisher's Opera House L. E. SELIG, - - Lessee and Manager Week Commencing Monday, Dec. 5 ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY! JAMES KEANE And his entire company, presenting a new line of plays. High class Vaudeville Specialties between the acts. Popular Prices Reserved Seats, 50c; Gallery, 25c. Seat sale opens Saturday morning at Griffin's Book Store.'