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WEATHER REPORT.

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Rain with gale along coast and at sea.

ASTORIA'S OWN WAY.

Every live community on this coast has its own peculiar style of doing things. Some forefull plan whereby it captures the good things of life and business. Astoria must have a policy of her own for succeeding along this line, and the one, convincing predicate for such achievement, is to take a grip on all public enterprises and hold on like death until her spunk and pluck is recognized and entered to by the capital and capacity of others on the outside and which, sooner or later, will be voluntarily given to her. She must take the initiative in everything that concerns her. By doing so she invites keen observation and warrants the bolstering that is sure to follow her own commendable snap and enterprise. Popular pluck is just as valuable an asset as dollars in many a case, and the constant exhibition of business nerve and courage begets a reputation for progress and get-up-and-go-itiveness that, like a rolling snow-ball, grows as it goes. Such a reputation is worth hundreds of thousands to a city like this, and it is time she was getting what belongs to her. She'll do it, too!

CANAL QUESTIONS.

The attack on Chairman Shonts of the Panama canal commission in the senate debates, and the intimation that perhaps Shonts will resign or will eventually be forced to retire unless he shall decide to sever wholly his connection with the Clover Leaf Railroad, of which he is still the nominal head and director of "larger policies," is rather terrifying to those who really want to see the United States succeed in digging the canal. If the canal commission is to change its personnel, and particularly the actual directing and executive head of the great undertaking, every few months, what will be the fate of the undertaking? The president got rid of the Walker canal commission and selected a commission after his own heart, with Wallace to be chief engineer. Wallace "stuck it out" for a few moments and was followed by Stevens. The change of engineers meant a change in the method of operation and a certain measure of demoralization of the staff. If Shonts is to be retired within a short time and his successor is to give way to another, and the executive force is never to reach the stable equilibrium of a reasonably permanent staff, when in the course of nature, will the canal be finished and what will it cost?—EX.

MONEY FOR SERVICE.

Secretary Hitchcock informs the government that in the federal, as in every other employ, good salaries must be paid good men and that low wages means decreased efficiency. The postal departments of the first and second-class where \$600 a year is the figure to start, have suffered from the system which provides pay attractive only to mediocre or inferior labor. This is the cry throughout almost every branch of

the federal service. The "life" jobs may be desired for their permanency but the prospect often is that the incumbent will die of old age before promotion to a living wage scale. It does not follow that increased pay means increased expense, for one high class man often does the work of two or even three less capable men while drawing only 50 per cent more pay than the scale.

CASE IN POINT.

The grand jury sitting in Cincinnati has returned a true bill against leading coal companies, charging conspiracy in restraint of trade. The indictments declare that the concerns and their representatives combined to fix prices of coal at a figure higher than would have resulted from competition. Forty men are to face justice. This is an example of the middle man's "trust," a combine rarely railed against because not sufficiently great to attract attention. It is interesting to speculate whether, if all the facts are known, it would not be found that in a majority of instances the middle men, who groan against the great trusts, are not themselves the chief despoilers of the "public."

BOUNCED.

Secretary of State Storms of Indiana has been asked by Governor Hanly to take his hat and go. He is the second member of the cabinet of the state to be forced to resign through irregularity. When his quarterly settlement was due October 1st, the story goes that he owed the State \$77,000. To raise this amount it is said he turned over to a trustee securities on which \$41,000 was raised. The remainder was contributed by friends and the books balanced. Governor Hanly got wind of the affair and the demand for Storms' resignation is the result.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CRITICISM.

We thought that the citizens of Athens respected and desired freedom of the press. Apparently they do not. James B. Parker, whose wife is taking the part of Juliet in the charity series, objected to our calling her skinny, and waited for us at the theater last night. Fortunately we caught him one on the eye, which destroyed some of the effect his objections might otherwise have borne.—Athens (Kan.), Eagle.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

If men were to judge the future by the past they would be so discouraged that they would feel like giving up.

It is not much encouragement of a graftless state to learn that New Jersey owes nothing and has \$7,000,000 in its pocket.

