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Today's Weather.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Sunday, cloudy, with rain. Eastern Washington cloudy and threatening, probably occasional rain.

DUTY TO OURSELVES.

The position taken by the Astorian relative to Sunday observance has been highly commended, both by the people of Astoria and by the press of the state. The disregard for Sunday observance is not because people do not believe in it, but because custom tolerates a non-conformity with the laws and customs, upon which the observance was founded.

Sunday observance means to the institutions of Sunday laws a day devoted to quiet rest, free from business turmoil, set apart for moral culture, and for those who desire it, divine worship. A large number of the residents of Astoria never attend churches. Spiritual welfare is a secondary condition to financial welfare.

But granting that the views of the Astorian of its divine authority is erroneous, we still maintain that it is of inestimable value as a political institution and to dispense with it would be to sacrifice the best interests of our nation. It is a well known principle of economics that national welfare is promoted by improvement of the laborer's condition.

National observance of Sunday is necessary to preserve the sanctity of the home, for if business and professional life claimed attention seven days instead of six, the home would be neglected. In many homes the members have great diversities of interests, that is, no two members of the same home may be engaged in the same work.

The effects of Sabbath observance are significant. By supplying rest to body and mind it sustains and cheers humanity. By forbidding acts in pursuit of pleasure and gain, it prevents selfishness. By enjoining man to acts of worship, it keeps in mind a knowledge of God, without which man is sure to sink in moral degradation.

pect of Sunday observance is unnecessary. There is only one side to the question. Opponents have no arguments to advance why it should not be observed. Those immorally inclined will never have any respect for Sunday nor for the people that believe in its observance.

KANSAS CRANKS.

What's the matter with Kansas? The Chinese have found out about the state of sunflowers, long whiskers, populists, mortgages and prohibition sentiment, and have employed 20 Kansans as officers in the Chinese army.

A man from Trinidad, Col., J. E. Anderson, formerly of the Twentieth Kansas regiment, has just been appointed a captain in the Imperial Chinese army. He will start presently for China, and thereafter take up the laborious task of teaching the almond-eyed heathens to progress upon the upward scale of military evolution and education.

His task of making the Chinese into soldiers on the American plan will entitle him to pretty nearly anything in case he meets with even approximate success. The natives of the Flowery Kingdom make excellent truck gardeners, and they can carry more soiled clothes piled on their necks than any other variety of the genus homo.

Speaking about hatchets, the Chinaman's penchant for that weapon and Mrs. Nation's similar predilection would seem to fit them for each other. Carrie ought to be appointed to a majorship at least in the Chinese militia forces, and it is safe to say that such an event would be of benefit to the world. The lady has expended a large volume of energy here to somewhat doubtful ends, but in the land where hatchets are a native institution she ought to flourish and become the center of a huge cult of admirers.

QUEEN OF THE HOME.

The queen who sits upon the throne of home, crowned and sceptered as none other ever can be, is mother. Her enthronement is complete, her reign unrivalled, and the moral issues of her empire are eternal. "Her children arise up and call her blessed." Rebellious, at times, as the subjects of her government may be, she rules them with marvelous patience, winning tenderness and undying love. She so presents and exemplifies divine truth, that it reproduces itself in the happiest development of childhood, character and life.

Out in Tacoma it has been discovered that a lot of hobos are passing through, each one carrying in his pocket a plain gold ring. Probably going down to marry Nan Patterson.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A Large and Varied Assortment at Ekstrom's.

Here are a few articles which will make suitable and handsome Christmas presents for anyone. All popular and stylish, cheap in price, but high in quality. Read: Silver novelties in numerous different patterns, handsome cut glass pieces, sterling silverware, ebony goods in brushes, glasses and toilet sets, fancy umbrellas and canes.

H. EKSTROM, Astoria, Ore.

Nine of Crew Gone.

Providence Town, Mass., Dec. 10.—The fishing schooner Fish-hawk arrived here today with nine of the crew missing. The men were lost while attempting to escape from the vessel while she was temporarily aground on "Peaked-Hill" bar tonight.

New York Freezing.

New York, Dec. 10.—A snowstorm accompanied by a high wind, descended upon New York today and still continues. Two inches have fallen.

A PICTORIAL DRAMA.

How Tweed Was Identified in Spain by a Nast Cartoon.

No very strenuous effort had been made to find Tweed, but it became known at last that he was somewhere in Spanish territory. As early as Sept. 30 Nast cartooned the "boss" as a tiger appearing from a cave marked "Spain." Now, suddenly, came another report—a cable—that one "Tweed" (Tweed) had been identified and captured at Vigo, Spain, on the charge of "kidnaping two American children."

