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WEATHER REPORT.

Portland, Nov. 28.—Western Oregon and Western Washington Wednesday, rain or snow. Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon: Snow, possibly part rain.

REGULAR REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR MAYOR J. W. Suprenant.

FOR AUDITOR AND POLICE JUDGE A. B. Dalgity.

FOR TREASURER John Nordstrom.

FOR POLICE COMMISSIONERS John W. Babbidge, six year term. W. C. Laws, two year term.

FOR SURVEYOR Alfred S. Tee.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS James F. Kearney.

FOR COUNCILMAN—FIRST WARD Karl Knoblock.

FOR COUNCILMEN—SECOND WARD James J. Robinson. R. M. Leathers.

FOR COUNCILMAN—THIRD WARD C. A. Leinenweber.

BEGGING THE QUESTION.

The difference between a public debt of \$86,000, when the Republicans as such laid down the reins of government in Astoria, and the present sum of municipal obligation, to wit, \$222,000, is reactionary in its amplitude, on the men who have been conducting "Citizens" campaigns for the past dozen years and howling for reform, public prudence and several other cardinal virtues while they were piling up the burden for the taxpayer. The fact of the business is, the pretext for the existence of a Citizens movement was worn to a frazzle long ago, and what good the initial departure did, has been wholly neutralized by the recklessness of the men who have been using it for a mask for administration after administration. It has ceased to be a Citizens' effort at honest re-organization and has become the vehicle for the manipulations of the minority party of the city, the Democratic party, and as such it is being worked for all it is worth to foist the dangerous and unwholesome program of a "wide open town" upon a people who will not stand for it. The \$145,000 difference is what falls upon the taxpayer and he is the one most deeply interested in the size of the city's monetary burdens, be the party in power what it may. What a "citizens" council, with a Republican mayor, may have done to increase the limit of those burdens, cuts no figure in the existing status of affairs; it is only too apparent that the debt of Astoria is dangerously large and its legal maximum exceeded by some \$7000; a condi-

tion that invites very critical and, perhaps, adverse comment in the monetary world with which the city has fixed and definite relations now, with more to come, for if the values of the real estate behind the present street indebtedness shall slump to abnormal proportions every atom of taxable property in Astoria is responsible for the deficiencies. The alleged Citizens government had better go back to first principles and takes its nose out of the Democratic leading-strings before it undoes the one-time good with which it is credited. All things have due end, even popular up-heavals, especially when they become a stalking horse for shrewd and scheming Democratic politicians, as is the current condition of the once favored Citizens' Movement.

HOLD THE BALANCES.

The Zemstvos are the key to Russian progress. Reactionaries and mob may have to clash, but the outcome, as in every revolution in any country, will be in the hands of the middle class. University men may disagree over reforms, but the people who pay taxes will in time control whatever government is established. It is very interesting and significant that they refuse to give instant and unqualified support to Count Witte. From the point of view of people already enjoying popular forms of government, it is creditable to them that they make extended suffrage and personal liberty the conditions of their adherence. It is not for other countries, which already possess what they demand, to criticize their hesitation. Evidently they fear any kind of reform granted with the possibility for peasants who superstitiously follow false Czars. That the Zemstvos Congress is willing to accept responsibility under such conditions marks it as a courageous and self-reliant body. It represents at the beginning such a germ of local self-government as Russia already has, and the sooner Count Witte calls it into thorough co-operation the sooner he will see light through the obscurity which veils the future of his plans.

IT IS HOME LAND.

The troubles of Russia are spreading in most unexpected quarters, to wit (and to Witte, also), in Japan, among the Russian prisoners who have not yet been sent home. They are divided into "loyalists" and revolutionists, though what there is in Russia to be loyal to would puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer, as the saying goes.

REFORM THE STATE.

