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**Today's Weather.**  
 Western Oregon and Washington—Sunday, increasing cloudiness followed by occasional rain and cooler.  
 Eastern Oregon and Washington—Fair.

**SUNDAY INCLINATIONS.**  
 Sunday inclinations are matters of environment. The question of attending the theater or church is settled, according to one's inclination. A certain element object to the ringing of church bells on Sunday morning. It often awakens them from the stupor of exhilarating exercise, the night before in which gin fizzes and Manhattan played an important part. The churches object to theaters as tending to a demoralization of the human race. Every little while some minister deplores what he believes to be the fact that the theaters are more successful in securing audiences than are the churches. It is true.

In Astoria there are more people attending the theaters on Sunday than go to the churches. In eastern cities more people attend the churches and theaters are not allowed to run, but Astoria is a wide open town, where everything and anything goes, and there is no protest from the pulpit. The theater has these advantages. It changes its actors and its performances frequently. It is always presenting something new. The church has the same message and the same man in the pulpit from Sunday to Sunday. "The gospel never grows old," is the theory of pulpiters.

In another important feature the theater has the advantage. A respectable theater advertises thoroughly and successfully. A large percentage of its earnings go into modern advertising. It supports the home paper and the home paper gives it preference. Seldom does the church spend a dollar for advertising, it usually expects its advertising free, and the newspapers cheerfully give it, on the theory, perhaps, that they are laying up treasures in heaven, where moth and rust doth not corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal. Years of contact, however, with newspaper attaches, convinces us of the fact that the only representative of any department of a newspaper who will land in heaven, will be the printer's devil.

And yet, the church draws. There much be a reason. There is a reason. The church administers to a great human need. It appeals to what is highest and best in life. A great vacuum requires to be filled. A great longing clamors to be satisfied. Men and women realize that they are three-fold beings and that to cultivate body and mind alone is only two-thirds of culture. The man whose spiritual life is atrophied may not feel this, but the normal man does. This is the churches opportunity and the reason for its existence.

The church makes a mistake when it fails to advertise. It has the best thing in the world. The demand is already created. There can be no substitution. It has a monopoly. Therefore it should advertise. The church also makes a mistake when it permits its ministers to whine about church attendance and call attention to the success of the theaters and other worldly entertainments. You never catch a theater manager deploring a small house. He never whines in public. He talks big houses and works for them, and he gets them. The church is doing very well. Indeed, when one considers its methods, and that Astoria is a wide open town and there are more advocates of vice than of religion, it does surprisingly well. If with this tremendous advantage, it would adapt itself somewhat to the plane of the age it would achieve the greatest success it has ever known.

**MAKE THE WORLD BRIGHTER.**  
 If one half of the energies spent by the people in this world in the mad race for self and power and personal aggrandizement, were devoted to bettering the conditions of the human race how much brighter would this world be. A brief respite from political em-

broglies and a divergence from the paths of sin and shame to the paths of honor and true manhood would make an appreciable difference to all. Divest Astoria of every form of vice and iniquity; instill into the minds of the rising generation principals of morality and sobriety; cast aside all the contaminating influences that beset the path of both young and old, and by the people and for the people, and the innovation would be appreciated. Supposing that Astoria was free from vice and crime; that the doors of temptation were closed never to open again; that everyone could dwell in unity and harmony; that all loved their neighbors as themselves and that instead of attempting to do another a personal injury in order to accomplish some temporary benefit, our lives were devoted to the uplifting of humanity, what a difference it would make. It is not much better to chronicle the good deeds of a fellow servant than to criticize him for the commission of some overt act, committed in an unguarded hour of temptation, not infrequently for personal gain?

Is not a city of churches, school-houses and educational institutions preferable to saloons and houses of questionable resort. Are not the influences exercised by the former much more preferable than those exercised by the latter. From which will mankind derive the most benefit. The elevation of society is not produced by contaminating influences and evil associations, but by fraternal feeling and brotherly love produced by the united action of the good and true in the purification of the moral atmosphere. These are questions that are worthy the careful consideration of the better element of society in Astoria. These conditions can be accomplished if one and all would work along these lines, resulting in the betterment of existing conditions. There is a good field for missionary work, not only in Astoria, but in every town and hamlet in Oregon. Nature has never ordained that the world should be filled with petty bickerings and strife. It was never intended by the wise Creator that abuse and scandal should supplant kind words and sympathetic influences. The world is what we make it. Our lives represent our own inclinations. We make our own beds and upon them we must lie.

