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Today' Weather.

Portland, Jan. 24.—Western Oregon and Western Washington—Wednesday occasionally rain.

Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington—Occasional rain; possibly part snow.

REMOVING NUISANCES.

The back yards and not a few of the front yards in Astoria come under the category of nuisances. The removal of them has been delegated to civic improvement leagues by common consent. The necessity of putting up with a certain amount of annoyance from the doings of neighbors and the duty in turn of refraining, so far as can be reasonably expected, from annoying them, are inevitable offsets to the advantages of living in closely settled communities. When such annoyances exceed what ought reasonably to be endured under the conditions normal to a given community, they are considered nuisances, and the community has the right and the power to stop them.

A nuisance, generally speaking, results from any action, or neglect of duty, by which any one, in the pursuit of his own ends and otherwise within his own rights, interferes abnormally and unreasonably with the rights of others. What is to be regarded as abnormal and unreasonable depends wholly upon the standards and circumstances of the period and the community as interpreted by the courts. The legal questions involved are often perplexing, the methods of procedure for securing the abatement of the various kinds of nuisances are manifold, and people have a very healthy and proper disinclination to involve themselves in litigation over nuisances. They would rather brave the ills they have than fly to others that they know not of. Thus a community often suffers in the aggregate a very great and altogether unreasonable amount of discomfort and material loss from the selfish action of some of its members before rousing itself to the point of securing relief.

It is common sense and the principles of the common law that determine what the courts may hold to be nuisances. No ordinance or legislative enactment is needed to enable the courts to protect people against a practice which is a nuisance at common law, and it is at least doubtful whether a practice which is not a nuisance according to the principles of common law can be constitutionally declared a nuisance by any enactment or ordinance. The vast numbers of statutes and ordinances dealing with nuisances are mainly for the purpose of calling attention to certain kinds of nuisances, explaining what they are, and, more especially, providing administrative machinery for their abatement.

It cannot be too clearly borne in mind that the essential question is at what point an annoyance becomes so unreasonably offensive as properly to constitute a nuisance. That is a question that, in case of doubt, must be decided by the courts. But any one possessed of sound judgment, common sense, and a knowledge of the conditions and standards of life normal to the community, ought usually to be able, if he can only divest himself of personal prejudice, to recognize whether a given practice is properly a nuisance or not.

COAL OIL TANKS.

At a meeting of the chamber of commerce Monday night, President Welch called attention of the chamber to the

ness portion of the city. He stated that it was a matter that ought to be considered as a protection of property. It was stated that while the insurance companies had not stated that the insurance rates would be raised, the building of coal oil tanks in the business companies had indicated that they would take the matter into consideration relative to adjusting insurance rates. Instances were cited where a store had put in gasoline lamps and the insurance companies had immediately raised the rates in the vicinity. This indicates that if the coal oil tanks are built as contemplated by the Standard Oil Company, that the insurance rates will be raised.

The danger is not so much in the construction of the oil tanks, but if a fire should occur and the oil tanks exploded, with an ebb tide, carrying the burning oil along the water front that the entire city would be destroyed. It is not only a detriment to the property in that vicinity, but will have a tendency to raise insurance rates on all the business property in the city. B. Van Dusen stated that the insurance companies did not want to raise rates. That they preferred risks that were not dangerous at a lower premium, but they had to protect themselves. There is no doubt that the common council will take action in the matter if it is convinced that the building of oil tanks will result in any danger from fire.

A meeting of the fire board will be held in Astoria this afternoon to consider the matter, and as the question has been referred to a committee of the chamber of commerce to investigate and report, it is probable that the insurance board will report the result of their deliberations to the committee. Should it be considered that the building of oil tanks will be dangerous and increase the rates of insurance, the common council will be called upon to act in the matter. The common council of Portland refused to allow the Standard Oil Company to build any more tanks within the city limits, and the company has constructed oil tanks at St. Johns and Linton. It would probably be better if the common council took precautionary measures in the matter before permitting the construction of any more oil tanks in the city limits.

