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WEATHER REPORT.

- Western Oregon, Western Washington—Occasional rain.
Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington—Rain or snow.

THEIR LITTLE BALL OF YARN.

Ever since they won the recent city election the Democratic party has been unwinding a little ball of "yarn" about their perfect indifference to the "wide open town" proposition, and endeavoring, in every possible way, to impress the people with the fact that it had no part in their recent campaign tactics.

And now they are sagely advised that it is not expedient; that they must wait till after the June election shall have thrown Clatsop county into the Democratic game bag, when there will be no one to interfere; there will be a Democratic delegation in the legislature to ward off any radical charter change; the party in power will be in position to open up without undue intermeddling; they will have the city council, the county court, the sheriff's office, the police commission, and the legislature; then they will permit the gamblers and the "light-fantastic" proprietors to open up good and wide, and none shall oppose nor thwart them.

In the meantime, the disappointed sports are making it decidedly unhappy for the leaders who promised one thing and now counsel another, and the result will be that there will be no waiting for six months; licenses will go out in due course; there will be a half-hearted, preconcerted, wholly futile effort or two, made to check it, for the sake of common decency, and the little ball of "wide-open" yarn will be merrily unwound until the same old conditions exist that existed last year and for many a year before that. So be it.

ASTORIA WILL SECEDE.

The State of Washington is suing the State of Oregon for about nine tenths of the harbor of Astoria; in fact the alleged lines claimed by the "Evergreens" will practically absorb the port; at least it will so disconcert the

commercial traffic margins that there will be nothing left for Astoria to do but secede from both States and set up a republic of her own. She is not going to make a hundred years of history for Oregon to be turned over, body, soul and shipping, to the boggish commonwealth on the north nor remain peacefully in a state of doubt about what other State she does belong to. It is asking too much. If the Washington limits are to be run right along the dolphin lines of her dockage, she gives indubitable warning, right now, that she will secede, taking with her all the local Lewis & Clark sites she possesses, and retire to the Skipanon, where, if necessary, she will declare a state of war.

THAT NEW TREATY.

The China-Japan treaty, details of which were given to the world lately, offer several more straws indicative of international policy. Japan has wrested from China an absolutely open door. Only one nation stood firmly for it and that nation recently played into Japan's hands in Korea. Through Great Britain, probably, the deal was effected whereby the United States abandoned Korea to its fate and in return secured a concession for which this nation has long labored. Other portions of the treaty are important. Japan gets the lease on the Liao Tung peninsula formerly held by Russia, including Dalny and Port Arthur, and control of the railway as far north as Chang Chin. Japan may also construct a road from Antung to Mukden, but at the end of a prescribed period, not disclosed, China may purchase this system. The cities opened under the open door plan include Harbin and many interior ports comprising every important center of the Chinese empire.

DOWIE'S DOWNFALL.

If the news contained in a late Chicago dispatch be true, the end of John Alexander Dowie's Zion City experiment is at hand. It is going the way of all the other illusions of the same kind. Dowie was a masterful man; but illness has now sapped his strength, and he has turned over the administration of Zion to a triumvirate. Zion's success was due solely to the strength of his individuality. When his native power began to wane the industries that he had originated and fostered dropped into idleness, until most of them are closed now. The population has dwindled from six thousand to three thousand, and the million of dollars worth of property that Dowie administered with a marvelous skill is said to be mortgaged almost to the limit of its present value. Zion depended upon one man for its existence and vitality, and it is not difficult to forecast its dissolution with Dowie's departure.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Deep snow covers everything in northern Russia except the proletariat.

There's enough Scotch in the new English cabinet to make a good highball.

About Sunday will be arbor day. Thousands of Christmas trees will be planted.

Passes on the Panama Canal will positively not be honored until after New Year's.

"Window glass stronger" is all right for a market report, but wait till the small boy with his Christmas mittens finds snow that will "pack."

The maiden effort of Frederick Landis of Indiana, in the House on the subject of insurance has shown the "mandarins" that there is some hopeful material among the "kids."

Philadelphia is already in trouble about clearing snow off the pavements. The news serves to remind New Yorkers that their delightful fall weather is a local matter.

Notwithstanding that he carries policies for large amounts on his own life, it is not quite plausible that President McCall is sick with the idea that he can do better by dying than by resigning.

General Sickles is naturally at a disadvantage in his battle with the salary

raisers in that he cannot be on guard all the time, while Tammany is always able to keep somebody watching its opportunities.

The proletariat has decided to put Russia out of business by the inauguration of a general strike at noon today. The signs are ominous. Nothing on earth can save the State except another manifesto.

By his sweeping arrignment of all the courts of that state, Mr. Jerome has simply compelled the people of New York to look to the district attorney's office for all the justice and honesty they expect to find in this wicked world.

