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ASTORIAN TO BE IMPROVED. Under a new regime the Astorian hopes to offer the people a paper that date them. First it was "toot" and will rank with the best dailies in the Pacific Northwest, Commencing Mon day, July 3, a seven-day service will be instituted. In the intervening period many little improvements that will materially better the appearance of the paper will be noticed and it is intended that these shall continue until the Astorian is brought to the highest possi-

ble state of efficiency. The Astorian pledges itself to make these improvements, not only because they will result in an increase of patronage, but because the city of Astoria is worthy of a wholly up-to-date and enterprising daily paper, comparing favorably with the foreign newspapers now enjoying the support of some of our residents. We see no reason why the Asterian should not have this boy born on February 29, and, in jig. additional patronage. To gain this end a manifestation of confidence in the city ington's birthday, one on Inauguration is deemed advisable. The Astorian is day, two on All Fool's day, one on after a larger subscription list and is Thanksgiving day and one on February determined to obtain it.

There are many channels which offer colored. opportunity for improvement. One by one, these will be carefully considered and the most effective means of bettering the paper adopted.. The inauguration of the Monday paper will mark the first step toward the new Astorian. This will lead to improvement in the telegraphic service, the increasing of the local staff, and ultimately, to the printing of a seven-column twelve page

these contemplated changes are such, they may appeal to skeptical persons as being fancied, they are only the beginning. A thorough system of state correspondence is to be organized. This special telegraphic service will bring the Astorian to the is planned to publish a larger paper on Sundays, possibly twenty-four pages; the much coveted colored comic supplement will be included in this.

FIRE PROTECTION.

The necessity of establishing more efficient means of fire protection was fittingly demonstrated, Saturday night, in the blaze which, for a time, threatreigned, following the discovery of the fire and before the department was notlfied, the blaze gained considerable head-

in the business section, one at the corone in the vicinity of the Central Hotel, closed, Had an alarm box been located at the corner of Commercial and Elevent) streets, an alarm could have been turned in immediately, and the conflict, accompanying the promiscious telephone messages to the department head-quarters. avoided. The Astorian urges upon the Council the speedy installation of a box at this corner.

The people should feel deeply appreciative of the excellent work accomplished by Fire-chief Foster and his men. A few minutes after the alarm was finally turned in, the department directed six streams upon the blaze. Excepting a brief interval about 10 o'clock, at no time was the fire beyond the control of the firemen. Thanks are also due to those who volunteered their aid in with your sister;" quenching the flames.

The Astorian urges upon the Common a big chance, all right." Council the speedy installation of more alarm boxes,

COTTON'S APPOINTMENT.

President Roosevelt, in selecting W. trouble to see me to the door," W. Cotton to succeed the late Judge Bellinger as Federal Judge for the Distriet of Oregon, has acted wisely, in so far as no man is better fitted for the Is it right to kiss a girl! place. L'ossessing a superior knowledge With her dower of charms laden? of maritime law, of the railway rates Is it right to kiss a mailen question and of other topics, which are When she puckers up her lips to be at present, of much concern to the people of the state and recognized as one of Is't? the most able lawyers in the Pacific Ask me, and I'll give you answer-

qualified to fill the vacancy.

While his appointment, in a measure. is due to the recommendation of Senator Fulton, President Roosevelt selected Mr. Cotton in recognition of his ability, his irreproachable integrity, and the sterl- Enough to pause and ponder then, ing characteristics which have won him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and of the public. The president's action should meet with the ap-

Long life to the Baker City Herald which has re-entered the field.

Portland wants Marquis Ito and M. Nelidoff, Reports have said "all es hibits at the exhibition are installed."

Nineteen young ladies will soon graduate in Butte, says the Inter-Mountain. There can be no puestion as to their being "beaut's."

Not satisfied with its present allotment of "owls" Portland starts in advocacy for owl cars to accommonow it is "hoot." We dinna ken.