Temporary success may be achieved at the downfall of others, but in the end all must be held accountable for the deeds done in the body. Sin will never be eliminated from this world as long as men are prone to achieve wealth and greatness at the expense of others. Men may differ politically but all should be of one accord socially and morally. The standard of men is measured by their good deeds, not by their bad ones. We may not all believe in the doctrines of Christianity, but we all know there is nothing pernicious or demoralizing in the teachings of the Bible. The church never did any harm in this world. Can as much be said of the saloons? Which is the most elevating, the most refining? To which membership brings the most respect? There is but one answer to this. It admits of no doubt, no argument. There is only one side to it, and that is the right side. To make the world brighter and more beautiful should be the highest ambition of every man and woman, and when this is done, mankind will reach the highest elevation in the social realm.

**Marine News.**

The Northland left up for Portland at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.  
 The Heather is at Ft. Stevens with the lightship in tow waiting for a smooth bar to take her out to her station. It is expected that she will be able to get out this morning.  
 The Kilburn is expected down from Portland tonight en route for San Francisco with freight and passengers.  
 The steamer Prentiss will leave Portland tonight for San Francisco.  
 The Columbia left Portland last night for San Francisco.  
 The schooner Andy Mahoney left up the river yesterday to load lumber at Portland.  
 The schooner C. A. Close was towed up to Portland yesterday to load lumber.  
 The British ship Pythomene with a cargo of merchandise from Antwerp arrived in last evening.  
 The steam schooner Homer arrived in yesterday afternoon.  
 The chooner John F. Miller with a cargo of lumber for San Francisco arrived down yesterday and will leave out this morning.

**CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT.**

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**OUT OF THE ORDINARY.**

**Epitome of Anecdotes and incidents With Comments by a Layman.**  
 That story about "direction, guidance and strength," will have to be verified before it is published.

The next political scrap in Astoria will be a 20-round contest between Hahn and Allen.

Hadn't a franchise ought to state when work is to be commenced and when completed? or is it simply a franchise to be sold to capitalists?

Four or five hundred dollars paid for advertising in a foreign publication will never advance the interests of Astoria. People want to see the home papers, not advertising schemes.

The chamber of commerce should spend some more for advertising at home. Sending money out of the state has kept some people broke.

People that find fault with a particular item in a newspaper, ought to write one themselves. They will have the satisfaction of pleasing themselves.

Cashing bogus checks and taking stock in bunco trout farms seems to be a favorite pastime of some Astoria people. Come to think of it, it is better to cash the checks than buy the stock.

The millenium will never come until governments cease from governing and the meddler is at rest.

Great men are ever lonely and live apart, but birds of a feather flock together because they fear to flock alone.

A Kansas City throat specialist says that woman is better qualified physically for talking than man. Wonder if he just found that out?

"George," said Pa Washington, "I notice that some miscreant has chopped down my favorite cherry tree. Have you any idea who did it?"  
 "Search me," replied George candidly, "and as you and I seem to be the only persons on the premises I am too polite to venture any guesses."

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Phil Miner of Portland was in the city yesterday.  
 Sam Miller of Seaside was in the city yesterday.  
 H. Tellman of Portland is registered at the Central.  
 M. D. Alger of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday.  
 F. S. McCord of Portland is registered at the Occident.  
 Miss Katherine Wade is in Portland visiting with friends.  
 Duncan Shanks of Youngs river was in the city yesterday.  
 Thos. J. W. O'Connor of Nasel was in the city yesterday.  
 A. H. Birrell of Portland was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.  
 Isaac Martin of Olequa, Wash., is visiting friends in the city.  
 Jos. Falangoes of Clifton was in the city yesterday on business.  
 Howard Lughton and wife of Seaside were in the city yesterday.  
 Walter Fitzpatrick and wife of Pillar Rock were in the city yesterday.  
 L. Saldren of the Grays River Logging Company was in the city yesterday on business.  
 Mr. Young of the firm of Dill & Young is down from Portland and will remain in the city about a month.  
 Mrs. E. Robinson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John C. Clark, has returned to her home in Portland.

**A Good Suggestion.**

Editor Morning Astorian:  
 There is no doubt that what is known now as Elk creek, in this county is the Ecola, or Whale creek of Lewis and Clark, where they saw a stranded whale 195 feet in length. This stream marks the extreme western terminus of their journey of 100 years ago. I wish to suggest that in this centennial year of their trip the name "Elk" be dropped and Ecola be permanently restored in honor and commemoration of these explorers. Those familiar with the Indian language pronounce the word "e-quo-o-ls-k, accent on the first syllable and the last termination with a peculiar "sk" or "suk" sound. The party passed over Tillamook abreast the light house rock and the open spot on top they named Clark's point of view. Probably what is now called Bald Knob."  
 J. Q. A. BOWLBY.

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**MONSTER BILL**  
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