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Today's Weather.

Oregon—Fair, northwesterly winds. Washington—Fair, except probably rains on the northwest coast; winds, variable and southerly.

BEEF TRUST.

The report of Commissioner Garfield to President Roosevelt that the beef trust is not a trust, shows that this embryo politician has inherited some of the credit mobliar characteristics of his pa. If the report had been prepared and written by the beef trust magnates it could not have been more favorable to the trusts nor so replete with wilful misrepresentations. The statement that the beef trust is a thing of beauty and joy forever, and is a necessary adjunct to the necessities of the country does not coincide with the recent decision of the supreme court of the United States. Even the federal grand jury which is investigating the business methods of the trust in Chicago, refuses to believe Commissioner Garfield, as his statements are so far from the truth to have any weight with a jury.

Of course Garfield held a fiduciary position with the beef trust, and the amount he received for subscribing his name to the report inspired by the beef graft magnates will probably never be known, as secrets between attorney and client are considered privileged in courts of law and no one occupying this position can be compelled to divulge the secrets of his client. There ought to be more in it than in the salary allowed by the government, and it is cash in advance, while a person holding an official position with the government has to wait from one to three months for his stipend.

Those who are compelled to buy beef at the local markets will be compelled to take issue with Commissioner Garfield. When farmers only receive 2 1/2 cents for beef and the round is sold for a bit a pound, and the tail goes with the hide, it will be difficult to make the average consumer believe that there is only 80 cents profit in a beef for which the beef trust pays \$48.75. In the first place the beef trust does not pay that amount, nor one half of it for a beef. A large percentage of the beef put up at the Chicago packing houses has to be embalmed as it is in the last stages of decomposition. This is put in cans and sold to people who go on picnics and excursions, where there is plenty of fresh air to offset the odor emitted by the canned beef.

As a result of the rotten meat embalmed by the beef trust, there are 65,099 Spanish war pensioners being supported by the government, a large majority of the ailments having been produced by eating embalmed beef for which the government paid at the rate of \$145.25 per cow and paid for some of it twice. If the beef trust made \$3,000,000 net profit last year, they would have to slaughter every cow, bull and steer in the world twice over in order to make this immense profit, according to the estimated profits submitted by Mr. Garfield.

The report of Commissioner Garfield is tainted with the odor of embalmed beef augmented with a plethoric abundance of the profits accruing to the beef trust. It reads like a silly boy's essay on cows, and will probably have as much weight with the government. Of course the price paid for the report will diminish the profits to a certain extent, but there is very little likelihood of the beef trust filing a petition in bankruptcy. All that will be necessary will be to put up the price of beef another notch or two until another commissioner is appointed to investigate the beef trust.

INCONSISTENT.

The great exposition to be held in Portland, known as the Lewis and Clark exposition, affords itinerant fakirs and grafters an opportunity to mulct the people of Oregon, chief among whom are newspaper grafters and magazine fakirs. While every other city in Oregon is infested with these cormorants, but they swarm around Astoria like flies around a molasses barrel. There is the man from

San Francisco, representing the Overland Monthly, an obscure publication which is on its last legs, but sees an opportunity by doing the advertising stunt, in getting out a special edition in which Astoria is to receive a pictorial writeup for about \$500. If any of the Astoria people did their trading in San Francisco there would be a howl of indignation arise from the home merchants who advocate patronizing home merchants and home industries.

Another smooth talker strikes the town and is registered from Minneapolis. He represents the Journal, the only paper of any consequence published in the east and for about \$750 he will give Astoria a write up that will cause the snow to melt from Mt. Hood and bring so many people here to locate and so many investors to invest that Astoria will have a population equal to that of New York within 90 days, and the statement is believed, and an outside publication secures a contract that will not benefit the city or county one dollars worth. Although thousands of dollars have been spent in this way advertising the resources of Clatsop county, there is not a single instance on record where the Astoria newspapers have ever received one cent for writeups, special editions or for advertising the city and county. Yet the Astoria newspapers are supposed to advocate the patronizing of home industries. This is advocated by commercial organizations and merchants, but evidently it is not intended to apply to the newspapers.

Another man has a scheme to supply photographs of prominent people with an advertising scheme of some kind in connection with it. These photographs are furnished at \$2.75 per dozen and one is to be placed in the liberal arts building at the Lewis and Clark exposition. Of course these itinerant fakirs have no space at the fair and cannot get any, but as long as they can make the Astoria people believe they have, that is all that is necessary, and a large number of Astorian's have bit at the fake. Of course the photographs are to be made in Portland, notwithstanding there are two photogrpah galleries in Astoria. This is what some people call patronizing home industries.

But while these itinerant-disbursers of soft soap, which, like the itch, seems to be catching and strikes in, we are relieved for the time being from the gentleman from California, who has oil stock for sale; from the promoter from eastern and southern Oregon that has mining stock for sale; from the giddy young man from Washington who has stock in a trout farm for sale, all of which have done a good business in Astoria. It is estimated that the people of Astoria have subscribed sufficient money to these various fake schemes to have built a hotel in the city.

