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### Today's Weather.

Portland, Feb. 8.—For Western Oregon and Western Washington—Thursday, occasional rain.

Eastern Oregon—Cloudy and occasionally threatening.

### WAGES OF SIN.

The death of C. T. Beckwith, president of the Oberlin, Ohio, bank which was wrecked by Mrs. Chadwick, was caused by a broken heart brought about by the disgrace and the knowledge that through his indiscretion, hundreds of poor people had lost their savings through the machinations of an adventurer and the cupidity of a banker. Under ordinary circumstances the death would be considered murder, but the contributory negligence on the part of Beckwith makes it justifiable homicide. The depositors of the Oberlin bank will not mourn for Beckwith as much as they will for the money entrusted to his care and keeping. The Beckwith case is an illustration showing the frailties of human nature. It shows how susceptible some men are to the wiles of capricious women whose hypnotic influence sways them from the paths of rectitude and honesty.

There is no doubt that Mr. Beckwith died of humiliation, wounded pride and broken fortunes. He had been indicted for violations of the national banking laws and was probably guilty of making unauthorized loans of bank funds to Mrs. Chadwick. He had been duped, however, into the belief that he was perfectly safe in loaning his own as well as the bank's money to this woman, and no doubt confidently expected to reap large benefits individually and for the bank through his transactions with this adventuress. He was an old man, accounted keen and shrewd, avaricious and mercenary. He was over-anxious to make inordinate and illegitimate profits and Mrs. Chadwick simply sold him a gold brick. He was an easy victim to the woman's wiles and when his exposure and disgrace came he longed to die. Death came to his relief and the world will perhaps never know the full story of Mrs. Chadwick's operations with him.

The desire to make inordinate profits tempts many a man to do what he ought not. The regulations for the management of national banks are designed to guard the depositors and stockholders of such institutions against just such results as followed the unauthorized loans to Mrs. Chadwick. It looked so easy to Mr. Beckwith to make big returns on the loans to her and to secure the handling of a large fund that he took his chances. The bait was too tempting to resist. Her securities were a myth, her alleged relations to Andrew Carnegie was a pure fiction, and her documents were forged. Beckwith was only one of many victims, but when he overstepped the bounds of prudence of his bank and became a criminal in law and morals. Mrs. Chadwick's career was as villainous as it was spectacular and the death of Mr. Beckwith is one of its fruits.

### THE JAYNES BILL.

The Jaynes bill, which seeks to amend the present local option law has passed the house by a decisive majority. The bill as it passed the house applies local option only to individual precincts; provides that elections shall not be held oftener than once every two years; requires signatures of 30 per cent of the registered voters of a precinct on a petition for a prohibition election and names the first Monday in June for a special referendum election on the Jayne bill, which, if then approved by a majority of the electors of the state, will become law.

The prohibitionists are seemingly inconsistent in their opposition to the Jayne bill. It has been charged openly that the present local option law is one of the most pernicious laws ever enacted, and there is not a prohibitionist in Oregon ever denied it. A local option law, as proposed by the Jayne bill will accomplish exactly the same results that are now expected to be accomplished, but is more equitable. It would be far better for the advocates of prohibition to consent to beneficial amendments than to antagonize nine-tenths of the people of Oregon. There is not a newspaper of any standing in the state that will support the prohibition measure when it is submitted to a vote. If reasonable amendments are allowed as proposed, all of the papers of the state will assist in securing local option in every precinct where the same will be beneficial.

### PORTLAND ANTAGONISTIC.

The avatar of democracy and yellow journalism of Oregon, the Portland Journal, assisted by a few members of the Portland chamber of commerce, is opposed to the continuance of the work of the dredger Chinook on the Columbia river bar, claiming that it is an expensive luxury and productive of no good results. If the Chinook were employed in deepening the river between Astoria and Portland, it would receive the unanimous indorsement of the Portland chamber of commerce, no matter what the cost. Portland has no just cause of complaint at the expense of the Chinook, when it is considered that thousands of dollars have been wasted in vain endeavors to deepen the channel and remove the numerous sand bars between Tongue point and Portland with the result that there is not as deep water in the river as there was ten years ago.

Portland's antagonism to Astoria has driven shipping away from the Columbia river and built up the shipping on the sound, until today nine-tenths of all the ships visiting the north Pacific coast go to Seattle. As evidence of this fact ten years ago there were 100 foreign ships coming to the Columbia river for cargoes. This year there has not been 20 and the number is yearly decreasing. The fault is not that there is not sufficient water on the bar, but because owing to the low depth of water in the river between Astoria and Portland, ships are delayed from one to two weeks, making shipping from Portland the most expensive of any port in the world. Congress has appropriated thousands of dollars to deepen the channel to Portland and instead of deepening it, it is more shallow. Nothing is said about this reckless extravagance of public funds because the money was spent in Portland, but if any improvements are contemplated for Astoria, a howl of opposition emanates from Portland.

