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## Today's Weather.

Portland, Ore., March 16.—Oregon  
Washington and Idaho Friday, cloudy  
to partly cloudy with showers.

## CHARITY.

The Portland papers are criticising the actions of the Portland board of charities, claiming that they have a misconception of the term, and are ignorant of its true meaning. It is evi- by this board it is on the principle by this board it is on the principle that charity begins at home. If after paying the fat salaries of the grafters, their is anything left, it is distributed to the poor, but there is never anything left. It takes all the donations and be- quests of the charitably inclined of of being named "board of charities" it ought to pay the salaries. Instead of ought to be called the "amalgamated board of grafters." All of their meet- ings are held with closed doors, a sort of star chamber gathering of incur- ables. They receive money and dona- tions to distribute among the poor; al- leviate suffering and care for the des- titute. Up to date all the poor, all the suffering, all the destitute, are confined to the members of the Portland board of charities, of which Thos. N. Strong, the great reformer, is the grand chief mogul.

During its earthly existence, it has never made a report of the disposition of the funds, except the statement, that the funds are insufficient to pay the salaries of the officers and there is nothing to distribute to the poor. In all civilized communities, the good people engaged in the work of charity contribute their services free. Noth- ing is free in Portland. Even the hotel rates have advanced 500 per cent. The Portland Telegram discussing the ques- tion says:

Criticism of the methods of the city board of charities, which has a record of having spent \$2 on itself for every dollar devoted to actual charity, has culminated in a number of outspoken statements of disapproval, brought about by refusal of the board at its meeting yesterday afternoon to per- mit other than members to be present. Star chamber methods in the handling of public charities are being roundly condemned today.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board yesterday afternoon it was stated that the meeting would be pri- vate, that they had always been pri- vate, and if the public wished to know what was transacted application might be made for information after the meet- ing. It is the opinion of leading citi- zens that as the board must exist from funds obtained from the public by soli- citation, the public is entitled to know what is being done with the money. It is considered that the board is simply acting as agents for the donors in put- ting the money to the use for which it was intended when contributed, and that therefore all action of the board should be open to the public.

## PEACE WITH JUSTICE.

Again the chief justice of the greater republic has declared, in terms none can well misconstrue, that "this nation wishes the peace of justice, the peace of righteousness."

While this may be meant as much for warring armies of industry at home as for peoples of other nations, his declaration will be taken as having much and plain meaning for those which are relatively weak in men and in money. To some nations of the old world these smaller countries of the new world have long been a temptation, because their broad and fertile lands may be made to furnish food to millions ac- counted, and a market for the products of the industry of those millions.

Nor should those old world people be blamed if they earnestly wish to se- cure such control of great regions in the new world, from which to surely get ample supplies of food, and in which to build up colonies which will in a time of stress rally to the support of the mother country, as Canada and

Australia came to the support of Eng- land, when she had trouble with the Boers. For every nation of Europe seems to exist in constant fear of at- tack from some neighbor, eternally seeking to grasp power and territory. No need exists of proof that more than one European nation would glad- ly seize any country of America, is only it dared do so. There is more than a suspicion that one has designs on Argentina and on Brazil, and would quickly control there, were not the greater republic in the way. Many times has the United States been compelled actually to drive a nation of Europe from lands of the south, on which that nation had laid hand. She has long held an actual, if not a formal protec- torate over her sister republics.

"Much has been given to us, and much will be rightfully expected from us. We have duties to others and duties to ourselves; and we can shirk neither," said President Roosevelt, when he was taking the oath of his high office.

That was a solemn pledge of the American republics; but it may well be taken as a promise to Europe, also, that if the United States does safe- guard the integrity of territory of those republics, she will see to it that they regard properly their own financial in- tegrity, and pay their just debts.

"No weak nation that acts rightly and justly should ever have cause to fear us; and no strong power should ever be able to single us out as a sub- ject for insolent aggression," said the president.

"That will be taken as a clear an- nouncement of a determination to re- sent and resist such aggression, and as frankly telling this nation that it should maintain its power instantly to punish any attempt at aggression, whether it be against this republic or against any of its wards."

A plea for justice appears in the most serious utterances of President Roosevelt; and none knows better than he knows that he voices the sentiment that gave to him the most overwhelm- ing majority any man ever had in an election—the most glorious tribute to his honesty and righteousness of pur- pose. The history of his political life warrants the belief that he is sincere in these utterances, and determined to do all in his power to secure a fair deal to every man. He stands com- mitted before the whole world to do every- thing in his power—all that may be in the power of the millions who put him at the head of this nation, to compel this government to do justice to all, at home or abroad.

There is no reason to fear that he will fail through lack of determination or of desire to deal fairly. He knows that he will be supported by the peo- ple, even though he should go farther than strict reading of the law pro- vides, so long as he strives to do the greatest good to the greatest number. And in this all the smaller nations may find safe promise and a measure of comfort.

