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WEATHER REPORT.

Portland, Dec. 18.—Western Oregon and Western Washington. Rain.
Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington: Rain with snow in the mountains.

MAYOR HERMAN WISE.

The Astorian is pleased with the appointment of Mr. Herman Wise as Mayor of Astoria for the coming year, as made last night by the Common Council. Aside from politics, the selection is an admirable one and ensures to the city a man of excellent business judgment and executive ability in a position where those qualities will be most appreciated, and are, indeed most necessary. It is not afraid to trust the management of municipal affairs to the skilled hands of Mr. Wise, and it will in every way possible uphold the dignity and honor of the place as it shall be exemplified by him. Political differences will not be permitted to enter into its consideration and treatment of his official administration, because it believes in his fairness and acumen, and has faith in his capacity for unbiased good work for the whole people. Success to him.

SPEAKING OF RINGS.

One patent result of the recent election in this city is the firm and unquestioned establishment of the Democratic dominance of the once known "Citizens'" movement. This is no longer denied nor doubted. The once favored movement has gone over, "look, stock and barrel," to the sway of the local Democracy and has put itself in line and touch, men and measures, with that faction, and the minority faction at that. Let those deny this that will, the public knows it and it is certain to have its ultimate effect in directing popular feeling and judgment.

There has been a good deal said in some quarters, during the progress of the late campaign, about the "Republican Ring" and it has received its full measure of abuse and vituperation, and the bitter criticism and public arraignment accorded it, has far exceeded the animadversions set up by way of reply, in this paper. But, be that as it may, the people of this city are here and now warned, that there is, in process of perfect formation and equipment, a political ring, of Democratic origin and Democratic control that will soon make itself felt in the conduct of public affairs, to the utter discomfiture of the local political status and the certain revulsion of the best standards of municipal government. We expect a quick and voluminous disclaimer of this; it is the first rule of the ringster to cry down all such statements, and there are many who are not politicians enough to waive the contradiction and treat it with the contempt it deserves, and who, for a while, will discountenance the charge, but we are willing this should be done, in order that when conviction does overtake the doubter, it will be incontrovertible and final.

It has its leader, to whom is given autocratic sway over the personnel and activities of the Democratic coterie now in power, and it has its agents and sub-agents, and a program in course of

preparation that will be plain enough to those who are watching for it, as soon as it develops. The ring business is no monopoly in Astoria, and the first and clearest proof of its existence and activity, is the complete absorption of the Citizens' movement by the DEMOCRATIC PARTY, a piece of political executive work that reflects infinite credit upon the managers since it was their first, necessitous work in gaining control of the local field.

THEY MUST LEARN.

Cadet Meriwether has been condemned to punishment for his part in the fight that resulted in the death of Cadet Branch. A public reprimand by the secretary of the navy and a year's confinement to the Naval Academy constitute the sentence. Meriwether, in a sense, is the victim of a system that can hardly be entirely destroyed while youth are trained to war. At another school fighting might be absolutely prohibited. At a military school it appeals to the students as one of the primary elements of their education. They are not being trained for the ministry; they never expect to feel the slap of an enemy and then turn the other cheek. However, the sentence of the court martial bears out the expression of sentiment that there should be a severe restraint placed upon the game of fist-cuffs, as it is played at Annapolis. "Honor" is sometimes confused with anger, malice and revenge among very young men. As an unfortunate participant in a fatal affray Meriwether is made to suffer what will doubtless appeal to him as a hard sentence, but it is right that a penalty should be inflicted. It remains to tone down the code that involves the young men in fights through personal spite and nagging.

COTTON THE WORLD OVER.

The British cotton growing association reports a prospective crop, in British possessions, of 25,000 bales. France, Germany, Portugal and Spain are trying to raise cotton, and some of their growers receive government subsidies, but with comparatively small results so far. The president of the French cotton association estimates that the demand for cotton increases at the rate of 40,000 bales a year.

WONDERFUL EXPANSION.