The narrow minded policies and inconsistencies of Portland, its chamber of commerce, aided and abetted by Anarchist Hearst's cesspool of journalism is too apparent to have much weight with the department at Washington. When Portland and its deliberate bodies are educated up to the fact that what benefits Astoria benefits Portland and what benefits Portland benefits the entire state, opposition to improvements at the bar may be removed.

The prohibitionists are a strange lot. They want to put an emergency clause in the Jayne bill, evidently that the governor may veto the bill; and whether he does or not, that the referendum may be cut off. Recently they opposed a constitutional convention because they said it was an iniquitous scheme of the liquor interests to kill the referendum. The referendum is having a hard time finding out who its friends are.

### A Grim Tragedy.

is daily enacted, in thousands of homes, as Death claims, in each one, another victim of Consumption or Pneumonia. But what Coughs and Colds are properly treated, the tragedy is averted. F. G. Huntley of Oakland, Ind., writes: "My wife had the consumption, and three doctors gave her up. Finally she took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which cured her, and today she is well and strong." It kills the germs of all diseases. One dose relieves. Guaranteed at 50c and \$1 by Chas. Rogers, druggist. Trial bottle free.

## IS AFTER ANDREWS

Sheriff Charges Him With Cutler Mountain Crime.

### CIRCULARS SENT BROADCAST

Murder of Bessie Bouton, Which Has for So Long Been a Mystery Is Traced to a Man Who Disappeared After Crime.

Colorado Springs, Col., Feb. 8.—Chief of Police O'Neil has sent out 5000 circulars giving a description of Milton Franklin Andrews with the request to arrest him upon a charge of murdering Mrs. Bessie Bouton on Cutler mountain, "on or before October 5, 1904," and offering a reward of \$2000 for the arrest and conviction of Andrews.

A careful description of the man gives his age as 31, weight 131 pounds height 6 feet and a half inch in stocking feet, complexion light, eyes brown or blue gray, hair light brown and heavy; small light brown moustache, but was smooth shaven when last seen.

This is the first charge that has been made by either the city or county officials taxing Andrews with the crime of murdering Mrs. Bessie Bouton.

### Steamer Captured.

Tokio, Feb. 8 (3 p. m.)—The British steamer Eastry, bound for Vladivostok, with coal, was captured off Hokkaido yesterday. She is being brought to Yokosuka.

The Eastry is a steel screw steamer of 2995 tons register. She was built in 1892 at Furness and belongs to the Imperial Steamship Company, limited, of Westhartiepool. She is commanded by Captain W. T. Horsfield.

### DAUGHTERS OF OREGON.

Are Loyal to Home Institutions and Home Industries.

Astoria, Feb. 7, 1905.

Editor Morning Astorian: I noticed an article in your paper of the 4th inst headed, "Musicians Kicking," and want to say that I believe the Astoria musicians are just a little bit previous in their kicking. The Native Daughters have not sent to Portland for their music nor do they intend doing so. We have always patronized the home musicians and paid them first class prices. It seems all this trouble arose over the party given by the young ladies here a short time ago, when they sent to Portland for the music, for the reason that they could come to no agreement with the musicians here, who seemed to be having a little trouble of their own about that time, but I believe that just two days before the party they told the ladies that they would furnish them with music, but it was too late then, as they had made other arrangements. The Native Daughters have never given a free benefit and the Astoria musicians have never furnished them with music at reduced rates. Last year we paid them \$49 for furnishing the music for our ball.

### A NATIVE DAUGHTER.

### Too Much Exercise.

A man may exercise himself into uselessness. So much has been said in recent years of the importance of exercise that every one admits it save now and then a wag, like Senator Everts of New York, who once said that he owed his long life and good health to the fact that he never took any exercise. Many a youth in taking the exercise that pleases him discovers that he has great skill at tennis or baseball, bicycle racing or foot racing, hurdle jumping or handsprings, and the temptation is strong to neglect other matters for the development of the particular physical facility with which he may be endowed. When he yields he usually degenerates into a professional athlete. Physical development becomes the end of his endeavor, when it should be merely a help in fitting him to do his work in the world.—Youth's Companion.

### Precedence.

"Don't you know, sir, that it is impolite to swear before a lady?" The Irishman looked dazed for a moment and then replied: "Sure, mum, I beg yer pardon. But Oi didn't know ye wanted to shwear first."

While petty thieves are hanged, people take off their hats to great ones.—Old German Proverb.

### His Fatal Mistake.

"Adam was his own boss, wasn't he?" "Yes, an' ef he hadn't gone ter sleep at de wrong time he'd been so yet!"—Atlanta Constitution.

No man or boy is ever the slightest good in this world unless he has ambition.—Lord Stanley.

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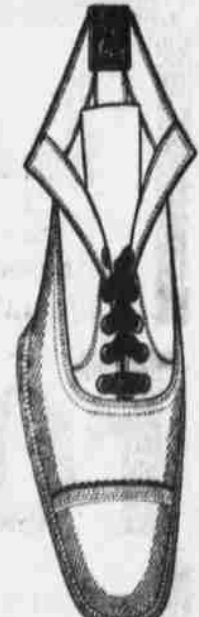
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