A dancing school is to be added to the University of Chicago. At last the dancing-teacher will be entitled to call himself "professor."

New York's 400 has been reduced to seventy-nine, leaving 321 persons whose sole claim to social fame is that they are in the has-been class.

John D. Rockefeller has drawn \$5,000,000 as his share of the Standard Oil quarterly dividend of \$10 a share. The total yearly dividend is \$40,000,000.

The report from Washington that the oldtime senators propose to keep Mr. La Follette in cold storage ought to be regarded as good news for the ice trust.

It would be wrong to send some people to Heaven; they would miss so much the chance to worry over the wildness of their neighbor's children.

A bill has been introduced in the national congress by direction of President Diaz to prohibit the formation and operation of trusts and combines in Mexico.

Some of the statesmen at Washington are perplexed to determine whether the Philippine Islands constitute a foreign competitor or an American infant industry.

Eventually some patriotic citizen will arise with a demand that the reckless owners of automobiles shall not be longer permitted to take public property for private use without compensation.

All the vessels which are to tow the Dewey dry dock to Manila are now in port at Solomon's Island. Seventy-five mechanics are at work on the dock, but it will not be ready to leave for a week yet.

The total sum needed for all purposes to run this government for the fiscal year 1907 aggregates \$804,296,615. This estimate is greater than the current year by \$19,170,155. The war department asks \$863,463 less than last year. The two largest increases are

asked by the navy, \$21,229,038, and the postoffice department, \$12,187,976.

Strict regard for professional integrity impels Lobbyist Hamilton to refuse to say whether he expended the insurance fund in custard pie or currant tarts to be used as arguments in convincing the New York legislators.

It is said the year 1905 will be the banner year for the Lake Shore Railroad. The earnings will approximate \$38,000,000. It is moving daily 1000 more cars than last year. It is short 3000 cars and has ordered 10,000 and 150 locomotives.

According to statistics, women have during the past twenty-five years increased in stature two and one-half inches, while men have grown that much shorter. If this thing keeps up for a century or two more man will need a stepladder when he desires to whisper the glad word in her ear.

A man has only himself to blame if his life appears to him at any time void of interest. Keep ever in mind that you are here for a grand purpose. Care must not drive it out, pleasure must not dissipate it. There is some good for each to do—that good is the main thing to existence.

The Erie railroad will establish fumigating plants at Chicago, Cincinnati and Jersey City to fumigate all passenger equipment regularly, and thus prevent the spread of infectious diseases. The work of building the plants will be commenced at once in the three cities.

Out in Nebraska there are laws against manufacturing cigarettes and the latest decision is that when a person rolls a cigarette even for his own use he is manufacturing. The other day Pat Raymond aged eighteen, was arrested in Lincoln while lighting a cigarette he had just rolled. The court fined him \$50 and costs. That is the lightest penalty prescribed for "manufacturing cigarettes."

Football became so popular and strenuous in London in 1314 that the king was petitioned to "put it down." Edward accordingly issued a proclamation: "Forasmuch as there is a great noise in the city in the city caused by hustling over large balls, from which many evils might arise, we command and forbid on behalf of the king, on pain of punishment, such games to be used in the city in future."

There is one man always deserving of your sympathy and help; that is the poor man unskilled as to a trade or profession, who is honestly and laboriously trying to feed and clothe a large family. If you can give such a man work, do so; if he works for you, pay him fair wages, and do not make him wait for his money. No more serious problem confronts any man than this: How to feed, clothe, and educate a large family of five or six children on average daily earnings of less than a dollar and a half a day.

Men have two kinds of ambition, one for dollar-making the other for life-making. Some turn all their ability, education, health, and energy toward the first of these, and call the result success. Others turn them toward the second, into character, usefulness, helpfulness, and the world is very apt to call them failures; but history calls them successes. The highest service you can ever render the world, is the greatest thing you can ever do, is to make yourself the largest, completest and squarest man possible. There is no other fame like that, no achievement like that.

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."

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