## DUTY OF LABOR.

Speaking in Baltimore at a meeting of organized labor, President Samuel P. Gompers of the American Federation declared the strike of the Interborough railroad men in New York was due to violation by the men of contracts and agreements. "The most important ob- ject in the labor organizations today," said Mr. Gompers, "is the honor of agreement between employe and employer."

It is a bright augury for American industry when the executive head of the greatest association of labor bodies in the world dares stand bravely for faith in dealing. By expressing this plain opinion of the metropolitan local Mr. Gompers has drawn down upon himself the attacks of that wing of organized labor, now happily in the mi- nority, and annually losing strength, which holds unionism above patriotism, honor, justice and truth. New-York labor, in particular, has been for years in the grip of the walking delegates. Grafters of the Parks sort have cost the employer millions and the employe millions, in time lost and wages lost.

Unionism, getting firm on its feet and more conservative in its views, is rapidly eradicating the crooked official who would call strikes for private gain and sacrifice the happiness of thou- sands to gratify his personal spleen or severe individual purposes. National organizations embracing New York locals have repeatedly been drawn into strikes in which the unions were not always sustained by the national ex- ecutive committees of their own or- ganizations after the depletion of the treasury and consequent taxation of men of the craft throughout the coun- try. The national organization of the engineers promptly set forth its stand on such lockouts last week when it expelled the New York local which joined the Interborough strike without permission from the national board—Butte Inter Mountain.

## Senator Hawley Dead.

Washington, March 17.—General Joseph R. Hawley, for nearly 24 years United States senator from Connecti- cut, died this (Saturday) morning, aged 78 years.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Commemorative Services Held in  
the Opera House

ADDRESSED BY THE GOVERNOR

Oration on "The True Irishman by  
Hon. J. Hennessey Murphy, and an  
Appropriate Musical Program Ren-  
dered and Enjoyed by Audience.

Fishers' opera house was crowded last evening, the occasion being the celebration by our Irish citizens in commemoration of the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. On the platform were seated the governor of Oregon, distinguished citizens of the city and states, judges, attorneys, county and city officials and members of the press. The hall was beautifully and appropri- ately decorated for the occasion, lending enchantment to one of the most successful and brilliant cele- brations ever held in the city.

The first number on the program was the Caecilian quartet, consisting of Messrs. Shields and Lerner and Misses Benoit and McCann, who ren- dered "Norina Maureen."

Father Walters, in a few eloquent and appropriate remarks introduced Hon. G. C. Fulton, as the Chesterfield of Clatsop county, as chairman of the meeting. Mr. Fulton paid a glowing tribute to the Irish race and gave a brief review of the early history and struggles.

A selection, "Medley of Irish Airs," violin and piano, by Miss Ireneus Parker, accompanied by Miss Madge received meritorious applause.

Hon. Geo. E. Chamberlain, governor of Oregon, was introduced and de- livered an eloquent and patriotic ad- dress, paying a deserved and high compliment to the many famous and illustrious Irish patriots and their valuable aid and assistance to this country in the time of need.

John Shields next favored the audi- ence with a tenor solo, "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls."

Hon. J. Hennessey Murphy, vice president of the United Irish League of Oregon, was introduced as the or- ator of the evening. In a forcible and eloquent oration he depicted the early struggles of the Irish people for freedom; giving a clear and concise review of the nation from the time of St. Patrick to the present day, and paid a glowing tribute to the United States for their sympathy and assist- ance in the cause of justice and free- dom and sympathy with the Irish cause. His remarks were listened to with marked attention, being frequent- ly interrupted by applause.

A soprano solo by Mrs. James O'Con- nell, "Kilbarney," was the gem of the evening, showing a strong, sympathetic voice with rich melody in the ren- dition of that most beautiful song.

A recitation by A. B. Dalgity, "The Flag of Erin," was well delivered.

A contralto solo, "Come Back to Erin," by Miss Laura McCann, received meritorious applause.

The grand finale, song "America," in which the entire audience arose to their feet and joined in singing, showed the enthusiastic patriotic spirit of the audience and was an appropri- ate finale to the evening's enter- tainment.

## Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It needs but little foresight to tell that when your stomach and liver are badly affected, grave trouble is ahead unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young of Clay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neuralgia of the liver and stomach, my heart was weakened, and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters, I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." Best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by Chas. Rogers, druggist, at 50c a bottle.

## UNHAPPINESS DISPELLED.

Men and Women Unanimous About It.

Many women weep and wall and refuse to be comforted because their once mag- nificent tresses have become thin and faded. Many men incline to profanity because the flies bite through the thin thatch on their craniums. It will be good news to the miserable of both sexes, to learn that Newbro's Herpicide has been placed upon the market. This is the new scalp germicide and antiseptic that act, by destroying the germ or microbe that is the underlying cause of all hair de- struction. Herpicide is a new prepara- tion, made after a new formula on an entirely new principle. Anyone who has tried it will testify as to its worth. Try it yourself and be convinced. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., De- troit, Mich.

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