

# \$10 REWARD

We shall give \$10.00 in gold as a first prize, and \$5.00 as a second prize, to the boy or girl under eighteen years of age writing the best poem of two or more verses, using the MONARCH RANGE as subject of the poem. All poems to be handed in before 6 P. M. on February 16, 1905.

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### Today's Weather.

Portland, Jan. 26.—Oregon and Washington—Friday, occasional rain.

### PARENTAL AUTHORITY.

There seems to be a laxity of parental authority over children in Astoria. Either many parents have lost all control over their offspring or they are extremely negligent. There are a few families in Astoria where there are from six to nine children. The parents see them at meal time and supper time. They are counted at bed time to see that none have strayed away, and after breakfast in the morning they are turned out in the streets, only to show up again at meal time. That there are a large number of tough kids in Astoria is attested by the numerous acts of vandalism perpetrated. The fact that merchants complain that it is almost impossible to secure a competent boy to work shows an utter disregard on the part of some of the parents of the habits of their boys.

Listen to the conversation of young boys ranging between nine to 15 years of age, as they go to school and you will hear vile and profane language suggestive of a barroom. Search their pockets and you will find cigarettes. Make an investigation of the lavatories connected with the schoolhouses and you will find obscene and vulgar language written all over the walls. This is not confined alone to school buildings. A short time ago the manager of the Commercial Club was compelled to paint the walls of the lavatories a dirty brown to clean off the smut and filth written thereon. Boys think this is smart. Some have an idea that they can not be a man unless they can swear like pirates, use vulgar and obscene language and smoke cigarettes. All kinds of depredations are committed by these tough hoodlums. The police are unable to catch them and the public is compelled to suffer the intolerable nuisance.

It certainly does not speak well for some of the parents of Astoria. It indicates a necessity for stringent sanitary education among the rising generation. It shows a woeful lack of home training, and suggests the necessity of a school for moral education. So common have acts of vandalism and hoodlumism become, that the common council will probably be called upon to pass a stringent ordinance prohibiting it. It has been suggested that the curfew ordinance be amended so as to prohibit boys from being on the streets after 7 o'clock in the evening. Rewards will be offered for information implicating boys in obscene acts and destruction of property, and the courts will be called upon to mete out punishment which is not accorded at home.

When the police attempt to enforce the curfew ordinance and arrest boys for violating it they are visited by the parents who are very profuse with abuse of the police force and who give the officers to understand that this is a free country and their boys must be allowed to roam the streets at will. Such parents look upon their children as a litter of pigs. As soon as they are able to waddle they are turned loose on the streets to acquire a street education and propagate the species of hoodlumism that is a disgrace to both parties and the community.

### SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

A bill has passed the legislature increasing the salaries of the sheriff and

clerk of Clatsop county from \$1500 to \$2000. The salary of these officers was formerly \$2000, but were reduced. In addition to the reduction of salaries some of the perquisites of the sheriff and clerk were cut off. The policy of paying competent officials small salaries is not conducive to the proper administration of the office. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," is a maxim that is deserving of consideration. A few years ago the common council reduced the salaries of all the city officials 20 per cent. This fact has done more to defeat the republican party in Clatsop county than any other cause. None of the officers were paid commensurate with the services performed and a spasmodic theory of reform, reduced salaries below the cost of living.

At the last meeting of the common council the salary of the auditor and police judge was increased to \$1800 a year. The salary is none too large considering the ability of the incumbent and the duties he has to perform. If the salary of the auditor is \$1800 there is no reason why the salary of the county clerk should not be raised to \$2000. Both the sheriff and clerk are competent officials. The sheriff, by his ability of handling prisoners and the suppression of crime, has saved the county more than his salary.

Another matter that enters into the consideration of increased salaries, is the increased cost of living. As a rule officers who are paid a good salary are more competent and honest than poorly paid officials. The increase in the salaries will not amount to one cent on the tax payers of Clatsop county. Another matter that should be considered is the fact that all municipal and county officials are called upon every day to contribute to entertainments of various kinds; they are expected to buy one or more tickets to all charitable entertainments; assist in paying the expenses of churches and charitable organizations, and it cuts quite a hole in their income. The business of the city and county is in the hands of competent officials and they should be paid a salary commensurate with the constantly increasing duties of their respective offices.

