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### Today's Weather.

Portland, Feb. 9.—For Western Oregon—Friday, rain or snow; slightly colder in northern portion. Western Washington, rain or snow; colder.

### ASTORIA CHARTER.

The Tuttle charter bill has passed both houses of the legislature. It was a foregone conclusion that it would pass as the democrats had resorted to the lowest depths of political infamy to defeat it. The Astorian representing nine-tenths of the people of Astoria favored the measure. It cannot be claimed as a victory, as the opponents of the measure only represented a small minority element of the defunct democratic party. The press of the city favored the Tuttle bill. Of course, there was an infinitesimal decimal, the cube root of a vacuum, that heaved occasionally in expression of disapproval, but no one outside of the silver star trio knowing how the official organ of the Swilltown board of trade was greased for the occasion, paid any attention to the italicized editorials emanating from the Salvation Army barracks, whose grating proclivities have been a stench in the nostrils of the city administration.

Gentlemen who aspire to be editors ought to be allowed to shed the infantile garments before being permitted to enter the sanctum sanctorum of respectable journalism. It is a victory of honest government over political chicanery. It is an admonition to the people of Astoria that a one man administration will not be tolerated in Astoria. It is evidence of the fact that the people want a police commission de jure instead of one defacto. It emphasizes the fact that the honest voters of Astoria cannot be outcounted by the police force and its coterie of vagrants who are protected by the police force for political purposes.

While the Astorian does not approve of all the features of the Tuttle bill, particularly that part taking away the salary of the councilmen, yet in view of the bitter personal fight that has been made it was not expedient to eliminate any of the proposed amendments. It is very probable that that part of the bill will not be enforced during the present incumbents' term of office, and should not be enforced. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and any efforts to either reduce or cut off salaries will not be endorsed by the people. With this exception the charter bill will be beneficial to the future administration of the city.

The will of the people may be defeated by the veto power of a democratic governor, but the will of the people has been expressed. The only hope of the democracy to defeat the measure is through the democratic governor. But whether the charter bill becomes a law or not, it shows the disapproval of a large majority of the people of Astoria of the methods that have been in vogue by the democratic party of Astoria who is and has been afraid to come out under its party name, but has been voted into power under a nomde plume.

The Astorian has refrained from entering into a controversy over the charter bill except when it was necessary to disapprove some of the misleading statements published in this official organ of the Swilltown board of trade, and even then it would have been more preferable if a pair of tongs could have been utilized in handling the slimy vermin and stench emitted from the Salvation Army barracks. Contagious diseases require desperate remedies and it was only with the ob-

ject of preventing a pestilence and purifying the political atmosphere that any attention was paid to the political gyrations of the democratic mule.

The people of Astoria can rest assured that if the Tuttle charter bill eventually becomes a law the affairs of the city will be administered in an economical and businesslike manner. The shifting of the control from the democrats to the republicans will be in the interests of law and order and the elimination of police control over a floating population that tarvie under police protection. Astoria will grow, expand and prosper and the bitterness of a political fight will soon be forgotten. If the governor vetoes the bill and it is not passed over his veto, the city will not retrograde and normal conditions will be resumed and factional animosities given a rest until the next election.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Helen Gould was right when she refused to contribute to the foreign missionary society, basing her refusal that she would not give a cent to convert the heathen as long as 50,000 school children of New York were compelled to go to school every morning without their breakfasts. How people can conscientiously send millions of dollars away every year to educate heathens in foreign lands, when there are so many heathen and starving children at home is inconceivable.

It does seem strange, in this era of wealth's plentitude and what is hailed as universal prosperity, to read of 70,000 school children in the great city of New York, the heart which supplies the nation's gold arteries, so pitifully poor that they must go to school every morning without having had a bite of breakfast.

If some demagogic agitator had made this assertion, it might have been accepted with a large grain of salt, but it happens to have been made by Robert Hunter, an eminent sociologist and social settlement worker in the great metropolis, after first-hand investigations, and Superintendent Maxwell of the New York public schools, confirms it with the declaration that in all probability Mr. Hunter is too low in his figures.

Under the compulsory school law in force in New York these children of the very poor must attend school, and the pinched state of their stomachs is not taken into account by the authorities. Every day thousands of them sit at their desks with hunger—actual hunger—gnawing at their vitals, too sick and weak to study, distempered visions of food blotting from their wolfish young eyes and deadened brains the A B C in their primers. Sometimes some of them faint or are overcome by nausea, the result of long abstinence from food. Naturally, they make poor progress in their books, and in many instances the teacher remains in ignorance of the reason. Many of the little sufferers would never admit they came to school without their breakfast.