Patronizing home industry. It should be given preference over obscure magazines and eastern newspapers who do not spend a dollar in the city, but take money away. No city can prosper where such a policy maintains.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.

The Scotch gave a high ball in honor of King Edward's visit. In Astoria lots of common citizens give themselves a Scotch high ball without thinking the circumstance worth mentioning.

Teacher, to a boy in Shivley school—Johnnie, or course you know what a lawyer is?

Johnnie—Yes, ma'am, one lives next door to us.

Teacher—Well, then, please define the word.

Johnnie—I can't, teacher; there are young ladies in the class.

"A crusade has been started against corsets in the Wisconsin legislature."—Exchange.

Didn't know they wore them in the Wisconsin legislature.

It is evident that running for governor in Colorado is another one of those diversions which do not belong to the simple life.

It may not be safe to believe everything you see in the papers, but it's a good sight safer than believing everything you hear that isn't in the papers.

The backbone of winter is broken all right; the sale of tops and jumping rope has begun in earnest.

Wheat is advancing, but breakfast food will remain within reach of the common people so long as saw dust is kept out of the clutches of a trust.

The ice is reported 40 feet thick on the shores of Lake Michigan, but next summer the ice trust will tell us that the past winter's ice harvest was a failure.

Talk about strict laws. A German sailor, for murdering a petty officer, has been sentenced to death, to penal servitude for six months, to dismissal from the navy and to perpetual loss of civil rights. A movement is on foot to get the latter part of the punishment remitted.

HAS BUILDING BOOM

New Buildings Being Put Up at Seaside.

NO SALOONS IN THE GROVE

Population of the Popular Summer Resort is Increasing While the Mill and Logging Camps Give Employment to a Number.

A number of Astorians Visited Seaside Sunday and were surprised at the activity, spirit of progressiveness and number of new buildings being erected. New comers are arriving every day, and a large number of Portland people visited the town last Sunday. Over 20 new cottages are going up in the grove. Mr. Lowenburg is building a handsome \$4000 house in Hermosa Park. The sale of the Seaside hotel property will be a great advantage to this popular summer resort as the hotel will be fitted up for the accommodation of summer visitors. The new wings of the Hotel Moore are nearly completed, which will double the capacity of this popular hotel.

There will be five large hotels in Seaside this season, the most that has ever been there, and Portland capitalists are contemplating building a large brick and concrete hotel this summer. Several new store buildings are in contemplation of erection. The common council will extend its water system; the mill company is building a logging road three miles long to a section of the finest spruce timber on the coast. N. D. Brain will open the Seaside Livery & Fuel Company, and supply teams and rigs for all desiring to visit Elk creek and Cannon beach. A telephone line is to be constructed to Elk creek by C. C. Clarke and many other improvements are noted. Seaside is one of the liveliest towns in Oregon and is enjoying an era of prosperity.

Representative Henderson, one of the members of the common council of West Seaside, is authority for the statement that no matter what the provisions of the charter may be, there will be no saloons on the west side, as nine-tenths of the people on both sides of the river are opposed to granting saloon licenses in the grove. They realize the fact that the money derived from licenses would be more than offset by the people who would remain away.

Under the present city administration, all of the ordinances of the city are strictly enforced and obeyed by the law-abiding people. The people propose to make Seaside the most popular summer resort on the Pacific coast and in this they will be aided by the railroad company, which realizes the importance of the Seaside trade. Commencing about May 1 two through trains will probably run from Portland to Seaside every day, and commencing about June 1, the intention of the company is to put on a local train between Astoria and Seaside running every two hours. There will no doubt be thousands of visitors at Seaside this year, and it will be so well and thoroughly advertised, as to increase the summer travel every year.

TAINED BLOOD

Columbus, Ohio, May 19, 1903. Some four years ago I was suffering from impure blood and a general rundown condition of the system. I had no appetite, was losing flesh, and had an all-gone tired feeling that made me miserable. I began the use of S. S. S., and after taking seven or eight bottles my skin was cleared of all eruptions and took on a ruddy, healthy glow that assured me that my blood had been restored to its normal, healthy condition. My appetite was restored, as I could eat anything put before me, and as I regained my appetite I increased in weight, and that "tired feeling" which worried me so much disappeared, and I was once again my old self. I heartily recommend S. S. S. as the best blood purifier and tonic made, and strongly advise its use to all those in need of such medicine. VICTOR STRUBINS, Cor. Barthman and Washington Aves.

Wheeling, W. V., May 28, 1903. My system was run down and my joints ached and pained me considerably. I had used S. S. S. before and knew what it was, so I purchased a bottle of it and have taken several bottles and the aches and pains are gone, my blood has been cleared and my general health built up. I can testify to it as a blood purifier and tonic. JOHN C. STRAZ.

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