### STOP BOND ISSUES.

The announcement that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad cormorant has issued bonds to the amount of \$50,000,000 will come as joyous news to the people of the west who will have the extreme felicity of paying (in freight rates) the dividends that will be declared on this issue.

President Roosevelt's attempt to secure immediate legislative changes in the interstate commerce regulations is timely, and his project for the reduction and regulation of freight rates should succeed, for there is no drain on the people of the west that is worthy of mention beside the tribute levied by the legalized blood-suckers at the head of the traffic departments of the trans-continental railroads.

In discussing the president's plan, E. P. Ripley, the head of the Atchison, recently called attention to the fact that "the railroads cannot stand reduction of rates because in 1904 the average dividend of the roads of the country was but 3 per cent." Mr. Ripley might, but did not, add that the railroads of the country paid nearly 37 per cent on their real valuation, even if they did only pay 3 per cent on their copiously watered capital stocks.

The remedy is easy, and doubtless will soon be applied. Either tax the railroads on a mileage value basis, prorated from their capital stocks or, appraise them at their assessed valuations, limit their dividend to the legal rate of interest on yearly loans, and enable the interstate commerce commissioners to regulate tariffs, through conference with the railway traffic managers of the various roads, so that freight rates may be reduced when undue profits accrue, instead of enabling these legalized thieves, as now, to float more paper on which to distribute their excess of earnings in the shape of "3 per cent dividends."

### FRENZIED NOTORIETY.

Mrs. Jay Phipps is going to have a baby. The event, or the advent, is scheduled to occur at 13 Grosvenor square, London, date not definitely settled. There is nothing to indicate that the laws of nature will be reversed in this particular case, but it is certain that the laws of decency are getting the ju-jitsu in the preliminary bout. The cables are laden with discussion of the details of the preparation. Telegraph editors are feverish lest their best efforts to give the matter the prominence it deserves shall go awry. All the old stultified James on both sides of the water, who have always looked upon motherhood as a theory, leaving its practice to the less resourceful common herd, are wagging their tongues and for once scandal is neglected.

The novelty of a married couple in their set having a baby instead of a divorce, is one that is seldom enjoyed and they are making the best of it. It's an innovation in Anglo-maniacry, quite refreshing. The most of the American girls who contract for foreign husbands have enough maternal instinct in their hearts to get into trouble before they begin to realize that the only relief from the fetish into which they have been drawn is the divorce court. Mrs. Phipps was an American girl. She surrendered a large portion of her inherent modesty when she married a foreigner and the rest of it has to go in the pre-natal spasms of her relatives over her offspring.

### CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.

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### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

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At Astoria, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, January 11th, 1905.

### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts.....	\$316,212 50
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured .....	4,921 03
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation .....	12,500 00
Bonds, securities, etc .....	73,380 00
Other real estate owned.....	6,000 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents).....	4,268 29
Due from state banks and bankers .....	90,220 68
Due from approved reserve agents .....	140,176 73
Checks and other cash items .....	56 15
Notes of other national banks .....	35 00
Nickels and cents .....	435 19
Lawful Money Reserved in bank, viz:	
Specie .....	\$130,000 00
Legal-tender notes .....	25 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) .....	625 00
Total .....	\$778,855 67

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund .....	50,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....	23,293 98
National bank notes outstanding .....	12,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check .....	\$474,774 22
Demand certificates of deposit .....	167,527 47
Certified checks ..	63 00
Total .....	\$778,855 67

State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, ss:

I, S. S. Gordon, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of January, 1905.

J. H. MANSELL, Notary Public.

(Seal) Correct—Attest: G. C. FLAVEL, W. F. MCGREGOR, JACOB KAMM, Directors.



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