The influence of the reform wave which began in Philadelphia is evidently spreading to the state, and threatens the intended immortalization, as it were, of the late Matthew Stanley Quay. Last winter the Legislature voted to erect a statue to him on Capitol Hill, Harrisburg, and the Governor approved it. Now the "Evening Bulletin" says there has already begun a discussion as to whether the State should not recall its action. It thinks the erection of the statue would tend more to tempt reproach, derision and sarcastic flings at his memory than to call down encomiums, or words to that effect, and that Mr. Quay's personal friends, who admired him for himself rather than as a politician, will realize the scheme was a most ill-advised movement. "How are the mighty fallen!"

NO NATION OF DRUNKARDS.

"Lord Cholmondeley" wrote Horace Walpole a little more than a century ago, "is dead. He expired at 70. Had he not possessed a constitution that should have carried him to a hundred, he would have perished like the majority of his immediate set, who reeled into the ferryboat before 55." Again, George Otto Trevelyan, in his "Life of Fox," says, "They were rarely sober, nor did they need to be, for they floated on a sea of burgundy and champagne from one official position to another," doubtless following Cholmondeley, unduly early, into Charon's capacious craft. A perusal of any of the biography and history of a century ago is sufficient to encourage the most radical prohibitionist. In the reigns of George the Third and Fourth, a public official who was sober stood out from among the dull, drunken average of his fellows. In this country, the high officials of that day were frequently and avowedly drunk. Nobody thought anything about it. As a people, the Anglo-Saxons and their descendants became more sane, and more sober, each decade.

AMERICAN RATIO.

It seems as if every battleship built for Uncle Sam was better than the last, and this is certainly an encouraging

sign. The new battleship Virginia, built at Newport News, has had her trials for speed and endurance off the Maine coast, and made a speed of 19.734 knots, the highest made by any United States battleship, and in excess of her contract speed. This she made with 130 revolutions per minute. There should be no jealousy on the part of the other states on that account, when we remember "The Old Dominion" was the birthplace of our first President.

BIG LITTLE COUNTRY.

It seems it will not do to sneer or speak slingingly of Norway and Sweden as a "little kingdom," for Norway is larger than all New England, New York and New Jersey taken together, and Sweden larger than all of them, with Pennsylvania added. Norway's population equals that of the six New England states, or nearly so, while Sweden's quite equals it, although a casual glance at the map would not convey that idea.

If football really was a brutal and barbarous game does anybody suppose that a Christian people would go to witness the struggle in preference to attending church services on the day set apart for national Thanksgiving.

Notwithstanding the loss of one-half his salary, the McCurdy who established the eleemosynary character of life insurance in New York will not regard it necessary to go abroad and lead the London poverty parade.

CHANGE OF TIME

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

Commencing Sunday, November 19, train No. 6, the Royal Blue Limited, will leave Grand Central passenger station, Chicago at 5 p. m., instead of 3:30 p. m. and will arrive in Pittsburgh at 6:35 a. m., Washington at 4:40 p. m., Baltimore 5:50 p. m., Philadelphia, 8:19 p. m. New York 10:40 p. m. the same as with the old schedule, thus reducing the time one hour and thirty minutes. No excess fare will be charged on this fast limited train. All other trains will arrive and depart the same as formerly. Stop-over is allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, not to exceed ten days, at each place, on all first-class through tickets.

Missionaries of the American Methodist church speak no fewer than thirty-seven languages. There are 5000 of these workers and 150,000 Christians under them.

Of Interest to Clergy.

The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Co., having been granted membership in the Trans-Continental Clergy Bureau, the name of that company will appear in the clergy application blanks and clergy certificates issued by the bureau for 1906, and commencing January 1st, of the coming year. These permits will be honored by all agents of the A. & C. R. R., thus eliminating the individual half-fare permits issued by that company in former years. Requests for official application blanks should be made to J. C. Mayo, general passenger agent, Astoria.

FOUND WITH FEET FROZEN.

Butte, Nov. 29.—A telephone message from Basin, Mont., says that a searching party has found John H. Rule, who was lost in the mountains last Friday while on a hunting trip. Both of his feet are badly frozen.

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State of Oregon, County of Clatsop, I. S. S. Gordon, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of November, 1905. C. A. COOLIDGE, Notary Public.

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