This seemed a curious statement, for whatever may have been the boss' sins he had not been given to child stealing. Then came further news, and the mystery was explained. Tweed had been identified and arrested at Vigo through the cartoon "Tweedle-dee and Tiddendum," drawn by Thomas Nast. The "street gamins"—to the Spanish office, who did not read English—were two children being forcibly abducted by the big man of the stripes and club.

Buried With His Horace.

The will, dated 1772, of Sir William Browne, which includes his bequest to Cambridge university of gold medals for Greek and Latin odes and epigrams, contains also the request that he may be "buried in the most private manner, without Pall Bearers, Equestrions or Equestrian Ornaments, or any Attendants, except my Men Servants; that my Funeral may neither be an Object of Entertainment to Spectators and Strangers, by attracting that observation, nor of Concern to Friends and Relations by requesting their Attendance. On my Coffin, when in the Grave, I desire may be deposited in its Leather Case or Coffin my Pocket Elzevir Horace, comes via vitæque dulcis et utilis, worn out with and by me."—Athenæum.

His Safeguard.

Wife—Oh, John, you've been playing poker again. You'll become a professional gambler if you keep on this way. John (disgustedly)—No fear of that. I'm a rank amateur.—Philadelphia Press.

People who are always measuring their heads for their crowns seldom can show any cross scars on their shoulders.—Commoner.

A reader of the Commoner submits the following inquiry: "Fillings from my gold brick are brass, what do you advise me to do?" Answer: Don't mention it, but don't buy any more.

The Pennsylvania man who has just patented an endgate did not get it on the market in time to keep a whole lot of supposedly democratic states from spilling out.

A Chicago man is lecturing on "The Origin of the Earth." He dates it from the first building after the Chicago fire.

If you are thinking of raising or moving a building it would be to your advantage to see Fredrickson Bros., general carpenters and house movers, Shop, corner Tenth and Duane streets.

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We Fit Anyone P. A. STOKES Money Back if Dissatisfied

Warrenton News.

Warrenton, December 10. T. S. Jewett is spending a few days in Skipanon. Angus Sutherland is visiting his old friend, A. J. Hill. James Finlayson was in Warrenton on Thursday. E. E. Stoner was in Warrenton on Thursday looking for two horses that had strayed from his place.

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., for Akron, Cleveland, Youngstown, Pittsburg and intermediate points, connecting at Pittsburg with "Duquesne Limited" for Philadelphia and New York, and with train No. 10 for Washington, D. C., and Baltimore. This train will be equipped with first-class day coaches, Pullman sleepers and dining car service.

INDIAN LEATHER NOVELTIES Burned ASTORIA Calenders, Banners, Pipe Racks, and Novelties of all sorts—the inexpensive article you can send East and know it will be appreciated. J. N. GRIFFIN

MEXICAN QUARTETTE SERENADE The Greatest Entertainment Ever Given in Astoria to be Presented at the Star Next Week.

Expense does not enter into the consideration of the management of the Star theater, but to give the public the best entertainment obtainable is the motive that actuate the management. A bill has been prepared for next week goes. It is made entirely of wood, based on five octaves of the piano scale. There is no iron or metal of any kind used in its manufacture. It has been but three weeks in the United States, the first week at Oakland, the second at classical music and Spanish fandango.



Mexican LaMarimba. that will eclipse any thing of the kind ever before presented in Astoria, among the attractive features, is an instrument known as the Mexican LaMarimba. This wonderful instrument was made by four brothers, the Salls Bros., who are the inventors. The instrument was made in the state of Chipas, South Mexican republic, and has been on exhibition in all the leading cities of the Mexican republic. The quartet was invited to play for President Diaz at his palace in the estate of Chapultapac, who was infatuated with the beautiful music furnished. The instrument is performed upon by the four Salls brothers, and is led by Edward Sobargo, and comes direct from the conservatory of music of the City of Mexico. Classical, and Spanish comic operas, and Mexican airs are played. It is the only instrument of its kind in the world, and its peculiar sounds make it an instrument of meritorious worth. It imitates the harp, flute, clarinet, string bass, French horn, fagot, the guitar and mandolin, according to the San Francisco, and the third will be at Astoria. During the week the following program will be rendered: "Barbero," by Rossini; "William Tell," "Poet and Pheasant," "Hope of Love," "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Paloma," and other popular overtures and selections. There will be a change of program every night. It is certainly a most wonderful instrument, and will attract thousands to the Star next week. In addition to this, the following specialties will also be staged: The Garity sisters, refined singers and buck dancers. Acknowledged by the press as the best dancers before the public. DeGrans, acrobatic trio; Foxy Grandpa and the bad boys. Bob Kenyon in Pictorial melodies, singing "The Face in the Firelight." The projectoscope showing two great pictures—Revenge and a Railway Tragedy. This will comprise one of the greatest programs presented to an Astoria audience. Manager Gervurtz is deserving of credit in his efforts to secure only the best attractions, which has made the Star the popular vaudeville theater of Astoria.

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