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Today's Weather.

Portland, Jan. 10.—Oregon and Washington—Wednesday, fair.

DAY OF RECKONING.

The more the land frauds of Oregon are being investigated the more is the public amazed at the prominent men implicated.

The signs indicate a troublesome time for various species of big thieves at last. It is best to use this plain word, for they are men who to gain great wealth have persistently and audaciously violated and defied laws.

Just now especial attention is attracted to the land thieves. The Puters and McKinleys were only small job shrewd tools.

That these great timber land owners did business on a large scale, and spent a great deal of money to acquire these immensely valuable lands, does not change the nature of the transaction.

The rich man who robs by chicanery is more dangerous and deserving of punishment than the poor man who robs by the strong arm method.

But the big land thieves are not all. There are those who form the beef trust, as a sample of many, that with the aid of the big railroad corporations are able absolutely to name their own prices both to the cattle raisers on the farms and ranges, and to the meat consumers in all cities throughout the country.

Another evident discrepancy is the amount of money given in to the assessors. According to the report, the total amount of money in the state of Oregon is only \$1,375,970.

Evidence is overwhelming that the big railroad corporations comprise another organization that defies law:

made for their proper regulation, and that for many years has successfully resisted all attempts to control the railroads or protect the people from their discriminations, impositions and extortions.

But these and other offenders of colossal proportions are under stricter surveillance than they have ever been. The people are becoming enlightened as to their methods and the results.

NUISANCE REMOVED.

The actions of the common council Monday evening in ordering all the bill boards in the city removed will meet the approbation of every one in Astoria.

There is not a city of any size in the east that allows bill boards within the city limits. The Civic Improvement League in every city has been instrumental in having ordinances passed prohibiting their erection.

The superintendent of streets was instructed to notify Mr. Hager, who owns the bill boards, to remove the rubbish from those that have been blown down, and to stop the erection of any more.

These bill boards blow down nearly every time there is a windstorm, and people have been compelled to walk in the middle of the streets through slush and mud to avoid being killed.

SCIENCE VS. TAXATION.

If Diagonos were to hunt for an honest man in Oregon, about tax assessment time, the effort would be attended with great difficulty.

Mr. Mitchell of Oregon appears to be in favor of the indictment of United States senators only by popular vote.

ANNUAL REGATTA

Business Men of Astoria Suggested to Manage the Annual Regatta.

EARLY ACTION NECESSARY

Thousands of Visitors Will Come to Astoria This Year to See the Lewis and Clark Fair and Who Will Attend the Regatta.

The question of the annual regatta is being discussed in business circles and suggestions have been made that immediate action be taken by the selection of a committee to carry it into effect.

It is claimed that a regatta should be held this year on account of the thousands of eastern people who will visit the Lewis and Clark fair and who are certain to visit Astoria.

Without commenting upon the failure of last year's regatta those who are interesting themselves in the matter favor the appointment of a committee representing the business and industrial men of the city and county.

While considerable dissatisfaction exists as to the outcome of last year's regatta, this should not be taken into consideration against the one this year.

A regatta this year in Astoria will be of more benefit to the city and county than any previous regattas and, with the management in the hands of the men suggested, confidence will be inspired and there will be no doubt of the hearty co-operation of all classes of business.

MARINE NEWS.

New Coaster Will Go on California Run Soon.

The steamer Aurelia is due in from San Francisco this morning with freight and passengers.

The steamer W. H. Harrison will leave out today with freight and passengers for Nehalem and Tillamook.

The Iqua passed up the river for Portland yesterday.

The steamer Aberdeen arrived in yesterday light.

The Seafoam went up the river in tow to have her machinery put in place at Portland. It is stated that she will be placed in the coast traffic off California to Port Reyes, Mendocino, etc.

The British ship Hammond has been detained at Portland pending the hearing of the master of the vessel, Captain James McDonald, who was arrested at the instance of the immigration bureau authorities for violation of law.

The bar was reported smooth last evening, with nothing in sight outside.

The consensus of journalistic opinion appears to be in favor of the newspapers in the war against the print paper combine.

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