Mr. Hunter, in his book "Poverty," which has furnished the starved school child sensation, says there are always 100,000 "worthy" men out of employment in New York city who cannot obtain work. Their families, where they have families, are on the ragged edge of utter destitution, but not willing objects to public charity. They conceal their true condition as long as possible, and in not a few instances choose tragedy to publicity. Each family in this out-of-work class is estimated to have one child in the public schools of the city, and these little ones feel the fangs of the wolf most keenly.

New York is somewhat wrought up over these extreme poverty disclosures in its public schools and has begun an official investigation. The charitable authorities are already in conference over the matter and the result will probably be the establishment of the Paris system of school kitchens and refectories, which supply the hunger-pinched children of the poor with little breakfasts and lunches without appearing to do charity. The system has worked successfully in Paris for a quarter of a century and the problem is not a new one to the large urban centers of Europe.

Here is a great opportunity for some of our millionaire philanthropists, and if the investigation is extended to other American cities, it will probably be found that the opportunity is by no means confined to New York. The wonder is the discreditable and distressing condition has not forced itself upon the eye and conscience of the public before.

# FLAT SALARY GOES

Senate Passes the Bill by Large Majority.

## MAY GET A RAILWAY BOARD

Bill to Authorize the Use of Revenues From Convict Labor for Maintaining Public Roads Passes the Senate—Saloon Bill Fails.

Salem, Feb. 9.—In the senate today the flat salary bill passed by a large majority. The house passed the senate bill for establishment of juvenile courts. The bill to abolish the state fair at Salem for 1905 was withdrawn. The attempt to secure an indefinite postponement of the bill to provide for a railroad commission, failed in the house, and the bill was laid on the table until Monday.

The bill to provide a use for the proceeds of convict labor on the public highways passed the senate, but the bill requiring saloons to close their back doors failed.

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### CATCHING COLD.

The Way This is Aided by Improper Methods of Feeding.

The really important question is, in what does predisposition consist? We talk of a man "catching a cold." But it would be more correct and equally graphic to say that the cold has "caught" the man, for it does catch him unawares and often when he least anticipates it. But no cold ever caught any man unless he had first prepared the ground for it by a careful process of fertilization.

No amount of mere exposure to a low temperature alone will cause a "cold" in a perfectly healthy man in whom the product of wear and tear of nerve and muscle with adequate excretion of waste products on the one side is evenly balanced by food supply and exercise on the other. Where this equilibrium does not exist such exposure then operates as a "chill."

Now, who are the people who are liable to catch cold? Not those whose dietary is so carefully adjusted to the work they have to do that there is no opportunity for the accumulation of unused foodstuffs in their tissues, but those who in the better fed ranks of society eat and drink more than they need to meet the daily requirements of their bodily activity and are thus continually storing up in their tissues and excreting organs material which if appropriately used would form valuable ammunition for the development of energy either of body or mind, but which when stored beyond a certain point has to be blown off in a "cold" or a "billious attack" or in a more pronounced fit of gout.—Dr. Francis T. Bond, a London Expert.

### Hearts Attuned to Joy.

There is a lot of fun in the world if we keep our fun eyes open and our hearts attuned to joy. Did you ever note how your very soul lighted and buoyed by the mere mental turning of self to the gladsome side? Teach your thoughts to run in a channel bathed in the sunlight of good cheer. Dwell upon the flowers that grow beside the road rather than the dust upon the turnpike. Laughter and good cheer lighten many a burden and make the tedious way a ramble in a woodland path. Wake up to the delightfulness of the birds' sweet melodies. Sing as you travel on your way, and God's eternal morning will dawn upon you when life's tempestuous voyage will for you have ended—Liberty (Tex.) Vindicator.

### Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was marvelous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Chas. Rogers, druggist.

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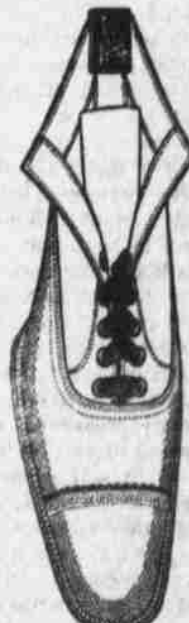
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