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WEATHER TODAY.

Portland, Nov. 4.—Western Washington, and Western Oregon: Sunday, partly cloudy. Slightly warmer Sunday afternoon in the interior.

Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington: Fair.

RETRENCHMENT THE ORDER.

Retrenchment is the order paramount in the City of Astoria. Obedience to the mandate is all that is left, disagreeable as the program may be. It is possible, dificult as it may seem. Seven years ago the City of Salem confronted just such an emergency and by sheer business rules overcame the situation to the tune of $15,000 per yer to the good of the taxpayer. She lopped right and left, cut her interest bills in two, reduced her department forces, put her salary-roll upon a reasonable living basis and looked sharply after all expenditures and requsitions, and is today one of the best governed cities on the coast. Astoria and Salem are practically on a par, as to population, property values, resources and cost of maintenance. And it will scarcely be conceded that she has more public spirit than the City-by-the-Sea. Think this over, Mr. Taxpayer, and formulate your wishes and above all, make them known It is up to you!

PREPONDERANT ISSUES.

The pending municipal campaign has not progressed to a point where the issues can be clearly defined, but enough is known of public sentiment to permit the conclusion that the preponderant issues will be "Retrenchment or continued extravagance," and "an open, or a closed town." The first is (if any distinction may be hazzarded as between such vital propositions), the more potent of the two, potent as both are, for the credit of the city is a matter that reaches far beyond her confines and affects her most nearly in a public sense, while the second is more of a home matter and amenable to consideration from day to day as action may be needed, though this statement does not carry with it any suggestion that the issue of an orderly regime here is to be made subsidiary to anything else. It is of grave and immediate concern and will be fought for with vigor and unceasingly. But Business is Business, and retrenchment is its hand-maiden.

USE IT PROPERLY.

In a single year the people of the United States may save more money than their national Department of Agriculture has cost in all the generations of its existence,if they will only make such use as any fairly intelligent person can easily make of information given by a single one of the many publications issued by that department.

That publication is one which shows what is the nutritive value of each food in common use, and how to combine those in such a way as to give the right quantities of food elements required, to please the taste and at the same time save money.

By making such good use of the information given by this one pamphlet as the average American housekeeper is able easily to make, at least a dollar a year may be saved on the food supply of each person of the eighty millions in the country, and at the same time add to the comfort and health of all.

TYPE BY HIMSELF.

The Governor of Arkansas extended the welcome of his state to the President and then refused to eat with him, owing to the presence of other guests. One sure sign of relief for Arkansas is that the office Mr. Davis is running for now will keep him out of the state most of the time if he gets it, and if he doesn't get it, he will at least be Governor no longer.

WILL IT CURE.

Paul Morton contends that publicity is the only certain cure for corporation evils. In a few years the cornewspapers will be printing certificate like this from prominent trust magnates: "The doctors counld do nothing for me, I was run down and nearly all in, when chance put me next to a bottle of your celebrated keep-it-before- the-people-remedy—I do not hesitate to say that it saved my constitution and by-laws."

TURN OUT, ASTORIANS!

The meeting of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce at its Bond street rooms tomorrow night will be well worth the time and trouble it takes to get there. There are some things of vital concern coming up for illustration and discussion, among them the Black Sand ore values and the latest estimate put upon them by Dr. David Day; the new hotel for this city will receive an impetus that will not cease until its doors are thrown open to the world on the night before the opening of the 1906 Astoria Regatta, besides a number of other essential and up-to-date things. No man, alive to the future of Astoria, should fail to be present tomorrow night. The Chamber of Commerce is doing too much good work to be ignored and its burdens left upon a few willing shoulders.

VALUABLE IMMUNITY.

The city of Astoria enoys remarkable immunity from fires, great and small. There is, perhaps, no other community on the Pacific Coast where the use of wood and other inflamable materials is so general as in this city, comparatively speaking, and her record of freedom from loss and damage from this source is something to marvel at and rejoice in. The wood and water are in such juxtaposition, perhaps, that the one operates on the other in some pschycological way and forbids independent action; at any rate, the splendid advantage is hers to make the most of.

MEMMORANDA.

Make a note of this: The registration books will close on Tuesday next at 4 o'clock p. m. They will open again on Thursday, November 16th and remain open until Saturday, December 9, at 4 o'clock p. m. So that those who fail in the first period may make good in the second. And the Republicans who fail in both seasons will rightfully lose their franchise for the pending election. But fortunately, there are no such members of the party here.

POOR EXPEDIENT.

Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of Nebraska University is in favor of turning over condemned murderers to the surgeons and doctors for surgical and medical experiments, the subjects to receive their liberty if they survive. The murderers might prefer death by way of the operating table and anaesthetics, but would the surgeons and doctors be willing to play the role of executioners?

The President is only constructively absent from the United States when 300 miles at sea and communicating with officials on land by wireless telegraph.

According to Secretary Shaw, some of the money for river and harbor improvements is spent wisely, and some is thrown away. In a field of such vast advantage to the country Congress should see that not 1 cent is wasted.

Citizens Organize to Quell Disturbances.

Warsaw. Nov 4.—The authorities here have released 350 political prisoners which were confirmed in the Citadel Regiment of dragoons has arrived to reinforce the garrison. All post and telegraphic employees threaten to strike tomorrow.

A citizens committee has been organized to prevent further disturbances.

PLEASURE AND TRAGEDY.

Italian Harbor the Scene of a Terrible Mischance.

New York, Nov 4.—According to dispatches from Genoa, the fetes in connection with the inauguration of the new harbor works had a tragic conclusion, three officers losing their lives in an accident, says a cable dispatch to the Herald from Milan.

A storm came up on Wednesday night at a dinner given to the French and Italian officers on board the battleship Goliath. A cutter from the Italian armored cruiser Giuseppe Garibaldi, with seven officers and eight seamen on board, nevertheless left the Goliath for the shore. The cutter was crossing the outer harbor when it was run down and sunk by the packet steamship Maria Teresa.

An alarm was immediately raised. The warships in the roadsted turned their searchlights on the harbor; boats were launched and all of the occupants of the cutter ere rescued.

Several of the officers were in a desperate condition and during the night Captain Surgeon Enrico Malizia, Captain Engineer Fruccio Montario, and Commissary Arturo Grassi died in the hospital. Lieutenants Poma and Modena are reported mortally injured.

The ships of the Italian and foreign squadrons are flying flags at half mast and their departure has been postponed in order to send deputations to the funeral of the victims.

INITIATE CANDIDATES.

Fraternity of Chicago University Make Fools of Members.

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Special policemen in several of the downtown hotels were called on last night to eject from the lobbies hundreds of persons who were attracted by the initiation of two candidates in a fraternity of the Chicago University.

The candidates danced in fantastic costumes, and having small papier mache cats fastened to their backs, were conducted with bandages over their eyes into the lobbies of the Palmer House, the Auditorium Annex and other down town hotels and ordered to get down on their hands and knees and fight.

A crowd collected about the contestants in each instance, and it was necessary for the police to disperse the party.

SWEET BUT IMPORTANT.

Hawaiian Sugar Tariff The Subject of Reneed Attack.

Denver, Nov. 4.—The directors of the Chamber of Commerce last night voted to send a letter to the Chamber of Commerce throughout the West and middle West inviting them to send representatives to a convention to discuss the proposal on the part of the National government to remove the tariff on sugar coming from the Phillippine Islands. The letter in part is as follows:

"We believe that the time is very opportune to call a conference or a convention of representatives of the leading commercial bodies of the sugar producing states to take action looking toward a correct public opinion on this important subject and also to secure the assistance of the representatives in Congress from the above states in preventing such tariff legislation."

HOLDING THEIR NOSES.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Nov. 4—The bodies of twenty dead whales, known as "killers" are floating in the channel off Santa Cruz island, thirty miles from this city. The gigantic corpses measure from twenty to forty feet in length and bear mute evidence of a fierce battle between the monsters. This warfare has been going on for some time between two varieties of whales and swordfish for several weeks in the ocean near the Channel islands and it is probable that in the extermination of so many of this variety of whale a signal victory has been won by some of the levithians.

GOOD CAUSE IF TRUE.

New York, Nov. 4.—There was organized in New York, yesterday, the American Drug Syndicate, which includes one thousand retail dealers. The syndicate has a Rhode Island charter and is capitalized at $200,000. The organizer is C. F. Goddard, formerly of San Francisco, who controls ten per cent of the stock. The organization is intended for mutual protection, to combat njurious and inferior drugs and compel a standard in the staple products. The President is George Ramsay.

Man's Unreasonableness.

A Miracle He Recovered.

Church—I hear your brother has recovered from his severe illness.

Gotham—Yes. He's on the mend now.

"Seems like a miracle, doesn't it?"

"I should say it does seem like a miracle! He had three doctors!"—Youkers Statesman.

"I Thank The Lord!"

SOFTNESS OF SEALSKIN.

Is Rivaled by Human Hair Where Dandruff is Eradicated.