It is to be hoped that Mr. La Follette will not find he has acted rashly in resigning the Governorship of Wisconsin to accept a seat in the United States Senate. Such an act needs mature consideration, which possibly the Governor has not been able to bestow upon it during the last year.

It was the "simultaneous examination" of the Chicago banks controlled by one financier that called the turn on frenzied finance in the Western city. It was not possible for the cash to be in three places at once, and the real status was thus disclosed. The illustration ought to be interesting to other banks where similar methods prevail—if there are any such.

The Chicago board of education is taking steps to prevent the alarming spread of tuberculosis among pupils. A rigid investigation of conditions is to be had and all those infected will be segregated as rigorously as if afflicted with smallpox, scarlet fever or diphtheria. This course if steadily pursued will necessitate several schools for tuberculosis patients. The school, especially if it be ill-ventilated, is the most efficient breeding place for disease germs.

Here is a picture from a French paper: The automobile rushed down the road—huge, gigantic, sublime. Over the fence hung the woman who works hard and long—her husband is at the cafe and she has thirteen little ones. (An unlucky number.) Suddenly upon the thirteenth came the "auto," unseeing, slew him, and hummed on knowing. The woman who works hard and long rushed forward with hands, hands made rough with toil, upraised. She paused and stood inarticulate—a goddess, a giantess. Then she hurled forth these words of derision, of despair: "Mon dieu! And I'd just washed him!"

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation—St. Louis Globe Democrat, Dec. 1st, 1901."

Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved his life, 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Hart's drug store.

MORE COMFORT THAN EVER.

On Sunday, December 17th, the Denver & Rio Grande railroad will inaugurate a daily line of standard and tourist sleeping cars between Denver and Los Angeles in connection with the new Clark road. Both cars will leave Denver daily at 9:30 a. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 1:35 p. m., the next day. At this point the cars will be held over until midnight, thus allowing through passengers the privilege of a stop-over of ten hours and a half in Salt Lake City. Eastbound, these cars will leave Los Angeles at 8 p. m., and arrive at Salt Lake City at 6:30 a. m., second morning where they will remain over until 3:50 p. m., thence to Denver where they will arrive at 4:20 the following afternoon. This stop-over at Salt Lake City of the regular line of sleeping cars promises to be an attractive feature for transcontinental travelers.

Cured Paralysis.

W. F. Bailey, P. O. True, Texas, writes: "My wife had been suffering five years with paralysis in her arm, when I was persuaded to use Ballard's Snow Liniment, which cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frostbites and skin eruptions. It does the work." Sold by Hart's drug store.

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An Astute Lion. A young lieutenant during an African campaign came one day upon a badly crippled lion. The great brute limped over the tawny sand on three paws, holding its fourth paw in the air. And every now and then, with a kind of groan, it would pause and lick the injured paw. When the lion saw the young lieutenant it came slowly toward him. He stood his ground, rifle in hand. But the beast meant no harm. It drew close to him. It rubbed against him with soft feline paws. It extended its hurt paw. The lieutenant examined the paw and found that there was a large thorn in it. He extracted the thorn, the lion roaring with pain, and he bound up the wound with his handkerchief. Then, with every manifestation of relief and gratitude, the animal withdrew. But it remembered its benefactor. It was grateful. And in a practical way it rewarded the young man. The lion ran over the regiment's list of officers and ate all who were the lieutenant's superiors in rank. Thus, in a few weeks, the young man, thanks to the astute animal, became a colonel.

Talk Turkey.

A man who makes it his business as well as his pastime to hear every public speech he can said the other day: "Public speakers and campaign orators do not always have time or occasion to explain phrases used in 'driving home' arguments. They must necessarily depend upon their audiences to see the point through apt applications of such phrases. I have one in mind—to talk turkey. It would not always do to explain that the origin of this is as follows: 'Two men, an Indian and a white man, agreed to hunt together for a day and to divide the spoils. When the time came there was no difficulty in apportioning the smaller birds and animals, one of a kind to each. At last they reached the last pair, a crow and a turkey. 'Now,' said the white man, with a great show of fairness, 'you may have the crow, and I'll take the turkey, or I'll take the turkey and you may have the crow.' 'Hub!' grunted the Indian. 'Why, you no talk turkey to me?'"

Unavoidably Detained.

Judge—You are sentenced to twenty years in state prison. Have you anything to say? Prisoner—Yes, your honor. Will you please send word to my wife not to wait dinner for me?—Fleegende Blatter.

Something Lacking.

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No Case of Pneumonia on Record

There is no case on record of a cold resulting in Pneumonia, or other serious lung trouble, after

FOLEY'S HONEY and TAR

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A Severe Cold for Three Months.

The following letter from A. J. Nusbaum, of Batesville, Ind., tells its own story: "I suffered for three months with a severe cold. A druggist prepared me some medicine, and a physician prescribed for me, yet I did not improve. I then tried Foley's Honey and Tar, and eight doses cured me."

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