It is only three years since the irrigation law was passed, and already the government has constructed 77 miles of main canal, 54 miles of distributing system, 186 miles of ditches, including dams; 3 1-2 miles of tunnels, 126 miles of wagon roads, 147 bridges, a cement mill with a capacity of 300 barrels a day, and many buildings incidental to the work. In no other case in history have internal improvements on a large scale been pushed with equal promptness.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

At the end of forty years Col. John R. Hurd of Colorado has just learned that he was brevetted brigadier general by President Lincoln. The honor is discovered late, but time has added to the reasons for its appreciation. Col. Hurd was one of the first to apply the tunnel method of escaping from a military prison. He had the good fortune to get out of Libby by digging an underground route, and to reach the Potomac safely after a week of night marches without food.

STILL EFFECTIVE.

A contemporary declares that the Dingley tariff drives manufacturing plants to Canada. Yet our commerce with the Dominion last year reached \$166,000,000, the largest amount on record, and far ahead of Canada's business with any other country. In every case where actual figures are given the Dingley tariff maintains its identification with the period of the greatest foreign commerce of the United States.

Admiral Togo proposes to take a Japanese fleet to Great Britain and the United States, and to permit himself to be admired by the only two powers he can't whip.

To the men who are drawing the big Panama canal salaries twenty years' time will seem like a summer's afternoon.

Berlin has passed the 2,000,000 mark in population. It reached 1,000,000 in 1876 and 1,500,000 in 1890. The town on the Spree grows as if made in America.

President Roosevelt seems to realize that the government can not land a blow on any of the little trusts without damaging the wind of the Standard Oil monopoly.

The only excuse that Count Witte can make is to frankly admit that he was overcapitalized.

Sooner or later Czar Nicholas will have to surrender to his own people, just as he did to the Japanese. The handwriting has already appeared upon the wall in letters as big as a circus poster.

All the facts in the annual government reports agree as to the continued high prosperity of the country. If there is anywhere a portent of the other kind it is not discoverable in the exhibits of the different departments.

In an interview after the egg-throwing episode at Quebec, Sarah Bernhardt remarked that she admired Canada agriculture. Sarah must refer to the number of eggs, for she could hardly mean their quality.

Pension expenditures now include \$10,000,000 a year on account of the war with Spain. As pension appropriations have not increased, the decline in the amount paid soldiers of the civil war is apparent.

NO REASON FOR IT

When Astoria Citizens Show the Way.

There can be no just reason why any reviver of this will continue to suffer the tortures of a aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the dangers of diabetes or any kidney ills when relief is so near at hand and the most positive proof given that they can be cured. Read what an Astoria citizen says.

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JOE WHEELER SPEAKS

Makes Interesting Talk to the Pleiades Club.

New York, Dec. 18.—General Joseph Wheeler was the guest of the Pleiades club last evening and in a brief speech said among other things: "It has been said that the recent war cemented the North and the South. This, it seems to me, is not so. It only served to emphasize the feeling which had existed between the North and the South for 30 years.

"There is one respect in the recent war that was remarkable. If you will examine the record of the battles under the great generals you will find that in the greatest of them only ten per cent of the army was killed. In our campaign in Cuba fully forty per cent of the men engaged died."

The Pleiades sang "Dixie," recited pieces about the bravery of General Wheeler and yelled themselves hoarse.

Furious Fighting.

"For seven years," writes Geo. W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle, with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won, and cured my diseases, by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you, by Charles Rogers, druggist, at 50c a bottle. Try them today.

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Alcoholic Drink From Rice.

The alcoholic drink used in the province of Chekiang, in China, is made from fermented rice. Fermentation is induced by the addition of cakes made of wheat meal. An examination of these cakes shows that the particles of wheat are penetrated through and through by the mycelia of various fungi. Some seven or more different species were found. These fungi grow on the moistened rice, fermentation follows, and a yellow liquid with an agreeable odor is produced.

A Tenant For Life.

"Have you boarded long at this house?" inquired the new boarder of the sour, dejected man sitting next to him.

"About ten years."
"I don't see how you can stand it. Why haven't you left long ago?"
"No other place to go," said the other dismally. "The landlady's my wife."

Those who slip on a banana peel never fail to see a penny lying on the sidewalk in time to keep from falling over it.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

In Mad Chase.

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