OUR SENATOR.

Hon. C. W. Fulton is about the only Pacific coast senator who favors tariff revision. His attitude on this important question receives the commendation of a large majority of the people of Oregon. It is only a question of a very short time when Mr. Fulton will be one of the most influential members of the United States senate. The following dispatch from Washington shows that he is climbing the ladder of fame and will soon be one of the foremost men in the nation:

"It was learned today that Senators Allen and Kean, who are in line for the chairmanship of the committee on claims in the next congress, do not desire this place. If so, that opens the way for Senator Fulton, notwithstanding that he is next to the last republican member.

Warren, the present chairman, goes to public buildings and grounds; Stewart is not re-elected, Clapp will go to Indian affairs, and Burnham will prefer his present committee. Cuban relations. The only other senator ranking Fulton is Burton of Kansas, who for obvious reasons will not be in line for the chairmanship.

"This would make it appear that, when he enters upon his third year in the senate, Fulton will hold one of the most desirable chairmanships of that body, very rapid promotion for a new man."

BE NOT CURIOUS.

While the recent theological utterances of Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott have been widely commented upon and are still being discussed, the cause is not in the man but in that indistinguishable curiosity of man regarding the great mysteries of time and eternity. Dr. Abbott has a way of getting into the papers at intervals. His definition of God as "One great, eternal, underlying Cause, a great energy, an intelligent energy" is not new. If he could show that he has special facilities for giving the world information on this subject his definition would be worthy of more attention than it is now entitled to.

The fact remains that Dr. Abbott knows no more about God than does the organ blower in his church. He has merely framed in his inner consciousness a number of phrases as

striking as he could make them and launched them upon the public, expecting due return in celebrity. Possibly his invitations to deliver lectures for satisfactory considerations will be increased.

Is it worth while for the people to vex themselves with such speculations as Dr. Abbott encourages? Neither he nor any other man living, or that has ever lived, can add one fraction to our knowledge of God. What has been revealed is accessible to all. The revelations of the God-head in the scriptures must be accepted, else we launch our rudderless and compassless craft upon a shoreless sea. As for the hidden mysteries let us not be curious, for curiosity cannot be satisfied and speculation is waste of time at best.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. Martin of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday.

Richard Coarns of Portland is visiting in the city.

John Voimer of Seaside was in the city yesterday.

Frank Holley of Denver is registered at the Central.

J. A. McFeron of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday.

Wm. Lloyd of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday.

Jack Robinson was a passenger for Salem last evening.

Mrs. Lee Strauss of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday.

Frank Scott of Seaside was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

Hon. G. C. Fulton left for Salem last evening on business.

A. C. Osborn of San Francisco is registered at the Occident.

Harry E. E. Cherry of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.

Timothy Leahy and bride returned yesterday from their wedding trip.

Mrs. Thomas Crane of Brookfield visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

Councilman Lieneweber left for Salem last evening to visit the legislature.

W. L. Trullinger of Baker City is visiting friends and relatives in the city.

P. Gervurtz of the Star was in Portland yesterday securing new attractions for his popular theater.

J. M. Gillette of Seaside, who has been in the hospital for several weeks suffering with a broken leg, was able to be out yesterday.

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 Each tree on her mountain side;
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 That flows in her river wide.
 I love every spot, every drop of rain;
 Through her streets I love to roam—
 The town of them all is the place that I call
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II.
 Wise offers now a clearance sale
 On Overcoats and Suits—
 Of latent styles, Wise has big Piles;
 His Garments they are Beauts,
 And then he sells things very cheap.
 You ask the reason why?
 So I will say, it is "Wise's way"—
 A fact that none deny.

Chorus.
 He sells everything within his store
 So low that you'll be glad,
 So do not delay, but buy right away.
 If not you'll wish you had.
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