The Oregon Daily Journal, Saturday. contained a cut of General Trepoff. A skull could be distinguished casting a shade over the features of the "Man of Death." Does the Journal predict he, will soon be a "dead one;"

in the Oregon Daily Journal, relative you feel mean." to Portland's invitation to the peace plenipotentiaries. Peace! and in Port- didn't 1?" land! This is "strange, indeed," with apologies to the venerable Mr. Scott.

Sam White, of Riverside, California, according to the Yreka Journal, has a addition, one who was born on Wash-2, ground-hog day. White must be

Commenting upon the advocacy against the use of telephones by the Old German Baptist Brethren, the Sea side Signal says, "And that's right too. A more ungodly thing than the telephone has never been invented. It has corrupted every woman who has ever undertaken the use of it. Why, the very first word she utters is 'hello!' It is simply shocking." Modified to "ha-lo," "hell-o" might be accepted by the German Baptists.

"Seven dollars will enable the visitor to the Lewis and Clark fair to see every concession of the Trail 'says the front as news medium. Following, it dead head letter to the country Jake Press," quotes the Sherman County observer. Further, says this enterprising newspaper, which, from a perusal of its pages, has divulged its classification, "to which may be safely added and the whole aggregation is not worth ment of "owls Portland starts an lightenment of the Observer, this editor the writer of the story stating seven dollars would permit of seeing the enened to destroy the city. Consternation tire Trail, desires to vouchsafe that "Trail" is spelled up. The "dead-head reference is ambiguous, as the United States Mails do not carry matter, minus postage. Concluding, if the Observer's At present, but two boxes are located editor lacks the "thirty cents"-he will simply have to miss the time of his ner of Exchange and Ninth streets and life. "Hit the 'Trail'" ere its gates are

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

HER FIRST THOUGHT.

"I have decided at last upon the novel I shall write," confides the ambitious girl with literary impulses.

"Oh! how perfectly fine!" exclaims her bosom friend. "What is it to be?" "It will be bound in old rose, with the title printed in dull gold, and with my name in pale gift below a medallion in

HER LITTLE BROTHER. "Do you think I stand any chance

"Sure. De feller dat gets sis, takes

FOLLY TO BE WISE. "Good night," he said fondly, and then he added gallantly, "you need not "No trouble at all," she responded.

IS IT?

kissed-

Northwest, Mr. Cotton is especially Be you Poet, Prince or Lancer, Are you able to resist?-When allured by your flattery, She unlooses the masked battery

> Are you wise Or to scheme it out with pencil, or with pen?

Of her eyes,

Though you be a saint in Heaven I will wager you'll take seven, And desist, Theorist,

Only when the blushing maiden With her dower of charms laden, Puts a ban

On the pretty puckering lips that you Have kissed.-Norman Harris.

THE AFTERMATH.

"What's the matter, old man," he said, as they met the next morning. "You look blue."

"I feel blue."

"But last night you were the jolliest member of our party." "I felt jolly."

"You acted like a boy just let out of school."

"You said that your wife had gone away for the first time in three years. and there wasn't anyone to say a word if you went home and kicked over the

"You said that if you stayed out until 4 o'clock there was no one to look "May Get Peace Here." says a head at you reproachfully and sigh and make

Yes, and I stayed out until 4 o'clock

"You certainly did." "And I gave a warwhoop on the

front doorstep." "Yes, and you sang a verse from a comic opera song, and tried to dance a

"Yes, and my wife missed that train. Now, please go away and let me alone."-Tit Bits.





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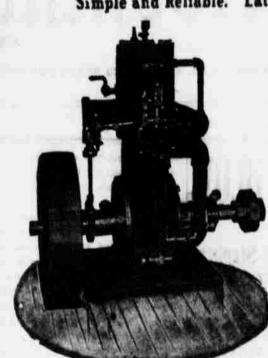
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